

This Week at Faith United

Monday, November 20	2 nd Courtice Guides/Pathfinders (S) 6:30 pm 3 rd Courtice Pathfinders/Rangers (SR) 6:30 pm 3 rd Courtice Sparks (LR) 6:00 pm
Tuesday, November 21	Quilters (SR) 9:30 am Tots on Tuesdays (LR/N/SK) 10:00 am Happy Harmony Choir (S) 7:00 pm
Wednesday, November 22	Piano Tuning (S) 10:00 am 3 rd Courtice Pathfinders/Rangers (SR) 6:30 pm
Thursday, November 23	Men's Gathering (LR) 9:30am
Friday, November 24	Wedding Prep (LR) 9:00 am Family Fun Night (S, LR) 5:00 pm
Saturday, November 25	Private Wedding Reception (LR) 9:00 am 2 nd Courtice Embers (Brownies) (SR) 10:30 am
Sunday, November 26	Hybrid Worship (S) 10:30 am Joyful Noise (N/LR) 10:30 am Advent Decorating (CHURCH) After worship

As an act of respect and reconciliation we at Faith United acknowledge that our church is on the unceded land of the (Ah-nish-nah-bay) Anishinaabe, the (HO-den-o-SHO-nee) Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat. We are treaty people living in the region of the Williams Treaty.

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.)*

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.



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Wednesday & Thursday 9 am – 2 pm

Friday 9 am – 12 pm

November 19, 2023
Mission and Service Sunday



WE GATHER

Introit: Come Touch Our Hearts (v.2,3)

MV 12

Call To Worship – Pat Long

One: One person is not enough

All: **Together we are powerful**

One: The world's problems are many and great

All: **Together we can change the world**

One: So many people in our land are in need

All: **Together we can help them**

One: So come let us worship in God,

All: **and grow with God's loving strength**

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

Hymn: Deep in Our Hearts

MV 154

Prayer of Invocation and Transformation *(unison)*

Loving and Holy One, we gather with you as individuals, each of us with unique gifts and abilities. By your grace, we are one people. Through your grace, we can do great things. Help us to worship you now so that we might bring hope to all the world.

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 (skit) – Dorothy Shrigley, Donna Bignell, Maria Upton, Tanya Bignell

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Acts 4:32-37 ~ Dorothy Shrigley

Music Ministry: Amazing Grace

Message: Mission and Service stories – Gail Scott, Karen Bihun, Tanya Bignell, Pat Long

Hymn: Let Us Build A House (v. 1-5)

MV 1

WE RESPOND

Pastoral Prayer (w/Lord's Prayer) – Donna Bignell

Offering & Life and Work of the Congregation – Tanya Bignell

Offering Prayer

Today, O God, we gather to generously invest our time, our money, and ourselves in you, your Way, and your church. Today, O God, we offer the whole and the broken pieces of our lives to you, to bless and transform, to be a blessing to us and to the world. Amen.

Hymn: Jesus Started Sharing

VU 289

*(tune: It Only Takes a Spark)
(lyrics by the Rev. Dan Yourkevich,
Courtice, Ontario, used with his permission)*

Benediction: Maria Upton

Closing: I Am Walking a Path (v.1,2)

MV 221

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Event

On **November 26**, we welcome you to stay and join in on helping Faith with our Advent Decorating. We will be having activities for children and a delicious potluck lunch for everyone involved. We can't wait to see you there! ☺

The Joyful Noise Plan – Beginning January 2024

We are asking for people to teach once every six weeks. It simply requires an Opening Prayer (create one or use ours). Then either a Story (your own or from the bible), an Activity (crafts, acting/drawing from the story), or Free Play (Anything found in the cupboard. Ex. Play Dough, Lego, Stickers), and ending with a Closing Prayer (create one or use ours). Please contact Marlene Haslett at 905-697-4010 if you are able to help.**Note, if there are no children that week, simply keep your lesson for next time**

Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert will be held on **December 17** at 2:00 pm. We will be performing "Let Mary sleep! Jesus is- born!"

United Church Calendars

United Church Calendars for 2024 are available now. The cost is \$9.50. Please contact Donna Bignell at 905-728-7749 or the church office if you would like one.

Christmas Outreach

Once again we have the privilege of sharing our abundant resources with those who are less fortunate. There will be four ways in which you can take part. **The Gate 3:16 and the Simcoe St Settlement House** – Both agencies are requesting cash or cheques. Please make your cheques out to Faith United. If you wish to use Fundscrip, please buy \$25.00 gift cards through our Fundscrip program. Please see Diana if you have any

questions. Starting today, we will have a table set up in the foyer, where two of our members will be happy to receive your donations to whichever agency you prefer to support. The collection will run for four Sundays, until **December 3. Reverse Advent** – As most of you know, the idea with this, is that instead of taking a candy or something OUT of an advent calendar, we put a non-perishable item INTO a box. Children love doing this. They can decorate the box too, which is fun. This will start on **November 26**, go until **Sunday December 17**. Please bring your boxes to the church on December 17. Fourthly, **the Mitten Tree** – Donna will be setting up the mitten tree at the door to the sanctuary on **November 26**. Please bring mittens, gloves, hats and socks.Thank you!!

The Return of Tots on Tuesdays

SPREAD THE WORD! Tots on Tuesdays has returned! As always, we will have play time, crafts, music, snacks.....and, of course, coffee for the moms! ☺

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.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Concert – December 17
Advent Decorating – November 26

East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle
Trenton United Church – Trenton