



PEACE UNITED CHURCH

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Friends,

It's March!!! Is it time yet????



For seeds! For sowing! It's too early for my tomatoes....but I bet some of those slower germinating things could be started now. I need to find my

notes and sheets from last year to remind myself what worked and what didn't. So far I've limited myself to starting a bunch of impatiens seeds (my own from last year – first time trying this) but I'm fighting the itch to get some other things started.

What to plant this year? I'm trying to keep the garden dreams reigned in a bit this year seeing as I anticipate a lot of unknowns when it comes to how I will be feeling by the time we get to the warmer months, but it's hard! There are so many possibilities! A low maintenance garden plan will be my goal.

I hope you all stay safe and warm in yet another snowstorm forecast for this evening.

If anyone is interested in checking out the amateur curling Friars' Briar running in parallel to the actual Briar in London this week, let me know, as there have been some changes to the schedule I shared last week. Check out the [website](#) for more information.



As such, I won't be hosting regular office hours during the week, but will be available by phone.

See you Sunday, Jennifer

NO OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK

Rev. Jennifer will not be in the office the week of March 6-10. She is available by phone.

PEACE CAFÉ THIS SUNDAY

Join us following the service for refreshments and treats. Thanks to Frances and Maribeth for providing the treats for March. Donations gratefully accepted for the Mission & Service Fund.



IT'S KICK-OFF FOR UNDIE SUNDAYS!

For the month of March, we will be collecting new underwear, sizes kids to adults. Karen Geerts from The Power of Hope Community Organization will give a brief update on Sunday.

SENIORS LUNCHEON FRIDAY, MARCH 10

The catering committee has rescheduled the Seniors' luncheon to Friday, March 10th at 12:30 pm. Please reconfirm your attendance for this new date. The sign-in board is back up at the church or call Fay at 519.454.8674 or Maggie at 519.684.7619.



LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

This year we'll be using *With Us Always: Daily Devotions Framed by the Movies* edited by Alydia Smith. The first group gathering will be **Sunday, March 5th** following the service in the Friendship Room. Drop into the Peace Café first and grab a coffee and treat.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rev. Jennifer's Mom, Margaret Canning is celebrating her 75th birthday today, Friday, March 3, 2023. We hope you have a wonderful day!



2022 CHARITABLE TAX RECEIPTS READY

Marie has put receipts in your church mailbox/mailed them out. Any questions please email her at peaceunitedtreasurer@outlook.com.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Marilyn Ellis' daughter Melinda's husband, Kevin Jewitt passed on February 23. A prayer blanket and patch will be blessed this Sunday for Melinda. More details [here](#).

Charlie Bartolf-Sawdon and family in the passing of her husband Dan Varey on February 25. A prayer blanket and patch were blessed on Thursday. More details [here](#).



Rosie, daughter of Em and Dylan continues to grow. Here she is under her Peace blanket.



PEACE ANNUAL MEETING

Thanks to everyone for attending our 2022 Annual General Meeting last Sunday. We are a busy, thriving church.

RAW CARROT RESULTS

Elena sent a letter of thanks! \$574.75 in soup sales and a \$75 donation which more importantly results in additional hours of meaningful employment for individuals living on Ontario Disability Support Program.

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 Road, 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>



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
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
09-Apr	Maggie	Bill	Pat Hall	Marg H	Maryann

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 is a Lakers have a playoff game on Sunday March 5th.



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:



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.

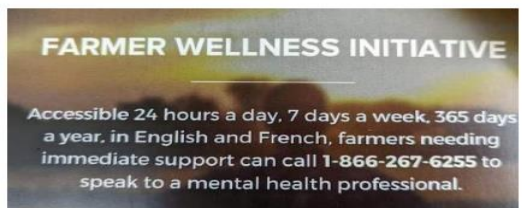
OUR DAILY BREAD MAGAZINE

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



FACE MASKS ENCOURAGED

Let's keep everyone healthy.



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://STAYING_CONNECTED(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 28, 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
[March 1st, 2023 Newsletter](#)

CONNECTIONS
News & Views of Oxford County Churches
[February 8, 2023 Newsletter](#)

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



partner required 😊.

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

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



ZION UNITED CHURCH WELCOMES YOU



The final film, Colonization Road will be shown on Friday, March 31st at 7 pm at Zion United Church, 215 Peel Street, New Hamburg. Free admission, face masks are required, no registration required. This movie explores the effects of road building by settlers on Indigenous land and culture (some strong language).

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!

SPRING MADNESS CRAFT SALE

SAT. MARCH 11, 2023 -- 9:00 - 4:00
SUN. MARCH 12, 2023 -- 10:00 - 3:00

24 HUME STREET, PLATTSVILLE
OLD MILL BUILDING

PLATTSVILLE FIGURE SKATING SYNCHRO TEAM PROVINCIAL SKATING COMPETITION B.B.Q FUNDRAISER

B.B.Q -- SAT. 11:00 - 2:00

10+ VENDORS
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cbrick@rogers.com

FREE CRAFT FOR KIDS
SAT. 12:00 - 2:00
SUN. 11:00 - 1:00

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