



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Sunday, September 28th 2025

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

16th Sunday after Pentecost – Creation Time 4

“Orange Shirt Day”

Worship Focus: “Never Give Up!”

“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 for 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 their hospitality.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Rev. Lee Claus

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

Leader: Come in awe of God’s creation; let us
rejoice together this day!

ALL: We consider all the gifts of God’s tapestry.

Leader: We honor all living beings to the east,
west, north and south.

**ALL: We honor all dimensions and directions
of the Creator’s handiwork.**

Leader: On this seventh day, the Almighty One saw
that it was good and rested from this labor.
ALL: We too, rest today in the goodness of creation,
as we worship together.

Hymn of Praise: **VU # 675 "Will Your Anchor Hold"**

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Leader: Each one of us has our share of times, when
things go wrong,
Times when relationships fail us or we fail them.
Times when grief cries out for healing;
Times when our bodies are filled with pain
and our minds are filled with worry.

**Response: Jesus, gentle teacher, share with us the
power of prayer.**

Leader: There are times when we can't make sense of
what is going on in this world, times when we
might even doubt your presence and caring for
us.

**Response: Jesus, gentle teacher, teach us the power of
prayer.**

Leader: When life seems out of control and injustices
seem too many for us to bear,

**Response: Jesus, gentle teacher,
Let us come to You, with hope and trust.
In Your presence, we shall be loved, forgiven
and restored with strength. We accept Your
pardon and blessing with thanks. Amen**

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH - WE LISTEN

Psalter : **VU# 807** Psalm 91 Refrain (Sing as printed)
"God will raise you up on eagle's wings"

Family Hymn: **VU #227 "For the Fruit of All Creation "**

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

Scripture Lessons:

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 "Houses, fields, and vineyards
shall again be purchased

Luke 16:19-31 "The rich man and Lazarus"

Lesson Reader: September House

Choir Anthem: **"Friends, Let Us Love Each Other"**
- W Farquharson / R Klusmeier

Message: **"OUR PATHWAY THROUGH CHAOS!"**
Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn VU #266 **"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"**

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

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

Offertory Prayer (unison)

God of abundant life and wonders beyond counting; grant that

our offering might be acceptable in Your sight. Fill us with the Spirit of Your Risen Christ, that we might be the new creations You call and empower us to be. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: **VU #664 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

Benediction

Postlude Music:

You are invited to proceed to the Muriel Bridge Room for lunch refreshments and visiting. Thanks to the volunteers from September House for their gifts of hospitality!

For the month of October the Worship Committee requests that we each bring a non-parishable food item for the Caring Cupboard

Next Sunday, October 5th we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday

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

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

Bible Reading - September 28/25

Reader: September House

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, 'Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the

money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Bible Reading - September 28/25

Reader: September House

Luke 16:19-31

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’

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.*

October 2025

September '25							November '25						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Heart & Soul 1-3 Sanctuary Bridge 1-4pm. MBR	2 Choir practice 7pm. Thurs Group NLR 8pm Bible Study 1:30-3pm HHS 2-3:30 - MBR Powerful Tools	3 Tues/Fri Group 9 - 11:30 - NLR	4
5 WORLDWIDE COMMUNION John VanMaanem	6	7 Tues/Fri Group NLR 9am Tues/Sat Group NLR 8pm FAIR PARKING	8 Heart & Soul 1-3 Sanctuary Bridge 1-4pm. MBR FAIR PARKING	9 Choir practice 7pm. Thurs Group NLR 8pm Bible Study 1:30-3pm HHS 2-3:30 - MBR Powerful Tools	10 Tues/Fri Group 9 - 11:30 - NLR FAIR PARKING	11
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26 Concet 2-5 pm Bren Blackwood	27	28 Tues/Fri Group NLR 9am Tues/Sat Group NLR 8pm Church Council 1pm.	29 Heart & Soul 1-3 Sanctuary Bridge 1-4pm. MBR	30 Choir practice 7pm. Thurs Group NLR 8pm Bible Study 1:30-3pm	31 Tues/Fri Group 9 - 11:30 - NLR	1
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