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Friends,

As we begin our Lenten journey to Easter, a reminder for those participating in the book discussion that the daily readings started yesterday.

Many of you are curlers. As such, I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know of a fun clergy event I'll be taking part in the week after next – the Friar's Briar. From the website: *"The Friars' Briar" is held in Canada, ordinarily in the same city as the site of a Canadian Men's Curling Championship Brier. This allows for competitors in the Friars' Briar to both play the game of curling and to support the game of curling by attending at least one game of the Brier.*

I took part three years ago when the Brier was in Kingston. Kingston doesn't have a clergy league that could serve as host, so Waterloo hosted the Friar's Briar in Waterloo and I was able to easily take part without extra travelling/accommodation/planning involved. With the Brier being in London this year, participation in the Friar's Briar in London will hopefully be equally as manageable.



Last time I played with First Rocks (pictured), a team whose membership was rooted at First United Church in Waterloo. This year, I will be curling with the Fawkesy Friars, an all-women's team spanning three provinces pulled together by my friend and colleague Kellie McComb



(also skip of First Rocks). I'm looking forward to it – a chance to meet and network with clergy from across the country, share ideas, and of course, to have some good curling and fun!

Games are being held at the Highlands Curling Club in London from March 6-10.th The round robin games are scheduled for Monday at 3:30, Tuesday at 10:00 and 2:30, Wednesday at 10:00 and 3:30, the playoffs Thursday at 10:00 and 3:30 and the finals at 9:00 on Friday. Spectators are welcome, and anyone interested in more information can find it at www.friarsbriar.ca.

I hope you are all staying safe and warm as we get another taste of wintry weather!

Jennifer

OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK

Rev Jennifer will be in the Church Office on Tuesday 10-12, Thursday and Friday 10-1 next week, February 28, March 2 & 3 or by appointment.



PEACE ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK



The Annual Meeting for Peace United will be incorporated into the service this **Sunday, February 26**. Printed copies of the Annual Report are available. A **POTLUCK** will follow the AGM/Service. Please bring a dish to share and your own dishes and cutlery.

BIRTHDAY CHURCH

It's that time of the month again! Let's celebrate February birthdays on Sunday. Donations to M&S.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Here's the link to the virtual service that was recorded yesterday: [Peace United Church February 22, 2023 Ash Wednesday Service - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

RAW CARROT

Thanks to everyone who joined us last Sunday and supported the Raw Carrot initiative.

SENIORS LUNCHEON POSTPONED



The catering committee postponed the Seniors' luncheon planned for **Thursday, February 23rd**. The proposed new date is Friday, March 10th (confirmation to follow).

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

This year we'll be using *With Us Always: Daily Devotions Framed by the Movies* edited by Alydia Smith. Like last year's book, short daily readings will be offered with a weekly opportunity to discuss with the group. The first group gathering will be **Sunday, March 5th** following the service.



PRAYER CANDLES



Each Sunday there will be prayer candles at the front of the church for anyone who would like to light one.

SOUTHWEST PUBLIC HEALTH

Here's the link to the COVID-19 Dashboard for community risk at [February 23, 2023](#). Risk in our region is currently low. Help us keep everyone safe.



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!

COLLECTING MILK BAGS & CARD FRONTS

Please collect your empty milk bags and card fronts from old greeting cards (no writing please). Gail Fulton knows of a group that will put these items to good use. Please place items in the box on the shelf down the steps to the church hall.

PEACE NEWS

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

BAPTISMS & CONFIRMATIONS

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

AN INVITATION FROM THE "RECONCILI-ACTION" COMMITTEE

Sunday March 12th, after church, join us on a trip to the Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Museum and Doon Heritage Village, 10 Huron Street, Kitchener.

Dibaajimowin: Stories from this Land

Dibaajimowin highlights the Indigenous contributions to the history of this land. Contributions often overlooked in favour of the well-established settler narrative. A narrative represented in the familiar set of murals painted by Selwyn Dewdney in 1950. Yet, our stories do not exist alone - rather they live parallel to each other. Dibaajimowin invites visitors to recognize how the way they look at things has been shaped. And, offers an opportunity to a look a little closer at the richness and depth of the stories that need to be told.

