

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 March 19, 2023

This week

March 19 – HUB service with Christ First United – gather at 10:00 a.m. with worship at 10:30 a.m. (in-person and live streamed) **followed by Faith's Annual General Meeting**

Upcoming Services

March 26 – HUB service with Christ First United – gather at 10:00 a.m. with worship at 10:30 a.m. (in-person and live streamed)

April 2 – Palm Sunday – HUB service with Christ First United – gather at 10:00 a.m. with worship at 10:30 a.m. (in-person and live streamed)

April 9 – Easter Sunday – HUB service with Christ First United – gather at 10:00 a.m. with worship at 10:30 a.m. (in-person and live streamed)

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

At least once a month Faith will have a Zoom service. Everyone on Faith's emailing list will receive an email at 6:00 am Sunday morning with the Zoom link information. Please log in between 9:45-9:55 am.

Nominations for Council

We have 4 positions open on Council for 2023. Your nominating team of Diana Ward, Paula Patterson-Bryson and Mavis O'Neil have recommended the following slate of nominees which has been approved by Council to bring to the congregation for a vote at the AGM Sunday March 5th. If there are any other nominations for these positions from the congregation please contact one of the nominating team or make the nomination at the AGM (as per protocol for our AGM). All nominees have agreed to stand for the positions.

RECOMMENDED SLATE OF CANDIDATES 2023 BY NOMINATING TEAM AND COUNCIL FOR VACANT COUNCIL POSITIONS

SECRETARY – **Lynn Shire** -incumbent standing again

MEMBERS AT LARGE (MINIMUM OF 2 – MAXIMUM 6)

Tracey Antaya- incumbent- standing again

Eddie Hales- incumbent- standing again

Nicolette Parant- new nominee

MINUTE FOR MISSION - TRUE NORTH AID

True North Aid was started in 2009 to answer the challenging needs of our Indigenous communities much before crisis situations in the north drew national attention. As a Canadian registered charity, their mandate is to provide practical humanitarian assistance through initiatives established on eight foundational stones of support. There are many areas in which True North Aid is working. I would like to give you a sampling of their activities in 3 of the foundational stones.

Reconciliation Hockey Cares is a cultural exchange program created to foster positive relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth in Canada. Through a shared love of hockey, the program provides youth with the opportunity to play hockey, create friendships and experience life in a new community. The 2023 Hockey Cares Program will include youth from Oakville and Attawapiskat.

Housing – True North Aid is proud to support various Community-Led Initiatives across the country focused on housing and providing furniture to homes across the north, including the Good Night's Sleep Campaign, which provides mattresses and bedding and the Furniture for First Nations in Treaty #3. Other projects include partnerships with One House Many Nations and helping to build “tiny homes” for at-risk youth experiencing homelessness.

Education – True North Aid is supporting education by providing school supplies, educational opportunities and literacy support to remote communities across the country through initiatives like “Back to School,” which provides backpacks of school supplies and Norther Reads programs which ship books to remote communities.

It is always a challenge for your Outreach Team to choose worthy charities to which we donate on your behalf. The wide and innovative programs offered by True North Aid make this one of our easier decisions.

Study and prayer opportunities with Christ First United over Lent

Faith United members have been invited to join with Christ First members in several Lenten offerings that can be found at: <https://christfirst.ca/events>. Of particular interest might be the Lenten Prayer Group offered by Rev. Heather over Zoom running on Tuesdays at 2pm through April 4. All are welcome to gather with Rev. Heather for a weekly, drop-in Lenten group, on Zoom: Tuesdays at 2pm, for an hour-ish of your week, built on Kate Bowler & Jessica Richie's newest release Good Enough. [Please click here](#) to register for the recurring link.

Grace, Greatness & Glory - The Gift of Easter – Lenten-Easter Musical Sermon by Mark Curtis

The congregation of **Palermo United** extends an invitation to join them on **March 19th at 3:00 p.m.** Through inspirational songs of worship, insightful reflections upon the Word of God and spectacular videos highlighting the last days of Jesus' earthly life, this musical sermon celebrates the grace, greatness and glory of the Easter message. From the Upper Room to the Empty Tomb this musical sermon relives the story of holy week in a new meaningful way providing spiritual lessons for navigating life's challenges for today's Christian. This musical sermon will empower you to walk in the life changing truth, that you possess resurrection power! FREE WILL OFFERING

Conversations moved to the Lunch Box Café

The Friday morning “Conversation” group now meets at the Lunch Box Café (Nipissing Road at Thompson Road) at 10:00 a.m. The Café is staffed by folks from Milton's Community Living program, a Faith Outreach recipient. **See you there!**

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

Special Service at Hillcrest United Church – March 26, 2023

You're invited to attend a Special Service with guest speaker Deb Hopper, Commemorating Hillcrest's new ministry and the sale of the church and property to The Townsend Smith Foundation on Sunday March 26, 2023 at 10:30 am. Following the worship service there will be a time of refreshments and fellowship.