



Program Calendar Fall 2018

**We are a people of faith
growing deeper in communion,
broader in compassion and
stronger in connection
through our learning
and our living.
Come join us!**

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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 or evening 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 Faith United website and electronically register
- Fees can be paid in person by cash, cheque, credit or debit or cheques can be mailed to the office.

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Worship at Faith

Faith United offers two weekly worship opportunities. There is the regular service on Sunday mornings at 10:30. Beginning September 16th, evening worship at 7:15 returns for those unable to make Sunday mornings or who prefer praise and worship music. Both services have the same sermon and prayers.

My Notes

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Welcome to the Fall 2018 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 previous seasons, but continue to welcome new members. Other programs are new this season. Some programs are weekly, some biweekly and some are special one-day events. There is something here for everyone!

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? Challenge yourself - stretch a bit - and remember that you are not travelling alone. Surely, God is in this place!

Programs for Children, Youth and Families

Nursery

Children (0-3) are encouraged to learn through experience: 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, rocking chairs and portable cribs are available to help both the parents/guardians and their babies feel at home. Supervision is provided on a rotating basis with a roster of care-givers.

- *Sundays and at special events throughout the year*
- *Marlene Haslett, Amanda Manning, and Bennet Peacock*

Joyful Noise

Joyful Noise is Faith United's children's program for ages 3/ JK to Grade 5. 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.

Children will study one Bible story each week that generally coincides with the sermon for that day. Through crafts, activities, dramatic play and movies, we will go deeper into each story.

Parents are invited to register their child(ren) with Ashley.

Joyful Noise starts back Sunday, September 9th with a potluck, bouncy castle and other fun things to kick off the year!

- *Sundays during worship beginning September 9*
- *Facilitator: Ashley Muir*

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JAM (Jesus and Me)

JAM is a program for youth in Grade 6 and up. We will be studying Rob Bell's video series, "Nooma". This is a fantastic series of short videos that discuss different life struggles, obstacles or achievements through Jesus' teachings.

We will meet monthly on Sundays during worship. As with Joyful Noise, the youth will start in the sanctuary and then proceed down to the Games Room after Children's Time.

- *Sundays, monthly during worship beginning September 9*
- *Facilitator: Ruth Goodfellow*

Tots on Tuesdays

This program for parents and preschoolers, offered Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 provides 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*

CSIS (Christians Serving In Society)

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

The group meets twice a month: once at the church building where we develop our relationship with each other and the other meeting offsite doing various activities the group has planned such as bowling, supporting local projects (e.g. St Vincent's Kitchen) and getting together with neighbouring youth groups.

- *Sundays, monthly at 6-8 pm: September 16, October 21, November 25 and December 16*
- *Facilitator: Ashley Muir*

Family Fun Night

Come join us for kid friendly suppers and activities for the whole family as we gather monthly in the sanctuary. There will be music and stories and all kinds of family oriented activities. Each month has a different theme to go with the time of year!

There is fun for grandparents to babies and everyone in between. Come, let us make dinner for you while you have fun!

- *Fridays at 5:00-7:00 pm:*

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Special Events

Please join us for these special events. 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!

Herongate Dinner Theatre

"You Know I Can't Hear You When The Water's Running"
October 18

Tickets on sale!

Christmas Bazaar

November 3
9:00 am—2:00 pm

Christmas Concert

Watch the bulletin for date and time

Some events were not finalized by the time of printing. Please check the bulletin for additions to the church calendar.

Did you know that Faith United is on the web? Check out the congregational website at www.faithunited.ca as well as our social media sites on Facebook (Faith United Church) and Twitter (@faithunited) for up-to-date information about our programs and coming events.

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Other Opportunities

This group of programs is offered throughout the year with an array of activities for fun, fellowship and service. No registration required.

Euchre

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

United Church Women (UCW)

The second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm

St Vincent's Kitchen

First Wednesday of the month

Community Care Luncheon

Second Wednesday of the month at noon

Meals on Wheels

Monday, Wednesday and Friday approximately every six weeks - watch the calendar for dates

Men's Gathering

Thursdays at 9:30 am

Men's Breakfast

The last Sunday of each month at 9:00 am

Watch the bulletin for other opportunities to participate. There is always something happening at Faith United!

