

# Baptism

at Minden United Church,  
Zion United Church &  
Maple Lake United Church  
in the Highland Hills Pastoral Charge

Having your child baptized in The United Church of Canada is an act of welcoming, blessing, and belonging. For infants and young children, baptism proclaims the unconditional grace and love of God. It is also a reminder of the new and wonder-filled responsibilities that come with a new life. For adults, baptism represents a renewed commitment to living and growing in faith.

In the Highland Hills Pastoral Charge, we uphold a theology of inclusion and welcome all who wish to embrace a path of living demonstrated by the words and deeds of Jesus Christ—one of truth, justice, peace, and unconditional love. Those requesting baptism, either for themselves or their children, do not need to be members of the United Church.

Baptism in The United Church of Canada normally occurs within a regular Sunday morning worship service. At that service, the entire congregation will make a commitment to the ongoing nurture and support of the baptismal candidate's faith and spiritual growth.

Prior to the baptism ceremony, at least one adult on behalf of a child, or the adult seeking baptism, must attend at least one information meeting with the minister. At this session, the minister will explore the meaning of baptism and assist the adult in understanding the questions and promises to be made in the baptismal covenant.

It is also strongly suggested that an adult being baptized, or at least one of the parents of the child to be baptized, attend at least one regular Sunday worship service prior to the Sunday of the baptism ceremony. It is hoped that those who are baptized will continue to be a part of the faith community in the days and years after baptism.

Please contact us to arrange an appointment with our minister.

To be reviewed and revised by the Charge Worship Committee as needed.  
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