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Meetings every 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 PM
at Faith United, 1778 Nash Rd,

Each meeting includes a major presentation on either hardware, software or internet, a 'bug session' where you can have your computer questions answered and a FREE magazine. Something for beginners and experts at most meetings.

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Canadian Landmine Foundation (CLMF)

The mission of the CLMF is to raise awareness and funds to eradicate landmines around the world and end the human and economic suffering they cause. The Mission and Service Committee at Faith United is hosting a dinner, the proceeds from which will be divided between CLMF and other United Church of Canada Mission and Service local and worldwide outreach projects.



Ham & Scalloped Potato dinner
Saturday, March 28, 2009
5.30 pm

Advance ticket sales from the Faith United Box Office on **905-448-1320**. Tickets are just \$13.00 in advance or \$15 at the door. Children 12 and under eat free. Includes entertainment. Please help to support these worthwhile causes.

Movie Nights - Large Screen Presentation

We regularly utilize our large screen to show popular movies. Sometimes they are movies for the family when we serve free popcorn and juice. Other times we show a popular motion picture followed by discussion on how the themes of spirituality and faith are presented on the big screen. Admission is always free and everyone is invited to join us. For details of our upcoming movies we invite you to visit our website and also see upcoming listings on page 3 of this flyer.

The Class Act Dinner Theatre - May 7th

Support a fundraising performance of "Shady Business" at The Class Act Dinner Theatre in Whitby on May 7th at 5.45pm. Proceeds to support Faith United's outreach programs. Enjoy this madcap comedy presentation. Advance Ticket Purchase Required - Call Faith Box Office. \$60 ticket includes dinner and show (PST and GST included)

Strawberry Supper - June 27th, 5-6.30pm

This is one of our most popular suppers where you can enjoy a light supper followed by strawberry shortcake and great musical entertainment. Tickets in advance are \$13.00 & \$15 at the door. A family rate is offered at \$30. Children 12 and under eat free. Call Faith Box Office.

Yard Sale - August 8th, 8am - 1pm


If you want to purchase a table to sell your own items please contact the Church Office on 905-433-8953. Or maybe you wish to donate items for us to sell? Or simply come by and see what bargains we have for sale. Rain or Shine. Sausage on a bun, muffins, coffee and cold drinks will be available.

Faith United
 Welcome - Wellness - Worship



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"Who Do You Think We Are?" Rev. Larry Doyle



Last year I had the opportunity to visit a grade 11 World Religions class and give a talk and Q&A on Christianity and what it's like being a minister. It all went very well - the kids listened and asked good questions (ok, and a few goofy ones) and there was, I think, a bit more understanding at the end than at the beginning.

I found it very interesting how many times I heard myself replying to a question, "Well, that's not my theology." They would try to hang various "literal" scriptural interpretations or "conservative" stereotypes on me and I'd simply answer, "Well, that's not my theology."

But the funny thing was that that idea seemed to be new to them - the idea that someone could hold a Christian theology that wasn't hostile, homophobic, judgmental, rigid, and unreasoned - which is (rightly or wrongly) pretty much what their opinion of Christianity is/was. It makes me wonder how an approach to faith and theology such as ours that's decidedly "progressive" or "emerging" is not widely known about.

Those kids had their opinions formed through repeated exposure to a version of Christianity that is "not our theology" - but the problem is that those who are like *continued on next page.....*

COMMUNITY NEWS

SPRING 2009

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A FAITH UNITED SPECIAL PRESENTATION

EASTER MUSICAL

Saturday, April 4th 7.30 pm



of Brian Stevens, the Music Facilitator at Faith United Church.

Join us for our production of **M4... A Multi-Media Musical!** We'll even throw in a bit of bread and water (*OK, cake and coffee!*) at half time.

Imagine you can time travel... That you can see angels, clear as day and they are standing right in front of you....What would it be like to talk up close and personal to one of the disciples?...Ever see a healing miracle from a front row seat?

With a wild imagination and a bit of creative license, we have zipped across the centuries to share the heartfelt stories of a long ago people, whose message still speaks to us today. The *Gospel of Matthew* is full of times when Jesus told his followers not to tell what they had seen, but we can't keep the secret to ourselves!

