

UNITED COMMUNITY MINISTRY (UCM)

Location: Kawartha Lakes & Brock Townships, Central Ontario

A Collaborative Ministry:

Collaborative ministry is about sharing resources. It is about aligning our interests, passions, and talents so that together we can be and do more.

Website: ucministry.ca

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cebook: United Community Ministry

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UCM Newsletter Dec. 12, 2024





Member churches:

Trinity UC, Cannington (*9:30 am)

Woodville (*11 am)

Oakwood UC (*9 am)

Cambray Community UC (*10:30am)

**Sunday service times except summer and on Combined service dates*

Clergy: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Cunningham



For pastoral emergencies or to arrange a visit please

**contact: 416- 801-
8739 - phone or text**

**If you would like to meet with Rev. Elizabeth, she
will be happy to meet you at a time and location that
works for you. Please contact her at 416-801-8739**

Clergy holidays/study leaves:

TBD

Please contact UCM Emergency Pastoral Care Team members listed below.

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Pastoral Care Emergencies (if Rev. Elizabeth is unavailable)

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Cunningham **elizcunningham8@gmail.com** 416-801-8739 (cell)

If you are unsuccessful in receiving a response from Rev. Elizabeth in a timely manner
please contact Jeannette or Phyllis.

Rev. Jeannette Millar: **jeannettemillar4@gmail.com** 705-426-9126

Phyllis Tamlin- **phyllistamlin@cogeco.ca** 705-320-9887 or 705-821-1344

Upcoming Services

Dec. 15

Oakwood/Cambray- Rev. Elizabeth

Cannington/Woodville- Debbie Sherwin

Friday Dec. 20

Longest Night Service, Cambray UC, 7 pm, Warden

Dec.22

Oakwood/Cambray- Hallett

Cannington/Woodville- Rev. Elizabeth

Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

Cambray @ 6 pm- Rev. Elizabeth

Oakwood @ 7:30 pm- Rev. Elizabeth

Woodville @ 5 pm-Chambers

Cannington @ 6:30 pm- Chambers

Dec. 29 Joint Christmas/Epiphany Communion,

Woodville, 11 am- Rev. Elizabeth

UCM Joint Services

2024/2025 UCM Joint Worship Services

Fri Dec 20, 2024 – Longest Night Service at Cambray at 7 pm
with LLWL Barbara Warden

Dec 29, 2024 - Christmas/Epiphany Communion at Woodville
at 11 am

Mar 9, 2025 - Lent Communion at Cambray at 10:30 am

April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday Communion at Cannington at 9:30
am

April 18, 2025 - Good Friday at Oakwood at 9:30 am

April 20, 2025 - Sunrise Easter Service?

June 8, 2025 - Pentecost Communion at Woodville at 11 am +
AGM at 10:30 am

June 29, 2025 - Outdoor Service & Pot-luck Picnic at TBD, 10:30
am

July 6,13,20,27, 2025 at TBD at 9:30 am

No Aug services or Labour Day Aug 31

Thurs Aug 28 - Outdoor Event - Music (5 pm), Indoor Pot-luck
Supper (6 pm), Outdoor Service (7 pm) at Woodville?

From UCM Admin: Ruth Fallding:

Our own Evelyn Chambers was recently awarded with the King Charles III Coronation Medal at the Senate Building in Ottawa. Congratulations Evelyn!



Official Ceremony and Presentation of the
King Charles III Coronation Medals

Friday, November 22, 2024
11:00 am to 1:00 pm



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2 Rideau Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A4



Congratulations to
Ms. Evelyn Chambers

Upon receiving the King Charles III Coronation Medal

Presented to you in recognition of your service, commitment, and unwavering
dedication to Canada, your province and your community through your
work in agriculture, business, community service, education and public
awareness, social services, and youth development and support.



Robert Black
The Honourable Robert Black
Senator (Ontario)

November 22, 2024



The UCM Christmas Carol Beer & Hymns on Nov. 25 was a great success! Lots of fun! Thanks to Rev. Elizabeth for leading and contributing with her ukelele and djembe. Thanks to Sheila-Mae and to Jim Phelps for playing violin with me. We even had Carrie Pilgrim jump in on the djembe!
Thanks to all who attended!

Trinity UC's annual cookie sale (open to all in UCM) was a success. AS Llarian Hider said "Thanks to the bakers, the makers and the cookie takers!" Because Trinity UC had met their M & S goal for 2024 monetary proceeds went to local Food Banks.

