



# PEACE UNITED CHURCH

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**Peace News  
December 23, 2022**

Friends,

I hope you are all safe and snug at home today and not having to go out and about. I know I have no intention of going anywhere. Here's hoping it gets all its blowing and icing and snowing and everything else its planning to do today, over with today so that we can safely gather tomorrow night, but we shall see.

As much as I'm looking forward to the pageant, and the carols and the candle-lit Silent Night, safety will be the priority as the Emergency Planning Team monitors the situation.

Regardless of what happens weather-wise over the next 24+ hours, I hope you have the chance to find meaning and joy this Christmas season.

My hope is to head to my Mom's on Sunday and spend four or five days there. Of course, everything is weather dependent. If plans are delayed, it won't be the first-time weather interfered with my Christmas timing (Christmas of 2017 was a doozie and a whole story unto itself) so I'm not stressed about it. We'll celebrate

Christmas when we all get there, regardless of what day it is.

Merry Christmas to each and every one of you and best wishes for a safe and blessed start to 2023!

Jennifer



## NO CHURCH OFFICE HOURS DEC. 26-31

Rev. Jennifer will not be in the church office next week (December 26-31). If you are unable to reach her on her cell (613.334.6549) for a pastoral emergency, please call Denise (519.535.1417) and she will assist in reaching Rev. Jennifer.



## UPDATE FROM THE EMERGENCY PLANNING TEAM

The storm may make travel difficult for Saturday's Christmas Eve services and

cause a cancelation. Please use your best judgement before leaving home. The emergency planning team will make a decision by 1:00PM on December 24th and will communicate accordingly. An email will go out, as well as updates on FACEBOOK. Phone calls to those not on email.

If in doubt contact Ian: call or text him at (519) 536 5393.

## Christmas Eve Services Saturday, December 24

Weather permitting!

**6:30 pm** – Family Service with Paper Bag Pageant – everyone welcome to take part - no rehearsals/ experience required!

**8:00 pm** – Candle Light Service with Communion



## Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25

**NO SERVICE ON  
CHRISTMAS DAY**



## New Year's Day Service – Sunday, January 1

Come ring in the new year with your church family! This will be a fun, casual all ages service of carols and stories. Peace Café following the service with hot chocolate and treats.



## Longest Night of the Year Wednesday, December 21

What a beautiful service. You can watch it on YouTube here - <https://youtu.be/62cZnNjEhMs>

## TREASURER'S REPORT

In the month of November, we recorded a Net Income of \$1,528. Our Dinner Theatre netted \$5,543. Thanks to the crew that organized and presented it!



As at November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Revenue for Jan-Nov	\$125,747
Expenses for Jan-Nov	\$134,750
Net Loss	\$ (9,003)

Included in the revenue number above is:

Memorial Donations \$3,470 Fundraising \$14,935  
Investment Interest \$865 Hall rentals \$600  
Mission & Services' goal is \$12,500 for the year and we currently have collected \$8,593.

If there are any year-end donations to be made, I would ask that I have them by December 29<sup>th</sup> to have time to go to the bank. E-Transfers can be made to ~ [peaceunitedtreasurer@outlook.com](mailto:peaceunitedtreasurer@outlook.com).

Thank you for your continued support of Peace United Church! Wishing you many Blessings during this Christmas Season, Marie

## DEDICATING COPIES OF MORE VOICES

We've purchased additional copies of More Voices for Peace. Twenty copies have been dedicated ☺ and we will recognize everyone in the New Year.



## SOUTHWEST PUBLIC HEALTH



strongly recommends masking in indoor settings to prevent triple threat of respiratory viruses. Read the full article [here](#). Help us keep everyone safe.

