

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

Facebook: United Community Ministry

Youtube: United Community Ministry Brock-Kawartha

Facebook: United Community Ministry

UCM Newsletter Feb 2, 2025





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:

Holidays: March 24 - April 6, 2025

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

UCM Joint Services

2025 UCM Joint Worship Services

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? (possible, not confirmed)

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) (location TBD)

(Fall Joint services TBD)

Upcoming Services

Feb. 2

Oakwood/Cambray- Rev. Elizabeth

Cannington/Woodville- Hallett

Feb. 9

Oakwood/Cambray- Chambers

Cannington/Woodville- Rev. Elizabeth

Feb. 16

Oakwood/Cambray- Rev. Elizabeth

Cannington/Woodville- Warden

Feb. 23

Oakwood/Cambray- Tamlin

Cannington/Woodville- Rev. Elizabeth

March 2

Oakwood/Cambray- Rev. Elizabeth

Cannington/Woodville- Tamlin

March 9

JOINT LENT COMMUNION

Rev. Elizabeth

Cambray, 10:30 am

From Rev. Elizabeth

(Letter addressed to Kerri Jebson. Shared with UCM members at the request of Kerri Jebson and Rev. Elizabeth)

January 30, 2025

Kerri Jebson,
Chair, United Community Ministry Council

Dear Kerri,

We have been through many wonderful things in these last few years during my ministry with the UCM. And so, it is hard to let you know that I have come to the decision to retire from ministry, August 1, 2025. I have served in ministry for over 22 years and will celebrate my 68th birthday in August. It is time to hand over the 'reins' of this circuit rider to the next minister for the UCM.

I want to emphasize that the learning and the ministry that I have been a part of since 2021 has changed me, motivated me, and excited me. Collaborative ministry is truly a passion for me. I

hope to be able to continue to impart guidance and learned wisdom to any Communities of Faith that seek advice through channels in the Region and wider church.

Your support has been an indelible part of my experience, giving me the wings I needed to explore and initiate changes and newness to our model. I know that it will be a challenge ahead for the UCM, but I know I am leaving it in good stead, and a wonderful opportunity for the next minister to move the UCM forward into its next expression of being God's church.

With every good wish, and a few tears as well, for it has been a wonderful ministry.

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Cunningham

cc: Rev. Darren Liepold, Pastoral Relations
Minister, ECORC

From UCM Admin: Ruth Fallding:



YOU ARE INVITED TO

VALENTINE'S DAY

Delicious Desserts
& Dance Party

Fri. Feb 14th

Woodville United
Church at 7pm

Admission
By
Donation

*Live Music from 50's & 60's -
Music by Moe*

In anticipation of the Witness Blanket Exhibit

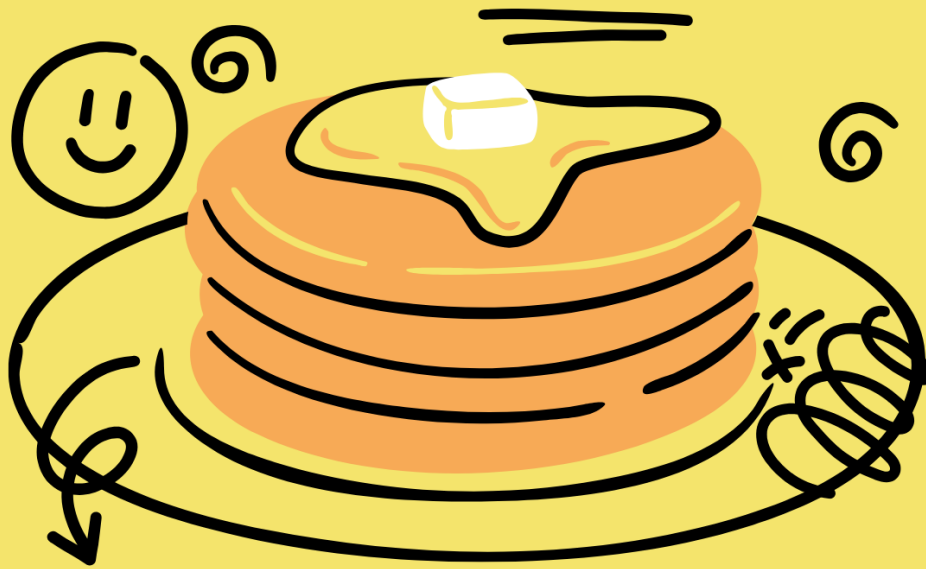
Indigenous Awareness Soup and Video - Sunday
Feb. 23 at 10:30 am at Trinity-St Andrew's
Cannington.

