

**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.**

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**UCM Newsletter April 17, 2025**





Member churches:

**Trinity UC, Cannington (\*9:30 am)**

**Woodville UC (\*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**

**Rev. Elizabeth will be retiring as Clergy on August 1, 2025.**

**UCM has formed a Clergy search team.**

**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

[ucministry.ca](http://ucministry.ca) (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.

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 from your church's pastoral care team to take care of it.

## **UCM Joint Services**

### **2025 UCM Joint Worship Services**

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

***June 8, 2025*** - Pentecost Communion/UCC 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Woodville at 11 am + AGM at 10:30 am, Rev. Elizabeth retirement recognition, Potluck lunch

**SUMMER services, 9:30 am, Rev. Elizabeth**

***June 29- Cambray***

***July 6- Oakwood***

***July 13- Woodville***

***July 20 Cannington***

***July 27- Cambray*** (refreshments to honour Rev. Elizabeth's final service- retirement Aug. 1)

***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) Woodville

## **Upcoming Services**

**April 18 Joint Good Friday, Oakwood UC,  
9:30 am Rev. Elizabeth**

**April 20 EASTER**

Oakwood/ Cambray- Hallett

Cannington/Woodville- Rev. Elizabeth

**April 27**

Oakwood/ Cambray- Rev. Elizabeth

Cannington/Woodville- Tamlin

**May 4**

Oakwood/ Cambray- Bennett

Cannington/Woodville- Rev. Elizabeth

**May 11**

Oakwood/ Cambray- Rev. Elizabeth

Cannington/Woodville- Payne

**May 18**

Oakwood/ Cambray- Chambers

Cannington/Woodville- Rev. Elizabeth

**May 25**

Oakwood/ Cambray- Rev. Elizabeth

Cannington/Woodville- Bennett

## ***From Rev. Elizabeth***

### **Easter Message – Rev. Elizabeth**

From the Miriam Webster Dictionary, the meaning of *resurgence*: a rising again into life, activity, or prominence. A rising again into life - easily seen in the natural world around us, as nature emerges from the frozen ground with crocus blooms, and from the bare tree branches, budding leaves.

Resurgence in Spring is filled with these beautiful moments. But resurgence also involves the not so picturesque bits – mud and puddles, rain and wind. Because resurgence signals change in the world about you. Resurgence is a pouring forth, a bubbling up, a whisking away, revealing in its wake, signs of new life.

Easter is about new life in Christ. The stone that sealed the tomb will be discovered rolled away. The grave clothes will be placed to one side. An angel will offer words of guidance to the disciples who, in the darkness of the early morning, are confused and afraid by what they are seeing. It doesn't make any sense. Until it does. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

There is a resurgence of faith, of hope, of joy. A story that is this old has this remarkable ability to continue to rise to new life, each year that Easter is celebrated around the world. In the words we sing, in the joy of the music, in the change of liturgical colours to white and gold, from the purple of Lent.

There is something quite remarkable too when we have the chance to attend a sunrise service – there is something of the ‘original’ walk to the tomb that we trace in our footsteps, as we gather by water, or a field, or in some places a cemetery. And we see the mist over the waters, feel the cold of the early morning air, smell the crispness in that air, hear the birds singing from the trees. And as we gather and watch the sun break over the horizon, we sing. We sing of a rising again into new life.

This is a story that will never ever die. Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia!

***From UCM Admin: Ruth Fallding:***

**Email me anytime with any photos/information about a UCM member(s) for me to share in the newsletter. Beer& Hymns reservations are coming in. Please email me as space is limited.**

**Congratulations to Ken Alsop** (Trinity-St. Andrew's, Cannington). Ken was recently the recipient of the King Charles III Coronation medal from MP Jamie Schmale. Below is a photo. Ken is the second from left. Ken's dedication to volunteer service began as a member of the Beaverton Junior Farmers while growing up in Brock Township. Once he started his own operation, he joined the Beaverton Co-Op as a member of its Board of Directors. In 1976, Ken was one of the charter members of the Beaverton, Thorah, Eldon Historical Society and is still active into his 90's. Despite being a practicing carpenter, he assists with the Bolsover Seniors Committee often donating his time building a wheelchair ramp or maintaining the flower beds. In addition, he is continually providing his time and resources wherever and whenever it is needed. Thank you Ken for all you have done in our community.





Llarian Hider (Trinity-St. Andrew's, Cannington) is going to Guatemala again in June. See poster below. She has done this trip a number of times and is seeking donations. Note that the donations do not go to her personal expenses but to the mission directly. See info below. Llarian is in a couple of the photos (from previous trips).



# On a mission to Guatemala

February 2025

## Yes, I'm Guatemala bound!

Having had a relationship and involvement with **The Arms of Jesus Children's Mission** in Guatemala since 2004 has truly been a blessing! Since that time, I have had the opportunity to travel to Guatemala with volunteer teams seven times. With the help of friends from Trinity United Church in Cannington we sewed 28 graduation gowns for the first ever graduating class of AOJ. What a special opportunity!

My time with teams has involved so many different projects. We have constructed houses for families to provide them with a safe, healthy environment, done food distributions, foot washings to provide socks and shoes to children, etc. Another great joy I have had is sewing children's clothes and specialty baby bundles to take and hand out to families in need.

I am now joining a team **June 6-15th** to return to Guatemala. Our projects will be dependent on the funds our team raises. You can have the opportunity to partner with us in making these projects possible.

