UNIQUE THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES APRIL 10 - 17

Please see the Room Use notices posted throughout the building for this week.

10: Community Kitchen Lunch at St. Andrews following worship
13: Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat doors open at 7:30
14: Dinner in Maple Bush Hall 6:00 pm Tickets $20
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16: Dinner in Maple Bush Hall, by donation 6:30 pm
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Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat PERFORMANCES - April 13, 14, 15, 16 at 8 pm!
Come for Dinner Thursday or Saturday
Contact Valerie Cramp vcramp@yahoo.com
or Kit O’Brien kitraka@gmail.com
For information!!

YOU ARE INVITED TO:

APRIL:

Every Monday: CrafterNoon Drop In 1 - 4 pm
20: UCW Meeting 2 pm White Pine Parlour
24: Fellowship Lunch after Worship Georgian Bay Hall
26: Parry Sound Community Band Concert, details to follow

MAY:

Every Monday: CrafterNoon Drop In 1 - 4 pm
3: Parry Sound Choral Collective Spring Concert
7: Classical Presentation by Vladimir Soloviev
31: St. James Opening Celebration

JUNE:

* Outreach Ministry of St. James where we partner with others.
** St. James partners with event organizers through use of building.
*** Space rented to others for community building events.
UPCOMING EVENTS

OPENING CELEBRATION
St James Centre for Community:
Promoting Creativity, Culture, Spirituality, &
Healthy Relationships with Each Other, Ourselves & the Land

HOME OF ST JAMES UNITED CHURCH
Open House with Tours to Explore What might be Possible for Your
Organization, Your Business, Your Family Celebrations
TUESDAY, MAY 31ST
4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Celebration Ceremony at 6 p.m.
EVERYONE WELCOME! PLEASE COME!

COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLES: Starting in April and Early May: Conversations for re-imagining how to use St James Centre for Community for the well-being of Parry Sound and Area. Five Community Roundtables with Each
Conversation Focused on one Theme:
• Arts, Culture and Creative Endeavours
• Eco-Sustainability and the Land
• Social Services and Social Justice
• Small Businesses and the Downtown Core
• Personal Development
Part of the brainstorming will explore the “Social Innovation Challenge”.
Watch for details about the Challenge and the Prize Money to develop your Social Innovation.

SYRIAN FAMILY UPDATES: A community event coming up for the Syrian families is a concert at the Stockey Centre on Sunday, April 17. Watch for more details coming soon. Please continue to pray for the safety and well-being of the two Syrian refugee families and for the West Parry Sound Refugee Support Group as we wait for news of arrival dates.

PRAYER SERVICE: The Parry Sound Ministerial will be conducting a prayer service for Syria and for the Syrian Refugee Families who will be coming to Parry Sound. This service will happen at St. Peter’s Roman Catholic Church on Sunday April 24th at 7 pm. Clergy of the community will be taking part. Please plan to attend and represent St. James United Church.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT: St. James United Church and The Parry Sound Community present to you a night of music, laughter, and pure family entertainment with their production of the musical - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. You won’t want to miss it!
CATCH the ADVENTURE from Wednesday, April 13, until Saturday, April 16 at 8pm right here at St James.

PLEASE HELP TO GET THE WORD OUT TO SELL TICKETS! WE HAVE SEATING FOR 1,000 .... SO IT WILL TAKE ALL OF US SHARING THE GOOD NEWS TO FILL THOSE SEATS. Joseph Tickets are on sale here at the church, Red Canoe Interiors, Porch to Pier, Lil’s Place, The Kitchen Cupboard, and Jessica Vergeer Studios - $20 for adults and $5 children Grade 8 and below. Wednesday is “pay what you can”. Doors open at 7:30. Refreshments available. For more information call the church (705) 746-8553 or Valerie (705) 771-9256

DINNER IS SERVED! St. James is hosting 2 dinners during the week of Joseph performances.

Thursday, April 14, 6:00 pm
$20 per person - In support of the Community Supper Clubs
Pulled Pork, a Vegetarian Dish
Assorted Delicious Cakes.
Call Valerie (705) 771-9256 or Glenda (705) 774-0978
for more information about Thursday’s Dinner.

Saturday, April 16, at 6:30 pm
By Donation - In support of Jordan Guenette’s medical recovery*
Homemade Chili, Vegetarian Chili
Homemade Bread & Desserts.
Call Valerie (705) 771-9256 or Judy, (705) 746-9268
for more information about Saturdays’ Dinner.

