



PEACE UNITED CHURCH

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February 13, 2025

Friends,

We're looking forward to welcoming Greg Smith-Young our Regional Growth Animator as our guest speaker on Sunday, February 23rd! He'll be offering words of inspiration and reflection during our service and joining us for conversation during coffee time. I encourage everyone to make an effort to attend.

A bit about Greg:

Greg Smith-Young (he/him) is a Growth Animator with the United Church of Canada. He serves alongside existing and newly forming communities of faith in southwest Ontario. He helps them to strengthen their invitation to their neighbours: inviting, welcoming, engaging, forming disciples, and sending to share in what Jesus is doing in their places. He has served as a congregational minister in Elora (near Guelph) and Hornepayne (north of Lake Superior). Greg lives in Elora with his spouse Barb and Mookie their high-maintenance dog. He has 2 young-adult children who live in Montreal and Toronto.



See you on the 23rd! Jennifer

Rev. Jennifer will be on Study Leave, Thursday, February 13th through Wednesday, February 19th, 2025.



For concerns while Rev. Jennifer is on Study Leave, please call or text Denise at 519.535.1417 and she will pass on your concern.

RAW CARROT RETURNS



If the weather cooperates on **Sunday, February 16**, Amberly from Raw Carrot Innerkip will join us to share their ministry to provide an opportunity for meaningful employment and a means for people to find a way out of poverty.

Join us for soup tasting and cheese & crackers following the service. **If church is cancelled, soup orders will be available on February 23 and Amberly will join us on Sunday, March 23rd.**

PANCAKE SUPPER MARCH 5

Join us for a Pancake supper at 6 pm followed by the Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Please sign up for this event by February 23. Donations for the supper will go to Mission & Service.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

Yes, it is Annual Report time. Please submit your reports to Denise by Sunday, February 16th. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 9th during the service.

CONGRATULATIONS



Fay and Glen Capling are celebrating their 63rd Wedding Anniversary on Monday, February 17th.

True love is spending one day getting married...and the rest of your life feeling glad you did. Happy Anniversary!

CHURCH KEYS



It's been a few years since we updated the Church Key Listing. If you have keys, please let Denise know what keys you have so our listing can be updated/confirmed. Thank you!

FUNDSCRIP

Cards should arrive for Sunday delivery. Our next order goes in on Sunday, March 2nd and always the first Sunday of the month 😊. Thanks for your ongoing support. Bring in the paper form with a cheque or email Shelley at saj@execuink.com and e-transfer Marie at peaceunitedtreasurer@outlook.com.

SPACE TO BE 2.0 CALL FOR CHILDCARE!

Do you love holding babies, playing with toddlers? Then we have a volunteer opportunity for you! **SPACE TO BE** will be up and running again, starting Friday February 21st, 9:30am to 11:30am. Please let Lisa Connolly know that you would love to help connollyandluke@execuink.com.



SPACE TO BE

Time for stay-at-home caregivers and tots

Friday February 21st
9:30-11:30 am
Peace United Church

Childcare provided



FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2025
FAMILY FRIDAY FOOD & FUN

National Science Day

Join us and let your inner scientist loose. We will be doing a variety of fun hands-on experiments.

RSVP appreciated:

familyfridayatpeace@gmail.com

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6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Dinner at 6:00
Activities at 7:00
Head home at 8:00

FREE

All types of families
welcome

Children must be
accompanied by an
adult

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SNOW REMOVAL

We are looking for help clearing and salting at the front and back doors this winter. Does anyone know some high school students who need volunteer hours? Or some retired guys who have not gone south. Sign-up sheet upstairs on table, there is a pen there to. Much thanks, Gary B

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR



It's cold out there. And this February 22, Kathy Hofstetter is going to do something about it.

Together with thousands of Canadians across the country, she will be walking and fundraising to support people and families experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness in Oxford County. Kathy is part of the Oxford County Library Steps Out group. Here's the link to support her walk:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=5461855>

CARING CARDS

When you are aware of a Peace community member who could benefit from a "Thinking of You" caring card, please let Ferne or Marion know. Thanks for your help in caring for our congregation.



PEACE UNITED'S FACILITY CALENDAR



We are 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 here under the [FACILITY BOOKING tab](#). 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 it added to the calendar, appropriate staff, or personnel so that your plans can be accommodated. Please ensure doors are locked when you leave the building. Thank you.

COLLECTING MILK BAGS & CARD FRONTS

Please continue to 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 clever use. Please place items in the box in the church hall.



PEACE VOLUNTEERS



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. Rev. Jennifer will light the Christ Candle, and one greeter will take the offering up, please check for pink slips of prayer requests, and if any, please pass to

Rev. Jennifer.

