

November 3rd, 2019 * Worship 10:00 a.m.

"Our relationship with God and each other strengthens us, and helps make the world a better place. We welcome and include <u>everyone</u> into congregational life."

VISITORS WELCOME

We welcome you and those of you who are worshipping with us for the first time today! It makes us grateful that we can worship God together, glad that you have come and become a part of our family of worshippers today.

Please stand, if able, where you see this symbol <u>Pleader</u>: normal type; <u>Congregation</u>: **bold type**





Children are invited to Sunday School following Storytime.

They are also welcome to stay with family.





ANNOUNCEMENTS and SLIDEDECK – on the wall holders near each entrance to the Sanctuary. If you take a Slidedeck (Slidedeck for those who have trouble reading the screens), you will need a Voices United hymn book.

PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS - are available as you enter - self serve! Play with joy!

PAR CARDS – available at the main greeting table

FOODBANK SUNDAYS – is **on the first Sunday** of each month. Blessings Food Bank in Zurich and the Ailsa Craig Food and Thrift Store are supported. We are moving away from food donations due to delivery costs. Your cash donation goes further and meets real needs.

GREETING ON SUNDAY! GREETING is a GREAT way to get to know folks and for them to get to know you! It's so non-committal!! All you have to do is sign up (sheet located in the back of the sanctuary, facing east) and show up a bit early (9:30 a.m.). No training and no past experience needed!!

SANCTUARY

TODAY NEXT WEEK Luke 19:1-10 Micah 4 1-5

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

November 3—New Members' Sunday November 10—Remembrance Sunday Legion members our guests November 17— Mission and Outreach Sunday November 24—Reign of Christ Sunday

Quote of the week

"With the new day comes new strengths and new thoughts" Eleanor Roosevelt

CALENDAR





COLOUR CODES

- Pink/coral = Fellowship hall
- Blue = Sanctuary
- Green = Greenway Chapel
- Yellow = All Facility

WHAT'S UP

SPONSORING A NEW MEMBER As we get ready to welcome new people into the fellowship of our community of faith don't be surprised if you are asked to serve as a sponsor. This is a "low stress" job! It means that someone sees you as particularly welcoming, and is inviting you to introduce them to the congregation on **November 3**. You may even approach someone whom you know is new and offer to sponsor them - a very welcoming offer.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME! Twice a year we welcome new members to the congregation. If you have been worshiping with us, and feel that Huron Shores United Church might be your church home for the next part of your faith journey, let Kate know that you would like to join. Of course, you don't *have to* join - adherents are valued in our community! However, making a commitment and receiving one from us strengthens our ties and sense of belonging. **New Members Sunday is November 3.** New members and their sponsors should plan to attend a gathering and rehearsal at 2 PM on Thursday, October 31 in the sanctuary.

LEARN TO MEDITATE this fall. **Tuesdays 1 PM-2:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Come to any sessions that you can, all are welcome. **Nov 5** - Mindfulness of Emotions **Nov 12** - Mindfulness of Thoughts November 19 - Mindfulness of Mind **Nov 19** - Mindfulness in Daily Life

THE KNITTING PILGRIM THEATRICAL/VISUAL ARTS PERFORMANCE

Sunday November 10 at 4:00 p.m - Kirk Dunn will be presenting his one-man play, **The Knitting Pilgrim**, featuring his **Stitched Glass** tapestries. The large knitted panels, designed in the style of stained-glass windows, look at the commonalities and conflicts of the Abrahamic Faiths – and took Kirk an incredible 15 years to knit. The play tells the story of Kirk's artistic and spiritual journey working on this ambitious project about interfaith empathy. It will be followed by a question and answer session, and the opportunity to view the one-of-a-kind tapestries up close. Audience is encouraged to "BYOK" (bring your own knitting!) **Tickets, \$12**, will be available at the door, or in advance: For tickets or more information contact **Elise**: huronshoreswellness@gmail.com or purchase tickets online at ticketscene.ca. The show has been seen across Ontario at theatres, churches, and the Aga Khan Museum. For more info: www.ergoartstheatre.com, or www.kirkdunn.com.

