



Psalm 95 – Unity with Creation (*James Taylor, Everyday Psalms*)

Come and climb up to the top of the rock; stand on top and stretch your arms out to the sky.

Reach out to the holiness that wraps its breath around you.

In grateful silence, soak up the shining light of life.

God is the rock upon which we live; all the earth is God's.

From ocean abyss to mountain pinnacle, from polar icefield to tropical rain forest,

God lives in every subtle link of life.

Bow your head before the wonder of it all; feel the strength of the rock rise through your feet.

We are not alone, we are one in God. Lichens and trees, ants and people – are all held in the palm of God's hand.

Greetings St. James Family!

It has been wonderful to be able to gather for worship – both virtually and in person consistently since February. Being connected as a family of faith offers us ongoing opportunities for fellowship, friendship, and support on our personal and collective faith journeys.

I hope that you were able to experience some time of rest, recreation, and rejuvenation during the summer months.

I would like to offer heartfelt thanks to our summer worship leaders. Your time, talent and messages were greatly appreciated, and they enriched our lives. Thank you to Louise Hiscox for being our summer musician and to Albert Moher for sharing his beautiful violin music with us many times in July and August. I am also grateful to our sound and tech and power point volunteers, as well as our ushers and greeters. Lots of individuals work together seamlessly to make Sunday morning worship a reality.

Autumn is a time for new beginnings. It marks *Creation Time* in the church and offers us an opportunity to acknowledge and embrace our interconnectedness with the earth, to offer thanks to the Creator, to reaffirm our commitment to care for creation, and to marvel at the beauty of the world in which we live. Autumn is also a time where, after summer's rest - schedules and routines pertaining to the life, work and ministry of St. James resume.

We have many exciting and meaningful worship services and events to look forward to. You will find a full list of services, events and activities in the pages of this newsletter, as well as information regarding upcoming improvements to our church building.

I very much look forward to the start of Autumn and Creation time with you! I can't wait to see where the Spirit will lead us!

Reverend Julie van Haften



AN UPDATE FROM YOUR TREASURER

The following is an update on your church's financial situation as of August 31, 2022.

Our overall revenues are down considerably (about \$50,000) compared to the first eight months of 2021. This is due primarily to our envelope givings being reduced by about that amount. PAR givings are the same for both years. Also, the government wage subsidies ended in June 2022, whereas in 2021 they were available all year.

Fortunately, while our overall expenses are higher than they were YTD in 2021, they are under budget year-to-date. Canada's high inflation has had some effect on us, just like everyone else.

Our YTD deficit was reduced over the summer months, from about \$28,000 as of the end of July to \$20,000 at the end of August. With everyone's help over the next four months, we hope (and need) to eliminate that deficit by December 31.

Over the past couple of years, our general fund has had to borrow money from our savings account to help cover our expenses at a time of reduced revenues. In addition, several GICs from our reserve funds have been cashed for the same purpose and should be replaced at some point. We have also been using our line of credit at the bank regularly. As of August 31, to pay off our line of credit, repay the savings account, and buy back the GICs that were cashed, we need almost \$40,000. This is in addition to the \$20,000 required to balance our current revenues with our expenses.

How can you help? If you are not donating on a weekly or monthly basis, please consider doing so as we have consistent, ongoing expenses and bills to pay, just like we do in our homes. In addition, I encourage you to support any fundraisers the church or UCW have and to buy gift cards from Jim Lowes monthly (either for someone else or for you to use yourself at your grocery store, gas bar, hardware store, restaurant, etc.); every gift card bought generates revenue for St. James. October 30th we will be celebrating our 114th anniversary and you are invited again this year to donate a dollar for each year we have been able to celebrate being a church family. Every dollar of revenue helps us remain a viable and important part of our community.

A reminder: there is a copy of our latest financial statement posted in the hallway of the church for anyone to view. If you have any questions about it, please see me.

Ron Horton





New Mural Coming this Fall!!!