Debbie Sherwin is retiring as an LLWL at the end of 2024. She hopes to devote more time to her passions of social justice and writing. Debbie will be leading worship on Dec. 15th at Cannington & Woodville. We have been truly blessed in so many ways by Debbie's contributions to UCM. Debbie you will be greatly missed. You will always be part of the UCM family and we will definitely keep in touch.

Longest Night Service (see poster) is open to all in UCM and beyond. Spread the word.

Longest Night Service

***Bring your concerns, your sorrow
and pain.***

The Light of the World will come.



Friday Dec. 20, 7 pm

Cambray Community United Church, 444 Cambray Rd.

All Welcome Elevator Access available

Licensed Lay Worship Leader Barbara Warden

ucministry.ca

From UCM Chair: Kerri Jebson:

UCM expresses our sincere thanks to Debbie Sherwin who is retiring as an LLWL. We are grateful for her worship and fellowship experiences with us since our inception in addition to the years before with our individual congregations. All the best to her in future endeavours.



East Central Ontario Regional Council
of The United Church of Canada



Strengthened by God's grace and refreshed by the Spirit,
we follow the way of Jesus in healing our world

The East Central Ontario Regional Council of the United Church of Canada acknowledges that its buildings and ministries are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES OPEN TO ALL IN UCM

HANDBELL GROUPS at Trinity Cannington - welcome to all including children- no experience necessary1)

Contact Arlene Smith: arlene.smith9@gmail.com for the Monday evening practice group at 7 pm (anthem dates are Nov 17, Jan 5, Mar 23, May 11)

Contact Mary Lynn Lanos: mllanos3328@gmail.com for the Thursday afternoon practice group at 4 pm (anthem dates are Oct 20, Dec 24, Feb 9, Apr 27)

BOOK CLUB- Book club meets Wednesdays 7pm @ Trinity UC, Cannington
February 19th @ 7 PM - [The Librarianist](#)
April 16th @ 7 PM
- [The Good Women of Safe Harbour](#) June 18th @ 7 PM
- [The Happiest Man on Earth](#)

EUCHRE: Progressive Euchre @ Woodville UC. First Friday of the month, 7 pm. Snacks gratefully accepted and admission is by donation. More information call Faye at (705)439-3689 or Sandra at (705)432-3284.

UCM JOINT CHOIR

(All welcome to participate anytime for a particular joint



Our LLWL Team (left to right)

Evelyn Chambers

Barbara Warden (in training)

Phyllis Tamlin

Darlene Hallett

Rev. Elizabeth Cunningham (Clergy)

Nancy Payne

Debbie Sherwin

Robert Bennett

The Witness Blanket is NOT a blanket!

However, much like a family quilt, it is made of various panels, each telling its own story. The many panels bear Witness to the Residential School Survivors. Each of the 889 pieces of history, which make up the panels, was salvaged from Residential Schools all across Canada. A shoe, a bell, a door knob, a braid of hair and more all tell a story. The yellow plastic mush-bowl, from the Mohawk Institute in Brantford, was used as a reminder of food, whether there was ever enough and the quality of the mush/porridge. Maggots and sour milk were often served.

The Witness Blanket is almost 40 feet long (12 meters) and 10.5 feet high (3 meters) made of Red Wood Cedar from British Columbia. Some of the panels weigh over 300 lbs. When assembled, the 13 panels weigh more than 2 tons (1.8 metric tons). Artist, Carey Newman, lives on northern Vancouver Island and made this display as a tribute to his father, a survivor, and as a reminder to all in Truth and Reconciliation.

As we often wrap ourselves in a blanket for comfort, the Witness Blanket is meant to be a reminder that Residential Schools will never happen again and our Indigenous Brothers and Sisters can take comfort in that fact.



Trinity UC Cannington has been approved as a host community venue for the public display of the Witness Blanket (Sept 8 to Oct 15, 2025) that is touring Canada.

<https://witnessblanket.ca/>

Although it is still a distance away, much planning, preparation, and on site volunteer hours go into hosting this work of art. You are cordially invited to join the Planning Team, or come and learn more about it, or express your interest in helping during the hosting dates.

Contact Sharon Woodrow if you would like to know more about the Planning Team or how to help: swoodrow2@gmail.com



The Morning Altar is a gift from God, plain earth with colours and materials added to demonstrate how mixing plain items, petals, stones, feathers and sticks can make something very beautiful. Just like people, all shapes, sizes and colours we are diverse yet when mixed together, are beautiful; diverse yet, all a gift from and for God.

(UCM has used this ever-changing altar at several services and events)

