

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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UCM Newsletter March 4, 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, Potluck

June 29, 2025 - Outdoor Service & Pot-luck Picnic at TBD, 10:30?
(tentative, may be added instead to July summer service schedule)

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

March 9

JOINT LENT COMMUNION

Rev. Elizabeth

Cambray, 10:30 am

March 16

Oakwood/Cambray- Chambers

Cannington/Woodville-Rev. Elizabeth (P.I.E./Affirm at Cannington)

March 23

Oakwood/Cambray- Rev. Elizabeth

Cannington/Woodville-Warden

March 30 (Rev. E. holiday)

Oakwood/Cambray- Hallett

Cannington/Woodville-Payne

April 6 (Rev. E. holiday)

Oakwood/Cambray- Bennett

Cannington/Woodville-Chambers

April 13

JOINT LENT PALM SUNDAY/Communion

Rev. Elizabeth

Cannington, 9:30 am

From Rev. Elizabeth

Lenten Message – Rev. Elizabeth

March 5 is Ash Wednesday, which begins the 40 days of Lent for Christians around the world. Some churches hold a service which involves the Imposition of the Ashes. I can remember in my first years of ministry making my own ‘ashes’ from the dried palm crosses of the year before. I dragged out an old kitchen pot and put it in the church driveway and lit the palm crosses with a match. It took forever and turned into a black mess. I used a sieve to take out the burnt leaf parts. It was a lot of work. It became much easier when I ordered ‘Ashes for 100’ from a church store!

What is it about Ash Wednesday that does not endear itself to United Church congregations? Anglicans and Catholics line up before the priest to have a cross of black ash sketched on their forehead, with the words, ‘you are dust and to dust you shall return.’ It certainly marks a note of penance. But isn’t that what the 40 days of Lent are about? Reviewing our lives, looking for the weak spots, and asking God to help us fix what is broken, mend what is torn, and ask forgiveness for everything else.

At our 10:30 am UCM Joint Worship service on March 9 at Cambray Community United Church, there will be a ‘Spiritual Exercise for Lent – 2025’ available for anyone who wants some help in finding a daily ‘practice’ to do in

Lent – that might lead to some introspection of one’s meanderings in the ‘wilderness’ of life. It should take no more than 5 minutes a day for this spiritual ‘discipline.’ And remember, you have ‘Sundays’ off – due to the fact that the Sundays in Lent are thought of as ‘little Easters’. If you can’t make it to the UCM Joint worship service, I will make sure there are copies available at all our UCM churches at the back of your church sanctuaries.

May you have a deepening Lenten experience, that brings you closer to the One who always loves you.

In faith,

Rev. Elizabeth

From UCM Admin: Ruth Fallding:

UCM Website: ucministry.ca

A reminder that there is a lot of information on the UCM website.

Calendar page- shows special events and who is leading worship at which church on any given Sunday.

Newsletter page- provides a link to the most recent newsletter.

Also if you know someone who is not on email and they want to receive the monthly newsletter you can either print it out for them or ask someone at your church to do so. If you don't want to print the whole newsletter you could always copy and paste new information.

In anticipation of the Witness

Blanket Exhibit

This is a six part video series hosted by Lisa Laflamme

The first episode was shown in Cannington. Stay tuned for a showing of the second episode. You can of course watch on your own anytime with this link.

[.https://youtu.be/cFd-nM1_0IQ?si=HeSRoKJ1uc1P8vx0](https://youtu.be/cFd-nM1_0IQ?si=HeSRoKJ1uc1P8vx0)



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

May 5 “Beer & Hymns”

Pub 12, Cannington

(stay tuned for details)

From UCM Chair: Kerri Jebson:

Please contact Kerri Jebson to get on the program for our UCM Talent Show on Sat March 22 at 2 pm at Cannington. We have to date: UCW skits, dancing, fiddling, handbells, piano, and vocal numbers. Come out and enjoy!

Thank you to the following people for agreeing to become our UCM Search Team: Judy Prophet, Mary Lynn Lanos, Leigh Tamlin, Linda Shier, Kim Gretton. If others are

interested, please contact Kerri Jebson. We are awaiting approval from ECORC at their meeting on March 12, for our Clergy Vacancy and documents, before we can post the position 'live' online on UCC Church Hub.

Please ensure that your congregation updates your own Profile on your Church Hub account - an updated UCM Profile will be forwarded to you to add as well.



**East Central Ontario
Regional Council**

of The United Church of Canada



from ECORC:

Invitation - Sun April 6 at 10:30 am at
Cambridge St UC Lindsay: UCC
Moderator Carmen Lansdowne will be
preaching as part of the service. All
Welcome. There will also be a chance for
youth and adults to take part in an
afternoon workshop with the moderator
on April 5 – registration required

**“Flourishing in Faith, Church,
Community and Leadership.”**

Saturday, April 5 th , 1:30 – 4:30 pm.

Moderator Carmen Lansdowne will
challenge and inspire us with the positive
“Flourishing” theme she has developed
with churches across Canada. This Event
is
open to everyone from High School Age

and above. As the event concludes, pizza will be served for those who wish to remain a little longer.

Additional information:

- This event is FREE for High School and College/University age people.
- Older adults may make a free-will cash contribution to help cover costs.
- We request that everyone attending Register in advance, by March 26 th .
- To Register, please phone Pam at our Church Office: (705) 324-3547.
- Questions? (also to Register): Please call Jim Phelps at (705) 879-0443.



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Upcoming UCM Joint Choir

Practices & Services

Thurs April 3 at 1 pm at Cannington

Sun April 13 at 8:45 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, followed
by pot-luck lunch

Listening Links:

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"
-by Jim Robinson, Robert White
Johnson, Al Denson arr. Richard
Kingsmore

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

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 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. Contact Kerri for details. kgjebson@gmail.com



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