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# PEACE UNITED CHURCH

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With an open heart..  
**WELCOME**  
**FEBRUARY**  
New beginnings

New month

New start

New focus

New blessings.

looking forward to

more lessons,  
more laughter and  
more

Love.



## DROP IN FOR A VISIT!

Rev. Murray will be in the Peace office on Tuesday and Thursday next week (weather permitting). If the big black truck is in the parking lot, you will find him there. Drop in and say hello or give him a call at the church 519.684.7341.



## PASTORAL CONCERNS/EMERGENCIES



You can reach Rev. Murray via email at [roundingmurray@gmail.com](mailto:roundingmurray@gmail.com).

For pastoral concerns or emergencies, please call Denise and she will pass on your concern.

## PEACE CAFÉ & CHILI LUNCHEON

Join us this **Sunday, February 4** for Peace Café and Chili luncheon with homemade rolls and treats following the service. Proceeds to the Mission & Service fund.



## JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF COOKIE DECORATING



When: Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Time: 1 to 3 pm

Where: Peace United

Admission: \$5 children & youth welcome

Please Register by Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> with  
Debbie Baer 519.684.7462 or [poobaer2@hotmail.com](mailto:poobaer2@hotmail.com)



## ANNUAL MEETING



The 2023 Annual Meeting will be held during the **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024** service. A Potluck luncheon will follow the service. Please bring your own plates, cutlery and cups.

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



- The Ellis family.
- The Simpson family on the passing of Peter Simpson on Tuesday, January 9. More details [here](#).
- The Richmond family on the passing of Robert (Bob) Richmond on Friday, January 12, 2024. More details [here](#).
- The Glendinning family on the passing of William (Bill) Glendinning on Monday, January 15, 2024. More details [here](#).

## FUNDSCRIP IS BACK

**Today's the day!** Fundscrip orders are due by noon. Be sure to submit your paper order or send an e-mail to



Shelley Jeary at [saj@execulink.com](mailto:saj@execulink.com). Payment may be made by cheque accompanying your order payable to Peace United Church or by e-transfer to [peaceunitedtreasurer@outlook.com](mailto:peaceunitedtreasurer@outlook.com) (no password required). Please enter "Fundscrip" on the front of your cheque or in the message field when sending e-transfers. Thank you for supporting Peace United Church!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



A **drive-thru takeout dinner** is planned for **Saturday, March 9th**. Only 120 tickets available for an **amazing spaghetti pie dinner** including coleslaw, homemade dinner roll with butter, apple crisp and a beverage. Tickets available soon ~ adults

\$25 and kids 10 and under \$12.

## 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. Thank you.



## BOARD MEETING

The Board will meet on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm.

## 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. One greeter will light the Christ Candle when Meghan plays the Prelude and one greeter will take the offering up, please check for pink slips of prayer requests, and if any, please pass to Rev. Murray. **FYI – The Peace Kids schedule has been updated!**



Date	Greeter	Greeter	Counter	Counter	Peace Kids
04-Feb	Ron	Ed	Shirley	Nancy B	Barbara
11-Feb	Denise	Karen	Pat Hall	Denise	Frances
18-Feb	Maggie	Bill	Marg H	Ed	Debbie
25-Feb	Gary	Kathy R	Ferne	Shelley	Maryann
03-Mar	Ron	Denise	Shirley	Denise	Lisa
10-Mar	Karen	Marion	Maryann	Pat Hall	Barbara

## 2024 DINNER THEATRE

Mark your calendars for Friday and Saturday, November 14 & 15 and a matinee on Sunday, November 16 for an interactive theatre!



## TOASTIE TOES – TILL MARCH 2024



We will be collecting new socks and gently used hats and mitts for shelters in Waterloo and Oxford Counties. You can drop your donations in the bin under the mailboxes. Soap, shampoo, and other personal care items are welcome too!

## 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 clever use. Please place items in the box on the shelf down the steps to the church hall.

## NEW FOR WINTER 2024



We are looking for **weekly volunteers** to assist us with shoveling (and salt if necessary) the walkways to the front and rear entrances. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex with more details.

Keeping You Informed



## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA E-SENTIALS

[January 30, 2024](#)

## ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED REGIONAL

[December 20, 2023 Newsletter](#)

## CONNECTIONS

## News & Views of Oxford County Churches

[December 13, 2023 Newsletter](#)

## Community Events



### LIONS EUCBRE-NEXT NIGHT-FEBRUARY 5



The Plattsville Lions Club will be hosting Progressive Euchre at Peace United on alternate Mondays starting at 7:00 pm on February 5 & 19; March 4 & 18, 2023. Alternate Mondays you can play at the Drumbo Agricultural Hall. \$10 gets you into play, prizes and a light lunch, no partner required.

