

Announcements

Sunday May 3rd, 2026

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

Today's Greeters are
Richard Abderrahm and Steve Middleton.

Today's Reader is Marion Hillyard.

Bible Study

Bible Study continues this week on Wednesday from 10 am to 11 am. All Welcome.



Coffee Time

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

Pulled Pork Dinner

Please mark your calendar for Monday, May 11th. The Stewards will be hosting a pulled pork dinner complete with brown beans, coleslaw and a sundae for dessert. The cost is \$15, cash at the door. The dinner goes from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., doors open at 4:15 p.m.

Ham and Salad Supper

The UCW is hosting a Ham and Salad Supper on June 18. 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25, and take-out is available. Tickets can be purchased from Marion, Arlene or Lynne. Limited number of tickets are available. This event will sell out so get your tickets early!

Dates at a Glance.....

May 6 th at 1 pm	Session
May 6 th at 3:30 pm	Stewards
May 11 th , at 1:30 pm	UCW Meeting
May 11 th , 4:30 pm	Pulled Pork Dinner

Loving our Neighbour ~ Connecting with People of Other Faiths

The Abraham Festival is a coming together of the three faiths linking their roots to Abraham, that being, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The 2026 Festival is taking place on Saturday, May 9th at 1:30 p.m. at Mark St. United Church in Peterborough (90 Hunter Street East). The theme is: “Bringing Down the Wall Between” and will feature a conversation with Raja G. Khouri and Dr. Jeffrey Wilkinson, the authors of “The Wall Between: What Jews and Palestinians Don’t Want to Know about Each Other” A vegetarian potluck will close out the afternoon. Please bring a main dish or dessert to

share. Admission by donation (\$10 suggested). Check out www.abrahamfestival.org for more information.

Here from the Beginning

Black people have played a significant role in the history of The United Church of Canada, but their stories have often gone untold. As we commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada, we invite you to join us in bringing these untold stories to life.

“Here from the Beginning” is an exhibition that showcases the contributions and experiences of Black people within the church, amplifying voices that have long been overshadowed by the dominant narrative. This is a celebration of faith, history, community and The United Church of Canada.

May 3rd to May 11th, Trinity-St Andrews United Church, Brighton

May 22nd to May 24th, Pickering Village United Church, Ajax

Moose Hide Campaign

Did you know that Indigenous women, who make up just 5% of the female population, are disproportionately affected by gender-based violence in Canada? The United Church of Canada, along with our own Outreach and Inclusivity Team (formerly M&S), encourages us to support the Moose Hide Campaign, which is a mobilization against the national crisis of racist violence

facing Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ people.

How can you participate? Wear and share a Moosehide pin, available at the back of the church. Join in a local march. There is one planned for Thursday, May 14th at noon at Queen's Park in Toronto. The United Church of Canada contingent will be in attendance at the march, meeting at the southeast corner of the park, near Queen's Park Crescent East and Wellesley Street West. For more information about this campaign visit:

www.moosehidecampaign.ca

Introducing MY FAITH AT HOME: 30 Short and Sweet Videos about Faith

The voices and stories of the people of God are as beautiful and powerful today as they have ever been. My Faith at Home is a collection of 30 short and sweet videos about the everyday faith of people in the United Church. Participants include the Moderator, a former Moderator, and a diverse array of people from within the United Church including those from academia, Indigenous communities, Intercultural ministries, LGBTQAI+ community, French-language ministries, rural and urban ministries, and lay people.

Website:

<https://creativetypes.wixsite.com/myfaithathome>

May is PAR Month

You can ensure that your community of faith and those who are helped through Mission and Service can count on your support by giving monthly through **Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)**.

Through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account, PAR allows you to give to what matters to you most.

What are the benefits of PAR?

Sometimes life's agenda takes over our best-laid plans. With PAR, you don't have to worry about writing a cheque or forgetting to donate because life has thrown you a curveball. By signing up for PAR, you make a clear statement of what is important to you. You also give the recipients of your gift the peace of mind that comes with knowing your help is stable and reliable.

It's really easy. You can speak to Lynne in the office or see Susan, if you are interested in signing on.

Stewardship Second

May 3, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Amid the struggles of our lives, we can give thanks for God's abundant love.

Our New Logo

When brainstorming ideas for the new logo, the communications team was very mindful of our newly defined Core Values, Mission and Vision Statements. They explored different themes and visual concepts. They wanted the overall design to represent Newcastle United Church, by communicating our faith, our friendly outlook and our connection to the area. They felt it was important that it be fresh and contemporary with some motion to the future, but also grounded in our faith.

- The cross shows us to be followers of Christ and combined with the leaves implies growth in our faith and in our spirit.
- The leaves also show our connection to agriculture, resembling apple leaves. The waves at the bottom illustrate our connection to the land and the lake.
- The colours were chosen because blue is the colour of the sky and represents hope and peace, while the green stands for growth and health and connection to the world. The clean, white background represents God's light, showing God's love for us, and it makes the rest of the design breathe.



We appreciate all donations and can accept PAR, envelope givings, and e-transfer at nucetransfer@gmail.com using the answer “Newcastle”. You can also send via Canadahelps.org **You can scan our QR code to the left to donate.** If you have any questions please contact our treasurer, Susan at 289-927-6297 or office@newcastleunitedchurch.org
Thank you for your donations which make our continued ministry possible.

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

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