Lynda Holmes also has tickets 519- 238-8071 or gbholmes@hay.net (10)

GRAND BEND AREA HOLIDAY HOME TOUR Friday, November 15 - 6pm to 9pm - Saturday, November 16 - 11am to 7pm, and Sunday, November 17 - Noon to 4pm Visit five private homes all decked out for the holidays. Also explore twenty-four destinations that provide holiday inspiration. Tickets are \$25 each Tickets are not needed for the non-home destinations. Funds raised from ticket sales will be used by groups in the community (Huron

Shores United Church being one of them) for our continued good work in the community! Website information and ticket sales visit - http://grandbendholidayhometour.ca/ starts - (17)

HURON SHORES CAFÉ – will be open to the community during the 2019 Christmas Home Tour. Saturday, November 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Sunday, November 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Menu is Chili or Vegetarian Soup, bun, cookies, coffee, tea and cider. This is a great fun-raiser for our Church and we need YOU to help! This is an equal opportunity for men, women and youth to help out by signing up to make a crock-pot of meat chili or 3 dozen cookies – or both! Sign up sheets are on the greeting tables. Unable to attend church to sign up? Just email Mary – marymcfadden58@gmail.com to let us know how you can help. Thanks in advance!! (17)

PRAYER SHAWLERS REMINDER we will **not** be meeting on Nov. 11. We will see you again on **November 18**th

A CONVERSATION ABOUT VALUES Friends, many of you will be aware of conversations within the congregation regarding who we are and how we want to be present in this community. While some are feeling anxious about what they sense is disagreement, I am feeling excited by what I see as an opportunity to discuss something of real significance: our values. What we hang on our walls, and who we let use our renewed building are really questions of identity and of purpose.

Your Council has recently created new working groups to grapple with important issues as they have arisen in the last year. *The Organ Working Group*, and *The Concert Hall Working Group* are examples. *The Cross Working Group* was created to assist Council in deciding whether and when the large wooden cross would hang in the sanctuary, and when it might be covered. Hearing from many passionate people, the members of *The Cross Working Group* have decided to bring the work and the conversation to the whole community. At their request, and in accordance with *The Manual* (2019), giving ample written notice and a clear agenda, I am calling a CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, to be held on **Sunday, November 24** after church. We will work together to articulate our community values, and from them come to a decision about the cross. Our goal is to host a process which is respectful, compassionate and useful, and create a conversational space "where differences are celebrated and accepted as gifts; where new ideas and new ways are not feared but rather embraced as we learn to expand our hearts so that **ALL** are welcome" (HSUC Vision Statement, 2016)

In a spirit of community, we will start with a **potluck lunch** together. Folks who don't cook can always contribute pickles, buns, butter, juice or other purchased items. The meeting will end by 3 PM at the latest. **Please make every effort to be present. Your voice and your vision are needed as we continue to live into our Audacious Dream. (24)**

GOOD LOVELIES CONCERT Friday, December 6. Doors open 6:45 - show 7:30 p.m. All ages/Licensed Event. \$45/person. What better way to celebrate the season than with classic

holiday and winter selections, timeless and original material polished to a warm and welcoming glow? This year also marks the 10th anniversary of Good Lovelie's highly popular Christmas album "Under The Mistletoe." To celebrate, the trio will be releasing "Evergreen", a new collection of seasonal favourites, classic carols and original Christmas songs. Their latest release, "Shapeshifters", was released in February to much acclaim.

Tickets are available through Debbie Procter or www.ticketscene.ca

Thank you everyone for your ongoing financial support of Huron Shores United Church!

NEWS

RIGHT RELATIONS READING GROUP The next books for discussion and awareness are Unsettling the Settler Within: Indian Residential Schools, Truth Telling and Reconciliation in Canada, by Paulette Regan and Settler: Identity and Colonialism in 21st Century Canada by Emma Battell Lowman and Adam J. Barker.

"Non-Aboriginal Canadians must undergo their own process of decolonization in order to truly participate in the transformative possibilities of reconciliation. Settlers must relinquish the persistent myth of themselves as peacemakers and acknowledge the destructive legacy of a society that has stubbornly ignored and devalued Indigenous experience."

A copy of each of the books is available in the library in the chapel. First come, first served. Please return the books as quickly as possible so that others can read them. Date of discussion TBA. (17)

CONGRATULATIONS TO US ALL It is **official**, we have **occupancy** of our **new lower level kitchen**. There are still some things on our wish list that need to be completed and will be done when funds become available. The new kitchen will be available for use by all groups using the church. If you have a need to use the kitchen, please check the church calendar for **availability** and then make sure you **book the space online**. There will be a list of duties that need to be followed when using the kitchen. They will be posted on the fridge. Please *follow the guidelines*. **This is your kichen to take care of and use with pride**. **Remember "All Are Welcome In This Place"** - Debbie Procter, Property Management (17)