### IT'S COLD OUT THERE!

The **Coldest Night of the Year** is a family-friendly walk to raise money for charities serving people experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger. Walk with us on **February 24, 2024** – there's a place for everyone! The funds in our area will go to **Wilmot Family Resource Centre** to help those in need in our community. You are also welcome to participate by donating to a team or a walker – you may visit the event page link online to donate or sign up as a walker or team: <https://cnoy.org/location/wilmot>. Help us share the warmth!

### FREE FUN FIT ON THURSDAYS!

Fun fitness class with energizing music, low impact movements focusing on improving balance and stability. Thursdays 10:30 to 11:15 am at Princeton Hall, 35 Main Street, Princeton. More information at [www.richwood.ca](http://www.richwood.ca).

### FREE SKATING AT PLATTSVILLE ARENA

It's FREE 😊. Public Skating is Sundays from 3-3:50 pm. Parent & Tot Skating is Wednesdays at 11 am. Adult skating is Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 am. Cancellations will be posted at the arena.

### CAMP BIMINI

**Summer Staff Applications** are now being accepted. First round of applications are accepted until Saturday February 10, 2024 at <https://campaibimini.ca/staff/join-our-team/>. Paid positions for Counsellors and Program staff - Age 16+. Volunteer positions for Counsellors-in-Training - Age 15. **Registration** Opens Monday January 29, 2024 at 6:00pm. Go online now to set up your account at [www.campaibimini.ca](http://www.campaibimini.ca). If you have certain weeks you are interested in, please register at 6pm on January 29th. An experience your camper will never forget!

## CONRAD GREBEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE



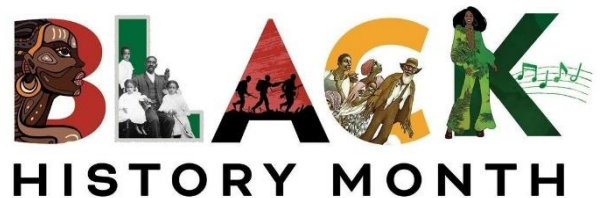
**Noon Hour Concerts** take place in Conrad Grebel University College's chapel most Wednesdays from January to March. From 12:30PM to 1:30PM, these free concerts feature accomplished musicians in an intimate concert setting. Full schedule: [uwaterloo.ca/music/events](http://uwaterloo.ca/music/events).

**Students in Grade 10** and their families are invited to Conrad Grebel University College and the University of Waterloo on Thursday, February 22 at 5PM to share a meal and tour the residence at Grebel before attending Waterloo's Grade 10 Info Night. Learn about the supportive environment that this small and vibrant faith-based community can provide for students studying in any faculty or program at UWaterloo. Email [grebelstudentservices@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:grebelstudentservices@uwaterloo.ca) by Wednesday, February 7 to register for dinner.

**Study the Bible**, Christian theology, church history, and the practice of ministry in an interdisciplinary and ecumenical setting in the Master of Theological Studies program at Conrad Grebel University College. Full tuition scholarships are available for full-time Canadian students. Apply by February 1. [uwaterloo.ca/theological-studies](http://uwaterloo.ca/theological-studies)

Get ready to imagine and initiate transformative peacebuilding with a focus on civil society and community-led change. Apply to the **Master of Peace and Conflict Studies** program at Conrad Grebel University College to combine interdisciplinary scholarship with experiential learning. Application deadline is February 1. [uwaterloo.ca/master-peace-conflict-studies](http://uwaterloo.ca/master-peace-conflict-studies)

In preparation for Lent, register for the workshop **Mediation from the Inside Out** taught by Betty Pries, online from February 12–15, offered by Conrad Grebel University College. This workshop includes resources and guides for prayer and spiritual disciplines, as well as the opportunity to practice. [uwaterloo.ca/conflict-management](http://uwaterloo.ca/conflict-management)



## ALMOST FORGOTTEN: BLACK HISTORY IN OXFORD COUNTY

Heather Rennalls is a local historian and freelance writer who has been researching Black history in southwestern Ontario for over twenty years. A resident of Oxford County, Heather has been published in newspapers and magazines, has appeared on CBC Radio and Global News, and lectures regularly to students and the public. Her website, [Heather's Historicals](http://Heather'sHistoricals), shares much of her research on Black history in the region and offers additional resources for teachers. Heather also sits on Southwestern Ontario's Black History Committee.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS ACROSS WATERLOO REGION AND GUELPH

Black History Month celebrates the achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their impact on our country's history. Here's a [listing](#) of some local events.