



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Sunday, September 21st 2025

10:30am St. James United Church Family in Worship

15th Sunday after Pentecost – Creation Time 3

FOCUS: “Refining Our Role as Stewards of Creation!”

“Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living”

SEEKING GOD’S PEACE - WE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Prelude Music:

GOOD MORNING! Words of Welcome, Greetings and Announcements. Persons wishing to remain seated during the service may do so with our blessing. Your presence and full participation blesses us as we gather to make our journey of faith and actions together. May this be a time of praise, worship and gathering for all of us. You are invited to join with us for refreshments and visiting in the Muriel Bridge Room after the organ postlude. Thanks to those people of September house for offering their hospitality!

Call to Worship: - **(Responsive)**

Leader: God’s promise of new life for us and for all of creation is clear for us, during this time of worship and serving.

All: What we truly seek is to have those good old times return to our everyday routines.

Leader: God’s promise for the renewing of this whole creation, comes as our mandate for the wellness of all.

All: We are striving to preserve the advantages that we have worked so hard to create.

Leader: The Way of Jesus, leads us to a new world because

it is our pathway that includes prayer and partnerships!

All: **So we come to worship this day, by lifting our voices in song and word and prayer. We seek to embrace true faith and living the gospel, as we continue our calling and serving action role, as “Stewards of God’s Creation!”**

Prayer of Approach (leader)

Hymn of Praise: **VU # 678 “For the Healing of the Nations”**

SEEKING GOD’S TRUTH - WE LISTEN

The New Creed: VU pg.918 We are not alone,

Family Focus: Storyteller: **Rev. Barrie.**

Family Hymn: **VU #639 “One More Step Along the World I Go”**

Scripture Lessons:

Luke 16:1-13 “Parable of The Shrewd Manager”

1st Timothy 2:1-7 “Pray for those with responsibility”

Lesson Reader: September House; Sharon LeGros

Music Selection: Diane Stewart

Message: **“Our Role, as Partners in God’s Creation!”**
Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn **VU #296 “This Is God’s Wondrous World”**

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Response: **VU #538 “For the Gift of Creation”**

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Great God, You have given us new life and hope!

In gratitude, we offer to You our gifts of time, talent and money.

We pray that this “Attitude of thanks and renewal” may be shared with others throughout the world. This we do in Jesus’ name. Amen

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (unison)

Hymn: **VU #424 “May the God of Hope Go With Us”**

Benediction

Postlude Music:

THE SEPTEMBER HOUSE INVITES YOU to The Muriel Bridge Room for refreshments and fellowship following the service.

THANK YOU - Rev. Barrie is most grateful for all of the wonderful surprises that happened in the worship service and following in the Muriel Bridge Room, last Sunday. This celebration of my 50 years serving as an ordained minister of The United Church of Canada, has been the adventure of a lifetime! The gifts, the “50 years celebration cake” the letters, the “Anniversary of Ordination Liturgy” greetings and hugs all have a special place in my Memory Album! Special thanks and blessings for all of those special people who participated in the planning and preparations for this memorable celebration! Thank You All!

On line banking is Available: Donations to St. James may be made at stjamesbanking@gmail.com

Orange Shirt Sunday is Sept. 28. Wear orange to show your support.

Stewardship Meeting Wed. Sept. 24.at 4:30.

Council meets Sept. 23 at 1:00 p.m.

Fair Parking - Oct 7-13 - If you are available to help speak to Bill Easdown. Sign up sheets in the Muriel Bridge Room.

OPEN HOUSE

Please join Rev. Barrie and Rev. Jane

Saturday, October 4, 2025

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Fairview United Church

49 Wayne Dr., Brantford, ON

Celebrating **Rev. Barrie Bain's 50th Anniversary** as an Ordained Minister in The United Church of Canada

And

An opportunity for **Rev. Jane Bain to express her thanks** for all the support from family, friends and congregation members during her five years in Seminary, Graduation and Ordination.

*Please bring a non-perishable item for the
Brantford Food Bank.*

Bible Reading - September 21/25
Reader: September House - Sharon LeGros

Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.” Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.” And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’