



# PEACE UNITED CHURCH

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**February 20, 2025**

Friends,



Greg Smith-Young our Regional Growth Animator will be our guest speaker on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. He'll be offering words of inspiration and reflection during our service and joining us for conversation during coffee time. I encourage everyone to try 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.*

Hope to see you Sunday! Jennifer



**Rev. Jennifer will be in the church office next week Tuesday to Friday 10 am – 12:30 pm**

## ANNUAL REPORT IS BEING PREPARED

Denise has started pulling together our 2024 Annual Report. If you haven't submitted your report, she does know how to find you! Thank you.

## PASTORAL CONCERNS/EMERGENCIES

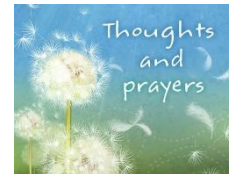


For pastoral concerns or emergencies, you can call or text Rev. Jennifer at 613.334.6549 or email her at [peaceunitedminister@gmail.com](mailto:peaceunitedminister@gmail.com).

Denise is here to assist at 519.535.1417.

## CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Brian B; Murray H; Ben M; Deb B; Grace (Marg H's Aunt); Gary P.; Dick M.; Marilyn E.; Phyllis J.



## RAW CARROT RESCHEDULED



Amberly from Raw Carrot Innerkip will join us on **Sunday, March 23, 2024** 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 on March 23.

**Soup orders are in the large freezer. If you'd like to order for March 23 delivery, please let Denise know by Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.**

## PANCAKE SUPPER MARCH 5

Join us for a Pancake supper at 6 pm followed by the Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 5 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.



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:saj@execuink.com) and e-transfer Marie at [peaceunitedtreasurer@outlook.com](mailto:peaceunitedtreasurer@outlook.com).



# SPACE TO BE

**Time for stay-at-home caregivers and tots**

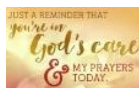
**Friday February 21st  
9:30-11:30 am  
Peace United Church**

**Childcare provided**



## 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.



**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](mailto:familyfridayatpeace@gmail.com)

Peace United Church



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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20 Samuel St.  
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## SNOW REMOVAL

We are looking for help clearing and salting at the front and back doors this winter. It's been a tuff year so far! Many thanks for everyone who has helped so far.

Sign-up sheet upstairs on table, there is a pen there to. Much thanks, Gary B



## COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

**80%** **\$112,554**  
Goal: \$140,000

It's cold out there. And this Saturday, **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 for Operation Sharing. She has raised \$765 so far! Here's the link to support her walk:

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

## 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.

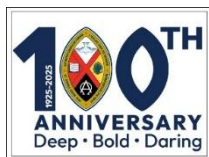
Date	Greeter	Greeter	Counter	Counter	Peace Kids	Nursery
23-Feb	Ed	Doris	Nancy O	Marg H	Barbara	Frances
02-Mar	Ron	Gary	Maryann	Pat Hall	Lisa	Denise
09-Mar	Karen	Marion	Shirley	Nancy B	Lisa	Maggie
16-Mar	Ian	Kathy D	Nancy B	Shirley	Frances	Carrie
23-Mar	Ken	Marie	Marg H	Nancy O	Barbara	Frances
30-Mar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

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 18, 2025](#)

GOD'S MISSION OUR GIFTS

[February 20, 2025](#)

UNITED ACTION FOR JUSTICE

[February 20, 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*.



## VON EXERCISE CLASSES

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

## POPPY PROJECT DROP-IN



Our Poppy Project is expanding through Blandford-Blenheim Township. 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 EUCHRE

The Plattsville Lions Club will be hosting Progressive Euchre at Peace United on alternate Mondays starting at 7:00 pm on 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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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><b>Yoga and Mental Health</b> Thursday Evenings From 7:00pm-8:00pm 6 Weeks Starting April 10, 2025</p>
<p><b>Expressive Writing Group</b> Tuesday Evenings From 6:30pm-8:00pm 6 Weeks Starting April 15, 2025</p>
<p><b>Registration:</b> Please contact Interfaith Counselling Centre to register and discuss available funding at 519-662-3092 or email <a href="mailto:admin@interfaithcounselling.ca">admin@interfaithcounselling.ca</a></p>

## CONRAD GREBEL NEWS

**Seeking Campus Host(s):** Conrad Grebel University seeks one or two people for the position of Campus Host(s), beginning spring/summer 2025. The Campus Host(s) represents the College during non-business hours and functions as a building superintendent, while also engaging with and supporting community life. **Apply by Monday, March 3, 2025.** Read the full job description at [www.grebel.ca/positions](http://www.grebel.ca/positions)

**Annual C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest | Wednesday, March 12, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm.** Listen to speeches about peacebuilding and social justice issues written by Peace and Conflict Studies students and Grebel residents. The intercollegiate competition is run by the Peace and

Justice Ministries of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). All are welcome to attend. Learn more at [uwaterloo.ca/peace-conflict-studies/events](http://uwaterloo.ca/peace-conflict-studies/events)

**The Clockmaker's Daughter | March 21 - 23.** The Conrad Grebel University College Student Council presents the first Canadian production of *The Clockmaker's Daughter*, a musical. General admission \$25, Student/senior \$20, with 10% of profits going to a local charity. Evening and matinee shows will be held at the Conrad Centre for the Performing Arts in downtown Kitchener. Buy tickets at [uwaterloo.ca/grebel/clockmakers-daughter](http://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/clockmakers-daughter)

**Grebel and University of Waterloo March Open House | Saturday, March 22, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.**

Planning to study at the University of Waterloo? Tour the university and see what it would be like to live on campus in a small, Christian residence at Conrad Grebel University College while studying at Waterloo. Meet current students, learn about academic programs, and explore the residence. Free parking. Visit [grebel.ca/events](http://grebel.ca/events) for more information.

**Embracing Aging as Culmination - Annual Spirituality and Aging Seminar | Friday, June 6, 2025, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.** Guest speaker Dr. Carol Orsborn, author of seven books that embrace spiritual aging as life's culmination. For seminar details and pricing, visit [uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/embracing-aging-culmination](http://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/embracing-aging-culmination)

## LIVING WITH LOSS

Caring Hearts Support Network is offering a free 6-week Grief Support Group ~ Living with Loss. Starting Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2-3:30 at St. David's United Church, 190 Springbank Ave., Woodstock. To register call 519-536-3370 or email [info@caringheartssupportnetwork.com](mailto:info@caringheartssupportnetwork.com). Experienced facilitators provide empathetic support and encouragement within a nurturing setting, fostering a sense of community and comfort on the path to healing.

<p>HOPE CHURCH</p> <p><b>arise</b> WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2025</p> <p>SPEAKERS: TERRI GRANVILLE • KARMYN BOKMA • JULIE BASSETT</p> <p>FRI. 6:30PM • SAT. 9AM</p> <p><b>MARCH 28-29</b> </p> <p>REGISTRATION: <a href="http://HOPEINNERKIP.CA/ARISE">HOPEINNERKIP.CA/ARISE</a> HOPECHURCH, 64 BLANDFORD ST. INNERKIP, ON</p>
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