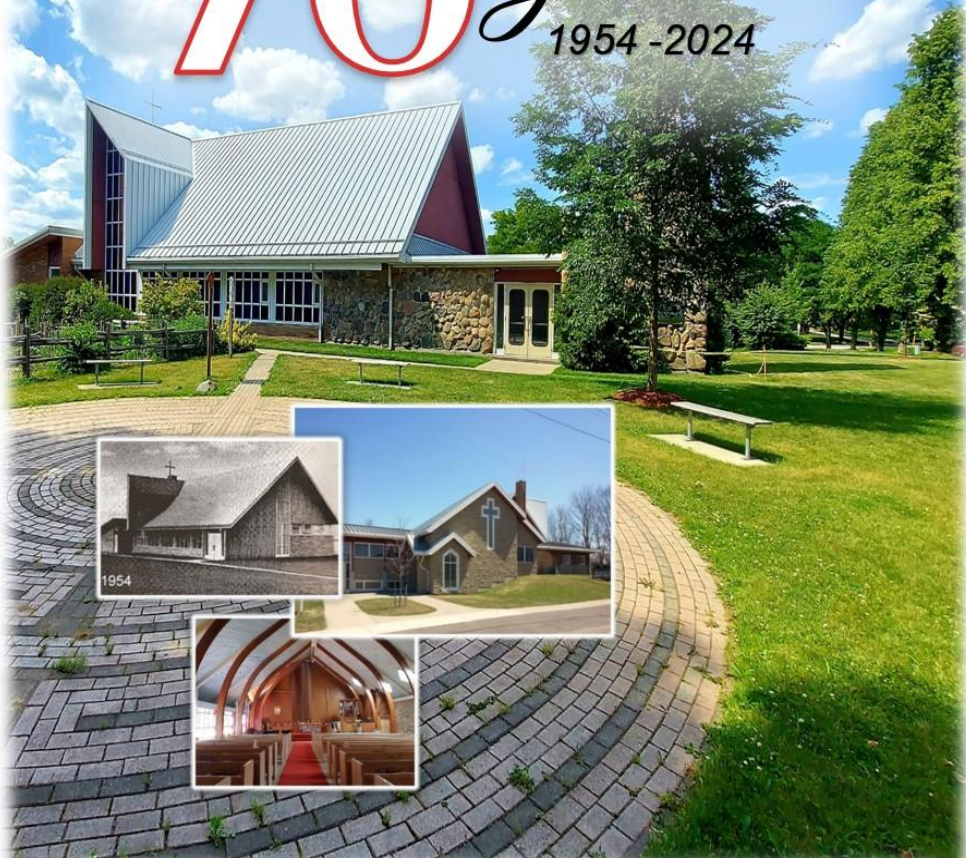

St. James'-Rosemount United

God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith
Church

Celebrating

70 years

1954 - 2024



April 21, 2024 – 70th Anniversary Service
Worship Leader: The Very Rev. Dr. Richard Bott

**Welcome to worship ~
We're glad you're here!**

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* Please rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.

We acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. We acknowledge their care of the land and give our thanks for their conservancy.

Welcome & Announcements

Words from our Founding Members

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

Aria from Variations on 'Aurelia'

(John W. Vandertuin)

(The Church's One Foundation)

Opening Hymn

Let Us Build a House

MV 001

Opening Litany

One: You are the foundation
upon which our lives are built,
Creator of all that is!

**All: You are the cornerstone, that holds up *this* house,
Christ Jesus!**

One: You are the wind that blows,
and the anchor that holds us fast,
Holy Spirit!

**All: So we shout, "HALLELUJAH!"
So we shout, "AMEN!"**

One: On this day of celebration,
on this day of remembering our ancestors
in spirit, and rejoicing in the ministry,
the community, and the faith
to which you have invited *us* – your people
St. James'-Rosemount United Church –
we remember:

All: We are your people. You are our God!

One: So we shout, "Hallelujah!"
So we shout, "AMEN!"

