

Faith United

Welcome - Wellness - Worship



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Program Calendar Winter/Spring 2012

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Faith United Winter Programs

Welcome to the winter 2012 Faith United Program Calendar. In these pages you will find a wealth of opportunities for you to explore as you journey down the road of Communion, Compassion and Connection.

Some programs are carrying on from the fall, but continue to welcome new members. Other programs are also continuing from the fall, but are included here for information only since enrolment is already closed. The final group are those programs that are new this season.

Take some time to read through the full booklet. What speaks to you at this time in your life, at this point on your path? See the back of the booklet for instructions on how to register for your selections. Challenge yourself - stretch a bit - and remember that you are not travelling alone. What will we explore this year?

Ongoing Programs

Please see the facilitator of each program for more information on how you can join an existing group.

Nursery

Children (0-3) are encouraged to learn through experiences: sharing, exploring, and experimenting. The leaders guide the children as they discover the toys, small books, and play centres. Through stories and pictures, they learn of God's love.

For infants, a change table, rocking chairs, and portable cribs are available to help both the parents/guardians and their babies feel at home.

▸ *Sundays and at special events throughout the year*

▸ *Adrienne Jones and Kendra Webb*

Joyful Noise

Joyful Noise is Faith United's children's programme for ages 3/JK to Grade 6. Children spend a few minutes in the church service and then after a Children's Time with our minister, they go out to Joyful Noise, where they are invited to learn about a story from the Bible. The children are divided into two groups by age, both using the online Spark program

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to develop their faith and learn from the Bible.

▸ *January to June 2012*

▸ *More information: Enid DeCoe*

Tots on Tuesday

This programme, for parents and preschoolers, is offered Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity for story and song, simple crafts, snacks, music and fun.

It is a casual time for children to meet, learn and play together to spark and nurture their faith journey, while their parents/caregivers enjoy a time for companionship as well as time for coffee and friendship.

▸ *Tuesdays 10:00-11:30 am,*

September to June

▸ *Facilitator: Enid DeCoe*

Youth Program

This programme includes fun and fellowship, spiritual development, creative activities and outreach projects for youth in grade seven and up.

Year end projects have included creating a multimedia production, going camping, and beginning development of a youth web site.

▸ *Sundays 7:00-9:00 pm*

▸ *Facilitator: Diana Chappell*

Thirsty Thursdays

Thirsty Thursdays offers biweekly spiritual experiences to nurture the soul. Each month will include:

▸ *Contemplative Prayer (2nd week) for a quiet time of listening and reflection*

▸ *Taizé (4th week) for music and mediation.*

▸ *second and fourth Thursdays at 7 pm*

▸ *no registration required*

The Porch

Solomon's Porch was the place in the Temple where religious teachers would come and share their interpretations of scripture and people would debate and contend with them.

This weekly gathering looks at the upcoming Sunday's readings and will give participants a chance to ask

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questions and learn more background about the texts and get thinking about what they might hear the following Sunday.

Join us on the Porch!

- *Mondays 10:00-11:30 am, September to June*
- *Facilitator: Rev. Larry Doyle*

Exploring Faith Questions

This programme invites new Christians, those returning to the church, and anyone who wants to deepen their faith to join in a reflection process on 13 central questions of Christianity and faith. Questions are presented in ways that encourage prayer, reflection, and discussion. Topics include who is Jesus for you, how can we talk about God, and how do you live your faith in the world.

- *second and fourth Mondays at 7:00 pm beginning March 12*
- *Facilitator: Eleanor Gray*
- *Book cost: \$15*

Beatitudes from the Back Side

In this book-based Bible study, participants are invited to gain insight through entering into the stories from a unique starting point, a creative retelling, a new lens, or the eyes of a minor or unsympathetic character.

This programme continues the themes introduced in Parables from the Back Side but that is not a prerequisite for attending. Even if you didn't participate last winter, you are still welcome for this session.

