



PEACE UNITED CHURCH

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Friends,

I've heard stories of the sun making little appearances here and there over the last week... but I don't feel like I've seen much of it recently! I think I've had to shovel the driveway most days though, so at least I'm spending some time outside.



Over the next few weeks, I am going to be drawing on the imagery of six stone jars in worship. From the introduction to the worship resource ***Six Stone Jars: The Economy of***

Jesus:

"A miscalculation has occurred. The wedding guests have drunk all the wine before the party is over. At times, life can feel like were "out" of so much, and scarcity is shutting down the party. In these moments, we are invited to turn to the currency and economy of Jesus. In his economy, the true measure of abundance is fullness for the whole community, not just for some. Let us build the Kin-dom of God by drawing from jars of Hope, Purpose, Healing, Meaning, Vision, and Grace for all people." I look forward to exploring these themes together.

As we continue to resettle into a weekly routine after the Holiday Season, just a reminder that I am continually booking visits. If you would like me to stop by, do reach out to me by phone or email and let me know.

I hope you are all staying safe and warm! Jennifer



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

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

FRANCIS ALLAN ROBINSON

December 12, 1943 – January 12, 2025



Allan passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Sunday, January 12, 2025 at Sakura House in his 82nd year. Beloved husband of Kathy (nee Hodgson) for almost 56 years. Dear father of Mike (Kim), Chris (Jen), Jeff, and Mary (Dan) Overbaugh; 12

Grandchildren and 1 Great Grandchild on the way (May 2025). Dear brother of Doris Shepley (late Ron), and brother-in-law to Fran Robinson, Pat Rock (Bill) and George Hodgson (late Bobbie) He will also be missed by several nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by siblings Fred (late Jill, late Christine), Keith and Marie Stevenson (late George) and sister-in-law Mary Hodgson.

Allan enjoyed spending time in his garden, going on nature walks and was proud to have completed the entire Bruce Trail (with family and friends).

The family would like to thank the staff at Woodstock Hospital 2200 wing, Dr. Fryer and the amazing staff at Sakura House.

Celebration of Allan's life will take place at the Plattsville Curling Club on Sunday, April 6, 2025 from 2-4pm with words of remembrance to be shared at 3:30pm. Interment at Chesterfield Cemetery.

Donations can be made in Allan's memory to Sakura House, Nature Conservancy of Canada or to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements entrusted to Glendinning Funeral Home, Plattsville, Ont.



CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Brian B; Murray H; Ben M; Deb B

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.

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. If you are unable to reach her, please call or text Denise at 519.535.1417.



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



Our next Fundscrip order is due on Sunday, February 2, and always the first Sunday of the month 😊. Thanks for your ongoing support.

CHARITABLE TAX RECEIPTS

Marie has the 2024 Charitable Tax Receipts ready. Check your church mailbox; otherwise, someone may drop off to you or it was mailed.

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, 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/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.



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

FRIDAY JANUARY 31, 2025
FAMILY FRIDAY FOOD & FUN

National Backwards Day
Join us as we do all things backwards... breakfast for dinner, dessert first, and some mixed up, reverse order games.

RSVP appreciated:
familyfridayatpeace@gmail.com

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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.



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
19-Jan	Karen	Ian	Ferne	Shelley	Frances	Carrie
26-Jan	Maggie	Bill	Ferne	Shirley	Barbara	Frances
02-Feb	Ron	Ed	Pat Hall	Denise	Lisa	Denise
09-Feb	Denise	Karen	Ed	Shirley	Maryann	Maggie

LIONS EUCHRE



The Plattsville Lions Club will be hosting Progressive Euchre at Peace United on alternate Mondays starting at 7:00 pm on January 20; February 3 & 17. 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.

CAMP BIMINI NEWS

If you are interested in reading the 2024 Annual Report for Camp Bimini, please let Denise know and she will email it to you.

SUMMER STAFF APPLICATIONS
Now Accepted For Camp Bimini

First Round ends SATURDAY FEB 8, 2025

<https://campbimini.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!

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

AN EXPERIENCE YOUR CAMPER
WILL NEVER FORGET!

GO TO [CAMPBIMINI.CA](https://campbimini.ca) TO LEARN MORE

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
[January 14, 2025](#)

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA FOUNDATION
[January 15, 2025](#)

GOD'S MISSION OUR GIFTS - [January 16, 2025](#)

HOW THE UNITED CHURCH RESPONDS TO GLOBAL
CRISES [January 10, 2025](#)

Community Events



VON EXERCISE CLASSES

Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 – 10 am at the Plattsville Arena.

PLATTSVILLE 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 luncheon is planned for Wednesday, February 12, start time 12 noon.** Everyone welcome. For more information, call Denise T at 519-535-1417 or Denise D at 519-588-7492.