Date	Greeter	Greeter	Counter	Counter	Peace Kids	Nursery
16-Feb	Maggie	Bill	Nancy B	Denise	Frances	Denise
23-Feb	Ed	Doris	Nancy O	Marg H	Barbara	Frances
02-Mar	Ron	Gary	Maryann	Pat Hall	Lisa	Denise
09-Mar	Karen	Marion	Shirley	Nancy B	Lisa	Maggie
16-Mar	Ian	Kathy D	Nancy B	Shirley	Frances	Carrie

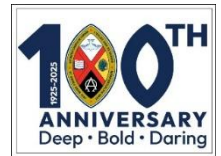


Keeping You Informed



COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS OF FAITH & COMMUNITY

June 10, 2025, will mark the United Church's 100th anniversary—an opportunity to honour our past and look to the future! In her [Centennial message](#), Moderator Carmen Lansdowne invites you to explore the vision of our founders and commemorate this milestone with your



community. Learn more about all things Centennial by visiting the [Centennial webpage](#), and stay connected by subscribing to the [Centennial newsletter](#). Let's come together to celebrate our shared heritage and build a stronger future for our church and our communities.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA E-SENTIALS [February 11, 2025](#)

ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED ONTARIO ELECTION [February 12, 2025](#)

FRIENDS OF BROADVIEW

Three important initiatives below:

1. Pre-Order Additional Copies Now: The June Issue [100th Anniversary Keepsake | Broadview Magazine](#)

The June issue of *Broadview* will be a historic keepsake edition celebrating the United Church's 100th anniversary — a once-in-a-lifetime issue filled with powerful stories, pivotal moments and reflections on the past, present and future of the church.

2. A Beautiful Opportunity to Pay Tribute

We invite you/your church to honour the lasting impact of someone who made a difference in your congregation or the wider church. By making a memorial donation online or by phone **before March 15**, you'll celebrate their devotion and service in a meaningful and lasting way. Their name will be featured in the June historic keepsake centennial edition. One name per donation. Donate online [here](#) or call: 416-960-8500 ext. 230

3. Many Ways to Support – *Broadview* Pledge Forms on the Way

The Chair of your Board will soon be receiving a package from *Broadview*, including a cover letter, [pledge form](#) and bulletin inserts. The pledge form outlines simple yet impactful ways your church can support *Broadview*.

Community Events



VON EXERCISE CLASSES

Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 – 10 am at the Platts-ville Arena.

POPPY PROJECT DROP-IN



Join us on Wednesdays from 1-3 pm at Peace United and work on poppy banners, bring your own project, work on a puzzle, or just come visit with us! Refreshments provided. **Our next luncheon is planned for Wednesday March 12 at 12 noon.** Everyone welcome. For more information, call Denise T at 519-535-1417 or Denise D at 519-588-7492.

LIONS EUCHE



The Plattsville Lions Club will be hosting Progressive Euchre at Peace United on alternate Mondays starting at 7:00 pm on February 17; March 3, 17 & 31. Alternate Mondays you can play at the Drumbo Agricultural Hall. \$10 gets you into play, prizes and a light lunch, no partner required.



ELECTION DAY is Thursday, February 27th. You can vote by mail, at an advance voting location or on election day. Explore your options [here](#).

OLD BARN CAFÉ AT THE ARENA IS LOOKING FOR HELP

Here is how it works in 3 easy steps:


- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp: <https://signup.com/go/AUUYzEy>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! Note: If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Darlene and she can sign you up manually. Thanks for Volunteering! If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text Darlene. 519-404-7022.

<p>Yoga and Mental Health Thursday Evenings From 7:00pm-8:00pm 6 Weeks Starting April 10, 2025</p>
<p>Expressive Writing Group Tuesday Evenings From 6:30pm-8:00pm 6 Weeks Starting April 15, 2025</p>
<p>Registration: Please contact Interfaith Counselling Centre to register and discuss available funding at 519-662-3092 or email admin@interfaithcounselling.ca</p> 

Living with Loss

6-WEEK GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Experienced facilitators provide empathetic support and encouragement within a nurturing setting, fostering a sense of community and comfort on the path to healing.

<p>MONDAY, MARCH 3RD 2:00 – 3:30 pm. No Cost to Participate</p>	
<p>LOCATION: St. David's United Church 190 Springbank Ave., Woodstock ON</p>	
<p>CONTACT TO REGISTER: 519-536-3370 info@caringheartssupportnetwork.com</p>	
<p>CARING HEARTS SUPPORT NETWORK www.caringheartssupportnetwork.com</p>	



WINTER BUCKET LIST

Make a sparkly ornament	Drink hot cocoa with marshmallows
Spend a whole day baking cookies	MAKE HOMEMADE PEPPERMINT BARK
Snuggle up for a holiday movie marathon	Make a snow angel
LISTEN TO CAROLERS ON YOUR DOORSTEP	Build your own sled run
Fold and cut out paper snowflakes	MAKE INDOOR S'MORES
Have an icicle sword fight	Sit by the fire and read a good book
STAY IN YOUR PJ'S ALL DAY	Make a gingerbread house
Watch a play or musical	look at Christmas lights
Give a "secret" gift to someone	VOLUNTEER AT A SHELTER
BAKE YOUR FAVORITE COOKIES	Go ice skating
Make a snowman	Cross stitch a picture
Decorate your house for winter	Have an indoor picnic with your friends
Breathe onto cold glass and draw a picture	MAKE CARAMEL CORN
	Take pictures in the snow