



Program Calendar Fall 2016

**We are a people of faith
growing deeper in communion,
broader in compassion and
stronger in connection
through our learning
and our living.
Come join us!**

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As people of Faith our DNA is Communion, Compassion and Connection. The 3 Cs. The foundation for our journey. Our constant questions as followers of the Way of Jesus are:

- How can I deepen my communion - my spirituality?
- How can I broaden my compassion - my outreach?
- How can I strengthen my connection with my fellow journeyers - my fellowship?

This brochure offers you many ways that you can put the 3 Cs into action. There is something for everyone in these pages.

Once you’ve selected what you want to participate in, registration is easy. You can:

- Sign up on Sunday morning after worship
- Call the office at 905-433-8953 during office hours or leave a message on the answering machine
- Click on the link on the web site and electronically register
- Fees can be paid in person, mailed in, or call the office and use our credit card service

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My Notes:

Welcome to the Fall 2016 Program Calendar. In these pages you will find a wealth of opportunities for you to explore as you journey down the road of Communion, Compassion and Connection.

Some programs are carrying on from previous seasons, but continue to welcome new members. Other programs are new this season. Some programs are weekly, some biweekly and some are special one-day events. There is something here for everyone!

Take some time to read through the full booklet. What speaks to you at this time in your life, at this point on your path? Challenge yourself - stretch a bit - and remember that you are not travelling alone. Surely, God is in this place!

Nursery

Children (0-3) are encouraged to learn through experience: sharing, exploring, and experimenting. The leaders guide the children as they discover the toys, small books, and play centres. Through stories and pictures, they learn of God's love.

For infants, rocking chairs and portable cribs are available to help both the parents/guardians and their babies feel at home. Supervision is

provided on a rotating basis with a roster of care-givers.

- *Sundays and at special events throughout the year*
- *Gail Shkuratoff, Ashley Bonekat, Ashley Peacock, and Shannon Terry*

Joyful Noise

Joyful Noise is Faith United's children's program for ages 3/ JK to Grade 5. Children spend a few minutes in the church service and then after a Children's Time with our minister, they go out to Joyful Noise where they are invited to learn about a story from the Bible.

Children will study one Bible story each week that generally coincides with the sermon for that day. Through crafts, activities, dramatic play and movies, we will go deeper into each story.

Parents are invited to register their child(ren) with Ashley.

- *Sundays, beginning September 11*
- *Facilitator: Ashley Muir*

JAM (Jesus and Me)

Jam is a new program for youth ages Grade 6 and up. We will be studying Rob Bell's video series, "Nooma". This is a fantastic series of short videos that discuss different life

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struggles, obstacles or achievements through Jesus' teachings.

We will meet twice a month on Sundays during worship. As with Joyful Noise, the youth will start in the sanctuary and then proceed down to the Games Room after Children's Time.

- *Sundays during worship, September to June*
- *Facilitator: Ashley Muir*

Tots on Tuesday

This program for parents and preschoolers, offered Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 provides an opportunity for story and song, simple crafts, snacks, music and fun.

It is a casual time for children to meet, learn and play together to spark and nurture their faith journey, while their parents/caregivers enjoy a time for companionship as well as time for coffee and friendship.

- *Tuesdays 10:00-11:30 am, September to June*
- *Facilitator: Enid DeCoe*

CSIS (Christians Serving In Society)

This program includes fun and fellowship, creative activities, spiritual development, and

outreach projects for youth in grade seven and up.

The group meets twice a month: once at the church building where we develop our relationship with each other and the other meeting offsite doing various activities the group has planned such as bowling, supporting local projects e.g. St Vincent's Kitchen and getting together with neighbouring youth groups.

- *First meeting September 11 7:00-9:00 pm for a pizza party*
- *Facilitator: Ashley Muir*

Family Fun Night

Come join us for kid friendly suppers and activities for the whole family as we gather monthly in the sanctuary. There will be music and stories and all kinds of family oriented activities. Each month has a different theme to go with the time of year!

There is fun for grandparents to babies and everyone in between. Come, let us make dinner for you while you have fun!

