

This Week at Faith United

Monday February 3	3 rd Courtice Sparks – 6:00pm 3 rd Courtice Pathfinders/Rangers (SR) – 6:30pm
Tuesday February 4	Food Drive – 9am – 1pm Quilting Group (SR) – 9:30am Knitters (SR) – 9:30am Tots on Tuesday – 10:00am Happy Harmony Choir – 7:00pm
Wednesday February 5	Council Meeting (LR) – 7pm
Thursday February 6	Men's Gathering (LR) – 9:30am M&S Meeting (LR) – 1pm Choir – 7pm
Friday February 7	Private Rental (sm Meeting Room) – 3pm
Saturday February 8	
Sunday February 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.)

Faith United is 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 – Search in Progress
Communion Celebrant: Rev. Bob LePage
Worship Host: Ruth Goodfellow
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Doug Snell B.A, M.Div
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February 2nd, 2025
Epiphany 4
Sacrament of Communion



Welcome
A Time of Quiet Preparation

WE GATHER

Introit: Rise up, Rise up (x2)

MV 130

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 71:1-6)

In you, God of all, I take my shelter.

In your goodness, make me free.

You are my rock and my fortress.

Hear my plea, and I will be healed.

You alone are my hope,

In you I have trusted since my youth.

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: Open the Eyes of my Heart (Paul Baloche)

Prayer of Invocation and Transformation:

All: God of compassion and courage, we give you thanks for all the varied gifts we have been blessed with. We come to worship not to see and hear, but to be seen and heard by you. We gather with an awareness that our priorities are not always your priorities. We are grateful for all the ways you send your word, your spirit, and your teachers into our lives to remind us of your boundless love and grace. Too often we think about what you can do for us, instead of what we can do for others. Too often we focus on achieving prosperity, instead of pursuing justice for all. Help us to follow where Christ leads, and send your spirit of renewal to open our eyes and guide our feet.

Standing in your light, hearts broken open,
acknowledging our humanness, seeking transformation,
savouring your Holy Presence, we pray...
(a moment of contemplation)

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

Kids' Time: Provided by Joyful Noise

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:21-30 (Pat Long)

Music Ministry: Our Hearts will Sing by D. Besig

Message: "It's Not About Identity" (The Reverend Greg Powell)

WE RESPOND

Hymn: One Bread, One Body **VU 467**

Sacrament of Communion (Rev. Bob LePage)
Communion anthem: Come to the Table of the Lord by P.Liebergen

Offering & Life and Work of the Congregation:

Offertory Prayer:
God of compassion and courage, we are taught that knowledge and effort alone cannot save us, but only when they are joined to love. May these gifts reflect our sincere desire to cultivate love throughout the world, and within our lives. Amen.

Hymn: Though I May Speak **VU 372**

Benediction & Commissioning

Closing: Jesus Bids Us Shine **VU 585**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tots on Tuesday

Tots on Tuesday has returned! This program runs from 10-11:30am every Tuesday. All children from birth to school age and their caretakers are welcome to join us.

Joyful Noise

If you are thinking of stepping outside the box and are looking for something new for 2025, consider volunteering on Sundays with Joyful Noise. Come out and have some fun with the children! Contact Marlene Haslett 905-697-4010 for more information.

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, Scripture Readers

Settlement House Food Drive

Our next food drive is February 4th from 9am to 1pm. We are looking for the following items: Rice, Pasta, Side Dish, Fruit Cups, Pasta Sauce, Kraft Dinner, Granola Bars, Canned Fruit, Canned Protein, Deodorant, Shampoo, Toilet Paper, and Diapers (Size 3-6).

Need Help Hearing?

Hearing assist earphones are available every Sunday for those that need them. Please see one of the friendly faces in the sound booth and they will get you set up!

Souper Sundae

New Date: February 16th, after church. Lunch will be a variety of delicious soups, crusty rolls and an ice cream sundae that you make yourself and a beverage. There might even be a few cookies. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. Phone the church office 905-433-8953 or see Beth or Linda for tickets.

Missing – a white and green crock pot has disappeared from the church kitchen. If it is lurking around in one of your cupboards, please return to the church.

Communication Strategy Working Group

One of the things that came up in our Visioning work last year was the need to come up with communication strategies, both internal and external. This working group will start with the internal strategy. The goal is to meet no more than 3 times over the next couple of months to identify ways we can share information within Faith United more effectively. Please see Diana Chappell for more information or call the office.

Spring Get-Away

Interested in a spring get-away? From April 28th to May 2nd enjoy the scenic countryside of the pastoral region of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. This coach tour includes two live theatre shows: Noah at the amazing Sight and Sound Theatre - an immersive experience with live animals and amazing sets and Fiddler on the Roof at the Dutch Apple Theatre. Not only will we venture into and learn about the Amish way of life we will also make a stop at Hershey, PA (think chocolate!) and the Corning Glass Museum. Bus pick up will be at Ebenezer United Church in Courtice and Holiday Inn Express in Bowmanville. Tour is managed by Tracie Pawson, Maritime Travel Pickering 905-837-1201 and DeNure Tours; details are in the brochure on the bulletin board. Don't delay to reserve your seat. You must make your deposit of \$400 soon with final payments due by February 27th. Join us - it will be five days of fun!

ECORC Prayer Cycle

Scugog Island United Church – Scugog, ON

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