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EASTER SERVICES & EVENTS

- April 14 PALM SUNDAY**
- April 19 GOOD FRIDAY**
09:00am Breakfast in the Hall upstairs
10:00am Service in the Sanctuary
- April 21 EASTER SUNDAY**
07:00am Sunrise Service outside in parking lot
09:30am Café Style Service in the Hall upstairs
10:45am Traditional Style Service in the Sanctuary

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| MINISTER OF MUSIC: | Sophia Werden Abrams |
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| ADMINISTRATOR: | Wendy Thomson |
| YOUTH LEADER: | Jessica Couch |
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Minister's Message

Dear Sisters and brothers in Christ,

What a brutal late winter we've had! I guess it makes up for the complete absence of snow we had in December, but January and February really hit us hard! I read that the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board averages about 1.5 snow days per year. My boys were off for snow days five times in February alone this year! That's well above average. Well, by the time you read this hopefully spring will be upon us and the snow will be melting, sap will be running, and birds will be returning.

It is so appropriate that Easter takes place in the springtime. Spring is a season of new life blossoming up from after the long winter's snow. Easter is the celebration of new life in Jesus Christ. The Easter message is more important to society these days than ever in the last several decades. For centuries the Christian church held a privileged place in western society and pretty much everybody in western culture went to church and knew the message of salvation in Jesus Christ. That is no longer the case. People began rejecting the church in the 1960s and it has only continued to today. Today, fewer people than ever attend church. The work now falls upon us to go out into the world and share the message of Jesus.

So this Easter I want you to find one person in your life who is lost, or lonely, or broken-hearted, or afraid, or needing hope in some way, and reach out to that person and invite them to experience the life-changing gift of New Life in Jesus Christ. Share the love that God has given you.

Blessings,

Rev. Ryk



MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION

SUNDAY MARCH 31ST

During the message time in both services on Sunday, March 31st, Wendy Thomson, Sheri Valk & Shelby Austin will be sharing their experiences, thoughts and photos from their recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic with the team from Millgrove United Church in support of the Samaritan Foundation.

We hope you can be here.

From the Pastoral Care Team

This has been a difficult season, weather wise, but also because of illnesses and deaths among our church family. This has necessitated more than the usual cards, phone calls and visits. It is important that we keep in touch with each other and recognize the valuable contributions these people have made to our congregation.

With Easter approaching, once more in conjunction with the Flower Guild we will be organizing the delivery of flowers to Nursing Homes etc after the 2 church services on Easter Sunday. Last year, members of the congregation were invited to purchase flowers in memory of loved ones. If you would like to order one or more, please complete the form below and return it to the church office by Wed. April 10th. Forms are also available at worship services on Sundays, and from the office during the week.

Rosemary Mills.

St. James' Memorial Easter Flower Donation Slip

I/We (full name/s) _____ wish to donate
an Easter plant that will be on display Easter Sunday in memory of (full name/s)

Please indicate your choice:

I will pick up the plant after the Easter Service

I would like to donate this plant to a shut-in at this time.

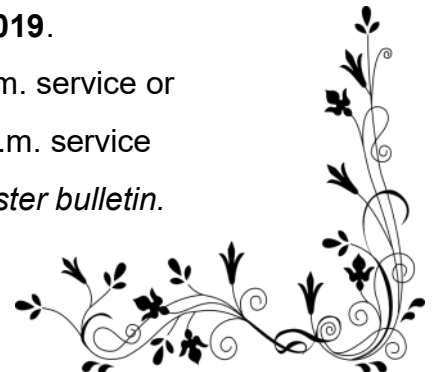
Please enclose \$15.00 cash or cheque with this slip and place it either on the collection plate on Sunday, on Wendy's desk in the office, or mail to the church.

Please make your donation no later than Wednesday April 10th, 2019.

Please indicate if you would like your plant on display at _____ 9:30 a.m. service or
_____ 10:45 a.m. service

A listing of those remembered with the donors' names will be in the Easter bulletin.

Thank-you.



