

This Week at Faith United

Monday April 6	Office is closed Revelation/Taize Book Study (LR): 1pm Sparks (S): 6:00pm Pathfinders/Rangers (SR): 6:30pm
Tuesday April 7	Simcoe Hall Settlement House Food Drive: 9am Quilting & Knitters (SR): 9:30am Tots on Tuesday: 10am Happy Harmony Choir (SR): 7pm
Wednesday April 8	Community Care Luncheon (S): 12pm
Thursday April 9	Men's Gathering (LR): 9:30am Choir (S): 7pm
Friday April 10	
Saturday April 11	Souper Sundae Prep (Kitchen): 9am
Sunday April 12	Hybrid Worship (S): 10:30 am Joyful Noise: 10:30am Souper Sundae (S): 11.30am 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

Next Week's Reading

The scripture reading for April 12th is John 20:19-31 (NRSV) and our reader is Teena Daize.

April Food Drive

Our next food drive is on April 7th, for Simcoe Hall Settlement House. Please see the poster on the bulletin board or on the website for items needed.

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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April 5th, 2026

Easter 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

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

One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

All: On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.

One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

All: But today, we know the good news is alive and well.

One: The good news is dancing!

All: The good news is on the loose!

One: The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

All: Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.

One: Let us worship our good-news Christ.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

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

Gracious God, we want to be Easter people.

We want to shout your good news from the rooftop.

We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you.

We want to follow the angels,

who said, "Be not afraid," but we are afraid.
And we don't know where to look.
And we are worried we'll say the wrong thing.
So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people.
We are best intentions and best laid plans.
We are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias."
We are on our way, but we are not there yet.
Show us how to embody your good news.
Show us how to be your Easter people.
With hope for tomorrow, we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness

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One: Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias," we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God's love at bay. So join me in this good news declaration:

**All: Through Jesus Christ we are seen,
saved, loved, and claimed.
This is the good news of the gospel!
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Children's Hymn - Entrance:

"Jesus Loves Me" (v3)

Time For Young & Young at Heart

Children's Hymn - Exit:

"Jesus Loves Me" (v3)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

(read by Dan Hanewich)

Music Ministry: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

by J.S Bach

Message: "The Good News is Alive in the World"

WE RESPOND

**** Hymn:** "This is the Day that God has Made" VU 175

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.

Affirmation of Faith

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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: "Joyful, Joyful we Adore You"

VU 232

WE GO OUT TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**** Benediction & Commissioning**

**** Closing:** Three Fold Amen

VU 967

ANNOUNCEMENTS

East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle

Windsong United Church – Maynooth, ON

Bible/Book Study

Revelation/Taize Book Study continues on Monday at 1pm.

Rev. Ned's Bible Study returns next week.

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!

Souper Sundae

Next Sunday!! \$10 gets you a variety of soups, bread roll, and a 'make-your-own-sundae' station. Hot/cold drinks included. Children eat for free

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.

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.

More details for each group to follow.

Office Closure

Please note that the office will be closed on Easter Monday.