Family Movie Nights

Movie nights are free. Popcorn and drinks are available free of charge. Please consider donating a non-perishable food item to the Faith Food Bank.

Star Wars: The Last Jedi

September 21 at 6:30 pm

The Star

December 14 at 6:30 pm

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September 28, October 26,
November 30 and December 21
□ *Facilitators: Enid DeCoe and
Ashley Muir*

Younger Adults Get Together

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 50 (think of post-secondary to pre-retirement) is invited to attend for a time of fellowship and food. We will share a potluck meal and get to know each other. Our first project might be to come up with a catchy name for the group! Married, not married, kids, no kids, all are welcome.

□ *Tuesday, September 18, 6-9 pm*
□ *Facilitator: Ashley Muir*

Musical Programs

Children's Choir

Calling all kids! Welcome to our children's choir! We are looking for enthusiastic singers to sing throughout the year during worship and at special events. Children will be expected to memorize three or four unison songs. Parents are welcome to volunteer.

□ *Sundays after worship
starting September 9*
□ *Music Facilitator: Zeljka Colic*

Men's Gospel Choir

The Men's Gospel Group meets every Thursday evening for a fun-filled hour of singing and fellowship.

We cover a large repertoire - everything from traditional hymns and contemporary praise tunes to gospel favourites.

Bring your voice and enthusiasm!

□ *Thursdays 6:00-6:45 pm,
starting September 6*
□ *Music Facilitator: Zeljka Colic*

Adult Choir

The Faith United Choir is always looking for more voices. If you would like to share your musical gifts, we would be delighted to have you join us.

We rehearse Thursday evenings and sing most Sundays as part of worship. The majority of the music is in four parts (SATB).

All are welcome to join us. If you like to sing and praise our God, this is the place for you!

□ *Thursdays 7:00-9:00 pm
starting September 6*
□ *Music Facilitator: Zeljka Colic*

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Exploring the Bible

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

Join us on the Porch!

Also available online on our Facebook page - Faith United Church (Courtice, ON) PLUS this year, we are adding an evening version for those who cannot attend during the day.

□ *Mondays at 10:30 am, September to June*

or

□ *2nd and 4th Monday evenings at 7:00 pm beginning September 24*

□ *Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Larry Doyle*

Bible Study

Program to be announced at the first meeting.

□ *Wednesdays 7:00-9:00 pm, October 11 and 25, November 8*
□ *Facilitators: Pat Long and Eleanor Gray*

Exploring our Spirituality

We Make the Road by Walking

This book-based study offers weekly readings that give an overview of the biblical story and a fresh introduction or re-orientation to our Christian faith. Each entry is written to be read aloud in 10-12 minutes and is accompanied by a set of scripture readings, reflection/discussion questions and liturgical resources.

An optional monthly discussion gathering and/or an online group are offered

□ *1st Sunday of each month after morning worship starting October 7th.*

□ *Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Larry Doyle*

Are You Connected?

We don't know where life leads us. We don't know who will cross our path. We don't know the challenges that we will come across. We have no choice but to walk the path of life. Walking the path can push us to become more, can give us a new understanding of who we are.

This year's one day women's retreat will explore our life's journey and the people we meet along the way. The shape

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Faith Reads

The last Tuesday of the month get together with other readers to explore a new book. See Gladys to borrow each month's selections. This fall's reading will include:

□ September 25 *The Red Notebook* (Antione Laurian)
□ October 30 *Caleb's Crossing* (Geraldine Brooks)
□ November 27 *Circling the Sun* (Paula McLean)

□ *Last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm*

□ *Facilitators: Gladys Davidson-Lake*

Creative Opportunities

Faith Thru Drama

Join us for a worshipful and fun time as we discover God's words by acting out God's message. This is not a group for professional actors, quite the opposite. This is for spiritual people that want to glorify God through the use of drama.

From time to time, we will get the opportunity to participate in worship, but fear not, participation is completely voluntary. Our main purpose is to read and act out scripture together to gain deeper insights into the stories.

For those that would like to contribute to worship, there

will be many different roles that you could play: speaking parts, non-speaking parts, crowds of extras, narrators and of course the support people like props and costumes. You will never be asked to do anything that makes you uncomfortable.