Youth Ministries Team

We have enjoyed planning and implementing Messy Church services, the second Friday of February, March and April by time this message reaches you. We have good planning books and on-line resources through Messy Church Canada that keeps us relevant and in-line with what is going on across the country. Our themes represent Old and New Testament themes. In February we focused on "Jesus the Light of the World", in March we looked at the story of Rahab and how she saved her family during the fall of Jericho and in April we focus on "New Life in Jesus".

We have used puppets and movement when telling the Bible stories yet of late, we have utilized Christian animated stories. The children love animation and this style does tend to keep their attention best. Rev. Ryk always takes part and knows how to operate the AV equipment too, so this is a great benefit to our program.

We have an excellent planning committee and many individuals take part in implementing various aspects of Messy Church. We are truly blessed. The numbers of children and new families increase little by little each month. The word is getting out. Please help spread the word to your neighbours and family. That's how we grow.

Jessica Couch is a dynamic leader with our youth. The evening youth group is growing bit by bit each week and the program is varied. It normally includes an athletic time, a food preparation time, and a discussion time on a contemporary issue, looking at it from a Christian perspective.

Sunday School lessons are available during the first service every week. Both classes tend to have 3 to 5 children attending. We'd like to see this area grow too. These are quality times for our children. They have fun while learning the Bible stories and singing contemporary songs with actions. Crafts are always part of the lesson for the Little Lights too.

Thanks to Jessica's leadership, this committee hosted our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. This was a big undertaking and other members pitched in to make it a success.

We wish everyone the blessings of the true Easter message.

Ruth Nicholson

Chair



MESSY CHURCH



FEBRUARY & MARCH



UPCOMING MESSY CHURCH DATES

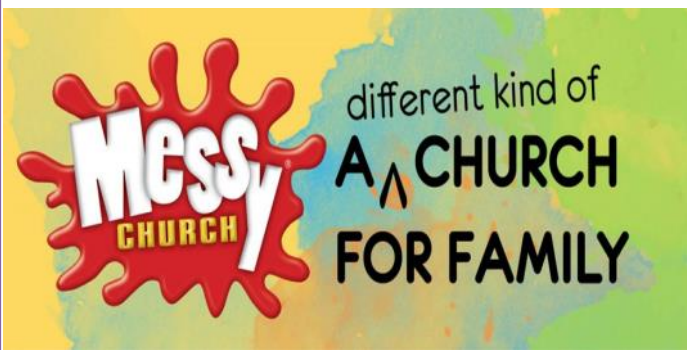
Fri. April 12th: Easter—New Life in Jesus
 Fri. May 10th: David & Goliath—Strength from God

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND
 THIS FAMILY WORSHIP EVENT!**

Children are to be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 6:00 p.m.– 7:30 p.m. **Includes dinner!!**

Cost: **FREE** (Free Will Offering is welcome)



CARD NIGHT

First Friday of each month

Upcoming Dates:

APRIL 5th, MAY 3rd

& JUNE 7th

@7PM

Come & play your favourite card game.

Minimal charge for drinks & refreshment, but the **fun is FREE!**



SENIORS LUNCHEON 11:30AM - 1PM

Upcoming Dates: April 16th & May 21st

A delicious home-made meal, including dessert, for all area seniors.

Invite friends & neighbours. Cost: \$5 per person.

Call or email to reserve your seat(s) by noon on Fri. Apr. 13th & Fri. May 11th, 905-689-6223 or stjames@stjameswaterdown.ca.

We look forward to sharing a meal and time together with you.



SEVILLE ORANGE MARMALADE FOR SALE \$5.00 per 250 ml jar

Hand-made by our merry crew of marmalade-makers. Delicious!!

Purchase after either Sunday service in the Hall upstairs, or from the church office during the week.

STAMP OUT LEPROSY

Please save your good used stamps and place them in the containers in the Narthex (back of the Sanctuary) or outside the Hall upstairs. They are sent to the Leprosy Mission, who sell them to stamp dealers. Money raised is used to help treat lepers.

UNWANTED EYE GLASSES

Glasses can be placed in the containers in the Narthex or outside the Hall upstairs. Thank you to those who have contributed. Recently a large bag was taken to the Waterdown Optometric Clinic to be sent to underdeveloped countries.

