

**This Week at Faith United**

Monday March 16	Prep for Crock Pot Supper (K): 9am Euchre (SR): 1pm Sparks (S): 6:00pm Pathfinders/Rangers (SR): 6:30pm The Porch <i>Light</i> Bible Study (LR): 6:30pm
Tuesday March 17	Quilting & Knitters (SR): 9:30am Tots on Tuesday: 10am <b>St. Patrick's Day Crock Pot Supper (S): 5pm</b> Happy Harmony Choir (SR): 7pm
Wednesday March 18	UCW (SR): 1pm
Thursday March 19	Men's Gathering (LR): 9:30am Clarrington Quilt Guild (S): 1pm Durham Storytellers (LR): 7pm
Friday March 20	
Saturday March 21	
Sunday March 22	Hybrid Worship (S): 10:30 am Joyful Noise: 10:30am 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**

**Our Thanks**

We would like to thank everyone for all the cards and the sympathy shown to our family since Alex's passing. Thank you to Rev. Ned for his support and kindness, Diana for her technical support and the UCW ladies for the beautiful reception at Alex's Celebration of Life. We are truly blessed.  
Barb Sankey and family

**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

**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Fourth 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**

**Call to Worship**

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

**One:** God loves the field mouse.

**All:** **God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.**

**One:** God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

**All:** **God loves the child who rocks and claps.**

**One:** God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

**All:** **God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.**

**One:** God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

**All:** **God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens, standing strong over all of us.**

**One:** God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

**All:** **There is no bit of creation that God does not love.**

**One:** So let us worship this good-news God!

**All:** **Amen.**

**Call to Confession**

## Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness

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

*Includes scripture verses from Leviticus 19:33, Matthew 5:9, Deuteronomy 24:21, Matthew 19:14, and Isaiah 43:1.*

One: God said, "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them."

**All: Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.**

One: Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

**All: We confess, we have clung to guns and war more than we have pursued peace.**

One: God said, "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow."

**All: We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors.**

One: Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them."

**All: We confess, we have gatekept the good news in unfair ways.**

One: Fortunately for all of us, God also said, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine."

**All: By God's grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.**

One: May this good news change our lives!

**All: Amen.**

**Children's Hymn - Entrance: VU 585 (v1)**  
'Jesus Bids Us Shine

## Time For Young & Young at Heart

**Children's Hymn - Exit: VU 585 (v1)**  
'Jesus Bids Us Shine

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 19: 13-15, Deuteronomy 24:17-22 (read by Lisa Lazoren)

**Music Ministry:** 'You Will Deny Me' by B. Stevens

**Message:** "The Good News is Protection and Care for the Vulnerable"

## WE RESPOND

**\*\* Hymn:** "Jesus Loves Me" **VU 365**

## 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.**

**Hymn:** "I Am a Child of God" **MV 157**

## 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

**East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle**  
Rural Faith United Church – Cobourg, ON

## Annual Easter Memorial Butterfly Tree

Now accepting donations for the "butterfly tree." Forms and donation envelopes are on the table or send an e-transfer. Please complete the form in full - no 'same as last year'. All donations go to the chancel budget. Contact Gail Minacs or Joanne for further information. Names for butterflies must be received by Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **The Porch *Light* Bible Study, Monday 6:30-8pm**

In-person in the Living Room and on Zoom.

## **The Seasons of Lent and Easter**

**Palm Sunday Service with Communion:** March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.

**Maundy Thursday Potluck Supper:** a community potluck commemorating the Last Supper; April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm.

**Good Friday service:** April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30am.

**Easter Sunrise Service:** April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7am; with Ebenezer.

**Easter Sunday Service:** April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.

## **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 from Beth or Linda, or in the office.

## **Next Week's Reading**

The scripture readings for March 22<sup>nd</sup> are John 8: 2-11, Matthew 23:23 (NRSV) and our reader is Teena Daize.