



Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Celebrating our 114th Year—1912-2026

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Our Mission: With respect, cooperation, and joy, through acts of love that build each other up, we seek to share the light of Christ as a Beacon from our corner in East Hamilton

Laidlaw Memorial United Church

Easter Celebration



We Celebrate the Sacrament of Communion

Worship with us In Person, or by Livestream on YouTube, search "Laidlaw Live"

Sunday, April 5, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Livestream URL: https://youtube.com/live/CcrIp_P8adQ

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Worship in Person, or Live from Laidlaw on YouTube!

Please Log in to Chat; or send a text to 905-547-2021—Request a prayer, send your greetings, light a candle!



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send an Interac e-transfer to 'laidlawuc@bellnet.ca' or press the 'On-Line Donation' button
at www.laidlawchurch.ca Thank you for your support!

Ministers: All who follow Jesus Christ!

Musician: Steve McRae, B. Mus, A.R.C.T., Dipl. A.A.

Minister: Rev. Douglas C. Moore, B.Th., B.A. (Phil), M.Div.



Laidlaw Memorial United Church
The Easter Lilies in the Church today are placed...



In Loving Memory of

Margaret Rodrigue
Our Mom
by Kathy Rodrigue

Alexander Jr. Gillis
Jack and Stella Naves
Sandra Naves, Jackie Naves
Roy Saunders
by Estelle Naves

Wayne McNally, my husband
Patrick Rodrigue, my brother
by Colleen McNally

Eddie Redburn
My Husband
by Audrey Redburn

Bryan and Edna Blair
My Parents
by Peter Blair

Diane Buckland
My Wife
by Len Buckland

Shirley Marie Moore
Née Chambers
by Benjamin Chambers Moore

Antonio Scacchi
Loving Husband and Grandpa
by Nancy Scacchi

Doris Oldfield,
Thomas (Larry) Padfield,
Joan Bond, Nick Audician, Steve Jacobs,
Joan Redburn, Dave Pashko,
Novil Staten, Maurice (Moe) Bond
by Janet Bond

Len Ferguson
My Loving Husband
by Merily Ferguson

Russel Rizza
by Lisa Rizzo

Beverly Acciaroli
My Loving Wife
By Joe Acciaroli



Geoffrey Lawrence, my Husband
by Dorothy Lawrence

Ed Van Minnen
Rhea Usher-Finch, Harris Usher
by Carol Courtney

Ferry and Connie Rowsell
Charlene Conkey
by Kathi Austin

Frank Whitehead
My Husband
by Marjorie Whitehead

Daniel Aaron Glover
By Cheryl and Dennis Glover

Peter, Jerry, and Esther
by David and Carol Crown

Molly McDonald
My Mother
by Heather Shaw

Shirley Marie Moore
Our Parents
by Rev. Doug Moore

Our Loved Ones
Our Beloved Pets
by Peter and Wendy Banting


Evelyn & Eileen Burris
Eileen & Jack McLean,
Tan & Evelyn Campbell
Julie and Larry Martin,
Fred Clarkson Aunt Kay,
Aunt Molly Mr. and Mrs. Dyna,
Violet Pam & Gordy Carey
Wendy and Bob Southall
Barb Lawrence,
Josie and Fibar Chontos
Kay Southall, Grandma Inrvie
Jodi Zimmerman
Stella Naves, my best friend.
by Elizabeth Chontos and Family

Welcome and Announcements

God Gathers Us Together

Chimes and Candles Call

Call to Worship

 Psalm 118, Acts 10, Colossians 3

The Lord be with you! And also with you!
Give thanks that God will answer; and bring salvation's day!
Hallelujah! We know God's message: Peace through Jesus Christ!
Now it is revealed: Christ is alive, and we also will live!
Hallelujah! God has made this day! Rejoice! Be glad in it!

Hymn of Praise

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Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1. **Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah! our triumphant holy day, hallelujah! who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah! suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!**
2. **Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah! unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah! who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah! sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!**
3. **But the pains which he endured, hallelujah! our salvation have procured; hallelujah! now above the sky he's King, hallelujah! where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!**
4. **Sing we to our God above, hallelujah! praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah! praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah! praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!**

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Prayer of Approach *(Unison)*

Living God, you give life to everything you create! You raised Jesus from death to life! You greet us with joy and hope, showing us there is new life hidden in us!