Anishinaabe curator Emma Rain Smith delivers an exhibit that is comforting, beautiful, airy, and warm. It provides visitors with a point of connection to the land, to the stories and to each other. Emma's vision creates a beautiful opportunity to explore the power of culture and understand a deep connection to the land.

Aambe bizindaw - come let's listen to the oral history of Urban Indigenous folks. Learn about the land, the relationships, the networks and cultural resilience. We invite you to immerse yourself in the multimedia journey that is Dibaajimowin: Stories of this Land.

Admission (all rates plus HST) includes access to the museum galleries

Adult - \$11

Senior and student - \$8

Children ages 5 to 12 - \$5

Children ages 4 and under - Free

Family (2 adults & dependent children) - \$25

<https://regionofwaterloomuseums.ca/en/exhibits/dibaajimowin-landing.aspx>



MISSION OUTREACH

The Mission Outreach Committee, Jennifer, Maggie, Kathy R & Denise, met to plan out our Outreach projects for the spring. **Just doing our part to make the world a better place!**

MARCH ~ "UNDIE SUNDAYS"

We will be collecting new underwear for children and adults for the month of March. Karen Geerts from the Power of HOPE Community Organization will join us on **Sunday, March 5** for a short presentation during the service. \$1-\$2 Coffee Hour will follow the service. Proceeds to Mission & Service.

APRIL ~ TOILETRIES COLLECTION



We will be collecting personal care items in April. Sanguen Health Centre in Waterloo Region requests: polygrip, nail clippers, shaving cream, razors, shampoo, and conditioner; and

Operation Sharing in Oxford County is requesting shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, feminine hygiene products, men's and ladies jogging pants (small to XXL).

MAY ~ KIDS PAINT NIGHT

We are hosting a kids paint night (ages 7/8 plus) on **Wednesday, May 3** from 6:30-8:00 pm. More details to come! Dianne Haycock from the Burgessville Library will lead the evening.



JUNE – GRANOLA BARS FOR CAMP TANNER

We will be collecting granola bars for the snack bowl at Camp Tanner for the month of June.

VOLUNTEER AT THE PEACE CAFÉ!

The regular hockey season has ended, and they are now into playoff games. Hard to believe the time has gone so quickly. There are a few through the week evening games, but most are on Saturday mornings. There may be a Lakers game on Sunday March 5th, but I will not know that until closer to the date.

March Break will be a busy week for Peace Cafe. There are 3 tournaments one Tuesday, one Wednesday and one on Thursday. Tuesday there are 15 TEAMS registered with 175 hockey players.

We will be supplying lunch like we have done previously. It will be extremely busy. Wednesday there are 6 teams playing and we will not be providing lunch, however, I will be expecting the Cafe to be very busy. I have slotted times into those tournament dates. If the slotted times do not work for you, please feel free to contact me. I would be happy to work with you to see if there is a time you could still volunteer. If you know of anyone who is interested in volunteering, please feel free to share the Signup link to volunteer.

<https://signup.com/go/XbJLzWe>

1) Click here: [Choose a spot on Signup.com](https://signup.com/go/XbJLzWe)



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

3) Sign up! It's Easy. Contact Darlene at 519-404-7022 or fifthtraditionpeace@gmail.com. Shorter shifts are available too, contact Darlene.

OUR DAILY BREAD MAGAZINE

The April-June 2023 issue is on the table in the narthex. The donation basket is beside them.



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

The schedule for the first half of 2023 has gone out. If you are not available on your designated Sunday, please make a trade. One greeter will run the lift and the other will greet upstairs. The Peace Kids leader is listed here too. If you would like to help, please let us know.



