

**This Week at Faith United**

Monday April 27	Euchre (S): 1pm Sparks (S): 6:00pm Pathfinders/Rangers (SR): 6:30pm The Porch <i>Light</i> (LR): 6:30pm
Tuesday April 28	Quilting & Knitters (SR): 9:30am Tots on Tuesday: 10am Happy Harmony Choir (SR): 7pm
Wednesday April 29	
Thursday April 30	Men's Gathering (LR): 9:30am Living Our Vision (LR): 1:00pm Choir (S): 7pm
Friday May 1	Funeral (Gail Sylvestervich) (S): visitation at 12:30pm and funeral at 1:30pm
Saturday May 2	Singing for the Love of It (S): 1:00-3:00pm
Sunday May 3	Hybrid Worship (S): 10:30 am Joyful Noise: 10:30am Private Rental (S): 2pm 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Fourth 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:** '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.**

**Prayer of Confession**

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One: Let us confess our shortcomings, recalling the words of Christ: Jesus said, "Peace be with you."

**All: Yet sometimes we sow discord, neglecting to make peace with others.**

One: Jesus said, "As God has sent me, so I send you."

**All: Yet sometimes we refuse to go, fearing to follow unknown paths of faith.**

One: Jesus said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

**All: But we turn away, rejecting the gifts of the Spirit.**

*Silent Reflection*

One: Forgive us, blessed God,  
 in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

## Words of Assurance

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One: As the sun melts the ice in spring, as blossoms burst forth on dry branches- so God's warmth heals and transforms the deadness and brokenness within us. In Christ we are a forgiven people! Thanks be to God!

**Children's Hymn - Entrance:** VU 377 v2  
"Holy Spirit, Hear Us"

## Time For Young & Young at Heart

**Children's Hymn - Exit:** VU 377 v2  
"Holy Spirit, Hear Us"

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

**Scripture Reading:** John 20:19-31  
(read by Beth MacEwan)

**Music Ministry:** "There is a Balm in Gilead"

**Message:** "The Life He Came to Share"

## WE RESPOND

**\*\* Hymn:** "He Came Singing Love" VU 359

## 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:** "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" VU 374

## 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**  
Northminster UC (Peterborough)

**The Porch Light Bible Study, Monday 6:30-8pm**  
Via Zoom and in person. Zoom link will be sent out on Monday.

### Living Our Vision

The workshops to explore where we are headed for the next 5-10 years are happening this week. There will be 4 groups meeting after worship today and another group meeting on Thursday at 1:00 pm. For those people who were not able to sign up for these sessions, we are planning other options to get your ideas, dreams, and visions. Stay tuned for more information.

### '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 tonight 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 met on April 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Sanctuary and is planning future activities. Watch for more information!

### Pentecost Sunday Service- May 24<sup>th</sup>

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!

### Pulpit Exchange Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Rev. Jeff Doucette from Enniskillen-Tyrone United Church is coming to Faith United to lead us in worship.

### Back Door Mission Food Drive May 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00-noon

The Back Door Mission is requesting snack packs. We would like to ask for the following items as a donation to fill Ziploc bags with snacks, for the Back Door mission to hand out after meals are served or activities are completed: juice boxes, individually wrapped cookies, granola bars, fruit cups, and individually wrapped crackers. Next Sunday, we will gather in the sunroom to fill the bags with the donated snacks. These will be delivered on Tuesday, May 5 as part of the food drive. Any questions, contact Gail Scott at 905-429-7798.

### Service Details - Gail Sylvestervich

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