

This Week at Faith United

Monday, April 14	3 rd Courtice Sparks – 6pm Faith Journey Meeting (LR) – 7pm 3 rd Courtice Pathfinders/Rangers (SR) – 6:30pm
Tuesday, April 15	Quilting Group (SR) – 9:30am Knitters (SR) – 9:30am Tots on Tuesday (LR) – 10am Happy Harmony Choir (S) – 7pm
Wednesday, April 16	UCW Meeting (SR) – 1pm
Thursday, April 17	Men's Gathering (LR) – 9:30am Clarrington Quilt Guild (S) – 1pm Maundy Thursday Pot Luck (S) – 5:30pm Choir (S) – 7pm Durham Storytellers (LR) – 7pm
Friday, April 18	Good Friday Service (S) – 10am Office = closed
Saturday, April 19	Private Rental (S) – 5pm
Sunday, April 20	Easter Sunrise Service at Ebenezer – 7am Easter Sunday Service (S) – 10:30 am Joyful Noise (N/SR) – 10:30 am

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: _____

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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.



Guest Minister – Rev. Norm Seli

Worship Host: Laurie Stapley

Worship Lead: Laurie Stapley

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Doug Snell B.A, M.Div

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Hours: Monday to Friday 9am – 3:30pm

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday



Welcome

A Time of Quiet Preparation

WE GATHER

Introit: And On This Path

MV 8

Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

Just as we were starting to accept less for more,
as we lower our expectations and leave hope
to the dreamers

Someone starts a parade

Just as we've been thinking
"Just one more thing..."

Someone starts a parade

Just as we were starting to wonder if there
was

Any cause,

Any reason,

Any joy in the day to day

Someone starts a parade

And all of the sudden,
we are drawn out of ourselves

and into the world,

Out of our aloneness

and into community,

Out of our heads

and into the Presence of God,

**Just because someone started a Parade
Hosanna!!**

Let us worship God.

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: Nobody Loves Me Like You by C. Tomlin

Prayer of Invocation and Transformation *(unison)*
We've arrived, Abba, at the end of our Lenten journey more captivated by the wonder of your Holy Mystery than when we began, but faced with the longest part of the journey still to come. As we enter this holiest of weeks may we be more fully aware of your Presence in Spirit guiding us, inspiring us, and moving us ever deeper into your Way.
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: Patience

Children's Exit Hymn: This Little Light of Mine

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading John 13:1-7, 31b-35 (Gwen Bevan)

Music Ministry: On That Day When He Rode Into Jerusalem by M. K. Beall

Message: 'All Washed Up' by Rev. Norm Seli

WE RESPOND

Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna **VU 123**

Offering & Life and Work of the Congregation

Offertory Prayer: Gracious God, receive the gifts we have given today and those given in other ways and turn them into good soil to nurture and bless our community and your whole beloved world. Amen.

Hymn: All Glory, Laud and Honour **VU 122**

Benediction & Commissioning

Closing: Wherever You May Go **MV216**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Seasons of Lent and Easter

Maundy Thursday (April 17) Potluck Supper @ Faith United. A community potluck celebrating the Last Supper. Dinner is scheduled to begin at 5:30pm

Good Friday service (April 18) at Faith United at 10:30am

Easter Sunrise Service with Communion (April 20) @ Ebenezer 7 a.m. Rev Nancy Knox presiding.

Easter Sunday Service, 10:30am @ Faith.

Muffins Needed For Yard Sale

The Men's Gathering group will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, coffee, and muffins at the yard sale next month, and are looking for donations of muffins. Each muffin should be individually wrapped and labelled with the flavour. Contact Kay Hurren 905-259-2433 if you can help.

Calling all ladies of Faith United!

Are you looking for a way to get to know ladies in our congregation? We have an active UCW group here at Faith United, and you are very welcome to join us for our monthly meetings. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Living Room from 1 – 3 pm for Worship and an interesting Program. All are welcome. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 16th, 2025 – come and join us! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call Joyce O'Connell, President 905-436-3094 or email: joysquilts@rogers.com.

Easter Memorial Butterfly Tree

LAST CALL: Our practice of the Chancel Memorial "butterfly tree" will happen again this Easter. If you would like to donate a "butterfly" in memory of a loved one, please complete the information form and place it and your donation in the envelopes provided on the offering plate. Please indicate your loved one's full name and no 'same as last year'. All donations will be directed to the chancel budget. Contact Gail Minacs or Donna Bignell for further information.

End of Life Doula Services of Durham

An information session will be held on Sunday, May 4th. Elizabeth McNaught will be presenting on advance care planning, living wills, respite and vigilant, legacy projects and celebration of life. This event is open to the public and is free of charge

Upcoming Events

May 10th: Yard Sale & BBQ; 9am to 2pm

August 21st: Mystery Bus Tour

November 1st: Faith Bazaar

East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle

Enniskillen United Church– Tyrone