

This Week at Faith United

Monday December 2	Euchre Game – 1:00pm 3 rd Courtice Sparks – 6:00pm 3 rd Courtice Pathfinders/Rangers (SR) – 6:30pm
Tuesday December 3	Food Drive – 9am Quilting Group (SR) – 9:30am Knitters (SR) – 9:30am Tots on Tuesday – 10:00am Happy Harmony Choir – 7:00pm
Wednesday December 4	
Thursday December 5	Men’s Gathering (LR) – 9:30am M&S Meeting (LR) – 1:00pm Bible Study {LR} – 1:30pm Choir Practice – 7:00pm
Friday December 7	Pastoral Care {LR} – 1:00pm
Saturday December 8	Clarington Quilt Guild {SR} 9:00am A Christmas Carol – 7:00pm
Sunday December 9	Hybrid Worship (S) – 10:30am Joyful Noise (N/SR) – 10:30am

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 gifts, age, ethnicity, exceptionality, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, or social or economic circumstance may be.

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.



Minister: vacant - search in progress
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Doug Snell B.A, M.Div
Music Facilitator: Kristine Dandavino B. Mus.
Office Administrator: vacant – Joanne Boonstra
Communion Celebrant: Rev Bob LePage
Worship Lead: Ashley Muir

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December 1st, 2024
Advent 1 - Communion



Welcome

A Time of Quiet Preparation

WE GATHER

Introit: Come, Though Expected Jesus VU 2 (v 1, 3)

Call to Worship (Responsive)

All: In times of solitude, remember,

One: The Loving Christ is on the way.

All: In times of strength, remember,

One: The Living Christ is on the way.

All: Remember, the one who seeks to end suffering is coming.

One: The one that beats death is on the way.

Shalom: *We exchange a greeting of “shalom” – An ancient word of faith meaning peace, wholeness, wellness, blessing we do by waving and smiling at each other and for those online please wish each other Shalom on the YouTube chat*

Praise Song: Advent Hymn (*Christy Nockels*)

Prayer of Invocation and Transformation (*unison*)

All: Holy Teacher, We have learnt so much throughout our lives, yet our choices do not always reflect our learnings. We have gained so much throughout our lives, yet these gains are too often at another's loss. This world which we inhabit continues to be filled with beauty, yet this world is also full of systems that place some above others arbitrarily. Though at times our thoughts and emotions may join the world outside in being cold, and dark, help us remember that death does not have the last laugh, and that right now the stage is being set for the birth of the one who can show us the way, if we but choose to follow.

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

Kids' Time: Lighting our candle of Hope
Advent Wreath - Muir Family

As we light the candle of hope today
We make space for the grace of hope (Pause as the hope candle is lit).
We open our imperfect hearts to God's Word
That hope will be rekindled in our lives, and
All: that we may share God's hope with our world.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading
Luke 21:25-36

Music Ministry: A Mighty King is Coming (J. Paige)

Message: Beginning Advent with Fear (Rev. Norm Seli)

WE RESPOND

Hymn: All Who Hunger **VU 460**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Offering & Life and Work of the Congregation

Offertory Prayer

God's Word of Hope is coming into the world. Hope for the powerful accept change, the broken to teach forgiveness, humanity to be made anew. In anticipation of God's Hope, we offer these gifts, those given through PAR and those we give at other times as a way to prepare for the coming of Christ among us. Amen.

Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful **VU 60** (v1,2,3,5)

Benediction & Commissioning

Closing: Hope Shines as the Solitary Star **MV 220**

Advent Decorating and Pizza today

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's EASY to Donate to our Well Drilling Project

Use your offering envelope or a separate cheque payable to Faith United.

1. Write "Lifewater" or "Well" on your cheque.
2. Take as many "Thank You" cards as you need to give to people who you made a donation on behalf of.
3. You've just given life this Christmas!



CWID Christmas Outreach Program

Continuing!- The Reverse Advent: Each day, you put a non-perishable item into a box. At the end of the four weeks, you will have a box of food to donate.

The Mitten Tree: There will be a Christmas tree set up at the door to the sanctuary. We invite you to make or buy mittens, hats or socks, and put them on the tree.

Thank you so much for all your generous support of these outreach projects!

2025 Offering Envelopes

If you do not need offering envelopes next year please let the office or Gail Minacs know. If you have already done so, thank you.

East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle
St. Andrew's By-The-Lake – Kingston

Opportunities to Serve

If you are interested, there will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the atrium for the following:

- Communion Servers
- Coffee Servers

Twenty volunteers are requested to help us act out the narrated **Christmas story** on Christmas Eve. One or two practices will be required. If you can help or are interested, please contact Donna Bignell or Enid DeCoe.

Faith Journey Returns

Joyful Noise

Thank you to all the volunteers of 2024! If you are interested in joining us we are in need of volunteers for Jan, Feb, & March 2025. Please contact Marlene Haskett 905-697-4010. Thank you.

A Christmas Carol

Mansfield Entertainment is hosting a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol at Faith United on December 7th at 7:00 pm. All proceeds go to Denise House. Tickets available at \$15 online/\$20 at the door. Pay what you can option is also available.

Thank You

On Sunday November 17th I learnt I am one of two recipients of the Faith United Educational Bursary. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to my Faith Church family for supporting me on my spiritual journey and with my post-secondary education.
With Love & Blessings, Elleena Keating

We are grateful to Rev. Bob LePage, Rev. Norm Seli and Ashley Muir for their leadership in today's service.

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