"Understanding Indigenous History: a Path Forward." This is one of a 6 part series hosted by broadcaster Lisa LaFlamme. Discussion to follow. The video is 40 minutes long. Come and have a bowl of soup and share ideas.



TRINITY - ST. ANDREW'S UNITED

PANCAKE SUPPER



TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH

4:30 - 6:30 PM
COST: CASH DONATION

PANCAKES, SAUSAGES, FRUIT COCKTAIL
PROCEEDS TO THE MISSION AND SERVICE
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA



50 LAIDLAW ST. N. CANNINGTON



UCM TALENT SHOW
SATURDAY MARCH 22

2 pm

(FREE FUN EVENT- FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS)

TRINITY-ST ANDREW'S UC,
CANNINGTON

SING, PLAY, DANCE, RECITE, OTHER?
SHARING OUR TALENTS IN THE
COMMUNITY!

CONTACT KERRI TO GET ON THE
PROGRAM KGJEBSON@GMAIL.COM

TRINITY-ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS:

ELVIS

FRI.
APR. 25
2025

Garry Wesley

The Most
Highly Awarded Tribute
In The World



The Looks - The Moves
The Impeccable Voice

ALL THE
GREATEST HITS,
PLUS YOUR
FAVOURITE
GOSPEL SONGS!

ALSO FEATURING
DONNA BROOKS
AS PATSY CLINE!



7:30 PM

TICKETS \$25.00

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:
TRINITY-ST. ANDREWS CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS
ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH
CAMPBELL'S TV AND APPLIANCES
OR CALL DEBBIE GEORGE @ 705-344-7674

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May 5 “Beer & Hymns”
Pub 12, Cannington
(stay tuned for details)

From UCM Chair: Kerri Jebson:

UCM Pastoral Relations Change

UCM Council has received a retirement letter from Rev Elizabeth effective Aug 1st. Such changes can have mixed feelings - we have a wonderful ministry with Rev Elizabeth, and are grateful for her sincere dedication and care to us, and to the collaborative model (at local, regional,

national, and academic levels), and will be sad to have this relationship come to a close. However, because Rev Elizabeth is much loved and appreciated, we wish for her a well-deserved, happy, and fulfilling retirement. Thankfully, we have several months yet in which to share in her company and our ministry. Do make your personal best wishes and appreciation known to her.

UCM Council is underway with process & procedure for a Clergy Search by preparing a UCM Profile & Clergy Position Description that must be submitted and approved by ECORC

before we can post the position 'live' on the Church Hub. UCM Council will also be working on naming a Search Team - if you have a particular interest in this role, please contact Kerri Jebson.

Kerri Jebson

Updates from UCM Council - from meeting Jan 30

1) Thank you to Don Woodrow for his many years of service on the UCM M&P Team. He retired from the position as of Dec 15, 2024. There is a vacancy on this team - if anyone should be interested please contact Kerri Jebson. Other M&P members are Kathy Davidson, Betty Guthrie, and Sandra Maye.

2) The Proposed 2025 UCM Budget will be used provisionally until approval at our UCM Annual Meeting on June 8 at Woodville UC. We are using \$40,000 from our UCM reserves (i.e. St Andrew's legacy donation) for this year's budget to help alleviate partners' assessment contributions

3) Our Team Administrator Ruth Fallding has had her yearly contract renewed - with many thanks to her for her continued good work. She has given notice, however, that she would like to retire from the position Jan 31, 2026.

