



October 11th, 2026

Thanksgiving Sunday

Text in **bold** indicates speaking in unison.

This symbol ** indicates we will stand if able

Hearing amplification devices available at the sound booth

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WE GATHER

Shalom: Let us extend “shalom”– An ancient word of faith meaning peace, wholeness, wellness, & blessing.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

(Written by **Elaine Bidgood Sweet**, Zion Lutheran Church, Minot, North Dakota,. **Gathering**, Pentecost 2 2026, page 42. Used with permission.)

One: We seek God’s presence in our lives today.

All: We seek God’s Spirit moment by moment in worship.

One: As we journey in faith, we strive to move forward in faith.

All: We will never turn back, except to give thanks.

One: And so we welcome the guiding light of Christ.

****Hymn:** “Praise God for this Holy Ground” **MV 42**

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

(Written by Jean Leckie. Georgetown, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2026, page 42-43. Used with permission.)

One: The orchards are full, the crops are being harvested, gardens are yielding tomatoes and cucumbers, squash and potatoes. The grocery shelves may be overflowing with local produce on top of the normal imports.

All: **There is abundance in your Creation and so we praise you for your generosity, O God.**

One: Yet too often, the economic systems function as if there is only scarcity, inciting people to believe that there is not enough. But you have taught us not to fear and promised that you will always provide for our needs.

All: **Change hearts and minds, O God. Change actions and systems so that we can rejoice in your abundance and share generously all that you have entrusted to us.**

One: We praise you for your generosity, O God.

All: **Amen.**

****Hymn:** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom" **VU 356**

Presentation of the Bursary Award

Time for the Young and Young at Heart

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 7-18, read by Dan Hanewich

Music Ministry: "Hymn of Grateful Praise" by J. Carter

Sermon: "Remember Today"

WE RESPOND

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:

Life and Work of the Congregation

Mission and Service Story

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.**

****Hymn: "When We Are Living" VU 581 v. 1-3**

WE GO OUT TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**** Benediction & Commissioning**

**** Closing Hymn: "When we are Living" VU 581 v.4**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Faith Events

October 18: M&S Soup & Sandwich Lunch

October 24: Wartime Radio Show

November 1: Pumpkin Parade

November 7: Faith Christmas Bazaar

November 12: Shopping Bus Tour

December 6: Faith Christmas Concert

January 3: Faith Hockey Fundraiser

November Bus Trip – A Shopping Adventure!

Thursday November 12th – enjoy a country experience, with stops in Campbellford, Stirling, and close to Belleville. Stop in at Empire Cheese, Stedman's, Trent Hill Mercantile & Hardware, Dooher's Bakery, and Taste of Country. Bus leaves at 8am; tickets are \$100. See Linda or Beth for tickets.

Thanksgiving Day Notices

Please note that Bible Study is cancelled on Monday evening. The offices of the minister and the administrator will be closed on Monday; all staff have the day off.

M&S Soup & Sandwich Lunch

Our annual Soup & Sandwich fundraiser is on October 18th; all proceeds benefit Mission & Service. Gail Scott is selling tickets after church today in the atrium.

Faith United Church Hockey Night Fundraiser

Save the date! Join us for a fun-filled afternoon on Sunday January 3rd, 2027, as we watch the Oshawa Generals vs the Barrie Colts. The puck drops at 2:05pm! Tickets will be sold by Elleena Keating today after church in the atrium.

East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle

Claremont United Church – Claremont, ON

Faith Christmas Bazaar

The Bazaar is four weeks away!

Please note the following deadlines:

Donations of jewelry and Christmas décor: last day to drop off at the church is Thursday October 22nd;

Items for the baking and preserves table: please drop these off at the church on Friday November 6th, no earlier. Thank you.

Mitten Tree

Our Mitten Tree is going up next month! IDEA: shop for items at our bazaar if you do not knit. Items collected on the Mitten Tree are given to children at our local schools.

Wartime Radio Show – Saturday October 24th

This is a fundraiser for our church!

Tickets are available in the office for either the 2pm or the 7pm show on October 24th. Tickets are \$25 if bought in advance or \$30 if bought at the door. Thank you to the many volunteers who are working hard to put this show on!

Pulpit Supply – October 18th

Next Sunday we welcome Susan Pleasance to the pulpit as Rev. Ned has a funeral that day.

Junior Youth Group – Upcoming Meeting

Bring a friend and join Mark and Suier this Wednesday at 6.30pm. Come for the snacks – stay for the fun!

Christmas Concert

Save the date! Join us on Sunday December 6th at 2pm for our Faith Christmas Concert featuring the Faith United Choir and friends. Once again this event will be a benefit for LifeWater Canada.

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.

Faith United is a scent-free environment.

Our accessible washroom is on the main floor.
Other washrooms are available in the Sun Room.
Please share your bulletins, then recycle them.

This Week at Faith United

Monday October 12	Thanksgiving Day: offices are closed Euchre (S): 1pm Sparks (S): 6pm Pathfinders/Rangers (SR) 6.30pm
Tuesday October 13	Quilting & Knitters (SR): 9.30am TOTS (LR): 10am Happy Harmony Choir (SR): 7pm Council Meeting (LR): 7pm
Wednesday October 14	Clarrington Quilt Guild Executive (SR):9.30am Community Care Lunch (S): 12pm Junior Youth Group (S): 6.30pm
Thursday October 15	Men's Gathering (LR): 9:30am Craft Group: 10am Choir (S): 7pm Durham Storytellers (LR): 7pm
Friday October 16	
Saturday October 17	Private Rental (S): 12pm
Sunday October 18	Hybrid Worship (S): 10:30 am M&S Soup & Sandwich Lunch (S): 12pm Private Rental (S) – 7pm

Minister: Rev. Ned Wells
Worship Host: Ruth Goodfellow
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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.