**All: Help us to dive deep into your Holy Spirit.
Help us to be bold disciples of Jesus, Christ.
Help us to dare to live your justice, your love.**

One: Help us to be who you call *us* to be, God of all!
As we worship you with heart, soul, and mind,
and pray, together, the prayer that Jesus gave
all his disciples, including us...

Lord's Prayer (*We'll begin quietly, but let our voices build in joy and excitement as we share in Jesus' prayer...*)

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory.
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Story Time

Youth and Children are invited to head out to Sunday School!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (The Voice) **1 Peter 2.4-10**

Come to Christ —the living stone— who was rejected by people but accepted by God as chosen and precious. Like living stones, let yourselves be assembled into a spiritual house, a holy order of priests who offer up spiritual sacrifices that will be acceptable to God through Jesus the Anointed. For it says in the words of the prophet Isaiah, " See here—I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone, chosen and precious; whoever depends upon Him will never be disgraced." To you who believe and depend on Him, He is precious; but to you who don't, remember the words of the psalmist: "The stone that the builders rejected has been laid as the cornerstone—the very stone that holds together the entire foundation," and of Isaiah: "A stone that blocks their

way, a rock that trips them.” They stumble because they don’t follow the word of God, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, set aside to be a royal order of priests, a holy nation, God’s own; so that you may proclaim the wondrous acts of the One who called you out of the gloom into shimmering light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received it.

Anthem

Bless This House

(Joseph M. Martin)

Bless this house, O Lord, we pray.

Make it safe by night and day.

Bless these walls so firm and stout,

keeping want and trouble out.

Bless the roof and chimneys tall.

Let thy peace lie overall.

Bless this door that it may prove

ever open, to joy and love.

Bless these windows shining bright,

letting in God's heavenly light.

*Bless the hearth ablazing there,
with smoke ascending like a prayer!*

Bless the folk who dwell within.

Keep them pure and free from sin.

Bless us all that we may be,

fit O Lord, to dwell with Thee.

Bless us all that one day we may dwell,

O Lord, with Thee. Amen.

Reflection

Deep Spirituality. Bold Discipleship.

Daring Justice. Living Stones!

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision (alt. v3 lyrics) VU 642

**1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.**

**2 Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

**3 Be thou my true rock, my chief cornerstone;
Be thou my strong hold, when life has me thrown;
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower,
Raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.**

**4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**5 Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering (Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Thank you to all those who support the ministry of SJR through time, talents, and treasures. As the ushers pass along the offering plates we invite those who give through PAR or Pre-Authorized Remittance and those who give a monthly gift, to please put a card into the plate so we can celebrate your generosity. Information on how to sign up to donate by PAR can be obtained through the office mail mail@sjruc.ca 519-742-1002.



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Offertory **Glory Be to God** (Bemerton/Caswall) (Kristina Langlois)

* Offering Response *Words & music © A. Baer, 2013, arr. S. Porter*
**We bring our gifts to share, and lift our grateful prayer
That with our faithful care, our world will grow.
Through work of minds and hands
in gestures small or grand,
Let willing hearts expand the love You sow.**

*Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

- * Closing Hymn **Give Thanks for Life** VU 706
- * Commissioning
- * Choral Benediction **Go Now in Peace** *(Besig & Price 1988)*

***Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.***

*Please remain seated in silence as
we conclude our service with the postlude.*

Postlude **The Rejoicing** *(G. F. Handel)*

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Thank you to the Very Rev. Dr. Richard Bott for bringing our reflection today. Richard was our 43rd moderator of the United Church from 2018-2022, and since his ordination in 1994, has served congregations in Iroquois Falls and St. Marys in Ontario, as well as Maple Ridge and Vancouver in British Columbia. He is currently in ministry with Grace United in Burlington. We thank Richard, as well as our honoured guests for helping us celebrate this wonderful anniversary!

