



# ***St. James United Church***

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## **Dear Members and Friends of St. James United Church**

This Sunday we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, the birthday of the Church and the



95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The United Church of Canada. We are people who know the joy of community, the energy of the Spirit and the power of people pulling together for a common purpose. I never cease to be in awe of the generosity, compassion and love in action that epitomizes St. James. Thank you for

your part in it and for the blessing you are.

Next Sunday, June 7 is Holy Communion and Trinity Sunday, so I invite you to have a piece of bread or a cracker and a beverage of choice ready to participate in this sacred act of remembrance.

### **Worship M & S Colour Bulletin Covers**

Rev. Linda Maw notes that since the switch to digital worship in mid-March we have had eleven Sunday services without the need for paper bulletins. Worship and Music Committee members wish to thank the members of St James who donated the beautiful bulletin covers in celebration, in memory or in honour of someone during this time: Carol Jones and Gord Burrell, Don and Marion McDougall, the Charlot family, Shirley Missios, Don Laing and Judy Jones, Lila Bowen, Marty and Jon Linton, Bill and Pam Lowry and Mary Greco. We look forward to using your choices of bulletin covers in 2021.

There will also be opportunity to choose and donate new bulletin covers for 2021. *The new M & S Bulletin Cover Catalogue*, which usually is available in June, will be sent out instead this Fall. So stay tuned for further announcements regarding ordering in September.

### **St. James Food Basket Re-opening & June Outreach Offering**

The Food Basket Steering Committee met (on Zoom) and approved re-opening on Wednesday, June 10 with the confirmed support of Daily Bread. The timing of this is

inspired, since the City of Toronto has now announced that the last day of their pop-up food banks at library parking lots, including Eatonville Library, is Friday, June 5.

According to Marie Truelove, the St. James Food Basket will open Wednesday, June 10 in our parking lot from 1 to 4 pm (shorter hours). Only a few of our regular volunteers will have access to the church – no one else. We will not serve a lunch for the foreseeable future. We are very grateful that library staff volunteered to run a food bank for 10 weeks while we were closed. As jobs are disappearing, the need in the community is growing, and we look forward to supporting our neighbours. As we make sure we can operate smoothly from the parking lot, we will slowly make a wider variety of food available, and will gradually purchase more from the Ontario Food Terminal.

Each June, when food donations are typically the lowest, yet the need continues, our Outreach Offering supports this vital investment in the well-being of our community. Please send your donation to St. James United Church, 400 Burnhamthorpe Rd., Etobicoke ON M9B 2A8 and mark your envelope “St. James Food Basket”. Or donate on-line at our website [www.stjamesunitedchurch.com](http://www.stjamesunitedchurch.com), and please add “Food Basket” under “special instructions to the seller”. Thank you for your support!

## Birthdays



Happy birthday to people celebrating their birthday this coming week who have given us permission to share the day and month they were born: Ruth Sutton – June 2, Amelia Marin – June 4 and Nancy Low – June 6. Hope you are spoiled special; enjoy a delightful day and countless blessings in the coming year!

As always you are welcome to call me at home if you would like to chat or I can support you in any way. May God’s loving presence be your joy and inspiration.

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