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Look for baby crawl/walkathon at Central United Church

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Don't forget to visit Central United Church during the Unionville Village Festival.

The church has been participating in the festival since it began 30 years ago.

"It's to help raise funds for the church and outreach projects," volunteer Jerri Seeley said. It's also a way to get involved with the community, she added.

Thirty years ago, church volunteers sold strawberry shortcake to festival goers.

"It has gotten bigger and bigger," Seeley said.

Now they offer live entertainment, craft booths, food and a variety of events.

The new event this year is the baby crawl/walkathon.

This is where babies walk or crawl the length of the carpet which will be set up in front of the church.

"The first one across the finish line wins."

Registration for this free event is at 11:30 a.m., with the contest begins at 11:45 a.m.

There will also be live entertainment throughout the day including the Rhythm Cloggers, a country and western band and banjo players, among others.

There will be children's games, including three inflatable jumping bags.

People can enjoy such scrumptious foods as souvlaki and chicken breast on a bun. There will also be crafts and home baking for sale.

Volunteers will also be selling Life is Better in Unionville T-shirts.

"Twenty years ago, we sold life is better in Unionville T-shirts. We decided to bring them back at a minimum cost."

At 2 p.m., the annual Chip off the Old Block Contest occurs.

This is where two people — children, parents and grandparents — will be judged on how much they look alike.

Registration for this free event takes place at 1:45 p.m.

More than 200 volunteers run the events that take place at the church at 131 Main St.

Everyone is invited to attend.



PHOTO/CHERYL JOHNSON

Jake Rodgers, 1, is getting ready for the baby crawl/walkathon at Central United Church.

Special thanks

The Unionville Village Festival Board and the 1999 Festival organizers extend heartfelt thanks to these special Neighbours and Friends of the Festival:

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organizing committee
on another great job!**



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from
Joe Virgilio
Councillor Ward 3
Town of Markham

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6:00 p.m. **SLAMMIN' BHUDDAS**
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