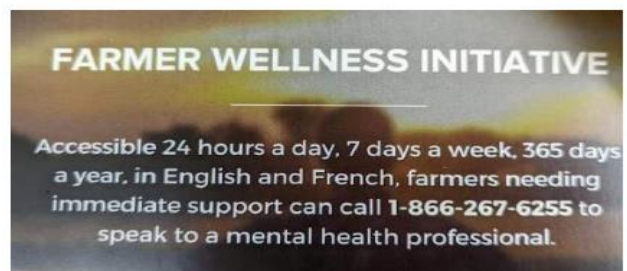
Date	Greeter	Greeter	Counter	Counter	Peace Kids
26-Feb	Ron	Paulette H	Shirley	Denise	Maryann
05-Mar	Karen	Marion	Maryann	Pat Hall	Barbara
12-Mar	Ian	Darlene	Nancy B	Shirley	Ferne
19-Mar	Ken	Marie	Marg H	Pat House	Lisa
26-Mar	Doug	Kathy H	Maryann	Ed	Frances
02-Apr	Kathy R	Paulette H	Darlene	Ferne	Debbie

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://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 appropriate staff or personnel so that your plans can be accommodated. Thank you.



Keeping You Informed

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA E-SENTIALS

[February 23, 2023 Newsletter](#)

EMBRACING THE SPIRIT CHURCH-OPEN-NEW-UNITED

[February 15, 2023 Newsletter](#)

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA FOUNDATION

[February 16, 2023 Newsletter](#)

LIVING INTO RIGHT RELATIONS

[February 23, 2023 Newsletter](#)

GOD'S MISSION OUR GIFTS ~ M & S

[Philanthropy News – January 26, 2023](#)

ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED

[February 16, 2023 Newsletter](#)

CONNECTIONS

News & Views of Oxford County Churches

[February 8, 2023 Newsletter](#)

Community Events



TEAM BAER AND 7 DAYS FOR PANCREATIC CANCER RESEARCH

We would like to thank everyone that has provided ongoing support to Jeff's rides over the last decade and more. Jeff has been participating in fundraising for CANCER through bike rides since 2011. One of his first rides for CANCER was from Toronto to Niagara Falls in two days, about 200 km.



Jeff will participate again this year in the fundraising for Pancreatic Cancer. More details to come!

The family team of Gord Townley (previous founders and organizers of the "7 DAYS IN MAY" ride), have retired and passed the baton on to a new team of organizers. Not much will change except the NAME of the

Ride.....it will now be called "**7 Days**". The funds will still be handled the same and completely support the Pancreatic Research Team of the Kingston Hospital. Thanks again for all your support and prayers for the well-being of the riders!
Debbie and Jeff Baer

LIONS EUCHRE – MARCH 6 & 20



The Plattsville Lions Club will be hosting Progressive Euchre at Peace United on alternate Mondays starting at 7:00 pm on March 6 & 20; April 3, 17 and May 1, 15 & 29. \$10 gets you into play, prizes and light lunch, no partner required 😊.

WILLIS UNITED BOOK FUNDRAISER

Paperback, hardcover, and children's books will be for sale Saturday mornings from 9 am to 12 noon, with proceeds going to Willis Church, Drumbo. Coffee and muffins will also be available, with proceeds from that going to the Mission and Service Fund. Jigsaw Puzzles ARE BEING added to our book sale! Donations will be accepted at the church on Wednesday 10 am to 12 noon or Saturdays from 9am-12pm.

BOOK SALE



LIVING WITH LOSS

~ SIX WEEK GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

CARING HEARTS
SUPPORT NETWORK
FOR THOSE AT END-OF-LIFE AND THE BEREAVED

Mondays, February 27th -
April 3rd ~ 6:30 - 8:00 pm

PLEASE REGISTER BY:
February 24th

Call or Text 519-536-3370

LOCATION: St. David's United Church (Friendship Room)
190 Springbank Ave, Woodstock

A safe and supportive space to explore your grief, with the guidance of trained facilitators.

Offered by the Caring Hearts Support Network

www.caringheartssupportnetwork.com

