

Announcements

Sunday March 8th, 2026

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

Today's Greeters are Don and Donna Scott.

Today's Reader is Hope Pascoe.

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 Ministry and Personnel.

Lent...a time to Reflect and Pray

Starting Wednesday, February 18th 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.....

March 9 th at 4:30 pm	Crock Pot Dinner
March 13 th , 1:00 p.m.	Stewards Meeting
March 17 th , at 7 pm	Session Meeting
March 16 th , at 4:30-6:30 pm	Chili Cook-Off
March 22 nd , after service	Lunch & Learn, Project 2035
April 10 th , at 7 pm	Acoustic Blvd Concert

Chili Cook-Off!

Calling all chili enthusiasts! 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: Project 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.

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.

Opportunities to Lend a Helping Hand

If you are not a “join a committee” sort of person, please consider volunteering for a small job that needs to be done around the church. Sign-up sheets are posted in the hall. Many thanks for all those who signed-up last week at the Annual Meeting. A key need at the moment are folks who wouldn't mind helping to **prepare and clean-up for our church's weekly social time**. Training is provided and the commitment would be once every 6 weeks. Thank you!!

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.

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, United Church Digital Content Strategist Aaron Gallegos makes a weeknight favourite, Coptic Chickpeas, and shares how the dish for him reflects "God's Upside-Down Kingdom," where God embraces what the world discards.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4dkF5ibbOoI&t=1s>

Women's Retreat

Radical Flourishing! Radical Joy! Cost is \$500 per person and a \$100 deposit is required on or before March 15th, 2026 to reserve your spot with final payment due on June 30th, 2026. Keynote speaker is The Very Rev. Carmen Lansdowne. More information and registration can be found on our website at <https://ecorcuccan.ca/event/radical-flourishing-radical-joy-womens-retreat/> and any questions, please contact Kathleen Whyte at 705-768-3555 or by email kwhyte53@gmail.com. Elmhurst's Resort, Keene, ON

*Stewardship Second, March 8th, Third Sunday in Lent
Sharing what we have—our time, our energy,
our money, our belongings—spreads water on
a world thirsting for justice.*

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

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Book the Hall

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