We thank you that your message is peace. It is our joy and hope that you play no favourites, accepting everyone who fears you, and seeks to do what is right. Guide and guard us in these anxious days.

Shake our tombs and set us free! In Jesus Christ, show us the light of your peace. By your Holy Spirit, confirm your steadfast love that saves and redeems our lives, Amen!

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Communion will be served to you in the pew for In-Person worship, if you are online, gather bread and wine!

Communion Anthem

Ring the Easter Bells

Words and Music: Joseph Martin

Greeting

The Lord be with you! And Also with you!
Lift up your hearts! We lift them up to the Lord!
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God! It is right to give God thanks and praise!

Words of Institution for the Bread and Wine

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *(Unison)*

God, we offer our praise! Your love is steadfast, stronger than death! In raising Jesus to life, you opened the way from death to life for us all!

We thank you for Jesus, whom you anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power to do good and heal all those oppressed by evil. We thank you that in raising Jesus to life again, you make us fearless witnesses who have a message of peace to share.

We share the joy of this Easter Day. In this bread and wine, we commune with Jesus, who trusted you, and gave his flesh and blood freely for our good, whom you raised on the third day, so that each day might be for us all an opportunity for Easter joy and enduring peace. הושיענו Save us, we pray!

We wait as you turn our minds toward things that are above. Renew our spirits. Reveal our spiritual life, hidden with you in Christ, waiting to be revealed in shared peace and joy. Reveal your glory by healing those who are sick, helping those who are troubled, and comforting those who mourn. Let each day be the day of your salvation—raise us to new life! Μαράνα θά! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

All praise and glory belong to you, God! You have sent Jesus to redeem our lives and bring us into the communion of your forgiving grace and love which is for all people. You alone are worthy of our praise, our honour, our service, now and forever, Amen!

Communion will be served to you in the pews, please wait and we will partake together.

The Lord's Prayer *(Unison)*

We Hear God's Word

Young People! Gather at the front, or near your screens!

Youth and Scripture

📖 Acts 10:36



Do You Know the Message?

Young People Praying Young People Singing

Give Me Oil in My Lamp

Words: Anonymous Music: Traditional

1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, Give me oil in my lamp, I pray, Hallelujah!
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, keep me burning till the break of day!
*Refrain: Sing Hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing Hosanna to the Servant King! Sing Hosanna!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the king!*
2. Give me gas in my Ford, keep me trucking for the Lord...
3. Give me umption in my gumption, help me function...
4. Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving...
5. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising...

Children are welcome to go upstairs with Drew for Sunday Bible Lessons, there are colouring pages and puzzles in the Quiet Room

Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles

📖 Acts 10:34-43 (New Testament, page 129)

This is the witness of the Church. Thanks be to God!

Psalm Response

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7 6 6 6 D.

📖 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1. Give thanks to God who is good; whose steadfast love endures! Let Israel all say now:
“God’s steadfast love endures!” The LORD God is our strength and might, our God is our salvation!
These are the days of glad song for those who seek the right!
2. The hand of God is courage; the hand of God exalts! We shall not die! We shall live!
And tell God’s deeds to all! The LORD has punished me with pain, but God did not let me die!
Now let the gates be opened, I’ll enter and give thanks!
3. This is the gate of our God; the just may enter in! Give thanks that God has answered
and brought salvation’s day! The stone the builder’s did reject becomes the cornerstone now!
This is God’s new way with us, a wonder to our eyes!
4. Give thanks to God, who is good; whose steadfast love endures! Let Israel all say now:
“God’s steadfast love endures! The LORD God is our strength and might, our God is our salvation!
This is the day that God made! Rejoice! Be glad in it!