## THANK YOU FOR THE BEAUTIFUL POINSETTIA DISPLAY AT PEACE

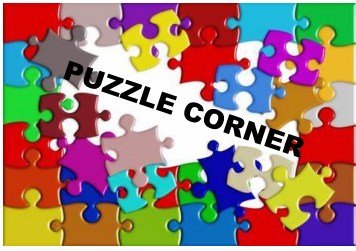


Memorial Poinsettias were placed by:

- ♥ Debbie Baer in memory of her parents, Dave Wilgress & Marj Schmitt.
- ♥ Denise & Bryan Tew in memory of Jonathan Tew; Jerome & Anna, Garry and Doug Huber; Elizabeth & Jim Tew and Adam Hobbs.
- ♥ Cathy Davidson in memory of Bev Poll and Linda Marshall.
- ♥ Donna Harrison in memory of her husband Gordon Harrison, son David Harrison and granddaughter Melissa Harrison.
- ♥ Elmer, Kay Baer & Family in memory of Eldon & Clara Baer and Robert & Dorothy Palmer.
- ♥ Dick & Carol Hewitt in memory of their parents, Ernie & Katherine Hewitt and Valentine & Mabel Knechtel.
- ♥ The Johnston family in memory of family and friends. Gail Fulton, Connie Simpson, Gwen Pennylegion in memory of Grace & Merton Cuthbertson, Bill Simpson and LaVerne Fulton.
- ♥ Shelley Jeary in memory of her Dad, Carl Gingerich and grandparents, Henry & Katie Gingerich and Andrew & Clara Wicke.
- ♥ Maryann & Glenn Irwin in memory of Ken & Claudine Schlueter and Harvey & Jean Irwin.
- ♥ Pat House in memory of Clifford Woolcott, Jean Woolcott and John (Ted) House.
- ♥ Lisa Connolly in memory of Diane Luke.
- ♥ Marion Czech and family in memory of Garfield Czech, Agnes & Hugh Hall and Marg Hofstetter.
- ♥ Marg Haskett in memory of Alvin Haskett.
- ♥ The Bell and Hofstetter families in memory of George Bell, Margaret, John and Reta Hofstetter.
- ♥ Ken & Marie McNabb in memory of John & Doris McNabb and Don & Mary Hartley.
- ♥ Doris, Jeff, Dan, Donald Glendinning & Families in memory of Bob Glendinning.
- ♥ Ed & Maribeth Bird in memory of their parents John & Ismey Bird, Jack & Marian Warren and brother Robert Warren.
- ♥ Darlene Koebel in memory of her dad, Arnold Voll and friend Pat Kreller.



## NEW PUZZLE CORNER!



Outside of Jennifer's office is our new **PUZZLE CORNER** ~ borrow one, bring one, exchange one or donate one. Adult and children's puzzles welcome! Puzzling is good for your brain!

## PEACE NEWS

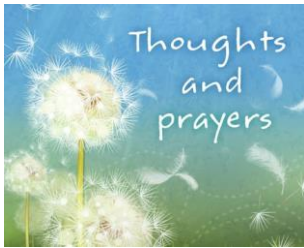
News and Announcements are due by Thursday at 6 pm. Please call Denise at 519.535.1417 or email [peaceplattsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:peaceplattsecretary@outlook.com) with your news.

## IN SUPPORT OF MISSION & SERVICE FUND

Cathy Davidson has donated some great stocking stuffers (headbands, dish clothes and ornaments). The items are located in the narthex, donations to the Mission & Service Fund gratefully accepted. Thank you, Cathy, for your generous gift to our Peace family!



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



**Elmer Baer** is at Nithview, Suite 4, 200 Boullee St, New Hamburg N3A 2K4. His number is 519.662.2425.

**Donna Harrison** is settling in to Oxford Gardens, Room 123, 423 Devonshire Ave, Woodstock N4S OB2. Her number is 519- 463-5383.

## GREETERS & COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Here's our proposed schedule for the next few weeks. I will be emailing out to our greeters and counters the schedule for the first quarter of 2023. If you are not available on your designated Sunday, please make a trade or let Denise know. One greeter will operate the lift and the other will greet upstairs.



Date		Greeter	Greeter	Counter	Counter
24-Dec	6:30 PM	Denise	Ian	Denise	Darlene
24-Dec	8:00 PM	Ed	Ken	Pat Hall	Marg H
25-Dec	NO SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY				
01-Jan		Doug	Kathy	Pat Hall	Shirley

## PEACE UNITED'S FACILITY CALENDAR



We are gradually seeing an increase in the number of activities taking place at Peace United. A calendar of events, activities, and facility bookings is maintained in the front hallway by Denise, our Administrative Assistant. The calendar will also be updated and posted on the Peace website [STAYING CONNECTED \(peaceunited.ca\)](http://STAYINGCONNECTED(peaceunited.ca)).

