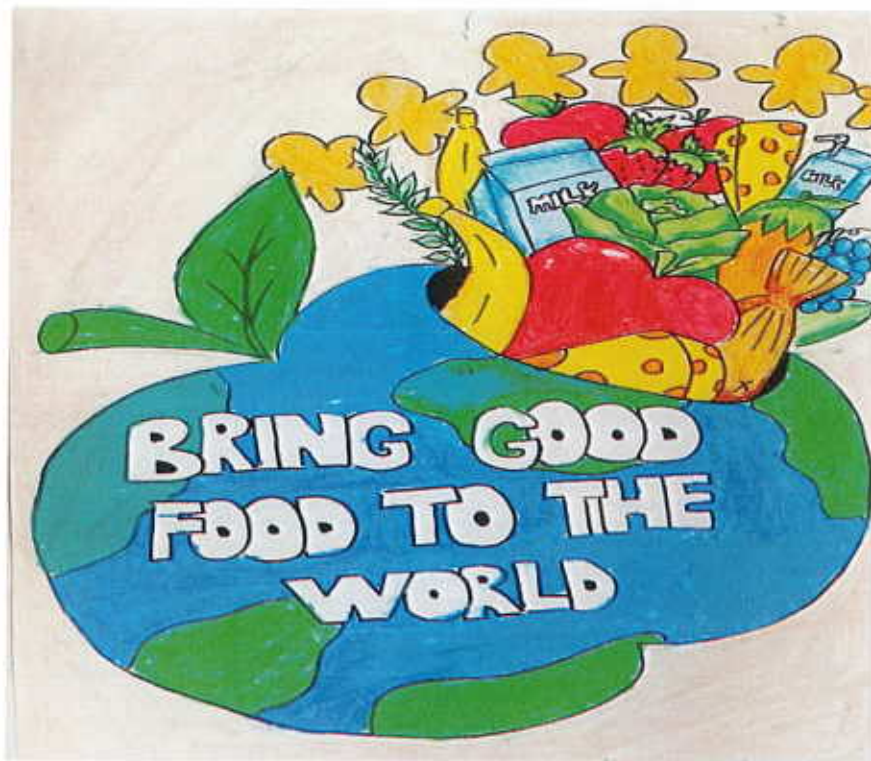




ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

October 19th 2025 **WORLD FOOD SUNDAY**
St. James United Church Family in Worship
Worship Theme: "Waiting for the Best!"
"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 October House for their hospitality.

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

Leader: The measure of a people's heart is this:

All God's People: Do we remember the sacrifices of the past?
Do we work for peace in the present?
Do we speak of hope for the future?

Leader: And so we come now before God;

All God's People: To name as our dream, God's Reign of Shalom,
To commit ourselves to the cause of peace, And to remember - - Let us worship God!

Hymn of Praise: **VU # 633 “Bless Now, O God, the Journey”**

Prayer of Approach (unison)

Open our ears, O God, to hear what You are saying in the things that happen to us and to those people around us. Open our hands that we might do our work well and to assist where help is needed. Open our lips to bring comfort, joy, and laughter, and to share Your Good News. Open our minds to discover new truths about You and our world. Open our hearts to love You, Lord, and our neighbors as You have loved us. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SEEKING GOD’S TRUTH - WE LISTEN

VU pg. 840 Psalm 119 “How I Love God’s Law” & Refrain #5

Family Hymn: **VU #577 “I’ve Got Peace like a River”**

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

Scripture Lessons:

Jeremiah 31:27-34 **“God’s new covenant written upon people’s hearts”**

Luke 18:1-8 **“Parable of the widow and the unjust judge”**

2 Timothy 3:14- 4:5 **“All scripture is God-breathed”**

Lay Reader: October House:

Music Selection: Diane Stewart

Message: **“God’s Signature IS evident for Your Heartfelt Journey!”** - Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn: **VU# 391 “God, Reveal Your Presence”**

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Response: **VU #537 “Your Work, O God, Needs
Many Hands”**

Offertory Prayer (unison)

God of farmlands, towns and cities, we thank You that we have been able to support ourselves and our families in these places. Accept this portion of our living. May these gifts partner with our time, our energies of faith and actions. May our attitude of thanks bring healing and wholeness to all of the people of God’s Creation. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn of Blessing **VU#460 “All Who Hunger”**

Benediction and Postlude Music:

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

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

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

Upcoming Events:

Council will meet on Tuesday, October 28 at 1 pm in the Muriel Bridge Room.

FROSTY FAIR: November 8

The UCW would like the congregation's help to prepare for the Frosty Fair by donating items for:the Bake Table would be much appreciated!!

Eising Sale - November 12-15

We are in need of mittens - (baby, toddler and small children), slippers (all sizes), dishcloths and other items.

Concert - November 21

The Soenen Sisters will be presenting a Christmas concert at St. James at 7:30 pm. Freewill Offering.

Concert - December 13

Christmas Concert at at 2 pm featurig Low Notes High Hopes Saxophone Quartet with special guest. Freewill Offering

Bible Reading - October 19/25

Reader: October House

Jeremiah 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

‘The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Bible Reading - October 19/25

Reader: October House

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Bible Reading - October 19/25

Reader: October House

2 Timothy 3:14- 4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.