

This Week at Faith United

Monday April 13	Euchre (S): 1pm Sparks (S): 6:00pm Pathfinders/Rangers (SR): 6:30pm The Porch <i>Light</i> (LR): 6:30pm
Tuesday April 14	Quilting & Knitters (SR): 9:30am Tots on Tuesday: 10am Council Meeting (LR): 7pm Happy Harmony Choir (SR): 7pm
Wednesday April 15	UCW Meeting (SR): 1pm
Thursday April 16	Men's Gathering (LR): 9:30am Clarrington Quilt Guild (S): 1pm Durham Storytellers (LR): 7pm Choir (S): 7pm
Friday April 17	
Saturday April 18	Antique Car Club Luncheon (S):12pm
Sunday April 19	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.

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: _____

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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**April 12th, 2026
 Holy Humour 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 extend “shalom” – An ancient word of faith meaning peace, wholeness, wellness, & blessing.

**** Praise Song:** ‘Holy Forever’ by Cece Winans

Welcome and Lighting 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.

A Moment for Laughter

Children's Hymn - Entrance: **VU 365**
 “Jesus Loves Me” (v3)

Time For Young & Young at Heart

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Prayer response: I'll say, “And so, we pray to you loving God,” and everyone says together, **“Bless the work of our hearts and the work of our hands.”**

Children's Hymn - Exit: **VU 365**
 “Jesus Loves Me” (v3)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Mark 16: 1-8
(read by Teena Daize)

Music Ministry: "Never Lost" by Cece Winans

Message: "Seized with Terror and Amazement"

WE RESPOND

**** Hymn:** "Give to Us Laughter" **VU 624**

Life and Work of the Congregation

Minute for Mission

Offering

Offertory Prayer (unison)

**Loving God, we give these gifts with thankful hearts.
Use them to share your love, your mercy,
and your hope with the world.**

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:

Hymn: "We Shall Go Out with Hope" **VU 586**

WE GO OUT TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**** Benediction & Commissioning**

**** Closing:** Christ Has No Body Now but Yours **MV 171**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle
Dunsford United Church – Dunsford, ON

The Porch *Light* Bible Study, Monday 6:30-8pm
Rev. Ned's Bible study resumes on Monday, via Zoom and in person. Zoom link will be sent out on Monday.

Living Our Vision

Sign-up sheets for the upcoming visioning sessions are on the table in the atrium. Pick the day/time that works best for you and add your name and contact information. This is your chance to hear about what we have done in the past two years and to help set the path for the next 5-10 years. Workshops begin the week of April 26th.

'Singing for the Love of It' Workshop

On May 2, 2026, from 1-3pm, join Dr. Mark Ruhnke for an afternoon of music - no experience required! We will tell our stories as we sing our hymns. Register by contacting the office - cost is \$15 and includes refreshments.

New – Youth Groups!

Suier Richardson and Michelle Jovel will be leading our Youth Group for those in grades 8-12. The first meeting will be April 26th in the Living Room from 6:30-8:30pm. Theme: 'Inclusion and Connection'. Enjoy games, food, discussion, and creative activities. Bring a friend!

Mark Hunter and Teena Daize will be leading our Junior Youth Group for those in Grades 6 & 7. This group will meet on April 22nd in the Sanctuary from 6-8pm.

Family Fun Night

Next Date: April 24th. Everyone is welcome; please join us from 5-7pm for games and a light meal of chicken nuggets and fries.

Pentecost Sunday Service- May 24th

On Pentecost Sunday we commemorate the arrival of the Holy Spirit. From the book of Acts we hear a story of how the Spirit enabled people to understand one another across different languages. For this Sunday we would like to have many different languages represented in the worship service. If you speak another language, please consider volunteering to do a reading or offer a prayer. Thank you!

Next Week's Reading

The scripture reading for April 19th is Luke 24: 13-35 (NRSV); reader TBA.

Vimy Oaks Project

During our service on April 19th, we will be planting 2 Vimy Oak acorns into pots. During the battle of Vimy Ridge, the oak forest of Vimy was destroyed. A Canadian soldier, Lieutenant Leslie Miller, gathered some acorns from the battlefield and sent them to Canada to be planted. The acorns we will be planting are descendants from these oak trees, and eventually the saplings will be planted on the church grounds. These trees will be a living reminder of our history and our ongoing commitment to peace for the future.

Service Details – Gail Sylvestervich

The funeral service for Gail Sylvestervich will take place at Faith United Church on Friday May 1st, 2026. Visitation will be from 12:30-1:30pm; the funeral will begin at 1:30pm. Rev. Ned will be leading the service.

World Development Relief – Easter Collection

Together we raised \$870.00 for WDR. Thank you for your generosity!