



# ST. JAMES' JOURNEY MAY 2024

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*Welcome to the Church of St. James', Orillia  
Whether you are a follower of Christ, or on a spiritual  
journey, all are welcome to this Holy and Sacred place.*



## FROM THE DESK OF ARCHDEACON JOHN

Dear Friends in Christ,

***“Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.” (Mark 9:35)***

This past April 20<sup>th</sup> was Volunteer Recognition Day.

As Christians, we know a lot about being servants. The Gospel of Mark reminds us of the quality of servanthood. In the kingdom of God, our path is one of humble service. It is not about power, recognition, and authority. Our value as a Christian is not measured by accomplishments and status. Rather, it is the idea of helping others, the community, and our church. To have the mind of Christ is to live out the commandment to love one another.

The good news is that our church is full of wonderful volunteers. Everything that we do in our church is done by volunteers. It would take a lot of pages to list who these people are and their ministries (I don't want to get into trouble with our editors)! Even our staff, Jen, Phyllis, and Jeff, volunteer their time in many ways.

In our visioning sessions, we will be talking about the need for more volunteers. This is not a case of willingness to undertake a task but rather the need for more people. Nevertheless, at St. James' we continue to rise to the occasion, undertaking all kinds of tasks from coffee hour, receptions, property, worship, outreach, and Wardens.

Take a moment to think about those people who are serving our church. Reflect on their gifts and the difference they make. Reflect on how God is working through these people. Then you may want to offer this prayer:

***Everlasting God, strengthen and sustain all those who volunteer in our churches; that with patience and understanding, they may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

On behalf of the Wardens, Rev. Carol and myself, thank you, Volunteers.

Yours in Christ,  
Archdeacon John

Our Vision - A strong faith community, reflecting God's Love to those around us  
Our Mission - To serve and share Jesus Christ  
Our Values - Faith, Compassion, Integrity, Respect



Thank you to everyone who placed an order in April. Thirteen people placed orders in the amount of \$3910.00. We will receive a donation/commission from FundScrip in the amount of \$117.43. We must place a minimum order of \$5000 to avoid the cost of shipping. To do this, we run the program jointly with St. Athanasius.

FundScrip offers promotions each month. In May, we get an increased donation/commission on the following cards:



- Aerie - 8% instead of 6%
- American Eagle - 8% instead of 6%
- Boston Pizza - 8% instead of 5%
- Build-A-Bear - 11% instead of 7%
- Chefs Plate - 10% instead of 7%
- Edo Japan - 9% instead of 5%
- Hello Fresh - 10% instead of 7%
- Longo's - 5% instead of 3%
- HomeSense / Winners - 8% instead of 6%

Our 2024 FundScrip order dates are May 5<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday), September 8<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday), October 6<sup>th</sup>, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and December 1<sup>st</sup>.

It is so easy to participate! Order forms are available at the back of the church, on the church website, or from the office. Orders with payment must be received at the church by 11 am on the first Sunday of the month (the second Sunday if Monday is a bank holiday). Payment is by cheque payable to St. James' or by cash. Your gift cards may be picked up at church on the following Sunday. Any cards not picked up will then be available for pick up at the office. Invite your family and friends to take part. Perhaps you have or know of a small business that gives out gift cards. Invite them as well.

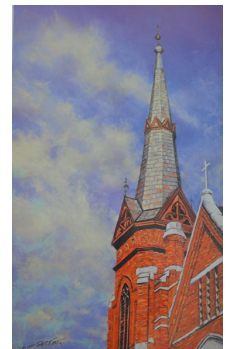
Thank you for considering this fundraising opportunity!

Please speak with Sylvia Baker or Leslie Fortune if you have any questions.

## THE WARDENS' CORNER

Greetings from your Wardens!

We would like to thank the Lay Pastoral team for organizing the Funeral Planning Workshop with Mundell Funeral Home on April 21<sup>st</sup>. It was very well received! Approximately 40 – 50 people attended. Plans are getting underway to have another workshop in June with a lawyer, to speaking with us about Powers of Attorney and other issues surrounding end-of-life planning. We also hope to have a representative from Carson Funeral Home join us in the fall for a second funeral planning workshop! Watch the newsletters for more information!



Thank you to Len and Sue Glowa for graciously taking on the task of organizing our greeters! They already have people lined up for the next couple of months! Please speak with them if you wish to serve in this ministry. It is so important for people to see a friendly face upon entering the church. We want them to feel welcome, and that is just what our greeters do! Thank you!

The building committee has been busy with repairs to keep our church and rectory safe and in good condition! Some of the recent repairs have been raising the handrails from the Chancel to the hallway and checking the flat roof for leaks or damage. A drain was cleared, and a downspout was cleaned out above the library windows. The eaves above the stairwell near the office have been repaired! Kudos to James and Judith Beamish and Jen Hill for serving in this ministry!

