

**This Week at Faith United**

Monday April 20	Clarington Quilt Guild (SR): 9.30am Revelation/Taize Book Study (LR): 1pm Sparks (S): 6:00pm Pathfinders/Rangers (SR): 6:30pm The Porch <i>Light</i> Bible Study (LR): 6.30pm
Tuesday April 21	Quilting & Knitters (SR): 9:30am Tots on Tuesday: 10am Happy Harmony Choir (SR): 7pm
Wednesday April 22	<b>NEW! Junior Youth Group (S): 6pm</b>
Thursday April 23	Men's Gathering (LR): 9:30am Choir (S): 7pm
Friday April 24	Family Fun Night (S): 5-7pm
Saturday April 25	Clarington Quilt Guild (S): 9am
Sunday April 26	Hybrid Worship (S): 10:30 am Joyful Noise: 10:30am <b>Living Our Vision Workshop #1(S): 12pm</b> <b>NEW! Youth Group (LR):6.30pm</b> 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**

**Vimy Oaks Project**

During our service today 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 oak trees. 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. We offer our sincere gratitude to Larry Bryan for including us in this work.

**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 Anishinaabe(Ah-nish-nah-bay), the Haudenosaunee (HO-den-o-SHO-nee) Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat. We are treaty people living in the region of the Williams Treaty.**

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**April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Third Sunday of Easter**



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:** ‘I Can Only Imagine’ by MercyMe

**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.**

**Prayer of Confession**

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One: Easter morning takes us by surprise, awakening us to the doubt and despair that have been rooted in our lives. Let us turn to God.

If, at times, we deny you,

**All: God forgive.**

One: When the risks of discipleship are high, and we are nowhere to be found:

**All: God forgive.**

One: When we wash our hands of responsibility:

**All: God forgive.**

One: When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver:

**All: God forgive.**

One: When fear keeps us from witnessing your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it:

**All: God forgive.**

One: In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed.

**All: Tender God, raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may be witness to your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus the Risen One. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

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One: In any person, and in all circumstances, God works with wondrous power, forgiving us, renewing and restoring us, reconciling us to one another and to god. We are forgiven. Glory be to God.

### **Children's Hymn - Entrance:**

Holy Spirit, Hear Us **VU 377 v2**

### **Time For Young & Young at Heart**

### **Planting the Vimy Oak Acorns**

Larry Bryan retired reservist Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders. With the Royal Canadian Legion.

### **Children's Hymn - Exit:**

Holy Spirit, Hear Us **VU 377 v2**

### **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 24: 13-35 (reader TBA)

**Music Ministry:** "Because He Lives"

by W.J and G. Gaither

**Message:** "Continue On"

### **WE RESPOND**

**\*\* Hymn:** "Come Touch our Hearts" **MV 12**

### **Life and Work of the Congregation**

### **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.**

### **Message from Larry Bryan**

### **Presentation of the Vimy Oak Seedlings**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Hymn:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" **VU 806**

### **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**  
Windsong United Church – Maynooth, ON

### **'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.

### **Next Week's Reading**

The scripture reading for April 26<sup>th</sup> is John 20:19-31 (NRSV) and our reader is Beth MacEwan.

### **The Porchlight Bible Study**

Mondays at 6:30pm; in person and via Zoom.

### **Book Study**

Revelation/Taize Book Study continues Monday at 1pm.

### **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 mark down 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. How exciting!

### **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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Sanctuary from 6-8pm.

### **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!

### **Snack Packs for the Back Door Mission**

We are collecting specific small snack-sized items to create Snack Packs for inclusion in our Food Drive for the Back Door Mission on May 5<sup>th</sup>; see the poster on the bulletin board and on our website.