The parking lot entrance to the church – beyond the double glass doors will be transformed into a beautiful mural – depicting symbols that are important to St. James, as well as the New Canadians Centre. The artist is known to us, and we look forward to having him in the building. Miguel Hernandez was our Affirm Anniversary speaker in September 2021. In addition, Miguel was part of the outdoor mural project done in partnership with the Art School of Peterborough, and a couple of years ago he painted a stunning mural on the third floor, depicting Canadian symbols.

Painters Needed



Beginning later this month, the hallways on the main floor of our building will be repainted. The members of the Board of Stewards are looking for volunteers. If you can spare an hour or more to help out, please let one of the Stewards know. Many hands make light work! 😊

Kate Ellis (Chair of Stewards), Jane Huggins, Joanne Rorke, Fred Batley, Ron Horton, Angus Fitzgerald



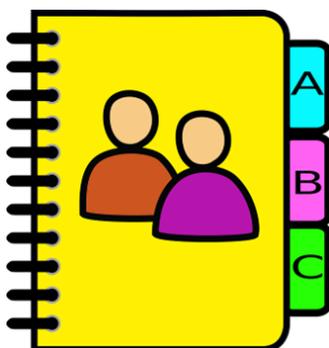
Come join the Craft Group!

Please come and join us on Tuesday mornings, from 9:30am – 11am in the Friendship Room

Bring a craft project from home you are working on or help us to knit or crochet small lap blankets for various not-for-profit organizations in Peterborough. (Thereyhujjjjjj /}”e is a large variety of wool and needles at the church to choose from.)

We promise you a fun and meaningful time of fellowship and friendship!

For more information, please speak with Lynda Parker.



Member Contact List

A member contact list will be sent out to all members sometime in the next couple of weeks. The list will include email & mailing addresses and phone numbers.

If you would like your information to be removed from the list, please let the office know by September 25th

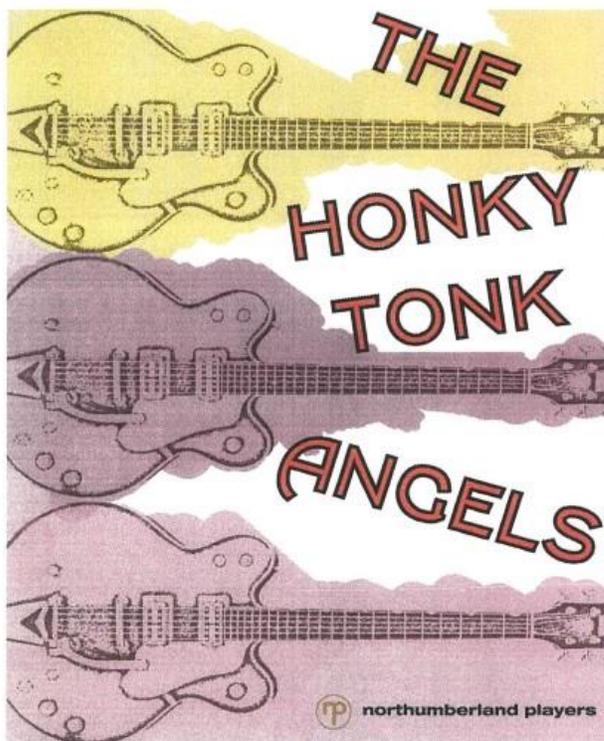
Fundraising Committee

If anyone would wish to join our Fundraising Committee, they would be most welcome.

We are planning to attend a dinner theatre in Cobourg to see "Honky Tonk Angels" on Sunday, October 23rd. See Shirley Rolufs for more info.

DINNER THEATRE

ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH



The Honky Tonk Angels' is a foot-stompin musical story of three Southern women from diverse backgrounds who leave largely unfulfilling lives behind to travel to Nashville in the hopes of living their dreams. When they meet by chance on the same bus to the country music capital they quickly decide to form their own singing group, "The Honky Tonk Angels".

