

OUR VALUES

Faith/Love of God = BELIEVING

Community/Inclusion = BELONGING

Compassion/Compromise = INVITING

"Our relationship with God and each other strengthens us, and helps make the world a better place.

We welcome and include everyone into congregational life."

SANCTUARY

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"My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust" Psalm 91:2

Sunday Worship Weekly at 10:00 AM

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83887699257>

Meeting ID: 838 8769 9257



Or Join by Phone:
647 558 0588 Canada
647 374 4685 Canada

ZOOM Worship Calendar

Oct 10th- Thanksgiving Sermon-by-Phone only

Oct 17th- Peter Challen

NEXT SUNDAY

To be announced



1) In place of a service on Thanksgiving Sunday, Leslie Bella will provide a new Sermon-by-Phone for Sunday including Rev Marlene Britton's message from last week's communion service. **Phone 1 800 758 7563** to try it out, and give us some feedback.

2) The Worship Tech Team wishes all a great Thanksgiving weekend. Wishing you blessed times with your family and friends. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday when Peter Challen will lead us in worship.



CALENDAR



Keep up to date with our zoom meetings on our website.

[CALENDAR LINK HERE](#)

8	OCT, FRI	● 9 – 10am	AMP Security-Setup & Training
		● 10am – 12pm	Private Fellowship hall
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship Rehearsal Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81874479206
10	OCT, SUN	● All day	Kate is on leave at this time
		● 10 – 11:30am	Zoom Sunday Worship https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83887699257
11	OCT, MON	● 1:30 – 3:30pm	Partners in Learning Sanctuary
12	OCT, TUE	● 10am – 12pm	B.L.U.E. Sanctuary
		● 1:30 – 3pm	GB Vipassana Meditation https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85005122648
13	OCT, WED	● 10am – 12pm	Community Bible Study https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353608779
		● 1:30 – 3:30pm	Partners in Learning Sanctuary
		● 4 – 5pm	Re-Gathering Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85846773553
14	OCT, THU	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Grand Bend Place Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88664659648
15	OCT, FRI	● 10am – 12pm	Private Fellowship hall
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship Rehearsal Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81874479206
17	OCT, SUN	● All day	Kate is on leave at this time
		● 10 – 11:30am	Zoom Sunday Worship https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83887699257
18	OCT, MON	● 1:30 – 3pm	Prayer Shawl Fellowship Hall

RSVP CHURCH.COM

You must first register your intent to come to a service by logging into:

<https://rsvp.church/r/GPS09fUh>

Every Monday the registration will be available for the following Sunday (but not this Sunday ;)

For those who **do not** have email available, call the church number **519-238-2402** and leave a message that you wish to attend indicating the number attending and your phone number for verification. Your name will be entered, and you will be informed that your seat(s) has been set aside.

If you have any questions call Rosalind MacDonald for assistance at 519-671-4651 or worshipsuc@gmail.com

THE PRAYER SHAWL MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED TO RESUME ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 FROM 1:30 TO 3:00 P.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

October 18th (2021) we would have celebrated our **6th anniversary** of creating shawls, bears and other goodies to be shared with those around us and we are still going strong. Thanks to all of our members! The following are the totals to the end of September. Well done everyone!!



Shawls - 852
Bears - 482
Pocket Prayer Shawls - 717
Butterflies - 28
Hearts - 152

We are looking forward to seeing those of our members who feel comfortable to join us for the in person meetings. The Zoom social gatherings will still be available for those who are unable to attend or who are not yet comfortable in a group setting.



