

This Week at Faith United

Monday, March 20	The Porch (Hybrid) 10:30 am Guides & Pathfinders (SR) 6:30 pm
Tuesday, March 21	Quilters (SR) 9:30 am Development Information Session 1:30 pm Development Information Session 7:00 pm Youth LGBTQ+ & Allies Drop-In 6:30 pm Happy Harmony Choir (S) 7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 22	Sewing Group (SR) 9:30 am Pathfinders (SR/LR) 6:30 pm Development Info Session (Online) 7:00 pm
Thursday, March 23	Men's Gathering (LR) 9:30 am Faith Choir Practice (S) 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 25	Brownies (LR) 10:00 am
Sunday, March 26	Youth Song Group (S) 9:15 am Hybrid Worship (S) 10:30 am Joyful Noise 10:30 am M&S Soup & Sandwich Lunch (LR) Noon

Please join us in making Faith United a scent-free environment.

Faith United Mission Statement

We believe in a loving and forgiving God, shown to us through Jesus Christ, creation, the bible, and the community of believers.

Therefore we will:

strive to provide a spiritual home that is openly welcoming, nurturing and safe whatever a person's ability/disability, age, ethnicity, exceptionality, gender identity, sexual orientation, or social or economic circumstance;

seek to become disciples of Christ growing in faith through worship, study and prayer;

risk sharing our resources with local and global neighbours in response to God's call;

be committed to the responsible use and care of all that God has entrusted to us;

encourage all who gather here to participate freely in the life and work of this church.

Let our actions reflect our faith.



We're Glad You're Here! ~ Guest Information

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Ph: _____

Postal Code: _____ How Did You Find Us? _____

My Household Includes: Child Youth Adult Senior

I'm Interested In: Learning more about Faith
 Envelopes/PAR information
 Becoming a member
 Baptism

Comments: _____

(please tear off this section and place in offering plate or hand to a member.)

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Office Hours: Monday & Tuesday 9 am – 2:30 pm

Wednesday & Thursday 9 am – 2 pm

Friday 9 am – 12 pm

March 19, 2023

Lent 4



Welcome

A Time of Quiet Preparation

WE GATHER

Introit: Tree of Life

VU 121

Call to Worship

One: Surely, God is in this place.

All: Help me notice.

One: God's Way is not written on stones or in books.

All: God's Way is written in our hearts.

One: In this sacred hour we seek to read what's there.

All: In this sacred hour we are moved to worship.

Shalom: *We exchange a greeting of "shalom" – An ancient word of faith meaning peace, wholeness, wellness, blessing...*

Praise Song: Be Still

Prayer of Invocation and Transformation *(unison)*

Holy Mystery, your word comes to us in many ways – in speech, in song, in gestures of kindness, in acts of love, in deeds of justice, and especially in our scriptures. We pray that we might be open enough to discern your word for us in all these ways, and that in the hearing of it we will be changed, and your Spirit will move us into faithful action. Write your words of hope, and peace, and joy, and shalom into our hearts, O God.

Standing in your light, hearts broken open, acknowledging our humanness, seeking transformation, savouring your Holy Presence, we pray...

(a moment of contemplation)

One: God hears, forgives, makes whole, renews, and loves. Breathe deeply of God's shalom and be God's. Amen.

Kids Time

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23 Erica Roth

Music Ministry: "They'll Know We Are Christians"
arr. Larson

Message: Lent – Assurance

WE RESPOND

Hymn: Like A River of Tears **MV 98**

Prayer (w/Lord's Prayer)

Offering & Life and Work of the Congregation

We offer these gifts to quench thirsty souls, to transform hungry hearts, and to shower your earth with blessings. And we offer ourselves as we affirm our commitment to love, love, love. Bless, O God, all these, our offerings. Amen.

Hymn: He Leadeth Me (v.1,2,3) **VU 657**

Benediction

Closing: God, Help Us to Treasure (v.1) **MV 147**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing Assist Is Available - Hearing assistance devices are available from the Sound Booth at the back of the sanctuary.

The Porch – A chance to explore and learn about the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. No prior experience is needed. Online and in-person on Mondays at 10:30 am.

Youth Song Group - Calling all young singers from age 7 to 17. We meet for 30 minutes on Sundays before service from 9:15 AM to 9:45 AM. No musical training required!

Faith United Choir Practice - Faith United's Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings (in-person) from 7:00 to 9:00PM. Do you enjoy singing? Join us! You don't need to read music, we will help you. Promise!

Mission & Service Soup & Sandwich – Sunday, March 26th, at 12 PM. Tickets are limited and only \$12! Proceeds support Faith's Mission & Service Fund. Please see Gail Scott to get your tickets!

Family Fun Fridays @ Faith – an evening of fun, play, singing, learning, and faith for kids (and parents). Kid-friendly dinner provided! All FREE! March 31st – 5pm to 7pm.

Easter Memorial Donations - If you would like to make a donation in memory of a special person(s) and have these people recognized as in the past, please use the forms found in the Sanctuary. Forms MUST be filled out. Please do not print "same as last year." All donations will be for Chancel use. Thank you.

Time to Renew Your Broadview Subscription

Payment must be received by March 26th. If you are not renewing, please kindly inform Liz Wade. Thank you.

Need A Ride To Faith? Laurie Stapley has offered to be the coordinator for anyone who would like a ride to church. Her phone number is 905-434-7269. Please call her by Friday evening and she will arrange a ride for you. We have a couple of drivers at this point, but if you could be a driver, please contact Laurie and she will make a list and match a driver with a member. Please don't miss church because you are nervous about driving. We can help.

Prayer Shawls Are Available

If anyone would like or who knows of anyone who would like a prayer shawl, please speak to Donna Bignell.

Youth LGBTQ+ & Allies Drop-In - Every third Tuesday at 6:30 PM. A safe and welcoming place for all ages 10-21. Discussion, games, snacks, and crafts. This group meets once per month in the living room.

Men's Gathering – Thursday's at 9:30 AM

Thursday mornings at Faith for coffee and conversation – all men welcome.

Quilters

Tuesday mornings from 9:30 am –2:00 pm in the sunroom.

Upcoming Events

Yard & Plant Sale ~ Saturday, May 13th 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Art in Bloom Luncheon ~ Sat., June 10 at 10 a.m.

Strawberry Tea ~ Saturday, July 8th

Christmas Bazaar ~ Saturday, Nov. 4th

East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle

Dunbarton-Fairport United Church