

Announcements

Sunday March 15th, 2026

***Welcome! We enjoy open seating,
so please, sit where you feel comfortable,
and meet a new friend.***

Today's Greeters are Judy and Myno Van Dyke.

Today's Reader is Nate Blesse.

Bible Study

Bible Study continues this week on Wednesday from 10 am to 10:45 am. From 10:45 to 11:15 we will be piloting a **new program** that explores the **wisdom that aging brings**. All welcome!

Coffee Time



Please join us in the hall after the service for fellowship. This week's treats brought to you by the UCW.

Lent...a time to Reflect and Pray

This Wednesday, and for each Wednesday in Lent, the sanctuary will be heated and open for silent reflection from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A prayer labyrinth will also be laid out in the hall for those wishing to walk the labyrinth as a way of meditation and prayer.

Flowers For Easter

If you are interested in having flowers placed in the sanctuary for Easter, please see Lynne in the office. She can take names of individuals the flowers are for and payment, and coordinate to have the flowers ordered. Flowers can be 'in memory of' or in 'honour of'.

Dates at a Glance.....

March 16 th , at 4:30-6:30 pm	Chili Cook-Off
March 17 th , at 7 pm	Session Meeting
March 20 th , at 10 am	Craft Group
March 22 nd , after service	Lunch & Learn, Toward 2035
April 19 th , at 7 pm	Acoustic Blvd Concert

Chili Cook-Off!

TOMORROW IS THE DAY!! The Stewards are sponsoring a delicious chili supper on Monday, March 16th, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. To add to the fun, you will be invited to vote for your favourite chili! \$10 a bowl or 3 tasters for \$10. \$5 for kids 5-12. Kids 4 and under eat free. Garlic bread and a sundae for dessert are also included. Cash at the door. The winner will be announced at 6:30 p.m.!

Craft Group

The Crafters are having an initial meeting on **Friday, March 20th at 10.00 a.m.** to discuss ideas for the bazaar. Bring your ideas, your samples, and your imagination. If you can't make it send your ideas along to Marion Hillyard.

Lunch and Learn: Toward 2035

One of the projects brought forward from our Visioning Team was Lunch and Learn sessions. Our first Lunch and Learn is set for **Sunday, March 22nd after church** in the hall. Our Congregational Life Team will provide a yummy lunch and then we will meet for about an hour to explore the data that the United Church of Canada is sharing around future church development. Don't worry it is not all numbers!! Come to be challenged and inspired.

Spring Concert ~ Acoustic Blvd

The Stewards invite you to mark your calendars for a spring concert set for Sunday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. The evening will feature the band Acoustic Blvd who perform classic acoustic rock songs from the 60's and 70's to present day. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in advance from a Steward, the church office or at the door.



Cheese orders are due this Sunday!

Operation Clean Sweep

Newcastle United Church is joining the **Clean-Up Crew for Operation Clean Sweep!**

The clean-up is happening **Saturday, April 18th** from 10:00 a.m. to noon. This project is to clean up and beautiful the Port of Newcastle, Bond Head and the Samuel Wilmot Nature Area. Interested in being part of the Newcastle United Church team? Already plan to participate in the clean-up, but with another team? Either way, please let Brian Reid know so he can share details and make sure you get a United Church of Canada button to wear!

Kids' Clothing Swap ~ seeking donations

We are hosting a kids' clothing swap on Saturday, April 25th from 10 am to 2 pm in the church hall. We are seeking donations of infant and kids' clothing (sizes 0 to 3 months to 14-16). We ask that clothing be donated in clear bags or boxes and that the clothing be clean, free of rips and stains, with working zippers. It would be a great help if your bag/box is labelled with the clothing size. The official drop-off for clothing donations is Friday, April 24th. An alternate drop-off time can be arranged by calling the church office.

*Stewardship Second, March 15th, Fourth Sunday in Lent
Use generosity and gratitude to bring light,
truth, and wholeness.*

Kitchen Conversations

[Kitchen Conversations with the Moderator](#) is a series exploring faith, food, and the power of inviting one another to the table, hosted by United Church of Canada Moderator Kimberly Heath. Drawing inspiration and recipes from the United Church's Lenten devotional, [Bless Break Share](#), we're breaking bread with guests from across the church throughout Lent, reflecting on how food can nourish both body and soul. This week, Rev. Dr. Sharon Ballantyne shares her grandmother's pie crust recipe, along with a reflection on how through feeding others, we can feel truly fed. Find the series on <https://united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/kitchen-conversations-moderator-episode-4-apple-pie-sharon>

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