FROM THE WORSHIP / CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAMS:

The worship service on Oct 31st will be in honour of those from our church community who have passed as well as supporting the family and friends who are mourning the loss of a loved one. During the service, candles will be lit to honour loved ones who have passed since March 17th 2020. Candles can be lit by family members/friends from home via zoom or in the church sanctuary. If you would like to participate by lighting a candle or if you wish a candle to be lit by a volunteer during service, please contact Lois Gill at dgill@hay.net or 519 238-5871 or Rosalind MacDonald at rozjmac@gmail.com or 519 671-4651 **before Oct 25th**. **SOCIAL DISTANCING PRACTICES IN PLACE.**

5 Ways You Can Continue Your Financial Support of Huron Shores United Church



- 1.** Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR): any amount, large or small, can be designated and allocated to Operations, M & S, Foodbank or Debt Reduction.
 - a.** Contact Carey Eddy 519-238-8566
- 2.** Donate Button at: huronshoresunitedchurch.com/giving
- 3.** Mail In Offering: (cheques only)
 - a.** c/o Carey Eddy, PO Box 306, Grand Bend, ON N0M 1T0
- 4.** Drop Off: Use the mail box to the left of the Office Entrance on Queen St.
- 5.** Cheque Pick Up: Call our cheque runner Charles MacDonald 519-854-6803

Thank You so much for your ongoing financial support. We hope and pray that you are all safe and that you will join us Sundays at 10 am for our special "Zoom" service.

WHAT A PASTOR IS - AND ISN'T

Pastors are some of the last true generalists. Their day-to-day work is rich and varied, which is one of the aspects of ministry that is most appealing to some clergy. A pastor is:



Laura Stephens-Reed
Clergy & Congregational Coach

- A proclaimer of scripture, interpreting the meaning of ancient texts for our modern lives
- A spiritual caregiver who accompanies people through life's celebrations and devastations
- A face of the church to the larger community, building a two-way bridge over which people can cross to connect with those similar to and different from them
- An equipper of people as they discover and utilize their gifts and live into God's calls on their lives
- A leader or facilitator of important conversations and processes about faith and being the Church
- The holder of a bigger picture, a vision into which the congregation is attempting to live
- An administrator of details related to that larger vision

Aren't we lucky to have leaders who are made for this kind of compassionate, hard, life-changing work?

Now, the list above is not comprehensive, and pastors do the work above in varying percentages according to their contexts, strengths, and staff situations. But it's a good start, and I offer it in order to contrast it with what a pastor is *not*:

- The savior of a church.
- The receptacle for a congregation's anxieties.
- The person who gets yelled at because someone can't say what they feel to the person they're actually mad at.
- The paid help that does all the ministry (or even non-ministry tasks) church members don't want to do themselves.
- A scapegoat for conflict or for the numerical decline of a congregation.
- A one-person planner and implementer of strategies to attract young people.
- A warm body to occupy the office 40 hours a week so that she is there whenever a person wants to drop by and shoot the breeze.
- A compensated buddy.
- A referee of political or personal conversations.
- Someone to make people in the pews feel comfortable and finished in terms of their theology and contributions to the world.

There is so much upheaval in the world that we're all looking for a person, a practice, or a perspective that seems solid, and leaning on pastors in list #2 ways feels like it could be that thing. The effects of doing so are significant, though. Clergy aren't just thinking about leaving their current congregations. They are contemplating leaving ministry altogether, because they don't feel free to pastor in the ways they've been called. And that in turn leaves congregations without the spiritual guides they need, thereby lessening the possibility of faithful meaning-making, deep connection with fellow disciples, and real transformation. Mercifully, there is grace for us all when we disappoint and are disappointed by one another. *And*, I urge church folks to consider thoughtfully the ways you interact with your pastors. Let them love and lead you. (And love them in return!) Let them challenge you, because in that gentle nudging is the promise of spiritual growth and richer relationships with others made in God's image. Let them invite you into mutual ministry, because ministry is not the work of the paid staff alone. If you open yourself in these ways, you won't want or need your clergy to fulfill list #2, and you will be journeying arm-in-arm with your pastor closer to the heart of God.



A short ***note of thanks*** from the Fellowship & Outreach Team for those that came out to the pumpkin wreath making session.

All of our pumpkins were made and have snuggled into their homes.