We hope to make this a regular column in our St. James' newsletter.

Blessings,  
Dean, Julia, Polly, and Leslie



## ST. JAMES' RECONCILIATION CIRCLE

The St. James' Reconciliation Circle members and invited guests were delighted to welcome Bishop Riscylla Shaw to our circle on Wednesday, April 24th.

Nineteen people attended to learn about and discuss reconciliation. We opened with prayers and readings from the National Indigenous Anglican Church. Following introductions, Bishop Shaw read a portion of the Woman Who Falls from the Sky Creation story from Thomas King's The Truth about Stories: A Native Narrative.

We spoke about theology and the work of this circle to date. We appreciated her encouragement for moving forward by involving ourselves with activities and research that focuses on our local area and slowly progressing to engage more and more people (particularly parishioners) in walking with us on the reconciliation journey. It was suggested that we could take a closer look at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) report and perhaps choose one of the 94 Calls to Action and actualize it.

Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux also encouraged us to "keep on keeping on" because grassroots groups like ours can create change. We can advocate when we see an injustice. We can put pressure on our institutions and politicians. We learned that the Anglican Church is a party to the TRC and is still working on a covenant to bind itself to the actions called for by the TRC and that it needs pressure from parishes to complete this covenant.

When asked how our circle could make a difference, the Bishop responded that we need to build relationships with our nearest neighbours by engaging in activities together (e.g., attending pow-wows and other public events at Rama).

It was clear that we don't have all the answers and the process of reconciliation is long; however, we were inspired by our conversation with attendees and the Bishop to continue along this path.

We are looking forward to a discussion with Fred Blair on St. James' history and its relationship with Chief William Yellowhead on **Sunday, May 26th from 12-2 p.m.** in the church parlour. We hope you will consider joining us.

Marilyn Clark

Resources:

<https://www.anglican.ca/tr/reconciliation-toolkit/>

ORILLIA, COLDWATER, WAUBAUSHENE:

*The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Anishnabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nation, specifically the Chippewas of Rama First Nation. This territory is covered by the John Collins Purchase of 1785 and the Williams Treaties.*

Source: Territorial Acknowledgments - Diocese of Toronto

## The St. James' Orillia Heritage Project



Chief Yellowhead's House

The house in this 1872 photo was built by government contractors for Chief William Yellowhead in 1832 on land that would later be surveyed as Lot 7 on the south side of Neywash Street. The house faced the lake and the spire on the left side of the photo was on St. Paul's United Church. In about 1839, the tribe abandoned their 40-acre reserve on the south shore of Lake Couchiching to live in Rama Township. In 1841, the house became the parsonage for the "Orillia Church" later named St. James' Church, Orillia. In 1874, the house was moved to Front Street to allow for the construction of a brick parsonage at 57 Neywash Street. In the 1950s the former Yellowhead house was torn down.

Fred Blair



## ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN - ACW

This group includes ALL women of the church who are serving the Lord through Worship, Learning, and Service, using our combined diverse talents to share in mission outreach projects at parish, city, diocesan, and world levels.

There currently is an executive consisting of Mae Cox, Christine Blair, Miriam Wright, Anne Thompson, Jeri Stone, Kay Page-Ashmore, and our newest member, Donna Mandley. But these ladies cannot do everything by themselves and are so grateful for the support of all the women of the church who step up when asked to take on a job or activity as various events unfold.

Projects undertaken locally include Christmas and Easter “cheer” gifts to parish members who are sick or confined to their homes, or in care homes; birthday, get well, and sympathy cards sent out; Christmas Hamper Project; Couching Jubilee House support; St. Nick's Children's Shopping Day; and St. James' Church financial support among others.

Additional funds are sent annually to the work of the diocese, to The Arthur Turner Training School in the North, and the Honduran School Scholarships.

To raise the funds for these and other projects, we have our spring Plant, Bake, and Craft sale, our mini boutique during the St. Nick's Children's Shopping Day, and our co-hosting of the Fashion Show and High Tea. Our bakers and jam makers (pickles too) work towards this for months ahead of time.

The executive meets 7 times a year, currently on the first Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m., but times have been altered several times over the years to meet the needs of the majority of the members.

New “blood” on board may open new opportunities for service and worship, or maybe revive some past events. All willing hands are welcome no matter how much or how little it seems at the time. “Many hands make light work”.

The ACW is proud to be a part of the active St James' family, and grateful to all the women (and men) who enable this group to be active and vibrant in serving our Lord in this church.

*Julia Nicholls on behalf of the ACW Executive*



**ANGLICAN**

**Spiritual  
Learning**

**CHURCH**

**Compassion  
Worship**

**WOMEN**

**Service  
Fellowship**



From the Library with my thanks.