### *Ways you can help bless children & families*

- Help build a **house** for family: \$2000.00 CDN
- **Food distribution** for needy families: \$1500-2000.00 CDN
- Foot washing-**shoes** for school children: \$2000.00 CDN

**Would you help me to impact a family?** Your gift would be greatly appreciated. Any questions please contact me.

*Llarian Hider* llarianhider@gmail.com



**The ARMS OF JESUS Children's Mission Inc**

PO Box 10 Pickering ON L1V 2R2 905.492.5007 Donations receipts Issued.

[www.armsofjesus.org](http://www.armsofjesus.org)

E-TRANSFERS: [donate@armsofjesus.org](mailto:donate@armsofjesus.org)

or CHECK by mail. Please note funds are for HIDER-Linking Arms team.



**SPRING  
BEER  
& HYMNS**

**PUB 12, CANNINGTON**

**MAY 5, | 2025**

**OPTIONAL SUPPER  
FROM 5 PM  
SINGALONG 7-8:30 PM**

**THEME: PILGRIMAGE**  
**RSVP: [FALLDINGUCM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FALLDINGUCM@GMAIL.COM)**

**HOSTED BY  
UNITED COMMUNITY MINISTRY  
ALL WELCOME**

***From UCM Chair: Kerri Jebson:***

**UCM Clergy Search update:** UCM has received final approval from ECORC for our Clergy Search. Our Search Team is in place - thanks to Judy Prophet, Mary Lynn Lanos, Leigh Tamlin, Linda Shier, Kim Gretton, and Graham Batty. Wish them well in their efforts but do remember and respect the confidentiality of their work. Mary Lynn Lanos will serve as their tech person on the online UCC Church Hub through which searches are conducted. They will be ZOOM meeting on April 21 for a training session with our ECORC Liaison Rev Jean Wilson.

## **UCM invited as participant in UCC 100 Tables Project**

Thank you to Rev Elizabeth for spearheading our involvement in this project. We will receive a gift card to purchase a picnic table to set up & decorate & move around, in conjunction with our UCM community garden project in Woodville and produce donations to local food banks. Contact Rev Elizabeth if you would like to get creative for this opportunity for awareness and celebration. Video clips of our 'Table' interactions will be shared locally, and for the UCC storytelling.

## **Monthly Meal Prep Volunteers**

**Wanted:** please consider this opportunity to serve our local community by helping once a month for about 1 1/2 to 2 hours in preparing approx 12-18 take-out meals for the Andy's 2.0 Outreach program in Beaverton. Surplus food is collected from Lakeview Manor LTC in Beaverton and transformed, using the kitchen at Beacan Presbyterian Church, into take-out meals for local food bank clientele. This program is an offshoot (since 2022) of the original Andy's Crock Pot program at St Andrew's UC Beaverton.

**If interested in helping out please contact  
Kathy Davidson at 705-928-6906.**

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**East Central Ontario  
Regional Council**

of The United Church of Canada



from ECORC:

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Please consider letting your name stand to serve on any of our teams in East Central Ontario Regional Council.

In 2025, the following positions are available: \* Council of Elders (2 names plus 1 for Speaker Elect) \* Formation, Nurture and Justice Team (5 names, including one youth)\* Covenant

Support Team (4 names) \* Ministry  
through Property Team (5 names) \*  
Nominations Team (3 names)  
Elections will occur at the spring  
meeting of the Regional Council on  
May 23 and 24, 2025.

Details and form here: deadline to  
submit is May 1 at 3 pm

<https://ecorcuccan.ca/nominations2025/>

### **Did you know:**

- Our region has 172 preaching points



- . 35 of our ministerial personnel serve in a collaborative ministry in 81 congregations
- . 47 of our preaching points are vacant
- . 48 of our congregations are served by full time ministry personnel
- . 8 of our congregations are served by part time ministry personnel
- . 18 of our Communities of Faith are served by retired ministry personnel
- . 4 of our Communities of Faith are served by student ministers.

# **Upcoming UCM Joint Choir**

## **Practices & Services**

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:**

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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-B8freVZ3o4)

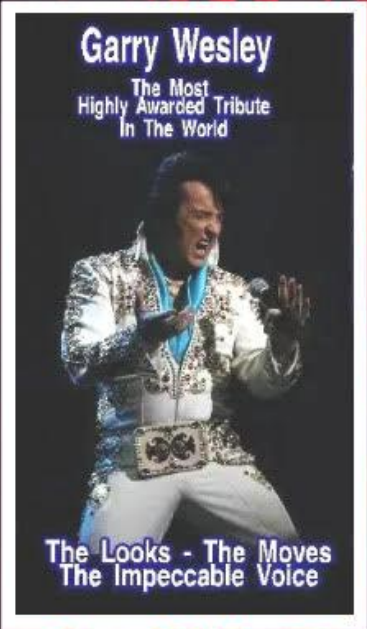
No you are not seeing double! Elvis will be in two buildings!

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

50 LAIDLAW ST. N., CANNINGTON. ON.

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OAKWOOD UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS:

# ELVIS

**IN CONCERT!**

SUN.  
**APR. 27**  
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!**

**2:00 PM**

**TICKETS \$25.00**

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:  
OAKWOOD UNITED CHURCH MEMBERS  
OR TO RESERVE TICKETS CALL 705-953-9259

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## 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](mailto:arlene.smith9@gmail.com) for the Monday evening practice group at 7 pm

Contact Mary Lynn Lanos: [mllanos3328@gmail.com](mailto:mllanos3328@gmail.com) for the Thursday afternoon practice group at 4 pm

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](mailto:kgjebson@gmail.com)*



**Our LLWL Team (left to right)**

**Evelyn Chambers**

**Barbara Warden**

**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](mailto:swoodrow2@gmail.com)