Welcome to the **M4** zone. You are invited to join us as we act, sing, put on masks, appear live and on screen on our journey through the *Gospel of Matthew*. This original multimedia production has been developed by the ensemble under the direction



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continued from first page...us are (inexplicably!) absent from the public conversation and popular media formats, and therefore we're not on their radar. Those kids hadn't heard a voice like ours because we don't tend to talk much in a public way about faith - sure, we'll hold forth about justice issues all the time, but not about faith.

And so our challenge as a church then is to answer that call. We're ready to engage in some Faith talk. Our Faith is about a way of living, a "groove" that's right here, right now - fully available, fully present, fully active, fully empowering, fully enlivening, utterly overflowing our lives with grace and peace, with wholeness and healing, with Shalom. We won't tell you what to believe - you have to figure that out yourself - but we'll definitely encourage you to engage in that conversation. Folks are thirsty - and we believe our flavour of the living water is most refreshing indeed!

The Easter season is almost upon us. Easter is about the end of one manner of living and being rebirthed (resurrected) into a new manner of living. What better time to leave behind what you may have heard about organized religion or thought about church and come and see for yourself how wonderful renewed life can be. Happy Easter!

EASTER SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 9th - 7 pm
(at Faith United)

GOOD FRIDAY April 10th - 10.30 am
(at Zion United followed by Cross walk to Faith)

EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE
April 12th - 7.30 am
(at Ebenezer/Maple Grove United Church)

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE
April 12th - 10.30 am
(at Faith United)



'Tots on Tuesdays'

Snack, Play, Crafts, Stories, Music, Sharing
Opportunities and Informal Support for Moms
Moms can visit while watching
their children play.

Who - Moms and children birth to school age.
Where - Faith United Church 1778 Nash Road Courtice
When - Tuesday mornings 10a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
How - Call the Church office at 905-433-8953



A SEASON AT FAITH

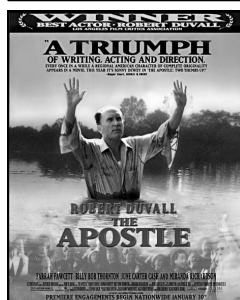


Saturday, March 14th, 5 pm - 6.30pm

IRISH DINNER

Plus Musical Entertainment

\$13 in advance & \$15 at the door
Family rate available - 12 & under eat free



Saturday, March 27th, 7 - 10 pm

FAITH AT THE MOVIES

'The Apostle'

Starring Robert Duvall

Admission FREE

Saturday, March 28th, 5.30 pm

HAM & SCALLOPED POTATO DINNER

In support of Landmine eradication

\$13 in advance & \$15 at the door



Saturday - April 4th, 7.30 pm

EASTER MUSICAL

Enjoy a unique multi media Matthew musical
Presented by Faith United

Tickets \$13 in advance & \$15 at the door

Friday, April 17th, 6.30 pm

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT FAITH

'Everyone's Hero'

Families welcome

Admission FREE

Large screen presentation - animated



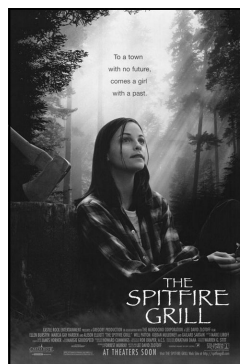
Friday, April 24th, 7 - 10 pm
FAITH AT THE MOVIES

'The Spitfire Grill'

Admission FREE

Large screen presentation

"to a town with no future, comes a girl with a past"



FOR ALL TICKETS CALL
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Thursday, May 7th, 5.45 pm

THE CLASS ACT DINNER THEATRE



'Shady Business'

Adults \$60.00 (taxes included)

Saturday, June 27th, 5 - 6.30 pm

STRAWBERRY SUPPER

Light supper and strawberry shortcake
With Musical Entertainment

Tickets \$13 in advance & \$15 at the door
Family rate available - 12 & under eat free

Saturday, August 8th, 8 am - 1pm

YARD SALE

TABLE RENTALS \$20.00
Refreshments Available



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Office Hours: Tues - Thursday,
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Worship Services
Sunday Mornings - 10.30 am

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