11th ANNUAL FERTILIZER SALE

Sat. April 27th 9am - 3pm

- HST Included
- Competitive Prices
- Brand Name Suppliers
- Purchase a Package & save more!

Order forms available on the Welcome Table at both Sunday worship services, from the church office, on our website, or call Fred Brown 905-689-6877 or Dave Rice 905-689-0675.



New book by John S. Porter & Susan McCaslin, 'Superabundantly Alive: Thomas Merton's Dance with the Feminine' will be **launched on April 10 @ 7pm at The Printed Word in Dundas**. John would love to meet some old friends from St James at this launch. Details on the book can be found at <https://www.woodlakebooks.com/books/inventory/Books/All-Books/Superabundantly-Alive>

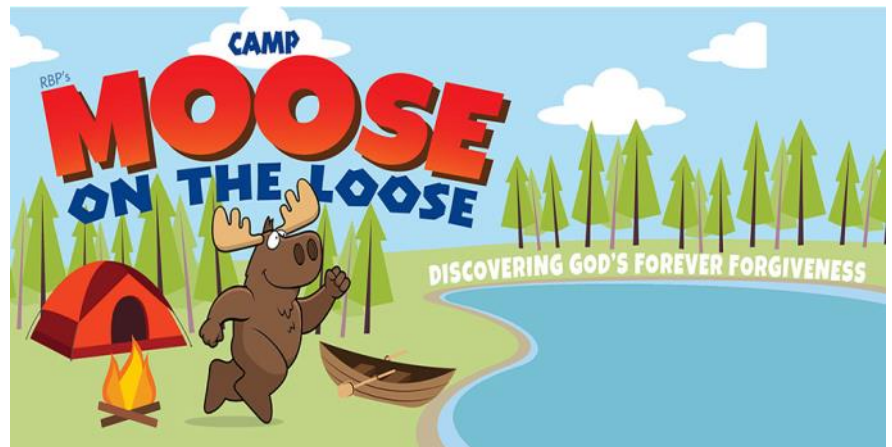
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AUGUST 19 - 23, 2019
9AM-11:30PM

Ages 4 - 10 years

No charge. Freewill monetary donations appreciated.

Registration Forms available on our website, from the church office, or at services on Sunday mornings.



UNITED CHURCH SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

We encourage all our young people from ages 5 and up to consider experiencing camp. There is a camp suitable for all ages, even family camp. Register early as spots fill quickly.

Funds are available through our Outreach Team to help with costs. Contact Linda Baksh, 905-689-1098 or lbaksh@hotmail.com for information.

Camp websites: <http://www.cavespringscamp.on.ca/>
<http://www.ryersoncamp.com/>
<http://silverlakecamp.ca/>



St. James will be partnering with Habitat for Humanity Hamilton for the Waterdown Townhome Build this summer. The three townhomes are being built at the corner of Dennis Avenue and Highway #5. Ground-Breaking Ceremony will be on Thursday, April 4th at 10:00 a.m.

We look forward to more details in the following weeks. Hope you will be part of our build team.

WESLEY CASE FOR KIDS WALK/RUN/RIDE SUNDAY JUNE 2nd @ Bayfront Park, Hamilton

Mark this date on your calendar. Consider taking part in this fun and easy walk to raise much needed funds and awareness for kids programs in inner-city Hamilton. Join our small team of loyal walkers this year. More details will be on our website and in weekly announcements soon.

SONGS FOR THE SOUL

Mark your calendars:

on **Sunday April 28 at 7pm, Carlisle United Church** will host a **joint musical event** celebrating the joy of the Easter season and (hopefully!) the warm spring sunshine. This concert will feature the choirs and instrumentalists of Carlisle, St James, and West Plains United Churches, including the children's choir, The Songbirds of Waterdown. The variety of musical styles promises something for everyone: **spirituals, gospel, folk, country**... and even a little Elvis! All are welcome to come enjoy songs such as *Down in the Valley to Pray* and *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*, and to learn about the stories behind some of our favourite tunes. Refreshments to follow. Free will offerings are accepted with thanks.

