

# This Week at Faith United

Monday September 29	
Tuesday September 30	<b>National Day for Truth &amp; Reconciliation</b> <b>The office is closed today</b> Gardeners – 9am Quilting & Knitters (SR) – 9:30am Tots on Tuesday – 11am
Wednesday October 1	
Thursday October 2	Men’s Gathering (LR) – 9:30am M&S Meeting (LR) – 1pm Crafters – 10am Choir (S) – 7pm
Friday October 3	
Saturday October 4	
Sunday October 5	Hybrid Worship (S) – 10:30 am Joyful Noise – 10:30am Private rental (S) – 7pm

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.**

Accessible washroom off the atrium,  
More washrooms are in the Sunroom

### 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.***



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## September 28th, 2025 Truth and Reconciliation Sunday



Text in **bold** indicates speaking in unison.

This symbol \*\* indicates we will stand if able

Hearing amplification devices available at the sound booth

This service is being livestreamed on YouTube

### **WE GATHER**

**Shalom:** Let us greet one another with the word “shalom” – An ancient word of faith meaning peace, wholeness, wellness, & blessing.

**\*\* Praise Song:** Thy Word by A. Grant

### **Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle**

#### **Call to Worship**

One: Surely God is in this place!

**All: Help us notice.**

One: Surely Christ is in this place!

**All: We are not alone.**

One: Surely Spirit is in this place!

**All: We give thanks and praise.**

#### **Opening Prayer (unison)**

This prayer was adapted by Rev. Emma Seamone from the text of the United Church’s 1998 Apology to Residential School Survivors and their families and communities.

**Mystery that surrounds us,  
Untwist us, bring us clarity today,  
Help us to recognize the image of Creation in us all.  
Help us to understand the depth  
and richness of many cultures.**

**Soften our hearts so that we never again  
confuse our ways for the full breadth,  
length, and height of Christ Jesus.  
Journey together with us in the Spirit of Christ  
so that all your peoples may be blessed  
and the fullness of creation healed. Amen.**

**Children’s Hymn:** Down to the River to Pray

**Time For Young & Young at Heart**

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

This prayer was adapted by Rev. Emma Seamone from the text of the United Church’s 1998 Apology to Residential School Survivors and their families and communities.

**God, we sometimes shy away  
from taking responsibility for the scars or blame  
for horrendous periods in Canadian history.  
We would much rather take credit  
for the many blessings from our ancestors  
and neglect their burdens.  
God, we are sorry.  
We seek your forgiveness  
and healing grace as we take steps  
toward building respectful, compassionate,  
and loving relationships with First Nations peoples.**

**In the midst of a long and painful journey  
towards repentance, reconciliation, and healing,  
commit us to work toward ensuring  
that we will never again use our power  
and misguided attitudes of superiority  
to hurt others.**

**Words of Assurance**

One: We are all in different places in the journey  
of Truth and Reconciliation.  
God rejoices each and every time  
we work together with sincerity.  
God is with us on this journey. Thanks Be to God!

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 32: 1-3, 6-15**  
(Carolyn Boyd)

**Music Ministry:** "Animowe (He talks)" by K. Dandavino  
(following the Music Ministry we will have a moment of respectful silence)

**Message: “It Starts with a Dream”**

**WE RESPOND**

**\*\* Hymn:** “We Are All One People” **MV 141**  
(Kristine will sing the traditional part and the congregation will sing the verses)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer of Jesus (The Lord’s Prayer)**

**Life and Work of the Congregation**

**Offering**

**Offertory Prayer (unison)**  
This prayer is adapted by the Rev. Emma Seamone from the text of the 1988 All Native Circle Conference’s Response to the 1986 Apology.

**May these gifts be more than symbolic,  
but lead us to sincere words and actions.  
May our offering present opportunities  
for partnerships of love,  
understanding, unity, strength,  
and respect with all our siblings. Amen.**

**\*\* Hymn:** “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” **VU 222**

**\*\* Benediction & Commissioning**

**\*\* Closing:** May the Love of the Lord **MV 218**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**M&S Soup & Sandwich Lunch**  
Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup> at noon; tickets are \$15. Call or email the office to order.

**Upcoming Faith Events**  
October 19: M&S Soup & Sandwich Lunch  
November 1: Faith Christmas Bazaar  
November 13: Shopping Bus Tour  
December 14: Christmas Concert

**Shopping Trip**  
Join us on Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup> as we travel to Vaughan Mills & Cookstown Outlet Mall. \$50. See the poster on our website and on the bulletin board for more details. Tickets available from Beth or Linda.

**Food Drive**  
Our Food Drive on October 7<sup>th</sup> will be for Settlement House, 9am – noon. See the poster on our website or on the bulletin board for items needed.

**Christmas Concert**  
Save the date! Join us on Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm for our Christmas Concert featuring the Faith United Choir and friends. This is a benefit for LifeWater Canada.

**East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle**  
Phoenix Rising Pastoral Charge

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## **Faith United Bursary Award**

Since 2012, your Faith United Church Council has established a student Educational Bursary Award to assist our young people pursuing post-secondary education. Please contact Ruth Goodfellow via the church office for more information.

The bursary information documents and the application form are all available on the church website.

If you would like to make a monetary contribution to the fund at any time, please contact the church office. Alternatively, you could put a contribution into a sealed envelope with your name and 'Bursary Fund' clearly printed on the outside and place it on the plate at Sunday Worship. Contributions of an amount (\$5, \$10, \$20 or more) would be much appreciated.

Ruth Goodfellow  
John DeCoe  
Stacey Goodman