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*We invite you to continue celebrating with us today
by joining us for lunch in the Gym after the service!
There is limited seating for our guests and thank you for
leaving a seat for those who require it.*

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*The yellow roses in the sanctuary today are in honour
of our Charter members. For years Harriet Archer,
a founding & Charter member of St. James'~Rosemount
United Church, provided funds for yellow roses for
every anniversary. These are especially in her honour.*



FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Apr. 23 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym
- Apr. 24 **Faith Study** 1pm – 3 pm OR 7pm – 9 pm in the Parlour
- Apr. 25 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 am- SJR Gym
- Apr. 25 **Choir Rehearsal** 7:30 pm – Rainbow Room
- Apr. 28 **Worship Service** 10:30 am
- Apr. 29 **UCW Meeting** Parlour 1 pm

IN OUR CHURCH

UCW Meeting Monday, April 29th 1 - 3 pm in the Parlour

Ladies- do you know about “Thrift on Kent”? Have you donated household goods to them or found a great bargain there? Come to our meeting and hear Kent Buhrke discuss the work done there and worldwide by Mennonite Central Committee which Thrift on Kent supports.

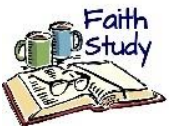
SJR Quilt: We’re making a Signature Quilt Wall Hanging for St. James’-Rosemount’s 70th Anniversary! And we need YOUR signature! We want everyone in the



Congregation... from little ones to older ones, families and couples and individuals... to sign a square to be included in this patchwork of memories. Squares will be available before AND after church in the Long Sunday School Room to sign until Sunday, April 28th and then we start putting the squares together! If you are unable to come to the church and want to be a part of this project, please contact the office and we will make sure you get a square to sign. Be a part of this great project! We’ll be glad you did!



SJR Garage Sale Saturday, May 4th. Start gathering your items and bring your “treasures” to the church from 9am to 11am beginning Saturday, April 27th through to Wednesday, May 1st. We start sorting on Wednesday! We will also be having a **plant sale** as part of the Garage Sale - houseplants & succulents, outdoor plants & recycled plants. Please leave them at the Sherwood entrance. The sign up sheets to help out on May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, and on Garage Sale day - the 4th are outside the kitchen door at the Sherwood entrance. Please sign up to let us know when you can help. Let’s make this a success! All proceeds go the the M&S Fund of the UCC. For more information please contact the church office. (Please, no big furniture).



Bible Study: “Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi” by Amy-Jill Levine, will take us back in time and explain how original audiences understood Jesus’ parables. We’ve begun this six-week study **Wednesdays from 1pm to 3pm OR 7pm to 9pm** in the Parlour. Please contact the church office for more info.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Fundraising Concert at Westminster United, 543 Beechwood Dr, Waterloo - Join us on **Saturday, April 27 beginning at 7:00 pm** for our fundraising concert with Rescue Junction. Free will offering to attend the concert. There will be a social reception after the concert, and a raffle for some excellent prizes! A little bit about Rescue Junction: Rescue Junction is an award-winning Canadian bluegrass band based in Ontario that has been travelling and singing together since 2009. Originally comprised of brother and sister, Kyle & Kaitlyn Gerber on mandolin and guitar respectively, the band has grown to include Roger Martin on banjo, Dallas Roth on upright bass and Nick Huber on dobro. Rescue Junction combines a plethora of musical tastes with their passion for bluegrass resulting in a unique, refreshing style. From gospel quartet numbers to traditional and contemporary bluegrass to original songs, audiences can expect an exhilarating time with the band. <https://rescuejunctionband.com/home>

Living Below the Line: In 2022, a community-engaged theatre project called “Living Below the Line” raised awareness about Guaranteed Livable Basic Income. Since then it has been made into a film, with hopes of taking the film to a conference in Ottawa in May of this year. The group is looking for financial support, and if you’re interested in supporting this, more information can be found on our ‘Community’ bulletin board outside the Sanctuary.

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The deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesday 12:00 noon.

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If you know of anyone needing a visit, please let Rev. Chris know.