

This Week at Faith United

Monday March 2	Euchre (S): 1pm Sparks (S): 6:00pm Pathfinders/Rangers (SR): 6:30pm The Porch <i>Light</i> Bible Study (LR): 6:30pm
Tuesday March 3	Quilting & Knitters (SR): 9:30am Tots on Tuesday: 10am Happy Harmony Choir (SR): 7pm
Wednesday March 4	
Thursday March 5	Men's Gathering (LR): 9:30am Choir (S): 7pm
Friday March 6	
Saturday March 7	
Sunday March 8	Hybrid Worship (S): 10:30 am Joyful Noise: 10:30am Annual Meeting Private Rental (S): 7pm

Faith United is a scent-free environment.

Our accessible washroom is on the main floor.
Please share your bulletins, then recycle them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – con't

St. Patrick's Day Crock Pot Supper – Tuesday March 17 starting at 5 p.m. There will be at least 12 crock pots of different delicious food for you to sample, biscuits, buns, dessert, and hot and cold beverages. Wear something green and join in this festive celebration. Adult tickets are \$25. Children under 12 free. Tickets available starting today.

Next Week's Reading

The scripture readings for March 8th are Mark 6: 32-44 & Ephesians 3: 20-21 (NRSV) and our reader is Carolyn Boyd.

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.

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.

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March 1st, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

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 extend “shalom”– An ancient word of faith meaning peace, wholeness, wellness, & blessing.

**** Praise Song:** ‘Desert Road’ by Casting Crowns

Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

“Prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.”

One: Tell me something good!

All: God loves you more than you could imagine.

One: Tell me something good!

All: God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

One: Tell me something good!

All: God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

One: This is good news indeed!

All: Let us worship our compassionate God.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

“Prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.”

Merciful God, did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?

Did we see you thirsty

and give you something to drink?

Did we see you alone and offer you compassion?

Or did we cross the street?

Did we avert our eyes?

Did we come up with every excuse in the book?

God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same overwhelming love

that you have for them.
But we must admit, we have a long way to go.
Forgive us for the times
when we let bias, scarcity, or fear
get in the way of love.
Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again.
With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness

"Prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org."

One: Faith family,
even when we act with judgment,
even when we are guided by fear,
even when we turn our back
on a neighbor in need,
God does not turn God's back on us.
So join me in this good-news declaration:
All: **We are seen.
We are forgiven.
We are invited to try again.
Thanks be to God for this unending love.**

Children's Hymn - Entrance: VU 605
'Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold' (v1)

Time For Young & Young at Heart

Children's Hymn - Exit: VU 605
'Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold' (v1)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Luke 7:36-50, Matthew 25: 35-40
(read by Julie Kubien)

Music Ministry: "Jesus I Trust in You" by D. Chappell

Message: "The Good News is
Great Love for God and Neighbour"

WE RESPOND

** Hymn: "When I Needed a Neighbour" VU 600

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.

Affirmation of Faith

"Prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org."

I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

I have seen it alive in the world. And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence. I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him. I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn: "Jesus Christ Is Waiting" VU 117

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus (The Lord's Prayer)

We offer our prayers to the one God, Mother of us all, as we join in the prayer of Jesus:

WE GO OUT TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

** Benediction & Commissioning

** Closing: Three Fold Amen VU 967

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2025 income tax receipts are now available. The box is on the table inside the sanctuary.

The Porch *Light* Bible Study

Mondays 6:30-8pm

Off to an excellent start! Join us as we dive deeper into the scripture passages that are read on Sunday. Share your questions, insights, or noticings, and to hear what stood out for others. In-person in the Living Room and on Zoom.

AGM

Our AGM will be held on March 8th during the service. Please bring your copy of the annual report with you.

World Development & Relief Collection

Special Easter envelopes are on the table to donate to WDR from February 22 – April 3. Thank you for your generosity.

Annual Easter Memorial Butterfly Tree

We are now accepting donations for the "butterfly tree." Forms and donation envelopes have been provided on the table; you can also send an e-transfer to the office. Please indicate your loved one's full name; no 'same as last year'. All donations will be directed to the chancel budget. Contact Gail Minacs or Joanne in the office for further information. Names for butterflies must be received by Sunday March 29th to be included on the tree.

Food Drive – Back Door Mission

Tuesday March 3rd – see the poster on the bulletin board or the website for items needed.

East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle

Udora United Church – Uxbridge, ON