

NECM NEWS

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What is NECM? NECM is the Northumberland East Collaborative Ministry. Roseneath United, Roseneath, Trinity United, Hastings and St. Paul's United, Warkworth have joined together in a "collaborative ministry" to help each of our communities maintain a United Church presence in these communities. Since the first Methodist Circuit Riders visited these communities, these three churches have provided a spiritual presence for their community. In 1925, each Methodist church joined the newly formed United Church. In the early 2020's all three churches ended up with no minister; none of these congregations had the resources to support a minister on their own and thus NECM was formed.

We are going to celebrate our first Joint Service at St. Paul's on August 2 at 11:00 am.

YOU'RE INVITED. COME ON IN!

August 2, 2026 @ 11:00 am

You're Invited!

You're invited to join the NECM churches as the first joint service is held. Rev. Jan Stobie will be conducting the service. She will be supported by the "NECM Choir". Members of each church will also be taking parts of the service.

In addition, this will also be a communion service; all those who wish, may receive communion

Be sure to arrive early and grab a cup of coffee and a cookie as you connect with people you may not have seen for a while. If the bells ring before you are through, feel free to take your coffee to the pew.

Following the service, all are invited to *The Gathering Place* (the downstairs meeting place) to join us for lunch.

"Food brings people together on many different levels. It's nourishment of the soul and body; it's truly love."

NECM Council

Chair – Don Real

Vice Chair – Ian Hartford

Secretary – Betty Wagner

Treasurer - Anita Shannon

Ministry & Personnel Team – Anne Parker, Janice Allen, Evelyn McLeod

Communication Team - Don Real, Jim Geddes, Janet Torrance

Youth and Young Adult Team – Betty Wagner

Finance Team: Ian Hartford, Anita Shannon

Congregational Care Team – Anne Parker, Ruth Geddes and Barbara Trotter

Spiritual Leadership Team: The vision is that the NECM Council will provide this leadership.

Revitalization Team - NECM Council is responsible for fostering the zeal, energy and commitment of all teams, members and leaders.

The August 2 Service will be live streamed on Facebook although the in-person service will certainly be better when lunch is served.

[Link to Facebook Page](#)

NECM Service Schedule AugSt 2 to November 1, 2026			
Date	9:30	11:00	Notes
Aug 2		Warkworth Joint Service	
Aug 9		Roseneath Joint Service	
Aug 16	Hastings	Warkworth	
Aug 23	Warkworth	Roseneath	
Aug 30	Roseneath	Hastings	
Sep 6	Hastings	Warkworth	
Sep 13	Warkworth NO Service	Roseneath	8:30 Pancake Breakfast @ Warkworth Fair 9:00 Roxanne & The Right Direction (Gospel music) @ Warkworth Fair
Sep 20	Roseneath	Hastings	
Sep 27	Hastings	Warkworth	
Oct 4	Warkworth	Roseneath **	11:00 Roseneath Ecumenical Service @ Roseneath Fair
Oct 11	Roseneath	Hastings	
Oct 18		Roseneath Anniversary	
Oct 25		Hastings Anniversary	
Nov 1		Warkworth Anniversary	

NECM Sunday Services

NECM Council decided to accept the responsibility for conducting most Sunday services until the search for a minister is successful. The council members are planning the services and ensuring that congregation members are involved in the service. It is hoped that all congregation members and maybe, other community members will step up and offer their services.

On some special occasions, pulpit supply will be used; for example, council decided to engage an ordained minister, Rev. Jan Stobie, for August 2 so that a communion service could be offered.

These service decision will be evaluated as November 1 approaches and perhaps will be revised.

Suggestions from congregation members are welcomed. Please email for comments to necm2601@gmail.com.

The Search for a Minister

Right now NECM is working with ECORC on a way to post a collaborative ministry on Church Hub. Once that is mastered, our posting will become "live" and ministers looking for a post will be able to see the NECM post.



This picture is an ai created pen and ink drawing of St. Paul's, created from a coloured picture