Adapted from the Scripture and set in metre by Rev. Doug Moore

Lesson from the New Testament Letters

📖 Colossians 3:1-4 (New Testament, page 201)

This is the Witness of the Church! Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Gospel

📖 Matthew 28:1-10 (New Testament, page 33)

The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Do Not Be Afraid

Gospel Hymn

Thine Is The Glory

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son: endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son: endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
2. Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son: endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son: endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People
Invitation to Christian Life and Generosity
Offertory

Jesus is Just Alright
Words and Music: Arthur Reynolds

Doxology

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1. Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere, and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.
2. Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make: be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

Dedication Prayer

In Jesus' Name We Go to Serve

Closing Hymn

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Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks

Refrain: Hallelujah, hallelujah. Give thanks to the risen Christ; hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth, firstborn of all creation.
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and is risen.
3. We have been crucified with Christ, now we shall live for ever.
4. Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Response

88 (More Voices)

Over My Head

Words and Music: African-American Spiritual Arranger: Stephen Lee, 2006

Refrain: Over my head, I hear music in the air. (3x) There must be a God somewhere!
Let the peace of God go with us... I hear music in the air...
Let the love of Christ now lead us... I hear music in the air...
Let God's Spirit lift our spirits... I hear music in the air...
There must be a God somewhere! *Refrain*

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!



No Coffee Hour after Church Today!

Enjoy your Easter afternoon adventures!

Announcements

OFFICE HOURS: Regular Office Hours for Rev. Doug will continue Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays, 9 a.m. till noon! Rev. Doug is 'on call', so, if there is a need for pastoral care anytime, call 905 547 2021! Coffee is on during office hours; you are always welcome to come by! We appreciate lots of help! Rev. Doug, now officially 'half time' will now consider Mondays and Fridays a 'day off'. You may always call if there is an urgent need!

Meeting at Laidlaw: Phoenix AA (Wed 7 p.m.), Al Anon (Thurs 10 a.m.) and Narc Anon (Thurs noon)

This Week at Laidlaw

Office Hours! Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon, coffee will be on, help is appreciated!

Wednesday Office Hours! Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! Coffee is on, help is welcomed!

Thursday Office hours! Thursday, April 9, 2026, 9 a.m. till noon! We will get the bulletin and church ready for Sunday.

Rhyme, Rhythm & Reason the open mic for writers...all writers! Thursday, April 9, 2026, 7-9 p.m. at Laidlaw! Do you write songs, poetry, stories, fiction, pretty much anything? This is your open mic! And if you would like to just listen—it's a great night for that too! Refreshments available at modest prices! For more info, email anymodel@yahoo.ca

BINGO! Saturday, April 11, 2026, doors open at noon, Bingo at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be available! Join us! **Bigger Prizes!** 10 games for \$10, with a \$20 prize, two half and half specials, the first for \$2, the second for \$3. Children are welcome to play if they have a parent or guardian with them!

RECITAL with Borys and Olivia's students, Saturday, April 11, 2026 a 6 p.m.

Worship With Us at Laidlaw—SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER, Sunday, April 12, 2026, at 11 a.m. “Blessed Doubt” *Olivia Brown is at the keyboards.* Bring the children to Church! —there are activities for the children every Sunday. Join us for Coffee Hour before worship at 10 a.m., and after worship, with games in the gym! **Livestream at <https://youtube.com/live/ZnVEm2aBpMk>**

WOW! BERTHA WOOD is turning 90! Sunday, April 12, 2026, 2-4 p.m., a drop in party at Meadowlands Retirement Community, in the main floor Craft Kitchen Room, 1248 Mohawk Road, Ancaster. Best wishes only, please! If you would like to join a group of us from Laidlaw, let Rev. Doug know, and we will RSVP, as requested. If you can't come, a greeting sent to berthamwood36@gmail.com would be a welcome substitute!

Upcoming Events

Laidlaw Church Council Meeting, Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 1 p.m. in the Stew Hamilton Room. Welcome to the new members of Council!

FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT, Angel Studio's 'DAVID' Friday, April 17, 2026, doors open at 6 p.m., movie starts 6:30 p.m. Wii, food and drink for sale—and POPCORN! —Fun for all—bring your family!