A NEW KITCHEN CARE WORKING GROUP IS BEING ORGANIZED If you like fellowship, cooking, and making money for our church then this is the group for you. Now that we have occupancy of our new kitchen, we need to muster up a group of willing men and women from our church who would be interested in planning, preparing and serving food to our own church groups or outside groups that would like to use our services. If this is something that is of interest to you, please contact Debbie Procter at 519-238-2973 or debbieprocter@yahoo.ca (17)

MESSAGE FROM NORA SANDERS, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF

CANADA I let the Executive know of my wish to retire in September of 2020. Next September still seems a long way off, and there is a lot to do in the months before I finish serving in this role. There will be more tough decisions to make as I work with the Executive on plans to move to balance the budget in 2021. (We are at the point where we can no longer rely on drawing down reserves to maintain spending levels.) I do not want my successor to have to begin by having to make the difficult decisions.

I wanted to give time for the processes to identify the person who God has in mind to be the next General Secretary. Maybe you know someone who should be discerning whether this is their call. If there is someone you think of, please encourage them, and let them know that I am happy to talk to anyone who wants to know more about the role as I have experienced it.

I am so grateful to have had this opportunity. If you had told me fifteen years ago that I would be working directly with five different Moderators of the United Church, that I would get to visit so many churches and get to know so many wonderful church leaders, I would have been astounded. (17)

MARY BOUGHT AN APPLE! This was announced last Sunday by yours truly (Mary). For those of you who were unable to attend, I want to ensure that you are made aware of my sincere appreciation of the cash gift received for my retirement. I finally deposited the "gift" in the bank and drove into London and bought an apple - the MacBook kind! Your gift will be used daily and likely be used everywhere I go!! Thank you so much for your very generous gift! (10)

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR ANOTHER VERY SUCCESSFUL FALL FREE STORE! The generosity of our church community with donations to the store was greatly appreciated by all who came.....over 200 visitors, of all ages. There were many thanks and expressions of gratitude, and it was heartwarming to know that with the support of your donations of clothing, toys, games and household goods we were able to make this possible. The seasonal clothing was well received! Several with need in our local area were helped. We did have some items leftover and we were able to send a van load of useful articles to the Ailsa Craig Thrift Store and Food Bank. While we stress this is a free store, several do like to make a contribution and the amount donated was \$460.45 which will be equally divided between HSUC Operations and the United Church Disaster Hurricane Relief fund for the Bahamas. We had an incredible team of dedicated workers volunteering from beginning to end for this event and they helped to make this such a success. Thanks again to all. With your continued support we will be having our next Spring Free Store, May 1 & 2, so keep that in mind and start saving. (Nov 3)

CLERGY FEELING APPRECIATED Friends, I was stunned and delighted by your generous appreciation offered on Thanksgiving Sunday, during Clergy Appreciation Month. I went home and decorated the bountiful table of gratitude with the lovely bouquet and card of thanks. Even days later, I am enjoying them still. There should also be a Congregation Appreciation Month, so that in my turn I can appropriately express my joy at being your

servant and minister. I know that we have something special, and I am ever grateful to be part of the team. Kate.(3)

SABBATICAL WORKING GROUP At a special council meeting on Sept 23, the (SWG) sabbatical working group presented the Sabbatical Plan 2020 for Rev. Kate. After some discussion, council accepted the plan as submitted. On Oct 9 SWG met to discuss the way forward with the Plan. Presently, we are initiating the plan with an email sent to council for a meeting on Nov 6 at 4pm to include all Teams and Working Groups to share wants and needs for the sabbatical. Prior to Christmas, Ministry & Personnel team plans to meet with staff to discuss their wants and needs regarding the sabbatical. After Christmas the SWG will be addressing the congregation through Sunday services, mail chimp and our website to explain the Sabbatical and receive any concerns/suggestions from the congregation - Charles MacDonald (3)

THE CROSS WORKING GROUP has been meeting recently to continue the conversation around the sanctuary cross. The Council has decided that it shall not be taken down, however, the issue remains of whether to cover it occasionally under certain special circumstances. Council has asked the working group to seek congregational input, and we are working toward this end. (3)

PAR WHICH STANDS FOR PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE provides you and our church the opportunity to budget yearly expenses. Even though many of our congregation are not here in Grand Bend 12 months of the year or cannot attend church every week, our expenses are with us 365 days. By contributing through the monthly PAR program, you graciously support your church all year. With PAR you have the choice of designating your offering to the church program you choose i.e. General, M&S, Debt Retirement etc.