* On February 20th 2016, 16 year old Jordan, son of Cherie and David Guenette, suffered a massive life threatening stroke compounded by debilitating seizures and was flown via medivac unit to Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto. Jordan had to undergo a series of operations on his brain. He has been working very hard and has continued to amaze his doctors, family and friends with his recovery. As it stands the doctors are unsure how much of Jordan’s vision will return and he is still paralyzed on his left side. With all the progress Jordan has made it has allowed him to be moved from Sick Kids Hospital to the Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Centre where he will continue his road to recovery. St. James United Church is helping raise funds to assist in covering costs and transportation on Jordan’s Road to Recovery.
**Moderator Jordan - Great news from Wasauksing F.N. United Church!** We are celebrating 156 years for the congregation and Moderator Jordan will be attending the service which takes place at **11 am Sunday, April 10th.** Blessings from Brenda.

**Community Kitchen Lunch,** Have lunch with our larger church family and support the Community Kitchen Program. Community Kitchens are operating at several locations in Parry Sound, St James Supper Club being one! **On Sunday April 10** we will all get together at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church for soup, sandwiches and desserts with each other following our morning services in our respective churches. Donations will be accepted for Community Kitchens, and we will enjoy fellowship with our extended church family. It’s a win win situation, being supported by the Ministerial of our community. For more information please contact Judy Kovacs, (705) 745-9268

**ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:**

- M&S Giving Report
- Kenya “Days for Girls” presentation, **April 24th** Collier St. UC, Barrie, ON
- **8th Annual Heart & Vision Awards Concert, May 9th,** Metropolitan UC

**MONDAY CRAFTERNOONS 1 - 4 PM**

**DROP in:** The church doors are open on Mondays from 1 - 4 pm and everyone is welcome to come enjoy a relaxing afternoon with great company. Bring a project to work on or just come and visit!

**WORKSHOPS:** Teachers/leaders needed! Call Nola for more information. (705) 746-8553 or email stjames@cogeco.net

**CONNECTING WITH KAREN**

The excitement is building! The cast is already talking about how they are going to miss their weekly Joseph time together. **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** opens Wednesday and runs until Saturday!

Like all ventures into new territory there has been a learning curve in the development of Joseph, but throughout this production there has been a wonderful sense of graciousness as we have all learned together. I have been repeatedly delighted by the generosity of people offering their time and talent, both from within the congregation and beyond the congregation.

This project has felt Spirit-led from the beginning. Before I arrived I was nudged by Spirit to consider Joseph as a way to develop St James’ vision of reaching out into the community in new ways to be a Neighbourhood Church. A conversation with Les Kovacs when I first arrived prompted me to check into that nudge. The day Valerie came and sat beside me at the Hospitality Lunch to say she felt nuded to offer to be co-producer it felt like Spirit at work again; Kit with skills of communication and connection combined with Valerie’s organization has been a dynamic team of producers. And then people kept showing up to offer other amazing life skills! Our technical director Bev McNabb is an interior decorator and finds all the right people to take on the multitude of tasks. Jill Corrigan from St James is an experienced Stage Manager and gets how a production goes together. Allan Thompson has offered his commitment to excellence in developing the sound support for the show. Danny Castano didn’t show up for the first auditions unsure if he had the skills required but, without knowing him, we encouraged him to come and have been so blessed by his gifts as Choreographer. Spirit was definitely at work when I was given the name of Len and Heather Ballantine. We had to delay our meeting until Len finished a big piece of work at Roy Thompson Hall. Len and Heather have been absolute treasures in the development of this show. And then Spirit danced amongst us and people have offered 1600 cookies for intermission, 1200 bookmarks have been lovingly made for everyone who comes, over 135 scarves have been made for costumes, sponsors have been found, a program has been created, staging has been painted. So many people have added their enthusiasm to this production. It definitely feels like Spirit at work amongst us as creativity and healthy relationships have flourished.

In the midst of the creativity of Joseph the Implementation and Transition Team for the development of St James Centre for Community have been meeting and moving forward on the plan that was adopted by the congregation at the ACM. It has been a real gift to be part of this congregation, in the midst of the learning and growing and the excitement!

Karen

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**EVENTS:** Be sure to keep Nola in the loop if you are planning an event and if you have to cancel an event. Also please provide her with an announcement (email preferred) by Wednesday at noon so that she can share all that is happening with the wider community. Call (705) 746-8553 or email: stjames@cogeco.net