4) On Sun March 2 UCM Worship Leaders will be using the Order of Service/materials from the prepared UCW Centennial Worship Service

5) On Sun June 8 we will be incorporating UCC 100th Anniversary themed materials into our joint service at Woodville, as well as special music, and a pot-luck lunch

6) We will be removing our Student Intern (SME) position from our Church Hub as there have been no applications, and there is only one month left for the UCC funding to be used

7) UCM Community Gardeners are getting underway shortly with a planning meeting scheduled

8) We have updated our UCM Policy & Procedure Manual with: Communion Preparation Procedure for consistency; and Pulpit Supply provision for Clergy Illness under 2 weeks duration (over 2 weeks comes under The UCC Restorative Care Plan)

9) Congregations are reminded of several items to undertake annually:

- update your Congregation's Profile on your Church Hub account - ECORC advises that a MOTION at your annual meeting is necessary to approve this to take place

- submit your annual UCC Statistics to your Church Hub account by March 3

- submit to ECORC annually your Congregational Self Assessment Survey

10) Annual Meeting Dates:

Feb 9 - Cannington - shortened service at 9:30 am - Annual Meeting at 10 am

Feb 23 - Woodville - following 11 am service

March 23 - Oakwood - shortened service at 9 am & Annual Meeting at 9:30 am

Cambray - following 10:30 am service on March 2

UCM Annual Meeting is on June 8 at Woodville at 10:30 am prior to Joint 11 am service

UCM Choir Rehearsal dates/anthems - contact Kerri Jebson to join/sheet music

Thurs Feb 27 at 1 pm at Cambray

Sun March 9 at 10 am at Cambray - service at 10:30 am

Thurs April 3 at 1 pm at Cannington

Sun April 13 at 9 am at Cannington - service at 9:30 am

Thurs May 29 at Cambray at 1 pm

Sun June 8 at Woodville at 10 am - AGM at 10:30; service at 11

Listening Links:

Lent anthem on Sun March 9 (Cambray) - Be Still and Know - Steven Curtis Chapman - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-4K_vGs_lw

Palm Sunday anthem on Sun April 13 (Cannington) - We Will Glorify with O Worship the King by Twila Paris arr. Tom Fettke and Thomas Grassi - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7xlH8ATUIs>

Pentecost anthem on Sun June 8 (Woodville)- Come and Fill This Place - Jim Robinson, Robert White Johnson, Al Denson arr. Richard Kingsmore

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-B8freVZ3o4>

Volunteers for Witness Blanket Display - hosting shifts

Hello Friends,

The Witness Blanket Planning Committee has been busy preparing for the arrival of the Witness Blanket. It is scheduled to be at Trinity - St. Andrews United Church, in Cannington, from Sept. 8, 2025 to Oct. 15, 2025. This is still months away, but it is time to start gathering names of interested volunteers to be present in the church during the hours the Witness Blanket is being displayed. The Committee is looking to open the exhibit for viewing 6 days a week (closed on Monday), from noon until 8:00 pm. We require at least 3 volunteers in the building, each time the Witness Blanket is open to the public. We are hoping volunteers can commit to 4 hour shifts, either 12 - 4pm or 4 - 8pm.

If you are excited to be a part of this tribute to Residential School Survivors on display at our church and you can help out for one 4 hour shift or multiple shifts, please contact Debbie George.

Please include your phone number and email, and if possible your preference of day or time.

Debbie can be reached at

705 344 7674

cdgeorge@personainternet.com

We thank you in advance for considering this request,

The Witness Blanket Planning Committee

Quin-Mo-Lac Summer Registration has begun.

This year they celebrate 75 years of camping with a purpose! If you are interested in registering online for any of the following camps: Coed, Junior or Tadpole, the Women's Rejuvenation Event or would like to apply to the Counsellor In Training (C.I.T.) program please visit the Quin-Mo-Lac website for more info and follow the link to the online registration portal. If you'd like to register for the Family Camp program, please contact the camp office.