- *Second and fourth Thursdays 7:45-9:00 pm, January to May 2012*
- *Facilitators: Pat Long and Donna Bignell*
- *Book cost: \$12*

Faith Reads

The last Tuesday of the month get together with other readers to explore a new book. This fall's selections are:

- *January 31 The Film Club: A True Story of a Father and Son (David Gilmour)*
- *February 28 Always Looking Up (Michael J. Fox)*
- *March 27 Barney's Version (Mordechai Richler)*

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- *April 24 Helpless (Christie Blatchford)*
- *May 29 Suite Francaise (Irene Nemirovsky)*
- *June 26 Room (Emma Donoghue)*
- *Facilitators: Gladys Davidson-Lake and Gail Sylvestervich*

Ongoing Programs

These programs are all fully enrolled, but are included here for information purposes only. Enrolment will again open in the fall of 2012 for new participants. Some programs keep waiting lists for future sessions. Check with each facilitator if you are interested in being on a wait list for the fall.

The Ignatian Exercises

The Spiritual Exercises are a compilation of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius Loyola to help people deepen their relationship with God. It can be accessed through the Internet or through printouts from Rev. Larry.

- *Program runs from September 18, 2011 to May 12, 2012.*

- *Facilitator: Rev. Larry Doyle*

Drama and Music for Kidz

This is a program for young people who like to sing, act out stories and be part of a musical play.

- *Age: 8-12 years*
- *Enrolment: minimum of 6, maximum of 12*
- *Cost: \$25 for materials, scholarships available*
- *Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 pm*
- *Facilitator: Brian Stevens*

Faith's Artistic Painters

This is an opportunity to express your creative side through painting by creating wonderful works of art. The group works on an open forum basis with all members providing support and leadership. There is a limited opportunity to join the group for this session. Check with Jack for more information and to sign up.

- *Cost: \$20 for 10 week session*
- *Facilitator: Jack Morse*

Communion, Compassion, Connection

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New Programs for 2012

You can register for these programs using any of the methods listed on the back page of this brochure. Some are single events and others involve a series of sessions. All provide the participant with the opportunity to learn as part of our community of faith.

Congregational Remit

What do we believe as the United Church of Canada? Not an easy question to answer. Until now our official doctrine has been the *20 Articles of Faith* written in 1910 and enshrined in our Basis of Union in 1925. Each generation has since made a new statement of faith for their time, but these have never been elevated to the status of doctrine. A proposal has been made to do just that. This requires a vote of every church (called a remit). Should we add the *1940 Statement of Faith*, *A New Creed* (1967) and *A Song of Faith* (2005) to our official denominational doctrine? Join us for a discussion on this question.

- Sunday, January 22 noon-2:00 pm
- Facilitator: Rev. Larry Doyle
- Bring a bag lunch

Messy Church

This workshop, originally presented by Christopher White (Westminster UC, Whitby) at the More Franchises, Second Cup conference, is one church's attempt to be church for families who want to find a God relationship, but can't cope with traditional Sunday morning church services. The workshop will also include a discussion of the "Fresh expressions" movement in England and Canada as well as an exploration of implications for ministry in The United Church of Canada.

Open to all, but highly recommend to members of the Faith Journey and Worship Committees.

- Monday, January 30 7:00-9:00 pm
- Facilitator: John Sylvestervich

Story Play for Adults

Come and join us for an afternoon of light

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entertainment and getting to know each other. Our goals are to have fun by exploring our imaginations, and listening (possibly telling) stories. We will use a variety of media and themes such as folk lore, scripture, and personal stories etc.

This programme will begin January 30 and continue until the spring.

- Mondays 1:30-3:30 pm
- January 30, February 27, March 26, and April 23
- Facilitators: Renate Belzing and Enid DeCoe

Canadian Choral Workshop and “A Tapestry of Love” Concert

The day will include worship, choral reading sessions and workshops, as well as an evening concert and CD launch. Workshop leaders include Lucas Tensen (cello chanting) and Jacqueline Sadler (Eastminster United) who will share some of her music as well as her experience of playing a marathon through Voices United last year. Also on hand will be Brian Stevens and Diana Chappell

who will lead a song writing workshop and share some of their music, including *A Tapestry of Love*, the UCW 50th anniversary theme song.