There are business cards designating that you are a PAR donor available to drop in the baskets at the offertory if you wish. Many of you may be wondering how to sign up for PAR. Brochures are available at the welcome desks at the entrances. It's a very easy process which allows you to contribute monthly by automatic withdrawal from your bank or credit card. On the back of the brochure is the information to contact Carey Eddy who will be happy to process your request. Or you can fill out the forms and drop it in the offertory basket. Any questions please contact Steve Northey 519-238-850 or snorthey@hay.net If you are a current PAR user, thank you and you can also contact Carey if you wish to increase your amount or designation. (3)

WE ENCOURAGE you to keep your name tag with you so that you can wear it every Sunday! And...please bring your own appropriate reusable water containers and avoid plastic.

PARKING IS FREE ON MAIN STREET On Sunday mornings, let us continue to save all of the spaces north of the Queens Ave entrance and, of course, the two designated spaces south of the entrance for those with accessibility permits. Let's save the other spaces on Queens Ave for those with mobility issues but no permit. Everyone else can park free on Main Street without fear until Spring - no dashboard sign necessary. You may also use the parking lot across the street from the church.

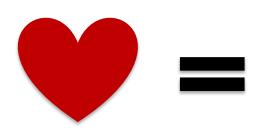
"EVERYONE NEEDS A JOB"! That's what our Kate says! Can you see yourself in any of the following roles? **The Nominations Team** needs an additional member. **The Affirming Team** needs a chairperson. **Fun & Fellowship has recently been renamed "Congregational Care"** and this team needs chairperson. **Christian Development** needs new team members. If any one of you, would like to join our "teamwork", please get in touch with Mary McFadden, Kate, Marilyn Beattie or Lynne Desjardine.

CELEBRATION GIFTS *HSUC* would like to be your charity of choice. **'Celebration Gifts'** contributed to our Operating Account are a wonderful way of honouring anniversaries, birthdays, a new grandchild, a graduation, or in memory of someone special. Acknowledgements of your gifts will noted, if requested. Charitable receipts will be issued to you for your donations. Acknowledgement of your gift will be noted in the weekly church bulletin, if requested.

GROCERY (GIFT) CARD – orders taken the last Sunday of each month. Grocery orders will be received the next week. Grocery card reminder- your orders will be collected by Doug or Deb until noon on Sunday. The more orders we get, the more the church benefits. Last month, our order total was \$12,500 in cards and we made **\$506** for the church.

required, could be raised at the time of the construction. We, as a congregation, are no different. Ahead of us is a mortgage that we would like to pay off in the next ten years. Your contributions to the building fund have helped us to accomplish this beautiful space. We are hoping now, that you will be able to continue with your donations, but instead, give to the 'Burn the Mortgage' campaign. To further this initiative, the Fundraising Team is inviting all parishioners, who would like to contribute beyond their current financial commitment, to contact **Deb Gill (519-238-6266) or Sherwood Eddy (519-238-8566)** for further information. Thank you for your consideration.

Image of the week – just for fun!





COMMUNITY BOARD

MY COMPUTER DOES WHAT? October 28, 2019 - November 25, 2019 at 12 noon – 1:30pm with Sid Huff & Mike Ash – Partners In Learning – In the Sanctuary

TURKEY SUPPER Friday, November 1st - 4:30-6:30 p.m at Forest Legion, 58 Albert Street, Forest. Limited Advanced Tickets: Adults \$17.00, Youth (6-12) \$6.00. Take-outs available with pre-purchased tickets. Delivery available to shut-ins

GRAND COVE FAIR AND CRAFT SALE - **Saturday, November 9**TH at 9:00 A.M. – 2 P.M. Grand Cove Club House - across from Oakwood - highway 21, north

SOUTH HURON COMMUNITY CHOIRS Fall Frolic Turkey Dinner & Silent Auction **Sunday November 10, 2019** 5:00pm Doors open, 5:30pm Welcome at South Huron Recreational Centre (76 Victoria St E, Exeter) "Featuring 'Fox the Hound' and 'South Huron Community Choirs **Tickets \$30 person** can be purchased at: Exeter United Church, Exeter Animal Hospital, Exeter Welcome Centre, Pinedale Motor Inn (Grand Bend), choir members or call Ruth **519-235-1778**

BRUCEFIELD AND COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH, TURKEY AND HAM SUPPER, **Sunday November 10th** 4:30-6:30 pm. Adults \$20, Children 6-10 \$7, 5 and under free. Take out available

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