

Faith United Milton

Our Statement of Being - We are a Christian people of **Faith** who together are **United** in our worship of God & in service to **Milton** and the world community.

Our Mission - Faith United Milton is committed to praising the Lord, spreading the Word, and loving our neighbours – in our community and beyond; giving of ourselves that we may grow in faith and be blessed by the spirit of God.

Announcements for the 2nd Advent Sunday, December 9, 2018

This week

Dec. 9 – Rev. Mario Charpentier

Upcoming Services

Dec. 16 – Dr. Deb Zeni

Dec. 23 – Rev. Heather Gilmour – communion

Dec. 30 – Rev. James Lindsay

SPECIAL REQUEST:

As some people are allergic to perfume and aftershave lotion, it has been requested that you do not wear them when attending church. Thanks.

Send announcements to: announcements@faithunitedmilton.org by **Wed.** of the week you would like the announcement to appear and indicate the number of weeks you want it published.

Bible Study in New Year instead of Advent Studies

Thank you so much to Reverends Heather Gilmour and Charlie Hogg for their generous gift of Advent Daily Devotions for our congregation again this year. Normally, we meet to discuss our Advent Studies before church each Sunday of Advent, but each year it gets busier and busier trying to do that with so much going on in the congregation. And so, we have decided to forego and to try for a Bible study in January or February instead, when we will be able to gather with more focused attention. More information will follow.



Shortbread Cookies and Christmas Treats

Sundays December 9th, 16th and 23rd shortbread cookies and other Christmas treats will be for sale at church with all proceeds going to charity. For any other info or questions contact louise.prevost13@gmail.com

PROCESS FOR CANCELLING SERVICES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Although we do hope it doesn't happen, it may be necessary to cancel a service over the winter months due to inclement weather and/or road conditions. If possible, Council, in consultation with the worship leader for that Sunday, will make a decision by Saturday evening 8 p.m. and then Communication team will send out an email indicating the cancellation. If there is bad weather predicted, please check your email to see if the service is cancelled. If you do not have email, please arrange for a 'buddy' who does have email, to call you with the information. Of course, it is possible that unexpected weather circumstances arise on the Sunday morning and a late cancellation happens. Please check your email in the morning in that case. If you have any questions regarding the above, please check with any Council member.

Your Faith Council

Emergency Contact Information

The Faith Communications Team is putting together a list of Emergency Contacts for our members. Sheets are available at the back table for you to note your information. Also if you have a medical condition that emergency responders would need to know such as a pacemaker or medication, i.e. insulin, please note it. This list will be kept confidential. Contact Diana at dianaward@cogeco.ca if you want her to add it for you. You may list one or two contacts, i.e. name, relationship and phone # plus medical condition if applicable.

Pictures are taken at our services and are posted on Faith United's website and Facebook. If you do not wish your picture or pictures of your children to be posted on the website or Facebook, please speak to the photographer/usher.

Outreach

Carols & Cookies – Sunday, Dec. 16, 7 – 8:30 pm

Please join us at the Masonic Hall for this free **community outreach event** where we hope to meet our neighbours, enjoy a cookie or two and sing some of our favourite carols. We will be joined by many of our current and former Songsters, making this a wonderful Christmas celebration.

Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign

Christmas is coming and Milton's Salvation Army has started their Kettle Campaign. Their goal this year is to raise \$185,000.00 to help needy people in Milton. They need volunteers to attend the kettles. The volunteer shifts are for 2 hours at various Supermarkets and LCBO Stores. Please book your volunteer shifts at bookakettle.com.

Coffee Time (10:30 am) – Join your friends Friday morning at Lunch Box Cafe (Nipissing Road at Thompson Road), which is staffed by folks from Milton's Community Living program. (Faith Outreach) See you there!

Decorating/Flowers: Members are reminded that they may place flowers at the front of the church on any Sunday for any personal event or memorial. Contact either Barb McFarlane or Louise Prevost as to which Sunday you'd like to book.

Pastoral Care: If you are aware of anyone who is ill, has a family concern or is celebrating a special occasion, would you please advise Ann Sault at asault@sympatico.ca or call 905 878 1286.

In The Community For detailed information re events at local churches, please go to <http://www.miltonchristianchurches.ca/ComingUp.aspx>.