- Saturday, February 18 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm
- CD Release Concert at 7:00 pm
- Cost for the full day: \$40 (includes workshop, lunch, CD and concert)
- Concert tickets \$15 (if not attending the workshop)
- Concert tickets include a complimentary CD

Lenten Study

Have you ever wondered what inspires a composer to create? We are fortunate at Faith United to have a number of musicians in our congregation, some of whom who are talented composers as well as performers. This year’s Lenten study will explore both favourite hymns from our hymnbooks as well as those written by our own talented members. Each week a different musician will take the lead in facilitating discussion

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about hymn origins, topics and content.

- *Sundays 12:30-3:00, bring a bag lunch*
- *February 26 Betty Turcott*
- *March 4 Diana Chappell*
- *March 11 Larry Doyle*
- *March 18 Brian Stevens*
- *March 25 Cynthia Doyle*

Bible 201

You've begun to dust off, unlock and demystify your Bibles. Now it's time for the next step. In Bible 201 we will build on the foundational information from the 101 course and start to explore the New Testament in some detail.

Topics may include themes, structure and context of the gospels; growing pains in Paul's churches; from oral to print; literary analysis; lenses through which we read; how literal readings distort the message; how to read devotionally; and why these 27 books and not any others. A great day to learn and unlearn!

- *Sunday, April 29 12:30-3:30 pm*
- *Facilitator: Rev. Larry Doyle*

Roots, Journeys and Stories

Building on the success of the Women's event held in the spring, the planning team are now working on a weekend retreat at Ganaraska Woods, a beautiful retreat centre in the hills east of Kendal. The theme for the weekend is Roots, Journeys and Stories. We will explore our theme through a variety of activities as well as quiet times all joined together with worship and friendship.

- *Friday, May 25 to Sunday, May 27*

- *Location: Ganaraska Woods*
- *Cost: approximately \$130, including lodging, meals and program*

Other Opportunities

This group of programs is offered on a regular basis throughout the year for learning through fun and fellowship! No registration required!

Knitting with Donna

First Monday of each month at 7:00 pm

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Quilting

Tuesdays at 9:30 am

Choir

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Men's Gathering

Thursdays at 9:30 am

Euchre

Twice a month on Mondays at 1:00 pm - check the church calendar for dates

United Church Women (UCW)

The third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm

Men's Breakfast

The last Sunday of each month at 8:30 am

Private Music Lessons (Piano, Organ, Voice)

See Brian Stevens for more information

Country Time Open Mic

First Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm.

Community Care Luncheon

Second Wednesday of the month at noon.

Special Events

Movie nights are free! Bring your own treats. We have no concession stand!

Movie Night: Rise of the Planet of the Apes

January 27 at 7:00 pm

Movie Night: The Help

March 30 at 7:00 pm

Tickets for dinners and concerts are available through the church office. Please get yours in advance so the crew knows how many they are cooking for!

Spaghetti Dinner

January 20

A Tapestry of Love Concert

February 18

Irish Dinner

March 17

Ham and Scalloped Potato Supper

April 15

Mark your Calendars

Ash Wednesday

February 22

Palm Sunday

April 1

Good Friday

April 6

Easter Sunday

April 8

Sunrise and 10:30 services

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As people of Faith our DNA is Communion, Compassion and Connection. The 3 Cs. The foundation for our journey. Our constant questions as followers of the Way of Jesus are:

- › How can I deepen my communion - my spirituality?
- › How can I broaden my compassion - my outreach?
- › How can I strengthen my connection with my fellow journeyers - my fellowship?

This brochure offers you many ways that you can put the 3 Cs into action. There is something for everyone in these pages.

Once you've selected what you want to participate in, registration is easy. You can:

- › Sign up on Sunday morning after worship
- › Call the office at 905-433-8953 during office hours or leave a message on the answering machine
- › Click on the link on the web site and electronically register
- › Fees can be paid in person, mailed in, or call the office and use our credit card service

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