

St James United Church

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

9:30am Café Style Service in the Hall upstairs.
Children's & Youth classes. ECE supervised nursery care for infants and toddlers.
10:45am Traditional Style Service in the Sanctuary.
ECE supervised nursery care for infants, toddlers and young children.
Older children are welcome to stay in the service with their families.



Lighting the Road to Bethlehem: A Musical Christmas Celebration

TONIGHT Sunday, Dec. 9th @ 7pm

Combining the choirs of St James United, Carlisle United & West Plains United Churches, along with soloists & special guests.

Donations for the Wesley Ministries Christmas and Holiday Store gratefully accepted.
Fellowship & refreshments to follow the concert.



**Friday Dec 14th
6 -7:30 p.m.**

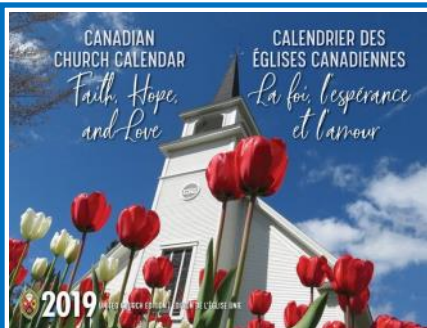
Come and Take Part in our Advent Christmas with the Gingerbread Boy telling the story of the Birth of Jesus.

We will have a turkey dinner with all the trimmings and lots of fun activities based on the real meaning of Christmas. All ages are welcome. Please register at the church office: 905 689 6223.

BENEVOLENT FUND DONATIONS

It's the time of year when donations to our Benevolent Fund help us to provide food & a few gifts for local families who come to us in need throughout the year for grocery cards.

If you would like to make a donation, please write "Benevolent Fund" & amount on your offering envelope or note in the memo line on your cheque, and place it in the offering plate/basket or leave in the church office. Online donations can also be made through our website. Thank you for your generosity.



**2019 Calendar
\$6.00 each
from the church office**

Beautiful full colour photos, and all important dates marked.

SENIORS LUNCHEON TUES DEC 18th 11:30am-1pm

Delicious home-made meal and a Christmas program, for all seniors.
Please reserve your seat(s) by Fri. Dec. 14th @ noon, 905-689-6223 or stjames@stjameswaterdown.ca
We look forward to welcoming you and sharing a meal and time together.

Christmas Offering Envelopes

Finance would like to set a goal to reduce our operating deficit of \$35,000 by the end of the year.

To support this goal, special Christmas offering envelopes are available on the table as you enter both Sunday services. Funds donated using the Christmas Offering Envelopes will be directed to the Mission of St. James.

We encourage everyone to give as they are able and pray that God will supply our needs. You can bring the special Christmas offering envelope to any of our services over the next few weeks or simply drop them off at the church office. Thanks in advance for considering the ministry of our church in this busy Christmas season.

Please note any donations to St. James that you wish to have counted towards your 2018 Giving's must be submitted by 12 pm Dec. 30, 2018.



5pm Fun, upbeat service in the Hall for families with very young children.

7pm All ages service in the Sanctuary with pageant and carols.

10pm Communion Service in the Sanctuary

Hearing Aids are available for use during all services in the Sanctuary. They are on the table at the back of the church. Please help yourself to a set, and return them to the tray when you leave. Volume directions are on the table in front of the tray.

Thank You

Many Thanks

from the UCW to everyone who helped & supported the Spaghetti Dinner & Christmas Bazaar.



REMINDER – NUT ALLERGIES

St. James strives to be a nut free facility. Although St. James cannot guarantee the contents of food brought into our facility, we ask everyone to please refrain from bringing any items containing peanut or other nuts into our building. Thank you for your consideration.



We are looking for a **volunteer(s)** to lead the **Catering Team**, beginning January 1, 2019.

Please contact Ruth Harper for more information on this volunteer opportunity, 905-689-4515 or jrharper6@gmail.com

THURS A.M. MEN'S STUDY GROUP

7:30am in Room 12 downstairs. Men of all ages are welcome. Coffee will be on!!

Contact person: Doug Reddon, 905-335-3412 or doug.reddon@sympatico.ca

STITCH & CHATTER GROUP

Tuesdays at 10am in the Parlour. Open to all ladies of any age. Bring your crocheting, knitting, smocking, embroidery, etc, or just come and have coffee and chat with others.



A GIVING CATALOGUE from The United Church of Canada

**Searching for new & meaningful gifts this year?
Give a gift with vision & help change the world!**

Christmas is a wonderful time to think about others and to express love for special people in our lives. Now you can do both with a Gift with Vision. In addition, you give gifts for many reasons and occasions through the entire year. A Gift with Vision is perfect for

- Birthdays, Anniversaries, Weddings, Baptisms, Graduations, Confirmations, Thanksgiving, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day.
- Any gift-giving occasion is the time to share love for family and friends with others throughout the world with a Gift with Vision. Let your gift recipient know that you are both helping to change the world.

Pick up a catalogue on the entrance table, or online at www.giftswithvision.ca

FLAMBOROUGH FOOD BANK St James collects non-perishable food items on an on-going basis for the local food bank located at Carlisle United Church (Centre Rd @9th Conc.).

Marked boxes for your food donations are at the entrance to the Hall upstairs and the Sanctuary. Your generosity is appreciated by those we serve who don't have enough. Thank You.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer request slips are on the Welcome Table at all services and in the hymn book/bible racks on the back of the pews in the Sanctuary. If you have someone or something that you would like us to pray for/about, please print it on a slip and place it on the offering plate or in the Prayer Box at the back of the service. They will be collected at the end of each service and prayed for.

Please pray for. . .

- Gerrie Laycock
- Cathy Jacobs, recovering at home from open heart surgery
- Grant Carr, recovering from surgery
- Wanda Roberts, following surgery
- Gail Sindrey
- Barbara Trew
- Terry Pitre
- John Woo
- Ann Porter
- Bernadette LeBlanc
- Miriam Miller
- Flora Gallin
- Chantal
- Marilyn Blight
- Chris Fiorito, home from mission work in Guatemala until mid-January
- Those you know who are in need of prayer
- Churches in Halton Presbytery and Hamilton Conference that are currently going through their Search processes: Millgrove United



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VOLUNTEER "LITTLE LIGHTS" TEACHER:	Ruth Nicholson
NURSERY:	Freida Hone, ECE
WEDDING COORDINATOR:	Lynda Carey