Announcements

Sunday November 22nd, 2026

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

Today's Greeters are Doris Liscombe and Beth West.

Today's Reader is Noah Hosein.

Bible Study is Wednesdays at 10 am.



Social Time

Following the morning's worship service, all are welcome to come to a social time in the church hall. Thank you to Heather Snoxall, Gail Empey and Vicki Muscat for leading social time today.

Christmas Planters

The Stewards are selling Christmas planters again this year, $30 each. Please let Heather Griffin know if you'd like to order one. Delivery will be the week November 23rd.

Dates at a Glance…

November 22nd, 2:30 pm	Foodbank Concert
November 24th, 7 pm	Official Board Meeting

Holiday Concert

Join us for a magical afternoon of music in support of Clarington East Food Bank on **Sunday, November 22nd at 2:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary of Newcastle United Church. Our own choir will be participating along with the 35-voice strong Bowmanville Older Adult choir. Talented soloists and stories from the Newcastle and Clarington East community will top off the afternoon making it an event to remember. Come celebrate the spirit of giving and the impact we can make together. All proceeds support Clarington East Food Bank and the vital work they do to help local families in need.

Foodbank Week Next Sunday

Just a reminder that next Sunday, the last Sunday of the month, is foodbank donation day. Donations can be place on the pew at the front of the church.

Holy Communion

Next Sunday, November 29th is the first week of Advent. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated as a part of morning worship.

Cheese Orders

Cheese forms are out in the vestibule and the narthex. Orders are due back on Sunday, December 6th. Plan ahead for your Christmas entertaining!

FundScrip

We will be taking orders for gift cards ordered from Fundscrip this month. Forms will be available in the vestibule as well as in the narthex. You can see on the order form, the percentage that the church makes when you purchase a card. Cards include a variety of retailers. These make excellent Christmas gifts for those hard to buy for people! Orders are due by November 29th and you will receive the cards by December 6th. Please turn in your form and monies to the church office.

Poinsettias For Advent

During the season of Advent, plants will be gracing our sanctuary. These are purchased by Wendy Thompson and placed in memory or in honour of loved ones. If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary for the season, please make use of the envelopes at the back of the church to make your donation and to indicate who the plant is in memory or in honour of and then place the envelope on the offering plate. The list of people being honoured will be shared on the Sunday prior to Christmas and Christmas Eve.

Stewardship Second: 25th Sunday after Pentecost

How can I make a difference? How can I change the world? How can I fulfill God's vision? I can give: time, resources, money, ability.

Gifts with Vision

If you are looking to start your Christmas gift shopping, check out the Gifts with Vision brochures at the back of the church. This is a giving catalogue offered by the United Church, as an alternative to conventional gifts. With Gifts with Vision, you give a gift in honour of friends or family, to support activities that are run by partners of the United Church of Canada. These gifts help create healthy places in which others may live, promote justice, provide social services, and enliven worship. The catalogue is also available at www.giftswithvision.ca.

Mission and Service Bows

Each Advent and Christmas season a beautiful Christmas tree graces our sanctuary. And each year colourful bows are added each Sunday. These bows are a part of our annual Mission and Service Bow campaign. The Mission and Service fund is The United Church of Canada's unified effort to transform lives and build a better world. The fund provides clean water, food, shelter, medical aid, community of faith support, refugee programs, and emergency aid, both in Canada and globally. The different coloured bows reflect the amount of donation that has been made. Red: $25-49; Green: $50-$74; Silver: $75-$99 and Gold: $100+. However, any amount is most welcome! Special envelopes for bow donations are located at the back of the church and can be placed on the offering plate.

Creating a Dementia Friendly Community

You are invited to join with Ebenezer United Church (1669 Courtice Rd) on **Thursday, December 3rd at 3 pm** when Dawn Kelles, the Community Education Coordinator for the Alzheimer Society of Durham Region, will offer tips and education on how we can continue to create a welcoming, inclusive and supportive community for people living with dementia.

LGBTQIA+ Community Spiritual Circle

On the last Sunday of each month, from 2 to 4 pm, a safe space is offered at Club 717 in Oshawa, 717 Wilson Rd South, Unit 17. Glenn Keefe, a United Church student minister, offers a different style of church that isn't held in a church building. The next gathering will be on Sunday, November 29th.

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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 **treasurer@newcastleunitedchurch.org**

Your donations make our continued ministry possible. Thank you!

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