

OUTREACH

Food sort and deliveries Thursday mornings at 11 a.m. We will need all of our helpers and will gladly welcome anyone new.

If you can help with food deliveries on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m., please let Kevin Graham know.

We need MEAT/food donations, monetary donations, reusable shopping bags, and drivers! We will take any of the above. The best time to donate is Thursdays 11 a.m.-1 p.m., or on Sunday mornings.

No egg cartons for the time being.

***SPECIAL NOTE:** While Glenna recovers from knee surgery, we are looking for a volunteer to help sort bread on Saturday nights at 6:15 p.m., here at the church, someone **to help make deliveries from Settlement House on Tuesday** mornings, and here, from the church, on Thursdays at 11:45 a.m.

Entrance to the church via the back parking lot doors **will be locked at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings.** If you arrive late, please enter the church via the front doors.

We try to encourage a scent free environment. Please be mindful.

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February 8, 2026

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Mary Bellinger

Supply Minister

Lay Worship Leader

Licensed Lay Worship Leader

Music Facilitator

Song Leader

*indicates those who are able to please stand

WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth."

ALL: Give us the transformational power of Your grace to a world that has little taste for compassion and charity.

L: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

ALL: Enable us, through Your Living Spirit, to brighten the darkness with Your love.

L: Jesus invites us to let our light shine before others,

ALL: revealing God's grace, Jesus' healing love and the Spirit's truth and compassion. Come, let us worship the Living God!

CHORAL INTROIT

400

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace!

*PRAYER OF APPROACH

"God of Light and Mystery, who has made us in Her image to be salt and light in a world full to shadows and dark places, guide our thoughts and hearts to discover how to salt and light during our worship. May Your Spirit of understanding help us discern now to let Your light shine through us so that others can see Your loving presence. Through our light may others be moved to follow You. Amen."

*HYMN *I Am the Light of the World* 87
 PRAYER OF CONFESSION
 SILENT PRAYER ASSURANCE
 ANTHEM *When He Cometh* by GF Root & WO Cushing

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 58:1-9
 PSALM 112 834
 *HYMN *When We Are Living* 581
 SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:13-20
 MESSAGE "PASS THE SALT"

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

*HYMN *Come to My Heart* 661
 INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
 *DOXOLOGY 384(HFG)
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
 PRAYER OF DEDICATION
 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
 *HYMN *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* 575
 COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION
 CHORAL BLESSING *Go Now In Peace*
 POSTLUDE

If you are visiting with us for the first time this morning, welcome!
It is no longer our custom to pass around the offering plate. The plate
is kept at the front of the church, just inside the door, and offering
envelopes are available in the pews. All donations are greatly
appreciated and help to keep the heart of this sacred place beating with
God's love, grace, and generosity.

Happy birthday to **Kevin Graham**, who celebrates today!
James Ford, who celebrates tomorrow, **Ted Scholten**, who celebrates
 Tuesday, **Anthony Alexander**, who celebrates Thursday,
 and **Kathy Brown**, who celebrates this Saturday ☺

Reports for the 2025 Annual Report are due! Please submit all reports to the church office.

Annual Meeting – Sunday, March 1 at 12:30 p.m., following a luncheon here at the church. The Reverend David Clinker from Port Perry United Church will be in attendance as our supervising minister.

Bible Study – Please see Kevin Graham for Monday evening Bible Study details.

Men's Breakfast – The men meet for breakfast every third Saturday of each month. Their next gathering is scheduled for this Saturday, February 14 at 9:30 a.m., and the women are invited.

If you are interested in joining the **Prayer Shawl Committee**, please speak with Marilyn Walsh/Beryl Pearce.

Christian Library – There is now a collection of Christian books in the cabinet in the Narthex. Feel free to browse, borrow, take and share them at your leisure. If you would like to add to the collection, please ensure the books are Christian.

We greatly appreciate helping bodies on Sunday mornings to:

Operate the chairlift.

Occasionally help set up coffee at 9:15 a.m.

Occasionally help with the sound and camera equipment.

If you have **social media skills** and would like to share them to promote our church, we'd love to have your talents. Instagram, TikTok, X, Meta? Maybe you can share our activities for us!

We are also looking for a **back-up person to help send out the Eblast.** If you are interested, please see Mary Bellinger.

A sign-up sheet has been posted in the kitchen for those who wish to **volunteer to bring in treats for Sunday morning coffee time** following worship. **NOTE:** If you would like to bring in a cake on special occasions, please indicate the date of your choice on the sign-up sheet and speak with someone in the kitchen.