

**This Week at Faith United**

Monday May 18	<b>Victoria Day Holiday – Offices are closed today</b> Revelation Book Study (LR):1pm Pathfinders/Rangers (SR): 6:30pm
Tuesday May 19	Quilting & Knitters (SR): 9:30am Tots on Tuesday: 10am M&S Fundraiser + Happy Harmony Choir (S):7pm
Wednesday May 20	UCW (SR):1pm Junior Youth Group (S): 6pm
Thursday May 21	Men’s Gathering (LR): 9:30am Clarrington Quilt Guild (S): 1pm Durham Storytellers (LR):7pm Choir (S): 7pm
Friday May 22	
Saturday May 23	
Sunday May 24	Hybrid Worship (S): 10:30 am Joyful Noise: 10:30am Youth Group (LR): 6.30pm 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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**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
 Sixth 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:** “Hold on to me” by L. Daigle

**Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

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**Lord our God,  
 you have raised your Son to be with you,  
 and we sing to you in joy.  
 Send your Spirit, as he has promised us,  
 to free all people from hated and from fear,  
 and so give us the peace of Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Opening Prayer**

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**Lord, help us not to dwell too much on the past,  
 holding you to the Galilean hills  
 and the streets of Jerusalem,  
 but to know you more and more  
 as present Lord and Saviour, risen, ascended,  
 and always present with us  
 through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Children’s Hymn - Entrance:** “Hallelu, Hallelu”

**Time For Young & Young at Heart**

**Children’s Hymn - Exit:** “Hallelu, Hallelu”

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

**Scripture Reading:** Acts 1: 1-14  
(read by Kristine Kurtosy)

**Music Ministry:** "Christ is Alive!"

**Message:** "What are we Witnessing Here?"

## WE RESPOND

**\*\* Hymn:** "Spirit God, Be Our Breath"      **MV 150**

**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 Are One"      **VU 402**

## WE GO OUT TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**\*\* Benediction & Commissioning**

**\*\* Closing:** "Go, Make a Difference"      **MV 20**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Book Study**

Revelation/Taize Book Study continues Monday at 1pm.

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

We will not be meeting this Monday; this group resumes on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Living Room.

### **Our Thanks!**

Thank you to everyone who bought the members of the Property Team a coffee as a thank you for their hard work. The big Coffee Time Cup was overflowing from your generosity. The total amount collected was \$1206.80! The team members are grateful for the amazing show of appreciation. Thank you! The team felt this would more coffee than they could drink and so are happy to pay it forward.

### **Happy Harmony + M&S Fundraiser**

Tuesday May 19, 2026, 7 - 9pm: join us for an evening of song and entertainment with the Happy Harmony Women's Choir. A free will offering will be collected with proceeds going to the Mission and Service Fund. Everyone is welcome!

### **Junior Youth Group**

Mark Hunter and Teena Daize invite youth in Grades 6 & 7 to their next meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Bring a friend!

### **Thank You**

Thank you to Rev. Ned and the members of Faith for their prayers, cards, and visits during my recent illness. Your phone calls and flowers were so appreciated too. I look forward to seeing you all soon! - Dorothy Shrigley

**East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle**  
Enniskillen-Tyrone Pastoral Charge

### **Tuesdays with Morrie**

Faith United and Mansfield Entertainment presents "Tuesdays with Morrie". Mitch Albom visited Morrie Schwarz in his study every Tuesday, just as they used to back in college. Their rekindled relationship turned into one final 'class': lessons in how to live.

Performance dates:

Wednesday June 10th at 7:30pm

Thursday June 11th at 2:00pm

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Tickets are available after worship or from the office.

General admission - \$34, Seniors - \$29, Two for One Deal - \$55.

### **Educational Bursary**

It's that time of year again when your Educational Bursary Committee appeals for funding from the congregation. A monetary contribution to the fund can be made through the office any time. Contributions can also be placed in the collection plate with "Bursary Fund" clearly printed on the outside of the envelope along with your name. Contributions of any amount are appreciated. Bursary application documents can be downloaded from the church website; the deadline to apply is July 31, 2026. The bursary is awarded on Thanksgiving weekend. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Goodfellow.

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### **Office Closures**

Please note that the minister's office and the administrator's office will be closed on Monday May 18, 2026, to observe the Victoria Day holiday.

### **Notice: Upcoming Parking Lot Closure**

The parking lot will be **closed** on Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> for line painting for the entire day.