

This Week at Faith United

Monday October 20	Euchre (S) – 1pm
Tuesday October 21	Quilting & Knitters (SR) – 9:30am UCW: Pie making in the kitchen – 9:30am Tots on Tuesday – 10am Happy Harmony Choir (SR) – 7pm
Wednesday October 22	UCW Meeting (LR) – 1pm Choir (S) – 7pm
Thursday October 23	Men’s Gathering (LR) – 9:30am Crafters – 10am UCW: Xmas cake prep in the kitchen – 1pm
Friday October 24	Family Fun Night (S) – 5pm
Saturday October 25	
Sunday October 26	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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Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9am – 3:30pm

October 19th, 2025 World Food 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:** “I speak Jesus” by D. Smith, C. Prince, K. Dutton, J. Reeves, R. Pratt and A. Benton

Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

(Adapted from WFD prayer on presbyterianmission.org by Canadian Foodgrains Bank: A Christian Response to Hunger, A Worship Resource for World Food Day)

One: Good and gracious God,
You are gathering this community
from across the earth,
Asking us to pour out our lives
on behalf of those who hunger.

**All: For hope, For justice, for daily bread.
You are asking us to see the earth as you do,
So very, very good.**

One: Trees with fruit, bursting with seed.
Green plants for food, for humans
and for every living creature.

**All: As a holy place for everything that breathes
and to whom you have given life.**

One: Yet we see the realities before us
and it takes our breath away:

**All: Those whose bellies growl every day.
Those who consume more
than their fair share.
Breathe new life into us...**

As a global community, as local congregations

One: Gather us together
so that we may remind each other
of your intent for this earth.

**All: Gather us so that we may pour out our lives
in Christ's name,
as Christ does on behalf of those who hunger.**

Time For Young & Young at Heart

Prayer of Confession

(Written by Joe Sereman, South Africa)

**You asked for my hands
that you might use them for your purposes.
I gave them for a moment
then withdrew them for the work was hard.**

**You asked for my mouth
to speak out against injustice.
I gave you a whisper
that I might not be accused.**

**You asked for my eyes
to see the pain of poverty.
I closed them
for I did not want to see.**

**You asked for my life
that you might work through me.
I gave you a small part
that I might not get "too involved."**

**Lord, forgive me for calculated efforts to serve you
only when it is convenient for me to do so,
and only in those places where it is safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so.
Lord, forgive me, renew me,
send me out as a usable instrument,
that I may take seriously the meaning of your cross.**

Words of Assurance

(From A Worship Resource for World Food Day, Canadian Foodgrains
Bank: A Christian Response to Hunger)

Our God is close to all who call. God receives us as we
are, lifts us up, and calls us again to be people of love
and mercy— salt and light in a hungry, hurting world.
Receive God's pardon and peace; your sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: John 6: 1-15 (Diane McMahon)

Music Ministry: "Soul Shine" by Amanda de Boer &
Steve Ladwig

Message: "Food, God's Love Made Edible"

WE RESPOND

**** Hymn:** "Would You Bless Our Homes and Families"
VU 556

Life and Work of the Congregation

Offering

Offertory Prayer (unison)

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.

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus (The Lord's Prayer)

**** Hymn:** "Praise God for this Holy Ground" **MV 42**

**** Benediction & Commissioning**

**** Closing:** "God Be with You" **VU 422** v.1, refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Faith Events

November 1: Faith Christmas Bazaar
November 13: Shopping Bus Tour
December 14: Christmas Concert

Shopping Trip

Join us on Thursday November 13th 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.

Christmas Concert

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

Christmas Bazaar

Bake Table: Christmas cakes have been made and
orders are now being taken. Contact Diane McMahon at
905-725-7041 to place an order. Price same as last year
\$14.00 per pound.

They will be ready for pickup at the bazaar.
On Friday October 31, 2025 baked goods may be
dropped off until 3pm at the front of the sanctuary.
Donations: The last day for receiving items for the
Christmas Bazaar will be Oct 21. Please bring your
donations on or before that date.

Pumpkin Parade!

November 1st, drop off your jack-o-lanterns from 9am-
3pm. From 6:30-8:30pm walk the Faith trails by the
light of the pumpkins!

Family Fun Night

Special date: Friday October 24th. See Enid for details.

East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle
St. Paul's United Church –Stirling, ON