Wendy and Peter would be delighted if you and your significant other are able to attend a Belated 90th Birthday celebration for Peter on Sunday, April 26th 2026 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Laidlaw Memorial United Church, 155 Ottawa St. North (at the corner of Ottawa and Cannon Streets) Parking: South of the church, plus overflow parking at L.G. Wallace Funeral Home, 151 Ottawa St. N., next door. For those with mobility issues there is a ramp on the south side of the church next to the parking area to gain entrance into the church at 2 p.m. the PETER BANTING Swingtet will perform. Refreshments will be served. Please, no cards, or gifts. Just bring best wishes, hugs and kisses. R.S.V.P. to wendysbanting@bell.net or peter.banting@sympatico.ca or (905) 972-0077 before Thursday, April 16

The 'The Women of Laidlaw' will gather! Monday, April 27, 2026, at noon! All women of the church are welcome to join us! Bring your knitting if you like, conversations, working on helping with events at Laidlaw, and Rev. Doug will make lunch!

THE ACOUSTICS in Concert Friday, May 1, 2026, 7 till 9 p.m. at Laidlaw! Tickets are \$10 in advance by calling 519 732-2542, or \$15 at the door! See the details at www.theacoustics.ca

SEW Hungry Community Market Place at Laidlaw – Table Sale—Saturday May 9, 2026, Rent a table for \$50.00, bring and sell your stuff, buy other people's stuff, keep the money! If you would like a table, go to the 'Community' tab on the church website—**book your table soon!** ***The Ladies of Laidlaw will be serving meat pies, and there will be a half and half draw by Laidlaw at the event this year! Come out and enjoy SEW Hungry this year! See Carol if you would like to book a table for the sale!***

PENNYSALE—Thanks for all the help and donations for the February Penny Sale! The Next Penny Sale at Laidlaw will be Saturday May 30, 2026—we will need prizes! ***We will also need baking for the sale—your donations are appreciated!*** Doors open at noon. Draws will take place at 2 p.m. Winners must be present at the draws! There will be a Penny Table with 75 prizes, a Raffle Table with 25 big prizes, and a Half and Half Draw. A children's table ensures a prize for every child, there will be a Bake Table by the Women of Laidlaw, and our famous Laidlaw Food Table! Join us for lunch, bring a friend! Your donations are needed! Please give gift cards to Kathy Rodrique! New items only (a rule under our License!) Penny prizes \$15-25; Raffle Prizes \$35 and up. Thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

The Women of Laidlaw make meat pies and shepherd's pies. Ask about the next batch, and get yours! Meat Pies are \$7 each, Shepherd's Pies are \$8 each! A great meal at a great price! Speak to Nancy Scaachi!

We appreciate help! with supplies... We need regular coffee. We have enough flour and Tenderflake Lard for now, thanks! Speak to Carol or Kathi if you'd like to help with these fundraising efforts!

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2026 are at the back of the church today, please pick yours up! If you would like to have offering Envelopes for 2026, we are happy to provide you with a set—speak to Rev. Doug!

Offerings and Donations to Laidlaw Memorial United Church, 155 Ottawa Street North, Hamilton, Ontario, L8H 3Z2 can be made by mail, Electronic donations can be made through Canada Helps, go to laidlawchurch.ca and click the “Donation” button (*a form will pop up on our website, and allow you to make the donation without leaving the Laidlaw Website!*); or by Interac E-transfer, use the church email address, laidlawuc@bellnet.ca (we have set this up for auto deposit, no password needed)! Call the Church Office at 905 544 6536 if you would like to go on PAR, or have a set of offering envelopes. ***Please note: Offerings through 'Canada Helps' are receipted separately by Canada Helps.***

Accessible Entrance: Please see Rev. Doug if you would like to use one of the lifts, for safety and training purposes.

Book Korner—\$1 hardcovers, 50¢ softcovers, 25¢ magazines, children’s books, there are DVDs, they are \$1 each!

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS? We have Tablet Computers, for those who need large print!

Donation Box for Wesley Centre, etc.! Rose McGowan is making ‘kindness kits’ for men and women experiencing housing and health issues. Hygiene products, towels, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc., are needed!

