

Announcements

Sunday March 22nd, 2026

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

Today's Greeters are David and Louise Tegtmeyer.

Today's Reader is Heather Griffin.

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!

Lunch and Learn: Toward 2035

Please plan to stay after church today for a Lunch and Learn! 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.

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.

Dates at a Glance.....

Today, after the service	Lunch & Learn, Toward 2035
March 25 th , at 11 am	Vision 200 Meeting
March 29 th , at 9 am	Stewards Meeting
April 3 rd , at 10:30 am	Good Friday Service
April 19 th , at 7 pm	Acoustic Blvd Concert

Flowers For Easter

You are invited to make a donation for Easter flowers in loving memory or in honour of a loved one.

Donations may be placed in the light blue envelopes available in at the church entrance. Please include both your loved one's name and your own name (so we can include your donation on your annual receipt).

Your loved one's name will be lovingly acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Chili Dinner Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Chili Dinner such a wonderful success. We are grateful to all the volunteers who prepared food, served our guests, welcomed people at the door, helped in the kitchen, provided music, washed dishes, and stayed late to clean up and take down tables. Your time, energy, and teamwork made the evening run smoothly and created a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

We also extend a sincere thank you to everyone who came out to support the event. Thanks to your generosity and participation, we raised almost \$500 for our church. Your support and community spirit are greatly appreciated! 🌸

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.

Spring Concert ~ Acoustic Blvd

The Stewards invite you to mark your calendars for a spring concert on 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.

Operation Clean Sweep

Newcastle United Church is joining the Clean-Up Crew for Operation Clean Sweep! The clean-up is on 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, 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!

*Stewardship Second, March 22nd,
Fifth Sunday in Lent*

***Our stewardship reflects our relationship
with God; our relationship with God
transforms our stewardship.***

Kitchen Conversations

This week, we're joined by Isla Sheridan-Jonah, a Youth Climate Motivator with the United Church, for a classic after-church snack of cupcakes and lemonade at Speedside United Church, a historic community of faith in rural Ontario with roots dating back to the 1840s. Isla reflects on how what we choose to eat connects us with the wider world, whether through its impact on climate, or the lives of those who harvest it.

Ministry in our church is shared between the congregation and the staff:

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Choir practice: Thursday, 3:00 p.m.