Stay tuned.....we may do a **CHRISTMAS CRAFT!**

COMMUNICATING WITH KATE If you wish to reach out to Kate with a card, letter or email message please send your communication to *Steve Northey* and he will make sure it is forwarded to her in confidence. *Steve Northey* will be more than happy to pick up any card or best wishes if you are unable to drop them off at his home at 162 Mississauga Place in Grand Cove with stamp if possible. His phone number is 226-235-8345, and his email address is snorthey@hay.net Please keep Kate and her family in your thoughts and prayers



OUR COUNCIL HAS A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS WE WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT...

HSUC Community of Faith, what are you willing to do to grow our community?

Our greater community, would you like to join us?

To both communities, can we have a conversation?

They're not coming back



Years ago, we used to tell ourselves that young adults who had strayed from the church would come back after they got married. When that didn't happen, we shifted our hopes and proclaimed that they would return when they had kids. Some came back for baptisms, but the tsunami of baby-toting individuals never quite hit the shores of our weekly worship.

And so, we edited the story, confident that the returns would happen once their kids reached school age. As school-age children began signing up for all sorts of activities, we figured that our amazing youth programs would make the list of prioritized pursuits. While many congregations saw *some* waves of church reengagement, many others experienced something entirely different about "their" young adults: *They weren't coming back.*

The reality is, this is the story for many churches for many years; it isn't a truth we found out in 2020 or even 2021. And surveys and church statistics continue to reveal that missing church members are more likely to stay home than to go to a different church. So it's not that they're going somewhere else. They aren't going anywhere. And they certainly aren't coming back.

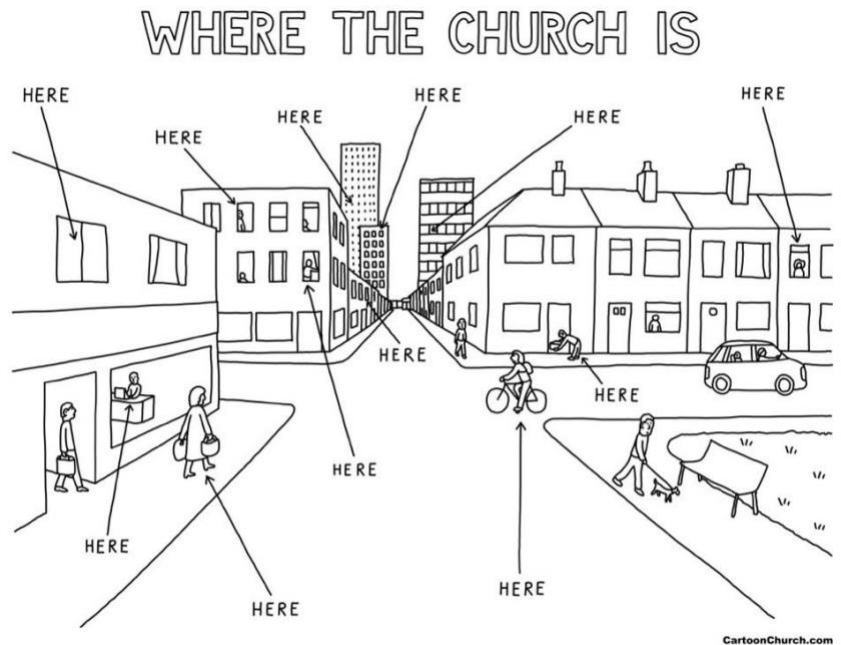
READ THE REST OF THE STORY HERE!



<https://baptistnews.com/article/theyre-not-coming-back/#.YU3skS-cai4>

MODERATOR RICHARD BOTT *Just a quick reminder....*

The church is never closed.
Buildings may be locked.
The livestream may be down.
But, where there is a follower of Jesus,
doing their best
(or, for that matter, not really trying at all!)
there is church.
So, church... go!
Go be deep in the Spirit!
Go be bold in your discipleship!
Go be daring in your work for justice!
Be salt.
Be seed.
Be life, abundant.
The church is **never** closed.
So... let's go!



GET IN TOUCH

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Office Hours are off site ~ If you need anything we are here.