Thank you to those who have generously donated books for the upcoming book sale on May 18. The money raised will go towards the purchase of new books for our library. Purchasing books that our various ministries will find useful is very important.

Donations may be left in the library or at the church office. We appreciate your support.

Sue Glowa





**Photos from the Funeral Planning Workshop on Sunday April 21 with Mundell Funeral Home as guests organized by the Lay Pastoral Care Team.**



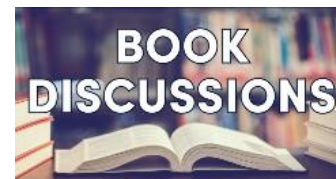
*“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place”  
Acts 2: 1*

### CONGRATULATIONS TO JOYCE HIRD!



Joyce Hird, left, is pictured with Ashley MacGregor of Hospice Orilla.

Joyce Hird celebrated 11 years of service with Hospice Orilla. She was recognized along with other volunteers for her unwavering dedication and kindness. Congratulations Joyce!



## ST. JAMES' BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - MAY 13

The St. James' Book Discussion Group will be meeting May 13, at 10 a.m. in the Church Parlour to plan for the 2024/2025 reading list that will begin in September. We encourage anyone interested in being part of our discussion group to attend with suggestions of books for consideration by the group to read. Please be prepared by not only coming with the title and author but also a short synopsis. Given that there are always more suggestions than actual books read, you may also wish to comment on why you are recommending the book for discussion. All are welcome to join us in providing input on the books proposed as well as their selection for our reading list.

Linda Davidson



# VISIONING SESSION PART III

## SUNDAY MAY 5TH 11:30 a.m.

**Exploring our worship and developing a  
ministry plan for young people ministry.  
Length will be approx. 40 minutes**

**In the Parlour - coffee/tea provided.  
All are welcome.**

## St. James' Reconciliation Circle Invites you...

### Mary Lou Meiers and the Call to Action #83



The gallery at **St. Paul's Centre** is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Coming up are talks in the gallery with project artists:

- **May 2 from 10 a.m. to noon** with artists Wanda Monague, John Oelrichs, Guy Brandon Copegog and Marilyn George
- **May 8 from 10 a.m. to noon** with artists Marilyn George and Mary Lou Meiers.

To register, email [sharonlangfield@gmail.com](mailto:sharonlangfield@gmail.com).

For more, see: <https://www.stpaulscentre.ca/the-ogimaa-miskwaaki-gallery>

### FREE SUNDAY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST



**ALL ARE  
WELCOME**

**Every Sunday  
8:30 to 9:30 a.m.  
in St. James'  
Auditorium**

*A joint venture with St. David Anglican-Lutheran, St. Athanasius Anglican,  
St. James' Anglican & Community Members.  
Our goal is to provide food and fellowship in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## FOOD BANK SUNDAY

### First Sunday of every month



**Our Green Bags  
are located in  
the narthex for your use.  
Fill them with any item  
listed here. They will be  
delivered to  
The Sharing Place Food  
Bank.**

*Thank you!!*

**TOP NEEDED ITEMS**

**Canned Soup**  
- Veg / Chicken Noodle / Mushroom / Tomato

**Canned Vegetables**  
- Corn / Peas / Beans / Tomatoes

**Peanut Butter**

**Canned Meat and Fish**

**Pull Tab Canned Goods**

**Rice**

**Sugar**

**Flour**

**Tea Bags**

**Instant and Ground Coffee**

**Whole Grain, Low-Sugar Cereal**

**Cooking Oils**

**Broth / Bouillon Cubes**

**Toilet Paper**

### CENTERING PRAYER AND MEDITATION

TUESDAY AT 12 NOON in person in Choir Room



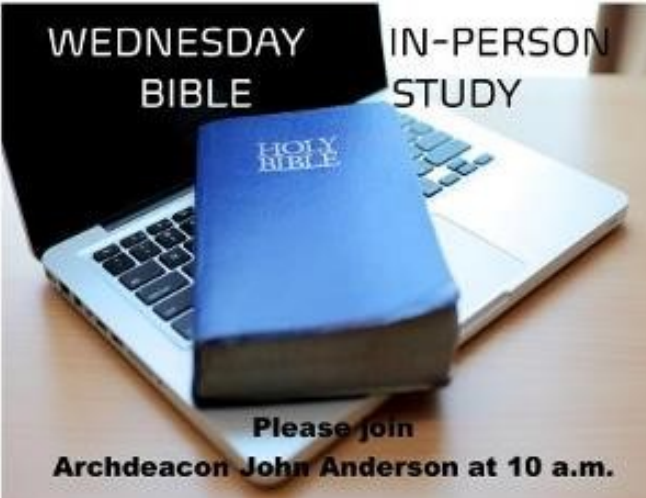
Centering Prayer is a receptive method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of the experience of God's presence within us. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship.

Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer. Rather, it adds depth to all prayer and facilitates the movement into a receptive prayer of resting in God. Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and as a movement beyond relationship with God and as a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Christ.

George Sanders leads the group. For more info contact  
[office@stjamesorillia.com](mailto:office@stjamesorillia.com) or 705-325-2742

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE

## IN-PERSON STUDY



**Please join  
Archdeacon John Anderson at 10 a.m.**



## Advance Notice of Summer Music Events



Coming this summer to St. James' is a stunning parade of recitals every Wednesday at noon time from July 3 to August 28. This one-hour oasis of relaxation and inspiration will feature organ performances, amazing singers, virtuoso piano presentations, and other instrumental offerings.



Recitals begin at 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the church. Bring your lunch if you wish, have some cold lemonade, or come early and have soup at Loonie Lunch beforehand. Then sit back and delight in these beautiful musical offerings. Free will offering accepted

A complete list of dates and information about our performers will appear in the June newsletter.

Be sure to mark these dates in your calendar. Hope to see you there!

Rosemarie Freeman, Chip and Anne Wiest

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and WORSHIP SERVICES

#### **Sunday May 5, 12, 19, 26**

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Community Breakfast

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

#### **Tuesday May 7, 14, 21, 28**

12 noon Centering Prayer

12 p.m. Pennywise Shop

#### **Wednesday May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

10 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. to 12 noon Loonie Lunch

11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

#### **Thursday May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

#### **Friday May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

11:30 - 1 p.m. Knit/Crochet Group

### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES and SPECIAL EVENTS

#### **Saturday May 4**

3 p.m. Cellar Singers H.M.S. Pinafore

#### **Sunday May 5**

Food Bank Sunday

FundScrip Sunday

11:30 a.m. Visioning Session Part 3

#### **Tuesday May 7**

7 p.m. ACW Meeting (**note time change**)

#### **Monday May 13**

10 a.m. Book Discussion

#### **Tuesday May 14**

7 p.m. Ministry Council

#### **Saturday May 18**

**9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. ACW Spring Sale**

#### **Monday May 20**

OFFICE CLOSED

#### **Tuesday May 21**

2:15 p.m. Pastoral Care Mtg

#### **Saturday May 25**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pennywise Shop

#### **Sunday May 26**

12 - 2 p.m. Fred Blair presents History of St. James' & Chief William Yellowhead

*"When I pray for another person, I am praying for God to open my eyes so that I can see that person as God does, and then enter into the stream of love that God already directs towards that person."*  
Philip Yancey



**Your Ministry Council**

Anyone interested in reading the current Ministry Council minutes may contact the Church office for a copy. A copy is also posted on the Bulletin Board in the Hall.

**Are you ill? In the Hospital? Now in a nursing home?**

If you or someone you know from our congregation is ill, in the hospital or has moved to a nursing home, please let us know by calling the church office. **We have no other way of knowing**, as the hospital and nursing homes are no longer permitted to give this information out due to the Privacy Act.

**Hospital Pastoral Care**

Having met the required hospital protocols, Mae Cox, our Pastoral Care Visitor for OSMH, is now able to actually visit patients in person. If you know anyone from our Parish Family who is in Soldiers, please notify the Church Office so a visit can be arranged.

**Newsletter Sponsorship**

Each month we ask for a sponsor to support the publication of our parish newsletter. Many of our family receive it via the internet but many still enjoy receiving the paper copy and/or they might not have access to a computer. The donation of \$100.00 each month pays to produce our internet copies, the paper copies and their mailing. Please contact Phyllis in the office at 705-325-2742 if you would like to sponsor a month.

**FundScrip**

The FundScrip deadline is **Sunday May 5**. Orders and cheques (payable to St James' church) can be dropped off at the Church office. Pick up will be **Sunday May 12**. Thank you for your continued support of this beneficial project.



**FUNNY CHURCH BULLETINS**

- Mom, thanks for providing me with womb and board for all of these years!
- Why is a computer so smart? It listens to its motherboard.
- Mom, I love you loads! Speaking of, can you do my laundry?
- My mother told me a million times not to exaggerate.
- Nothing is really lost until your mom can't find it.
- Life doesn't come with a manual. It comes with a mother.
- Silence is golden. Unless you have kids then silence is suspicious.
- When your children are teenagers, it's important to have a dog so that someone in the house is happy to see you.



**May Birthdays**

Audrey Bell, Marg Casebow, Bill Manley,  
Anne Murphy, Gail Ward, Martin Ward

**May Anniversaries**

Christine & Fred Blair

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