



Adventures with Christ

St. Andrew's & St. Paul's United Church

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Minister: Rev. Laurelle Callaghan

Our mission: To Know Jesus and Share His Love

Sunday Worship is at 10:00 am

- **CHECK "Summer Schedule" below
for all Sunday Services.**

**No Sunday School & Nursery for the
summer.**

Light refreshments will be served in the
Upper Hall after worship in August.

**Coffee and conversation
in the Upper Hall**

on Thursdays @ 10:00 am.

Summer Recess

**We are taking a summer break.
Coffee time will resume in September.**

OFFICE HOURS during July and August will be Tuesdays from 9:00 to 10:00 am.



A Note from Rev. Laurelle

**Some Summer reading...for inspiration on
your faith journey**

As the heat of summer seems to really be upon us and we take a break from regular worship services, I was thinking that after you have read all the outstanding novels on your shelf...or you might be surfing on the web with no direct purpose, I would offer a few reading ideas.

1. David D. highly recommends that you follow the Moderator of the UCC on FaceBook. <https://www.facebook.com/UCCanModerator>
2. You can also follow the greater comings and goings of the UCC on FaceBook. <https://www.facebook.com/UnitedChurchCda>

3. My friend Google gives me a tremendous amount of information at <https://united-church.ca>. This is the homepage of UCC. You will find three main headings: Community and Faith; Social Action; Leadership. The drop downs on each of these menus provide multiple topics, that are relatively short reads but can lead you down a 'rabbit hole' of more research.

Some the topics included are United Church Crest, Mission and Service, UCW and governance of the United Church, and the Emergency Relief Fund. (If you have not heard of this, this is a fund through Mission and Service, that sends funds immediately to UCC partners into locations where there has been a disaster. There is no waiting to gather money for a relief effort.

Looking toward the fall, Thursday morning coffee will have "more discussion topics". These seem to be a favourite. If something piques your interest, make a note for consideration for a discussion.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Rev. Laurelle Callaghan

<https://united-church.ca>

Under Community of Faith

United church crest, Mission and service, UCW, governance of the United Church

/Toward 2035: Envisioning the Future of the United Church

SoCIAL aCTION—Emergency relief fund

<https://www.facebook.com/UCCanModerator>

<https://www.facebook.com/UnitedChurchCda>



August supply ministers are as follows:

- **August 09th will be David Patterson**
- **August 16th will be Sarah Butcher**
- **August 23th will be Graham Cameron**
- **August 30th Rev. Dr. Shaun Yaskiw**



Summer Schedule:

Please note that there will be no service from Sunday, June 28th through Sunday August 2nd.

We will have summer services (without Sunday School) on August 09th, 16th, 23rd and 30th followed by Fellowship. Sunday School worksheets will be available on the tables at front entrance for the summer.

There will be no service on September 06th.

Weekly services with Rev. Laurelle and Sunday School will resume on September 13th.

Church office hours are Tuesdays from 9:00 to 10:00 am. Emails and voice messages sent to the Church office will be checked Tuesdays.



Anne Goodwin will be our guest organist on August 16th.



UCW ongoing Program: "Re-Cycle and Re-Use"

Please remember, over the summer, to continue saving your empty milk bags, stamps, eyeglasses & pop can tabs and feed our bins in September.

Have a wonderful, enjoyable & safe summer.

Blessings from your UCW



Gift Cards for FOODLAND and GIANT TIGER are available from Graham. The church is gifted 5% of the card's value. They make great gifts too.



**STAY
UP-TO-DATE**

Message from your Communication Team

As you know, our newsletter is issued monthly; therefore, there may be changes to activities or some that might be missed.

Because a monthly newsletter cannot provide day-to-day updates, we would like to let you know that additional information, schedule changes, reminders and cancellations are shared through our other social media.

Please be sure to subscribe to the links below so you can check updates or changes to upcoming activities between newsletter editions.

Website: www.russellunitedchurch.org

Facebook: facebook.com/groups/107464516102468



Confirmation



Wyatt N., Victoria W., Kate L., Sarah B., Lynn R.
(left to right)



STRAWBERRY SOCIAL



Over 50 people came to the Strawberry Social held after Sunday Service on June 14th to share some homemade pound cake, strawberries, ice cream and lemonade.





100th ANNIVERSARY QUILT

As part of the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada communities of faith throughout Eastern Ontario and Outaouais Regional Council (EEORC) were asked to create and donate quilt blocks for a special 100th Anniversary quilt. These blocks, which represent many of the churches in our Region, were sewn together by the quilters at St. John's United Church in Kemptville. The quilt is touring the region this spring summer and autumn visiting various churches within our Region.

