



PEACE UNITED CHURCH

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February 27, 2025

Friends,

As Jasper and I walked out the door the other morning a welcome song was being sung in our front yard. The temperature just above zero, a cardinal was singing out “purty, birdie, birdie, birdie, birdie, birdie” at the top of her lungs. The promise of spring approaching – what a welcome thought!



Another sure sign of Spring approaching – the beginning of Lent. Next week we’ll be marking that beginning with a pancake dinner followed by our Ash Wednesday service.

Lent, the 40-day period (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter is a season of reflection, renewal, and preparation inviting us to slow down, be more mindful, and draw closer to the heart of God. Traditionally it was often marked by practices of self-denial, repentance, and spiritual discipline, however, a more contemporary understanding would have us focus on its ability to be a time of transformation – both personal and communal. We might see it as an opportunity to take on something life-giving, to ask ourselves deeper questions and to focus on our relationships with God, with others and with ourselves.

At its core, Lent is not about earning God’s love through suffering or deprivation. It is about making space for transformation. It is about living in the promise that love is stronger than fear, and that life is always being renewed. As we prepare to enter this season, may we walk with intention, with openness, and with the hope that God’s love is at work in us and in the world.

Jennifer



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

PEACE CAFÉ ON SUNDAY!

Join us following the service this Sunday for Peace Café. Thanks to Frances and Nancy B for providing the snacks. Donations to Mission & Service are very much appreciated.

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. I think you can still sign up on Sunday! Donations for the supper will go to Mission & Service.



MARCH FUNDScrip ORDERS ARE DUE!



Orders are due on Sunday, March 2nd and always the first Sunday of the

month 😊. Bring in the paper form with a cheque or email Shelley at saj@execuink.com and e-transfer Marie at peaceunitedtreasurer@outlook.com. Thanks for your ongoing support.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CLEANER

Ruth Tilley will be our new cleaner starting Monday, March 3. Welcome Ruth!

ANNUAL REPORT IS NEARING COMPLETION

Our 2024 Annual Report is almost ready, I will be finalizing it later today or early tomorrow. It will be emailed and I will be printing some paper versions you can pick up Sunday. If you would like a printed copy, please let me know. Thank you!



PASTORAL CONCERNS/EMERGENCIES

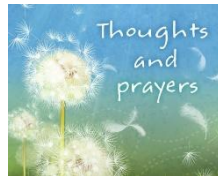


For pastoral concerns or emergencies, you can call or text Rev. Jennifer at 613.334.6549 or email her at peaceunitedminister@gmail.com.

Denise is here to assist at 519.535.1417.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Brian B; Murray H (has finished his chemo and radiation 😊); Ben M; Deb B; Grace (Marg H's Aunt); Gary P.; 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 9th.

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!



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.

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





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
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

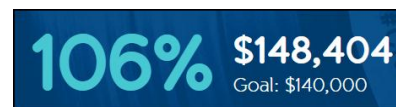
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BROADVIEW SUBSCRIPTIONS

Renewal or new Broadview subscriptions are due **April 1st**. Cost is \$30. Please let me know if you are interested. Our group expiry date is June 2025.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR



It's cold out there and Kathy Hofstetter did something about it! Together with

thousands of Canadians across the country, she walked and fundraised to support people and families experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness in Oxford County. Kathy was part of the Oxford County Library Steps Out group for Operation Sharing and she raised \$1615! Impressive work Oxford County!

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.

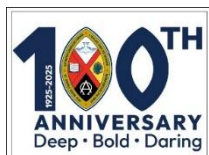
Date	Greeter	Greeter	Counter	Counter	Peace Kids	Nursery
02-Mar	Ron	Gary	Maryann	Pat Hall	Maryann	Denise
09-Mar	Karen	Marion	Shirley	Nancy B	Lisa	Maggie
16-Mar	Ian	Kathy D	Nancy B	Shirley	Frances	Carrie
23-Mar	Ken	Marie	Marg H	Nancy O	Barbara	Frances
30-Mar	Doris	Denise	Maryann	Ed	Lisa	Denise

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.

ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED REGIONAL COUNCIL

[February 28, 2025](#)

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA E-SENTIALS

[February 25, 2025](#)

GOD'S MISSION OUR GIFTS

[February 20, 2025](#)

UNITED ACTION FOR JUSTICE

[February 20, 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*.

THREE THINGS IN HUMAN LIFE ARE IMPORTANT. THE FIRST IS TO BE KIND. THE SECOND IS TO BE KIND. AND THIRD IS TO BE KIND.



Community Events



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.



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.

Yoga and Mental Health
Thursday Evenings From 7:00pm-8:00pm
6 Weeks Starting April 10, 2025

Expressive Writing Group
Tuesday Evenings From 6:30pm-8:00pm
6 Weeks Starting April 15, 2025

Registration:
Please contact Interfaith Counselling Centre to register and discuss available funding at 519-662-3092 or email admin@interfaithcounselling.ca

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

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

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

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 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

LIVING WITH LOSS

Caring Hearts Support Network is offering a free 6-week Grief Support Group ~ Living with Loss. Starting Monday, March 3rd 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. Experienced facilitators provide empathetic support and encouragement within a nurturing setting, fostering a sense of community and comfort on the path to healing.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2025

SPEAKERS:
TERRI GRANVILLE • KARMYN BOKMA • JULIE BASSETT

FRI. 6:30PM • SAT. 9AM

MARCH 28-29

REGISTRATION: HOPEINNERKIP.CA/ARISE
HOPECHURCH, 64 BLANDFORD ST. INNERKIP, ON