



PEACE UNITED CHURCH

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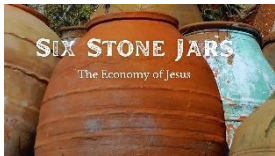
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February 6, 2025

Friends,

The world was a little crunchy and icy this morning. I don't know what verdict(s) the various groundhogs rendered on Sunday, but it would seem winter is most definitely not done with us yet.

This Sunday we will wrap up our series of services revolving around our theme - the economy of Jesus. Over the last few weeks we have touched on jars filled with an abundance of hope, plans filled with purpose, hearts filled with healing and days filled with meaning. As our series concludes, we will look to futures filled with vision and cups filled with grace as we reflect on Luke's version of the set of Jesus' teachings known as the Beatitudes. May these counter-cultural and counter-intuitive pronouncements of blessings help ground and guide us during these somewhat uncertain times.



I hope you are staying warm and cheerful on this rather cold and dreary day.

See you Sunday, Jennifer



Rev. Jennifer will be in the church office next week, Tuesday & Wednesday ~ 10 am to 12:30 pm

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

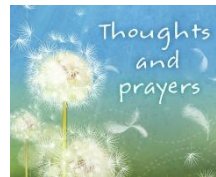
For concerns while Rev. Jennifer is on Study Leave, please call or text Denise at 519.535.1417 and she will pass on your concern.

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.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR



Brian B; Murray H; Ben M; Deb B; Grace (Marg H's Aunt); Gary P.; Dick M.; Marilyn E.
Phyllis Johnson's husband has passed away, we will bless a prayer afghan for her on Sunday.

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.

RAW CARROT RETURNS



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. Order form is attached and at the main entrance and narthex. You can pay by e-transfer or cheque. Details on the form! **Orders are due February 9th for February 16th delivery. A second delivery date can be arranged.**

CHURCH KEYS



It's been a few years since we have 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.



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/regisrnt/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.



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.

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.



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



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	Carrie
23-Feb	Ed	Doris	Nancy O	Marg H	Barbara	Frances
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

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

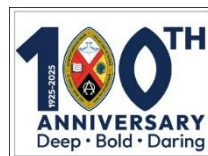
The Chair of your Board will soon be receiving a package from *Broadview*, including a cover letter, [pledge form](#) and bulletin inserts. The pledge form outlines simple yet impactful ways your church can support *Broadview*.

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 4, 2025](#)

ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED E-NEWSLETTER
[January 24, 2025](#)

LIVING INTO RIGHT RELATIONS
[January 22, 2025](#)

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA FOUNDATION WEBINAR: COFFEE WITH FRANKLYN JAMES
ON [February 13, 2025](#)

In this webinar, we'll catch up with Rev. Franklyn! Don't miss the opportunity to learn more about his impactful work and his efforts to inspire and uplift through his writing and ministry, exploring themes of faith, community, justice, and resilience.

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE MODERATOR
[January 23, 2025](#)

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. **A light luncheon is planned for this Wednesday, February 12th 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 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.



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! It is Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually. Thanks for Volunteering! If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text Darlene. 519-404-7022.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The month of February gives us all the chance to celebrate the diversity and achievements of Black people in Canada. The theme for this year's Black History Month: "Black Legacy and Leadership: Celebrating Canadian History and Uplifting Future Generations." Minister Khera announced the theme on Lincoln Alexander Day, which commemorates the legacy of Canada's first Black Member of Parliament and Cabinet Minister, Lincoln Alexander.

Excerpt www.canadaday.ca

CAMP BIMINI
2025 SUMMER CAMP
REGISTRATION OPENS
TUESDAY JANUARY 28
AT 6:00PM

AN EXPERIENCE YOUR CAMPER
WILL NEVER FORGET!

GO TO CAMPBIMINI.CA TO LEARN MORE

SUMMER STAFF APPLICATIONS
Now Accepted For Camp Bimini

First Round ends SATURDAY FEB 8, 2025
<https://cambimini.ca/staff/join-our-team/>

- Paid positions (Counsellor and Program Staff - Age 16+)
- Volunteer Positions (Counsellor-In-Training- Age 15)

Make a difference **Create lifelong friends** **Learn valuable skills** **Fun in the Sun!**

Upcoming ICC Support Groups

Interfaith Counselling Centre strengthens the fabric of our community by equipping individuals, couples, and families to realize emotional wellness and triumph over life's challenges.

Hold Me Tight!- Couples Workshop
 Friday February 14, 2025- 6pm-10pm
 Saturday February 15, 2025- 9am-5pm
 Sunday February 16, 2025- 1pm-5pm

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

ICC
 Interfaith Counselling Centre

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.

MONDAY, MARCH 3RD
 2:00 - 3:30 pm.
 No Cost to Participate

LOCATION:
 St. David's United Church
 190 Springbank Ave., Woodstock ON

CONTACT TO REGISTER:
 519-536-3370
info@caringheartssupportnetwork.com

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 SUPPORT NETWORK
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