- *Fridays at 5:00-7:00 pm: September 30, October 28, November 25 and December 16*
- *Facilitators: Enid DeCoe and Ashley Muir*

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Watch the bulletin for other opportunities to serve. There can never be too many helping hands!

Euchre

Twice a month on Mondays at 1:00 pm - check the church calendar for dates

United Church Women (UCW)

The second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm

St Vincent's Kitchen

First Wednesday of the month

Community Care Luncheon

Second Wednesday of the month at noon

Meals on Wheels

Monday, Wednesday and Friday approximately every six weeks - watch the calendar for dates

Men's Gathering

Thursdays at 9:30 am

Men's Breakfast

The last Sunday of each month at 9:00 am

Movie Nights

Movie nights are free, but there's no concessions stand so bring your own treats!

Eddie the Eagle

October 14 at 7:00 pm

The Book Thief

November 11 at 7:00 pm

The Lady in the Van
December 9 at 7:00 pm

Special Events

Please join us for these special events. Tickets for dinners and concerts are available through the church office. Please get yours in advance so the crew knows how many they are cooking for!

The Affections of May
Herongate Dinner Theatre
September 15 at 6:00 pm

Christmas Bazaar
November 5
9:00 am–2:00 pm

A Song Upon my Heart
M&S fundraiser
November 19 at 7:00 pm

Advent Concert
December 10 at 7:00 pm

Some events were not finalized by the time of printing. Please check the bulletin for additions to the church calendar.

Did you know that Faith United is on the web? Check out the congregational website at www.faithunited.ca as well as our social media sites on Facebook (Faith United Church) and Twitter (@faithunited) for up-to-date information about our programs and coming events.

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□ *Facilitator: Betty Turcott*

Faith Reads

The last Tuesday of the month get together with other readers to explore a new book. See Gail or Gladys to borrow each month's selections. This fall's reading will include:

- September 27 Ten Things I Learned about Love (Sarah Butler)
- October 25 Brain on Fire: My Month of Madness (Susannah Cahalan)
- November 29 Somewhere in France (Jennifer Robson)
- *Last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm*
- *Facilitators: Gladys Davidson-Lake and Gail Sylvestervich*

How Adults Learn

Have you ever been asked to help out by leading a break-out group at an event? Have you thought that maybe you could co-facilitate a program, but were uneasy about it because you don't have any experience doing it or have had a challenging experience in the past with a group?

This is your opportunity to pick up some insights into how adult learning happens and some tips on working in a group. There will also be time for discussion as well as some pointers on developing PowerPoint slide

shows.

- *Tuesday, September 20 7:00-9:00 pm*
- *Facilitator: Diana Chappell*

Let's Create!

This group of programs is offered throughout the year with an array of creative activities for fun and fellowship. No registration required.

Craft Group

Tuesdays at 9:30 am
Santa's elves work year round to prepare for the Christmas bazaar

Quilters

Tuesdays at 9:30 am
Work on a project of your own or join our group creating larger projects

Faith Paints

Thursdays at 1:00 pm
Work in whatever medium you choose with all members providing support and leadership

Other Opportunities

In addition to raising donations for the United Church Mission and Service Fund and our own local Church Work in Durham, we also have opportunities to give of ourselves.

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Children's Choir

Calling all kids! We are forming a children's choir to sing at the Advent Concert. Children will be expected to memorize three or four unison songs. Parents are welcome to volunteer.

- *Sundays after worship starting September 11*
- *Music Facilitator: Oksana Hahn*

Men's Gospel Group

The Men's Gospel Group meets every Thursday evening for a fun-filled hour of singing and fellowship.

We cover a large repertoire - everything from traditional hymns and contemporary praise tunes to gospel favourites.

Bring your voice and enthusiasm!

- *Thursdays 6:00-7:00 pm, starting September 8*
- *Music Facilitator: Oksana Hahn*

Adult Choir

The Faith United Choir is always looking for more voices. If you would like to share your musical gifts, we would be delighted to have you join us.

We rehearse Thursday evenings and sing most Sundays as part of worship. The majority of

the music is in four parts (SATB).

All are welcome to join us. If you like to sing and praise our God, this is the place for you!

