

ANNOUNCEMENTS
For Sunday, May 10, 2026

FOLKS TAKING PART IN THIS WEEK'S SERVICE:

Organist: Tracy Marek

Scripture Reader:

Greeters & Offering: Susan & Peter Knowlton

Hospitality: Susan & Peter Knowlton, Kathy & Ken Down

Don't be embarrassed ... turn off your cell before it rings!



PLEASE NOTE:

The church's website is currently under construction as we move to a new hosting site.

If you are looking for the service recordings, they can be found on YouTube www.youtube.com/@EbenezerUnitedChurchCourtice or Facebook www.facebook.com/EbenezerUCClarington

THIS WEEK

EBENEZER READS: Join us on May 12th at 3pm to discuss The Art of Fielding by Chad Harbach

NEXT SUNDAY: May 17, using the passages of Acts 1:6-14 and John 17:1-11 Nancy will talk on discipleship in her sermon 'There's No Plan B'. Hmm, I wonder what Plan A is?!?!?

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: This week we celebrate the birthday of Lisa Mowat (14th). Congratulations!

LOOKING AHEAD

"**LUNCH AND LEARN**" on **Sunday, May 24th** after the service when we will welcome Erin Down (she's Marilyn and Gary's daughter!) Erin will speak on "Nature protection in Canada and internationally – Perspectives from a federal public servant." *Erin is a Policy Manager at Environment and Climate Change Canada, where she is currently focussing on files relating to international biodiversity and wildlife trade. Following her university*

studies in international business and environmental economics, Erin moved to Ottawa and has spent her career thus far working on a number of environmental policy issues.

CLASSICS: If you are feeling a bit vintage these days - in the best possible way - and you like to have pleasant conversation and a little snack with your afternoon tea or coffee then come on out to *The Classics* on Wednesday, June 3rd at 2:00. We sing, we chat, we have fun. Join us.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE: We continue to focus our efforts on those who are unhoused and face food insecurity in the community. In May, we will change our support to the Salvation Army Food Bank in Bowmanville. Here are a few items that the food bank currently needs: stew, canned soup or beans with Tabs for easy opening, salmon, tuna, fruit cups, pudding cups, juice boxes, deodorant, Kleenex, cleaning supplies and body wash.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Property Maintenance & Rental Committee needs someone to open the church on Sunday mornings, approximately 9 am and close when everyone has left the building after Fellowship time at approximately 12 noon. It would be helpful if this person could commit for one month at a time. Please see George Moore or call him at 905-429-0095.

ON CALL CUSTODIANS: Your Property Maintenance and Rental Committee are wanting to develop a list of individuals we could call on for occasional light custodial duty for one-time rentals (eg. family birthday, family Christmas gathering, etc.). This person would meet the renters to open and close the church and spot clean as needed. There would be \$100 remuneration for each rental. Please see George Moore or call him at 905-429--0095 for more details.

EBENEZER CHURCH DIRECTORIES: 6 updated pages are now available for 2023 directories. These pages are 3-hole punched, ready to easily replace the old ones. The cost is \$2.00. Whole updated directories are also

available for \$6.00. Please see Marilyn Down at Fellowship Time after church.

FINANCIAL QUESTIONS?: Please contact the office if you have questions about your Tax receipts, Donations, PAR, etc.

ebenezerchurch1669@gmail.com or 905-436-1258

PRAYER NETWORK: Every Monday morning Nancy sends an email out to a network of 32 people who are committed to prayer and offering supportive prayer for the requests and the Joys and Concerns that come to us. If you would like to be included in that network please speak to Nancy or email her at revnancyknox@gmail.com If you have prayers of thanksgiving or prayer requests that you wish the Prayer Network to hold for you just let Nancy know and she will include them in her weekly email.

"A STITCH IN TIME: meets on Wednesdays 9:30-11:30am in the parlour, please bring your current projects and join us for a chat!

CHOIR PRACTICE meets Thursdays at 7pm. All are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you are interested in volunteering to help with "Greeting and Taking up Offering" and/or reading "Scripture" at a Sunday morning service, please speak to Charlotte Hughes
email: charlottemay43@outlook.com Tel: 905-697-8101

SHARE SUNDAY: Our Sunday School, with assistance from the Outreach Committee, collects donations for local Food Banks the last Sunday of the month.

ON CALL OFFICE ADMIN: We are seeking a reliable individual to be trained as a backup Office Administrator, providing coverage during vacation periods. The ideal candidate should have a working knowledge of Microsoft Office, including Word and PowerPoint. If you're interested, please contact the church office!

FACILITY USE: if your group or committee is planning a meeting or event, please be sure to contact Sherri at ebenezerchurch1669@gmail.com so it can be added to the church calendar. Always check the church calendar

on our website to see what else is going on before making any plans (<https://www.ebenezerunitedchurch.ca/calendar.html>)

OFFERING CONTRIBUTIONS:

We have many ways to accept offering contributions:

- eTransfer – EbenezerChurch1669@gmail.com
- One time and recurring credit card donations (QR Code) - <http://bit.ly/4lgeBnK>
- Pre Authorized Remittance (PAR) or Offering envelopes - Please contact the church office



CARDS OF SUPPORT: Joan Greenway has volunteered to send cards on behalf of our church family to any among us who are experiencing illness or bereavement. If you know of anyone who might appreciate a card, please contact Joan at 905 436 1990 or joan.greenway@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW that Rev. Nancy Knox writes a Blog? She writes entries on an occasional basis reflecting on faith and life. You can check it out at www.irreverendramblings.com

NAME TAGS: If anyone would like a name badge to wear on Sundays, please contact Cindy Duffey. 905-436-0183 or cindyduffy@hotmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE: If your committee has an announcement for the bulletin, please submit it to the church office no later than 12 noon on Wednesdays. Thank you.

SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT: There are people who are sensitive or allergic to perfumes, aftershave, scented lotions and other toiletries. Therefore, in consideration of this, we wish to create a scent-free environment here at Ebenezer.

PRIVACY NOTICE: Please be aware that our services are recorded on ZOOM and posted on Ebenezer's website. At many events photographs are taken and pictures may be posted on our website and social media.