



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 "Mark Your Calendar"**
below for September's Services.

**Sunday School & Nursery, and Coffee
& Conversation in the Upper Hall
after worship, will resume on
Sept. 13th Service.**

Coffee and conversation in the Upper Hall

STARTING ON SEPT. 17TH

**Everyone is welcome to join in on
Thursdays @ 10:00 am.**

Feel free to bring your knitting or other crafts.

Church Office Hours:

Thursdays 8:00 – 10:00 am

Emails and voice messages will
be checked at other times.



**Meeting on Tuesday,
September 15th
at 10:00 am.**

All women are welcome.



A Note from Rev. Laurelle

See you in September . . . (a 1966 hit by 'The Happenings')

While the calendar says that the New Year starts at 12:01 am on January 1st, we all know that it really starts the Tuesday after Labour Day which this year is September 8th. (I still haven't caught up with school starting before then).

While each of our seasons bring change, like digging out our winter coats, September brings a true change in lifestyle. In our family, we say that we have to start being 'adults' again. The summer, no matter what the weather, seems to give us permission to 'sluff off', 'to put off' and even 'to ignore'.

Remember even Jesus went to the other side of the lake to rest! I hope everyone has had the chance 'not to be an adult' as we have taken a pause in what had been demanding year of church responsibilities. I still remain gobsmacked with all we accomplished last year!

Now, our new year awaits and we can greet it with much excitement. I look forward to sharing worship services, coffee time and other events, but what I look forward to most is **less meetings**, courtesy of all your hard work last year. Committees will function on their own schedules with me providing support as necessary. Council will meet 4 times a year! UCW will continue to provide us a faithful foundation. I pray that we will continue to grow and thrive. We are geared for a great year. I feel privileged that you have asked me to share it with you.

Just a few notes about what I am thinking for the coming year:

- I dream of having a choir, anthem, solo, some Sundays, especially around Christmas...did I say Jim? (My inside voice must have come out.)
- I would like to find more ways to involve people in services—would anyone like to tell the 'children's story'?
- I would like to have more 'themed' coffee chats. I am proposing that after Thanksgiving, we engage in a six-week study called Exploring Faith Questions, produced by UCC. While each week can build on another, there are separate topics so a missed week doesn't preclude participation. More discussion to follow. I will have a copy of the study on Thursdays in September.
- I will continue to be in the office, unless otherwise noted, Thursday mornings before coffee chat and can be available that day for any other concerns.

Hope you had a great summer, but let's have some fun being adults!

Rev. Laurelle Callaghan



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

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| 1) used postage stamps | 4) prescription glasses |
| 2) cups/dishes/cutlery | 5) milk bags |
| 3) pop can tabs | |



Your help is greatly appreciated. Bring to church with you and feed our bins. With everyone's help we can do great things for others and help to reduce waste in our landfills.



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 Communications 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

Important Message

Effective September 1st, Tara will be taking over from Graham preparing the Sunday power point presentation for Laurelle's services.

To that end, it is asked for any announcements you wish to be included on the PowerPoint™ presentation, be sent to Tara no later than the Monday, 2 weeks prior to the service at which you wish to have your announcement made. If something comes up and you can't get it to Tara on time, you are still welcome to stand and make your announcement in church.

Please email all announcements for Sunday services to Tara at:
hall_tara@hotmail.com

Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program

The OPCTP is pleased to confirm **registration is open for the Fall 2026 basic course** and classes are filling up. **The evening session is nearing capacity. We have space available in person on Monday afternoons.** Check out the brochure link below for program details including registration and payment information. Early bird registration for the basic course is available until September 4th. Register early to confirm your space!



This fall again the **Basic Training Course** is offered either in-person (Monday afternoons) or online by Zoom (Monday evenings). Both courses begin Monday, September 14th, 2026 and run weekly until November 23rd, 2026 (excluding Thanksgiving Monday).

Our Fall 2026 Basic Training Course brochure is available at
<https://ottawapastoralcare.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/F2026-Basic-Course-Brochure.pdf>

Spaces are limited so take a few moments and register early.

For more information about these and other programs, visit OPCTP's home page at www.ottawapastoralcare.com



Autumn in the Country ARTS FESTIVAL

Discover 40+ artists, live painting, open studios, music, workshops, and public art across Russell Township from September 18 - 20.

Visit the following link for more information on
Autumn in the Country ARTS FESTIVAL:

autumninthecountry.com

The Dreaming Heart Art Studio



As previous years, there will be some Paint Nights at the Russell United Church. They will be running from 3:00 to 9:30 pm. Keep your eyes open for more details and the dates are as follows:

October 7th, 2026

February 3rd, 2027

December 2nd, 2026

May 5th, 2027

Ladies Interdenominational Breakfast

Saturday September 5th from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the Morewood Community Center, 19 Russell Street, in Morewood.

This gathering is a banquet of food for breakfast and has provided opportunities for many women to be helped by each other's stories and includes a guest speaker.

For information email

ladiesbreakfast5683@gmail.com.



A look at some of last month's events:

This summer on July 25th, a small energetic team got together to clean up the weeds/overgrowth at the side of the church parking lot.

Thank you to:

Susanna, Alvin, Wayne, Elisabeth, Lynn, Jane and David (photographer).



July 26th 2026 – Rev. Laurel was honoured to be invited to speak at Carlow United Church where she was a student minister 50 years ago. She has roots in that congregation since her great grandfather had donated the land for the church and cemetery. There were several people in attendance who remembered her as a student! This was her first pulpit



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September

- September 06th, **NO Sunday Service**
- September 07th, Labour Day
- September 13th, Sunday Service (with Sunday School)
- September 20th, Sunday Service (with Sunday School)
- September 21st, International Day of Peace
- September 27th, Sunday Service (with Sunday School)
- September 20th to October 18th

United Church of Canada: Creation Time

- September 22nd, first day of Autumn
- September 30th, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



October

- October 04th, United Church of Canada: Orange Shirt Sunday
- October 7th, Paint Nights at the Russell United Church
- October 12th, Thanksgiving
- October 15th, World Food Day (UN fight to end Global hunger)
- October 24th, UCW Flavours of Fall Bake Sale in our Upper Hall
- October 31st, Halloween