If you are planning an event, committee or Board meeting, work session, or activity for any area within the church, please contact Denise to confirm availability and to have this added to the calendar.

If you are wanting to use our facilities for a private event, Denise is your contact for that as well. She will then inform the appropriate staff or personnel so that your plans can be accommodated. Thank you.

## PEACE KIDS!

We are still looking for more teachers for Peace Kids...if you can volunteer once in a while, please let Lisa or Debbie know. Thank you!



Date	Peace Kids	Date	Peace Kids
25-Dec	No Peace Kids	15-Jan	Maryann
01-Jan	No Peace Kids	22-Jan	Barbara
08-Jan	Debbie	29-Jan	

## BAPTISMS & CONFIRMATIONS

Anyone interested in baptisms, transfers and/or confirmations, please talk with Rev. Jennifer.

## MISSION OUTREACH



The Mission Outreach group has once again decided on our campaigns for the fall, Christmas season and early 2023.

## Toastie Toes

We will be collecting new socks for men and women; as well as hats and mitts (new/used) for the House of Friendship and Operation Sharing till the end of January.



## Raw Carrot Soup Tasting



We have scheduled a Raw Carrot Soup Tasting on Sunday, February 19th.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE PEACE BOOTH AT THE PLATTSVILLE ARENA



Darlene Koebel has undertaken the opening of the Booth at the Plattsville Arena for Peace United and other community volunteers. She is looking for volunteers on Saturdays and Sundays and high school students are welcome to earn their volunteer hours too! (Students will be required to have a consent form completed by a parent/guardian prior to

volunteering).

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1) Click here:



2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.

3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp. Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone.

If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Darlene and she can sign you up manually. This program has ALOT of ads. She hopes it is not too distracting.

If you have any questions, please contact Darlene at 519-404-7022 or [fifthtraditionpeace@gmail.com](mailto:fifthtraditionpeace@gmail.com). Shorter shifts are available too, contact Darlene.

## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM MODERATOR CARMEN LANDSDOWNE

You can listen to it [here](#) Moderator Carmen offers us her church family an uplifting Christmas message of how our faith reminds us that all things are made new or possible again in the coming of the Christ child. The Good news gifts of beauty, peace, goodness, comfort, joy, redemption, vulnerability and salvation are ours to share. She encourages us to Be the Good News, See the Good News and Share the Good news this Christmas season. Grateful for her Christmas message which is a wonderful blessing.



## LIONS EUCHRE – MONDAYS @ PEACE

The Plattsville Lions Club will be hosting Euchre at Peace United on alternate Mondays starting at 7:30 pm. Mark your calendars for **the 2023 Euchre Nights** - January 9 & 23; February 6 & 20; March 6 & 20.

## BLOOD DONOR CLINIC



As illnesses continue to rise across Canada, we need your help. Cold and flu season is upon us, and cancellation rates have jumped significantly. However, the need for blood and plasma doesn't stop. Winter storms could further impact blood and plasma collections. Lives depend on new and returning donors making a difference throughout the holiday season and into the new year.

This month and throughout the winter, help save lives with your vital donations of blood or plasma. Book your donation appointment today [here](#). Here are the upcoming local clinics:

- Steinman Church on December 26
- North Dumfries Community Centre on Jan. 5

## NEW EXHIBIT AT KEN SEILING WATERLOO REGION MUSEUM

Click picture for more details on the NEW multimedia journey that highlights the Indigenous contributions to the history of this land, as told through local Indigenous voices. Exhibit is open until April 16, 2023.



## Keeping You Informed

### UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA E-SENTIALS

Here's the link for the latest newsletter:

[December 20, 2022 Newsletter](#)

### ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED NEWS

Here's the link to the latest Antler River Newsletter:

[December 19, 2022 Newsletter](#)

### OXFORD CONNECTIONS

Here's the link for the latest newsletter:

[December 14, 2022 Newsletter](#)