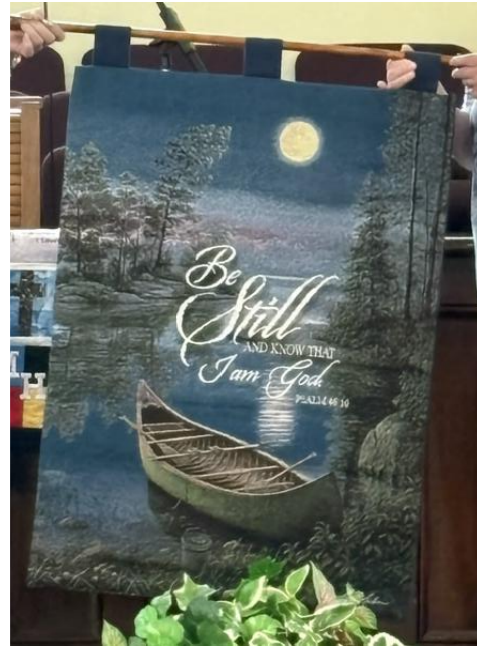
The "QUILT" was at our church on **June 21st** for everyone to take a closer look at the beautiful blocks created to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. It is a work of art made by the skilled hands of church members from neighbouring AND more distant churches.

Our very talented Reverend Laurelle (while she was at Queenswood United) is the creator of the block sewn into the quilt, which is the 3rd bottom block from from the left.



Big Thank You!!

On behalf of the UCW and the Congregation, during the Sunday Service of June 21st, Brenda presented Susan (Chair) with a token of appreciation for all her hard work and sacrifices ensuring the church ran smoothly over the past years. Susan was happy to announce that Reverend Laurelle would be staying for another year - at least.



**"Be Still
AND KNOW THAT
I am God"**
PALSM 46:10

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

During the Sunday Service of June 21st (Father's Day) the Sunday School children created some lovely neckties that were distribute during Fellowship. Fathers and Grandfathers were proudly displaying them.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June

CORRECTION

- **June 28th, NO SUNDAY SERVICE
UNTIL August 2nd**

July

- July 1st, Canada Day
- **NO Sunday Services for all of July**



August

- August 02nd, **NO Sunday Service**
- August 03rd, Civic Holiday
- August 09th, summer Service (without Sunday School)
- August 13th to 16th, Russell Fair
- August 23rd, summer Service (without Sunday School)
- August 30th, summer Service (without Sunday School)

September

- September 06th, **NO Sunday Service**



Russell Township is excited to announce the 4th edition of **Meet Me!** Mark your calendars for **Thursday, July 9th, 2026**, from **5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** This year's event will take place at Yahoo Park and surrounding area (8, Blais Street in Embrun).

This is a free event to attend, no registration required!

This community gathering will feature food and beverage kiosks, local nonprofit organizations, live music, face painting, youth activities, fire safety demonstrations, and lots of outdoor fun — it's sure to be a fantastic event for the whole family!

Follow the event on Facebook and invite your friends, family and neighbors.

RUSSELL UNITED CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

REPORT TO CHURCH COUNCIL – JUNE 16th, 2026

The RUC Communications Team (aka Comms Team) met on May 14th, 2026 and discussed the following topics/guidelines.

- ✓ The Russell United Church Facebook page is for internal use. It is restricted to members only who must first be screened and then accepted into the group.
- ✓ The Church Newsletter is for internal use, and distribution is restricted to members on our church email list. An abridged version is available on the church website (minus the names of greeters and Scripture readers).
- ✓ The web site is for external use and is not restricted.
- ✓ The 3 separate media are managed by:
 - Facebook: MariLyse Dumas;
 - Newsletter: Michel Carriere;
 - Web Site: Susanna Cluff-Clyburne.
- ✓ Each steward of the 3 media is responsible for that medium and for assuring that a back-up is available if the primary person is not able to complete a task.
- ✓ Dawn Wright and David Dargie are also members of the Comms Team.
- ✓ The email distribution list is managed by our Church Administrator.
- ✓ Gathering information should be done by the Council, and then shared with Susanna, MariLyse, Michel and Graham Cameron (for the beginning of worship service announcements).
- ✓ Our Church Administrator will be asked to print copies of the Newsletter each month to leave with the Greeters to distribute to anyone who requests one, and to place a copy on the Upper Hall bulletin board.
- ✓ A permission form, designed to enable a posting of a minor's photo, is under development.
- ✓ The Comms Team recommends that a printed Newsletter, if requested, be provided for any of the Pastoral Care Team's visits.

The Communications Team will next meet at the end of August/Early September to plan for the new church season beginning on September 13th, 2026.

Submitted by: David Dargie – Interim Council Communications Team Representative

PASTORAL CARE TEAM UPDATED

Firstly, thanks to all for the acts of care and kindness that you do for the members of the Russell United Church Faith Family.

Elizabeth Simon, Lynda Jennings, Madeline Holden and Emily Sheldrick and Nina Brock are responsible for sending cards, making telephone calls, and visiting members of our church family. These ladies do a wonderful job, and we thank Marilyn James and Lorraine Robinson who are stepping down from working with this team.

David Dargie has begun sending Jacquie Lawson e-cards as a new and interesting way of connecting with our friends.

Jane Dargie, with the assistance from the weekly Greeters, will pay attention to new faces attending Sunday morning worship services, with the goal of gathering contact information, and making everyone feel welcomed. Jane will also attend Council meetings on behalf of the Pastoral Care Team.

If you know of anyone in the Russell UC Faith Family who would benefit from a card, an e-card, a telephone call, a visit, or a connection with Rev. Laurelle, please contact any member of the Pastoral Care Team.

Submitted by: Jane Dargie



Don't forget, to provide any information needed to be placed in the September Newsletter before August 20th to Michel (lehcim1331@yahoo.ca). Thank You