BUDGET NEWS! We are truly blessed by the generosity of our members and friends, and the good people who attend events and fundraisers at Laidlaw. *Donations to the general fund are a great help*, from those in person, and online! We appreciate everyone doing what they can to help us meet the challenge! You can help us in several ways. Participate and promote fundraising events at Laidlaw. Helping with donations for events is a great help. Encourage people to come with you to Bingo, Penny Sales, Movie Nights, Concerts, and Sunday Worship. Consider increasing or starting a regular monthly gift for the General Fund at Laidlaw by PAR (call the Church Office at 905 544 6536). *We deeply appreciate when those who are gathering with us online also make a donation to help keep the Laidlaw Beacon shining!* Sincere thanks to everyone for their generosity! If you would like Envelopes and don’t have a set, call the Church Office at 905 544 6536.

GRANT PROGRESS: A Grant from the Ontario Anti-Hate Program has been confirmed for this season! We will continue to improve the security at the church, including replacing the rest of the window coverings, as well as a new camera monitor in the church hall for those waiting for a ride! We are grateful for this help from the Ontario Government! **Presbytery Mission Council** is helping to create the ‘*Artword Studio at Laidlaw*’ *The studio is ready now—we are looking forward to welcoming events in the space in 2026!*

Laidlaw Memorial United Church
at the Corner of Cannon and Ottawa Streets

BINGO

Saturday, January 17, 2026
Saturday, February 7, 2026
Saturday, March 14, 2026
Saturday, April 11, 2026
Saturday, May 16, 2026
Saturday, June 13, 2026

Doors Open at 12:00 p.m.
Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m.

Lunch and Refreshments Available
NEW, IMPROVED PRIZES!
\$10 for Ten 3up Sheets, \$20 Cash Prize per game.
Two 50/50 3up Games, \$2 and \$3 to play.
Cash Prize is half of game sheet sales.
Family Friendly Area and Adult Friendly Area
Children must be accompanied by a guardian at least 18 years old
Held under Ontario Lottery License

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the **ACOUSTICS**
In Concert

Friday May 1st
7:00pm - 9:00pm

\$10 Advance (519-732-2542)
\$15 At the door

www.theacoustics.ca

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Sew HUNGRY

AT LAIDLAW CHURCH
Saturday, May 9, 2026

Inside or Outside, depends on the weather!

10:00 a.m. TILL SELL OUT!
MEAT PIE, GRAVY, ONIONS, COLE SLAW
WATER, POP, TEA OR COFFEE
\$15.00 PER PERSON

TABLES & CHAIRS INSIDE AND OUT!
JOIN US FOR THE COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE!
NEW THIS YEAR: HALF AND HALF DRAW!
Winning Ticket Drawn at 2:00 p.m.
PROCEEDS TO LAIDLAW CHURCH ACTIVITIES!

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Penny Sale, Prize Raffle, Half & Half Raffle, Bake Sale

Saturday, May 30, 2026
at 12 noon
Draws begin at 2 p.m.

There is something for everyone!
Great Penny Sale and Raffle Items
Scrumptious Home Baking!

Come in Time for LUNCH!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
(with the children's table—a prize for every child!)
Held under City of Hamilton Charitable Lottery License

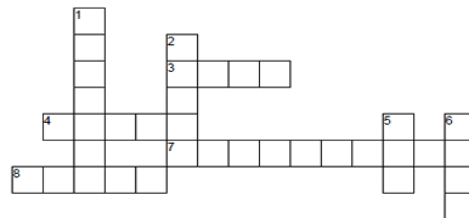
The Stone Was Rolled Away

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.
Matthew 28:2 (NIV)



Complete the activity below.

Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.



ACROSS

- A place where someone is buried
- "He is not here; he has _____, just as he said." Matthew 28:6
- A shaking or trembling of the the earth
- A heavenly being that serves as a messenger for God

DOWN

- The first or early part of a day
- A hard solid substance found in the ground which is often used for building
- A period of twenty-four hours
- A period of seven days

STONE	MORNING	WEEK	EARTHQUAKE
RISEN	ANGEL	DAY	TOMB

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Complete the activity below.

Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

B H M W E E K A J E S U S E S
N T J O X D G N O L M L N A R
I S Z V K M T G O R H C L R I
B D O I T C A E R I S E N T S
X A M O L A L L R S R R T H E
A Y F O E A X P N L D T O Q N
O H N X B G Q X N I U N M U L
S E L O Y Z W S R O D S B A V
H A C N L S X L O D Z V F K A
O V H Z G I Y Q L J U U I E F
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