I look forward to a wonderful night of fellowship, worship and creative expressions

Hope to see you there!

□ *Mondays at 7:00 pm: October 3, November 7, December 5*

□ *Facilitator: Suier Richardson*

Craft Group

Wednesdays at 10 am

From Sept. 12—Oct. 31.

Quilters

Tuesdays at 9:30 am
Work on a project of your own or join our group creating larger projects

Prayer Shawls

Last Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm beginning September 26.

We meet to knit or crochet prayer shawls or something for the bazaar. Join us in the living room and enjoy some fellowship with other knitters. Needles and yarn can be supplied.

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we will solve the crisis together.

This is a critical moment in the fight against climate change. We can all make a difference. We can all be the voice of reality.

- *Wednesday, September 19 at 7:30 pm*
- *Guest speaker: Debbie Ellis*
- *Facilitator: Jim Ellis*

Mindfulness

For the last twenty years, Roy Hintsa has practiced as a Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) facilitator conducting stress reduction group workshops throughout the Metro area. He trained at the Centre for Mindfulness at UMASS Medical School under the supervision of Jon Kabat Zinn and his staff, beginning his studies after retiring from a successful career in business and engineering.

MBSR is based on Eastern meditation practices and is now widely available in the Metro Toronto area. Roy focused work with individuals suffering from dementia has been especially rewarding.

Students from the Toronto School of Theology preparing for ordained ministry, have benefited from Roy's contribution to their

education through his participation in the Clinical Pastoral Education program taught by Jim Ellis at the Scarborough Hospital.

- *Wednesday, October 17 at 7:30 pm*
- *Guest speaker: Roy Hintsa*
- *Facilitator: Jim Ellis*

Dying to Live: Preparing for Death in the Midst of Life

As we age, we can't help but consider our own death or that of someone we love. While such reflection is not supported in a culture that wishes to deny death, many of us have ideas about how we would like to spend our last days when we witness others in theirs. This presentation/workshop will provide an opportunity to consider what we can and cannot do in preparation for our own death as well as enhance our commitment to living life to the fullest whatever the circumstances of our life now.

Rev. Dr. Anne Simmonds, currently teaches Ministry with Dying and Grieving persons at Emmanuel College.

- *Wednesday, November 21 at 7:30 pm*
- *Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anne Simmonds*
- *Facilitator: Jim Ellis*

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of the day follows the order of service from Call to Response. Join us as we journey together, celebrating our connections to each other and to God.

As a sign of connection, we invite all participants to bring food to share for our communal noon meal. Beverages will be provided.

- *September 30*
- *Cost: \$15*
- *Facilitators : Betty Turcott, Renate Belzing, Diana Chappell*

Climate Change

Debbie Ellis holds a Master of Education in Adult Ed. degree from U of T (OISE), and through her company, *Wings to Fly*, facilitates customized workshops for large and small businesses specializing in Personality Dimensions, Team-building, Communication, and Manager and Employee Training. She also provides life-coaching for those wanting to make positive change in their lives.

Recently Debbie has taken training from former US Vice President Al Gore to serve as a volunteer Climate Reality Leader in Al Gore's Climate Reality Project, which is dedicated to catalyzing a global solution to the climate crisis. Gore won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007 for his movie, "An Inconvenient Truth".

"With glaciers melting, seas rising, and 14 of the 15 hottest years on record coming this century, the threat of climate change has never been clearer. But with solar, wind, and other clean energy solutions becoming more affordable and accessible every year, neither has the way forward. And with 195 countries signing the historic Paris Agreement to cut greenhouse gases the world is finally united in working to seize the promise of renewables and create a safe, sustainable, and prosperous future powered by clean energy."

The power to change is in our hands. A sustainable future is in reach. Join us, and together, we'll make it a reality.

There are three core themes to Debbie's presentation:

1. We must solve the climate crisis: We have a moral obligation to ourselves and future generations to stop the crisis devastating our planet.
 2. We can solve the climate crisis: We have the affordable clean energy technologies to power our economy and end the crisis in our hands today.
- We will solve the climate crisis: With millions of citizens standing up to force our leaders to act,