Tammy Wynette's "Stand by Your Man", Loretta Lynn's "Coal Miner's Daughter" and Dolly Parton's "9 to 5" are just some of the toe tapping hits threaded into this story. Complete with country band this show is going to take the Best Western Plus Cobourg Inn by storm!



Sunday
October 23, 2022

Tickets \$70

includes, dinner, show, HST & service

CONTACT: Shirley Rolufs

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Phone: 705-741-4960

Dinner Starts 5 pm Show starts 7 pm

**Choose seats & entrée selection
when purchasing tickets**

3 COURSE PLATE SERVICE DINNER

APPETIZER:

Choice of one:

- House made Butternut Squash Soup
- Autumn Salad - Garden greens, English cucumber, grape tomato, red onion, dried cranberries, julienned carrots and pumpkin seeds with our balsamic dressing.

ENTRÉE: Served with roasted seasonal vegetables and oven roasted potatoes

Choice of one:

- Grilled Chicken Breast Florentine with spinach parmesan cream sauce
- Grilled California Cut Striploin Steak topped with red wine demi glace
- Grilled Maple Glazed Salmon Fillet
- Butter Ginger Vegetable Stir Fry served on a bed of Basmati rice & garnished with chopped cashews

DESSERT: Choice of one:

- Caramel Bread & Butter pudding
- Chocolate Fudge Brownie

COFFEE or TEA

If applicable, Covid protocols in place

Attention – All Women of St. James



Are you looking for friendship and fellowship? Would you like to be part of an organization that has enriched United Church women's lives for the past 60 years?

Look no further! St. James has two "UCW" (United Church Women's) groups. Each group meets monthly – one in the afternoon and the other in the evening. In addition, the two units also enjoy doing a variety of events together throughout the year. There are also opportunities to enjoy fellowship with UCW women from other United Churches in the area, and across Canada.

For more information, please speak with Shirley Rolufs.



**Harvest
MUFFIN PARTY!**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022 • 9:30-11A.M.

• *Wheelchair Accessible* • *Bake Table* • *New-to-You*



Best Muffins in town!



\$5 Admission

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During Creation Time, you are invited to bring in something from creation to place on the Communion Table – shells, rocks, feathers, leaves, the sky is the limit! Thanksgiving Sunday we will offer our gratitude to God for the beauty of creation.

Upcoming Worship Services

SEPTEMBER - Creation Time

- 18 Creation Time, Minute for Affirm
Peterborough Pride Week
- 25 Creation Time Every Child Matters
Orange Shirt Day
Affirming Ministry Anniversary Sunday
Guest Speaker: NCC Living Library, Bhisham Ramoutar

OCTOBER - Creation Time (to Oct 13th)

- 02 Worship at Northminster for their Affirm
Celebration Service
World Communion Sunday
- 09 Thanksgiving
MFM Video (with loose \$ going to M&S)
- 16 Blessing of the Animals
Minute for Affirm, Pentecost 18
- 23 Pentecost 19
Worship Leader: Jane Huggins
- 30 **114th Anniversary Sunday**
With guest minister: Chaplain John Taylor
Pentecost 20
Minute for Stewards

NOVEMBER

- 06 Pentecost 22, Food Bank (\$ only)
Albert Moher guest musician
Remembrance Day Service
Minute for Stewardship
- 13 **Affirm Sunday: Carolee Awde**
Pentecost 23
MFM Video (with loose \$ going to M&S)
- 20 Trans Remembrance Sunday
Reign of Christ Sunday
Worship Leader
Minute for Affirm
- 27 Advent 1, Communion
(Loose \$ to Benevolent Fund)



Presale Sunday, September 18th and 25th!



The St. James Players will be selling presale tickets to their upcoming show, *Beauty and the Beast* (Nov. 11 – 19), at St. James on Sunday, September 18th and Sunday, September 25th at 11:30 AM – 2 PM. These presale tickets are \$28.50 and will be available to members of the congregation on these two Sundays. After September 25th, tickets will go on sale to the public for \$35 general admission and \$32 seniors (65+). Don't delay! The show will sell out fast!