

This Week at Faith United

Monday February 17	Family Day – the office is closed today 3 rd Courtice Sparks (S) – 6:00pm 3 rd Courtice Pathfinders/Rangers (SR) – 6:30pm
Tuesday February 18	Quilting Group (SR) – 9:30am Knitters (SR) – 9:30am Tots on Tuesday (LR) – 10:00am Happy Harmony Choir (S) – 7:00pm
Wednesday February 19	UCW Meeting (LR) – 1pm
Thursday February 20	Men’s Gathering (LR) – 9:30am Clarrington Quilt Guild (S) – 1pm Durham Storytellers (LR) – 7pm Choir – 7pm
Friday February 21	
Saturday February 22	Funeral Reception – Douglas Dewell (S) – 12:30pm
Sunday February 23	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.



Love Love Love

Minister – Search in Progress

Worship Lead: Lynn Liddell

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February 16th, 2025

Epiphany 6



Welcome

A Time of Quiet Preparation

WE GATHER

Introit: Rise up, Rise up (x2)

MV 130

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: Come, all who are thirsty,

All: For the living waters of God are here.

One: Come, all who are seeking,

All: For God’s voice calls us beloved and bids us follow.

One: Come, all who long for renewal,

All: For the Spirit of God moves among us, bringing new life.

One: Let us worship the One who claims and calls us,

All: Rejoicing in the gift of grace and love through Jesus Christ.

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: Miracle in my Heart (Brian Houston)

Prayer of Invocation and Transformation:

Holy and Ever-Present God,

We come into this sacred time and space, not because we must, but because something in us longs for You.

You are the stillness in our searching, the whisper in our wondering, the spark in our weary hearts.

Meet us here, as we are— with our doubts and our hopes, our joys and our burdens.

In this gathering, transform us:
Open our eyes to see Your presence,
our ears to hear Your truth,
our hearts to be moved by Your grace.

May this time together shape us into bearers of Your light—
people of wisdom, kindness, and courage
for the world You so deeply love.

In the name of Jesus, who leads us still, we pray.
Amen.

Congregational said Invocation: Holy Mystery, we the church gather at this time to experience your Presence in a powerful and unique way – for when we are together your Spirit feels focused and amplified, and our hearts and minds are moved to celebrate. Through word, prayer, music, and community may we know your will and your way as we sing your song of faith.

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.

Beloved, hear the good news:
God's grace is not measured by our perfection,
but by love that knows no bounds.
When we falter, God lifts us up.
When we turn away, God calls us back.
When we feel unworthy, God reminds us—
we are always held in mercy, always welcomed home.
Trust this truth and live in peace:
We are forgiven, we are loved, we are made new.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Kids' Time:

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Luke 3:15-17; 21-22 (Enid DeCoe)

Music Ministry: Shepherd of My Life by J. M. Martin

Message:

WE RESPOND

Hymn: I am a Child of God **MV 157**

Pastoral Prayer (with Lord's Prayer):

Offering & Life and Work of the Congregation:

Offertory Prayer: Our gifts, O God, come in all shapes and sizes, in money, time, and talents, and we offer it all in faith. Be near to us, and help us see your presence in the ministries we share and the lives we lead. Amen.

Hymn: God Be with You till We Meet Again **VU 423**

Benediction & Commissioning

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Our annual general meeting will be held on Sunday March 9th, 2025 after the worship service.

Pancake Supper

The Men's Gathering Group is hosting a Pancake Supper on Tuesday March 4th, starting at 5:30pm. Adults - \$5, children under 12 - FREE.

Rev. Dr. Gordon Postill

"Embraced by the Stories of Jesus" is an event where the Gospel of Mark is recited from memory. Join us on Sunday March 16th after service for this special event.

Tots on Tuesday

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.

Ash Wednesday Service

An Ash Wednesday evening service will be held at Ebenezer United Church this year at 7pm. Rev. Nancy Knox will officiate

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!

Thank You

A big thank you to the Faith United congregation for helping Wyatt earn his North Star badge – Beth MacEwan

Lenten Book Study

Join us on Sundays during Lent as we study 'Something Sacred: Reflections on Music and Faith'. Starts March 9th after the AGM. Call the office to register and to order a copy of the book (\$13).

ECORC Prayer Cycle

Frankford-Batawa United Church – Frankford, ON