



PEACE UNITED CHURCH

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January 30, 2025

Friends,

Over the course of the last week or so I have seen many references online to a milestone I don't remember marking before: having made it through the darkest 10 weeks of the year - the 10 weeks between Nov 16th and Jan 22nd.

While I've never heard it referenced in quite that way, I HAVE noticed this week that it is still daylight well past 5 and that has been a welcome change. A return to after dinner walks to the park can't be too far away, I'm sure of it!

I hope you are having a safe and warm (albeit snowy) week, and I look forward to continuing our exploration of what it might mean to live into the economy of Jesus this Sunday.

Jennifer



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

PEACE CAFÉ THIS SUNDAY

It's the first Sunday of the month! Join us for Peace Café following the service. Thanks to Shirley & Ron and Doris for providing the treats.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Brian B; Murray H; Ben M; Deb B; Grace (Marg H's Aunt); Gary P.

Prayer Afghans will be blessed this Sunday for Dick M and Marilyn E.

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 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



Fundscrip orders are due on Sunday, February 2, 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.

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. I'm getting the e-transfer details so you can pay direct or pay by cheque (stay tuned!). **Orders are due February 9th for February 16th delivery.**



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

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

PEACE UNITED CHURCH
 20 Samuel St.
 Plattsville



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/registant/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@execulink.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
02-Feb	Ron	Ed	Pat Hall	Denise	Lisa	Denise
09-Feb	Denise	Karen	Ed	Shirley	Maryann	Maggie
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	Lisa	Denise

Community Events



VON EXERCISE CLASSES

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



LIONS EUCHRE



The Plattsville Lions Club will be hosting Progressive Euchre at Peace United on alternate Mondays starting at 7:00 pm on 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/AUJYzEy>
- 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.

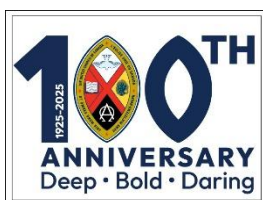


Keeping You Informed



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
MODERATOR THANKS BISHOP BUDDE FOR HER
"BOLD AND PROPHECTIC" WORDS**
[January 28, 2025](#)

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

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

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

**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://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!**

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. However, it is also a time to reflect on Canada’s painful history and the distinct challenges that Black people in Canada continue to face in their daily lives, such as systemic barriers, racism and discrimination.

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



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.

Mindfulness and Self Compassion
Tuesday evenings 6:00pm-7:30pm
10 Weeks Starting January 28, 2025 – April 1, 2025

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




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
www.caringheartssupportnetwork.com