- *Thursdays 7:15-9:15 pm starting September 8*
- *Music Facilitator: Oksana Hahn*

The Porch

Solomon's Porch was the place in the Temple where religious teachers would come and share their interpretations of scripture and people would debate and contend with them.

This weekly gathering looks at the upcoming Sunday's readings and will give participants a chance to ask questions and learn more background about the texts and get thinking about what they might hear the following Sunday.

Join us on the Porch!

Also available online on our Facebook page - Faith United Church (Courtice, ON)

- *Mondays at 10:30 am, September to June*
- *Facilitator: Rev. Larry Doyle*

God's Wonder in Me

"I am a feather on the breath of God." (Hildegard of Bingen 1098-1179)

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This year's women's retreat will explore the life of Hildegard and what we can learn from her. Creativity, community, music and worship combine for an experience that every woman will treasure.

- *September 23-25*
- *Cost: \$140*
- *Facilitators : Betty Turcott, Diana Chappell*

Blessed are You

This study by John C. Purdy examines the Old Testament roots and context of the Beatitudes. We will explore the contemporary implications of these powerful words and through our study, discover fresh understanding and insights that will enrich our faith.

The Beatitudes - part of the Sermon on the Mount - are found in the first 13 verses of Matthew chapter 5. The resource book is published by The Kerygma Program. Purdy condenses the eight Beatitudes into six chapters:

- The poor in spirit
- The mourners and the meek
- The merciful
- The pure in heart
- The peacemakers
- The prophets of righteousness

- *Second and fourth Wednesdays 7:00-9:00 pm, beginning September 28th*
- *Book Cost: \$13*
- *Facilitators: Pat Long and Eleanor Gray*

Into the Mystic

Mystics are devoted to an intentional journey toward spiritual union with the Presence of God. In each of these three sessions, we'll explore the meaning and history of mysticism, learn about the lives and writings of some famous mystics (like Francis, Teresa and Merton) and try out some of their practices.

- *Wednesdays 7:00-9:00 pm, October 5, November 2, December 7*
- *Facilitator: Rev. Larry Doyle*

Faith Thru Drama

Join us for a worshipful and fun time as we discover God's words by acting out God's message. This is not a group for professional actors, quite the opposite. This is for spiritual people that want to glorify God through the use of drama.

From time to time, we will get the opportunity to participate in worship, but fear not, participation is completely voluntary. Our main purpose is to read and act out scripture

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together to gain deeper insights into the stories.

For those that would like to contribute to worship, there will be many different roles that you could play: speaking parts, non-speaking parts, crowds of extras, narrators and of course the support people like props and costumes. You will never be asked to do anything that makes you uncomfortable.

I look forward to a wonderful night of fellowship, worship and creative expressions

Hope to see you there!

- *Mondays at 7:00 pm: October 3, November 7, December 5*
- *Facilitator: Suier Richardson*

Standing for the Future

Michael Dowd's credo is: "Reality is my God. Evidence is my scripture. Big History is my creation story. Ecology is my theology. Integrity is my spiritual path. And fostering a just and healthy future is my mission."

Celebrated by both liberals and conservatives and gifted at building bridges between secular and religious, Michael's great joy, as of 2016, is evangelizing the message of "Standing for the Future" and promoting "Reality's Rules: Ten Commandments to Avoid

Extinction and Redeem Humanity".

Michael and Connie both see honoring "Grace Limits" as the key to success – individually and collectively.

For folks who have seen Michael in the past, this new 3 part series freshly restates his case in a clearer, easier to follow way.

For folks new to Michael Dowd, come and discover a new refreshing understanding of God, Religion and how we must live.

- *Mondays at 7:30 pm, October 24, November 14 and November*
- *Facilitators: John Sylvestervich and Jim Ellis*

Sing Some Songs of Christmas

Sunday, December 11th is the Advent Sunday of Joy. What better time to gather after worship to sing Christmas carols?

There will be a time for your favourites, as well as a time to learn the story behind some of the well-known carols. Come and share in this time of music and word as we continue our journey toward Christmas. No minimum required.

- *Sunday, December 11 after worship*