<https://quin-mo-lac.org/>

The C.I.T. Program is known for being a formative experience for 15/16 year olds that is fun, challenging & rewarding.

Interview day is May 24th.

Please encourage any young person you think are interested & would benefit from this type of experience to apply or get in touch for more info. Reply to Quin-Mo-Lac Kids@campqml.org



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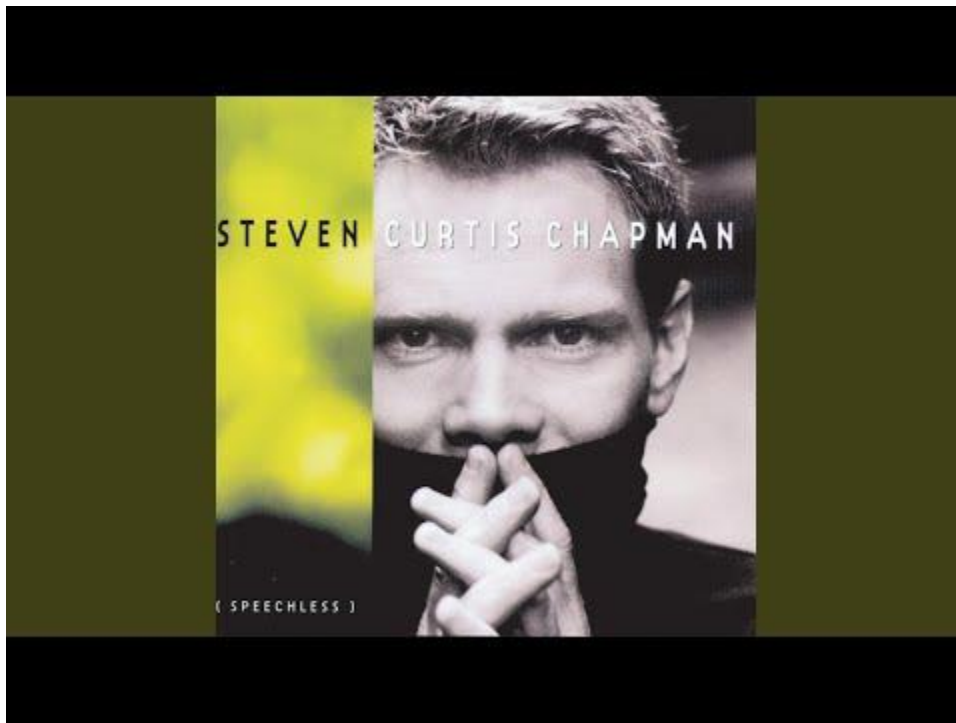
from ECORC:

Moderator Carmen Lansdowne will preach at [Cambridge Street United Church](#) in Lindsay, on Sunday, April 6, at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The Cambridge Street congregation welcomes all who wish to attend. There will be tea, coffee and conversation after the service. (watch for more details, including news about an event with the Moderator on Saturday, April 5!)

Have a Heart Day is a child and youth-led reconciliation event that brings together caring Canadians to help ensure First Nations children have the opportunity to grow up safely at home, get a good education, be healthy, and be proud of who they are. The

First Nations Child and Family Caring Society has a lot of great ideas of how you can mark this in your home and community – ideas that can also be adapted for church or Sunday School on February 9. Check it out on [First Nations Child and Family Caring Society website](#).

[Preview YouTube video Be Still And Know](#)



Be Still And Know

Preview YouTube video We Will Glorify/O Worship The King (Psalm 104)



We Will Glorify/O Worship The King (Psalm 104)

[Preview YouTube video Come and Fill This Place - Al Denson](#)



[Come and Fill This Place - Al Denson](#)

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 service. Singing is done with CD accompaniment. Recording generally available for at home practice. Involves a couple of in-person practices).



Our LLWL Team (left to right)

Evelyn Chambers

Barbara Warden (in training)

Phyllis Tamlin

Darlene Hallett

Rev. Elizabeth Cunningham (Clergy)

Nancy Payne

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)