

# St. James United Church

## 24 Mary Street

August 16th to August 15th, 2019

### TENTH AFTER PENTECOST

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This week, Monica continues the summer sermon series "What the United Church Believes", we also celebrate communion.

The topics are as follows:

July 7 - Gambling

July 14 - Abortion

July 21 - LGBTQ and Affirming Churches

July 28 - Atonement vs. At-one-ment

Aug 4 - Monica's Holidays - Pam Moorhouse will be leading the service

Aug 11 - Monica's Holidays - Valerie Cramp will be leading the service

Aug 18 - Sacraments and Rituals: Hatch, Match, and Dispatch

Aug 25 - Environment and Global Warming

Sep 4 - Labour Day

Sep 11 - How does the UCC make decisions?

### New Office Hours

The office will now be open Monday through Thursday, from 9-1 pm.

Monica will be taking Mondays and Fridays off for the summer.

She is on holidays July 29 to August 11

She will be back in the office Aug 12

### Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting this Sunday right after church to discuss the roof situation.

### YARD CLEAN UP DAY

Thanks to everyone who has helped make our gardens beautiful. It is looking great!

Feel free to water and weed the gardens over the summer. No invitation required.

We now have a wheelbarrow, spade, and fork. They are stored in the shed.

The peas are ready to harvest. Tomatoes are getting close. Feel free to take enough for one meal at your home. The basil, parsley, oregano, and chives are also ready to use. If you need help in identifying herbs, ask Monica.

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### Exploring Plastic: A 24 Hour Youth Event

Civilization has been divided into many time periods ( e.g., The Bronze Age...). The current age has been referred to by some as "The Plastic Age". Youth in Grade 7 - Grade 12 are invited to learn about and explore our use of plastic from 1pm Saturday, August 24 to 1pm Sunday, August 25. During the event, participants will complete a three hour amazing race in town, participate in a digital scavenger hunt, do trivia games, and other learning activities to help us understand plastic. On Saturday evening, there will be a Coffeehouse open to all in the Parry Sound community. There will be music, a clothing exchange (in response to the concept of "fast fashion"), and presentations from Georgian Bay Forever, Plastic-Free Parry Sound, and The Georgian Bay Biosphere. If you know of any youth who may be interested in this experience, please let them know about it. To register, contact Pam at (705) 938-8912 or [pamela.heighway@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:pamela.heighway@mail.utoronto.ca).

## **The Labyrinth Goes To The Parry Sound Saturday Market**

The labyrinth will be at the Saturday market at the town dock on Saturday, August 17 between 9 and 2 to walk the St. James labyrinth!

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### **Yoga**

Yoga classes will be on every Thursday and Saturday at 10 a.m.  
Namaste, Helen Kohl

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### **Composting**

General rule: no meat or bones, but any other food byproducts are welcome. Coffee filters, napkins, kleenexes, and used paper towels add needed fibers, so throw them in as well.

How it works: First, throw your compostables in the green drum outside the back door and turn the crank a few revolutions to mix. We will then take the started compost from there to the black composter to move it along further. Finally, the black composter will be emptied into the wooden crate composter for finishing. From here it goes on the gardens.

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### **Mary Street Boutique**

Did you know we have a Used Clothing venue in our building? A few years ago they changed the name to the MARY ST. BOUTIQUE.

They set up on Monday's and have been having their sale from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday's for the summer. This is only until August 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be closed until September. Opening again at the usual time of Tuesday's 12:00 to 2:30 p.m.

They have everything for sale – no electrical appliances or furniture – but clothing for Baby's, Children, Ladies and Men- suits, dresses, sweaters - you name it they have it. These items are all donated by the public. They also have tied QUILTS for sale.

There are FIVE Churches involved – each take a week – the money is divided among these five churches plus they pay rent to St. James.

They also welcome your donations so if you are having a change in your wardrobe they will welcome your items and maybe you will see something you would like while you are there.

So – why not drop in on a Tuesday and have a look?

## **Fundraising Update**

We had \$19,000 to raise this year, and after the Yard Sale we have  
\$10,438.00 left to raise, (almost halfway!)

Our next fundraiser is on September 21st, our friends Ata and Rosa will be preparing an Iranian Dinner, with proceeds going to our fundraising goal. We will need volunteers to help with both events. Please give your name to Emily in the office if you are able to help

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Prayers are offered for Dan and Linda Cole, on the death of their son Ryan, this week in B.C. We also surround Ryan's friend, Sunita, his brother Britton, and sister-in-law Colleen with light, love, and support.

We also give thanks for Emily Moore's services to us in the office this summer. We wish her all the best as she heads back to Conrad Grebel for school.

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