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DROP IN FOR A VISIT!



Rev. Murray will be in the Peace office on Wednesday and Thursday next week. If the big black truck is in the parking lot, you will find him there. Drop in and say hello or give him a call at the church 519.684.7341.

PASTORAL CONCERNS/EMERGENCIES

You can reach Rev. Murray via email at roundingmurray@gmail.com. For pastoral concerns or emergencies, please call Denise at 519.535.1417 and she will pass on your concern. Thank you.



THANK YOU!



To the bakers and the candy makers, the cookie makers and the crafters and to all the kind-wishers and peace-givers: **Anne and Murray** would like to offer their sincerest thanks for all the wonderful cards and gifts that they received this Christmas season. Thank you to all of you for the gift cards also.

UDDERLY RIDICULOUS THANK YOU

Greg and Cheryl Haskett, from Udderly Ridiculous, thanks for sharing your ice cream with us at Peace United.



FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee would like to thank everyone who helped with the Advent services, whether it was reading Scriptures, lighting the Advent Candles or providing special music. Thanks also to those who provided the beautiful Poinsettia plants to decorate the Sanctuary during the Advent Season and especially to the Baer family for decorating the Christmas Tree in the foyer.

AND ANOTHER THANK YOU

Donna Harrison wishes to thank her church family for all the wonderful Christmas greetings!



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO CHRIS HENDERSON ON JANUARY 6. DONNA HUNTER WILL BE 90 ON JANUARY 25TH!

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL COLLECTION

Thanks for helping us help our community! Cheques were delivered to DASO (Domestic Abuse Services Oxford); The Sharing Table at Operation Sharing; and the Blandford-Blenheim Helping Hands Foodbank. The Peace Helper Award at Waterloo-Oxford D.S.S. will be awarded at graduation.

ANNUAL MEETING & YEAR-END REPORTS

The 2023 Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 25th, 2024**. Please submit your final reports to Denise by **Sunday, January 21st**. Thank you.

WELCOME CARLY

A warm welcome to Carly Tilley, our new custodian. Thanks to Kelsie for her work over the years.

SUPPORTING KENZIE WITZEL AND HER FAMILY

Thank you for everyone's continued support and kindness. They should soon be home. Have a safe trip north!

TOASTIE TOES – TILL MARCH 2024



We will be collecting new socks and gently used hats and mitts for shelters in Waterloo and Oxford Counties. You can drop your donations in the bin under the mailboxes. Soap, shampoo, and other personal care items are welcome too!

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. One greeter will light the Christ Candle when Meghan plays the Prelude and one greeter will take the offering up, please check for pink slips of prayer requests, and if any, please pass to Rev. Murray. **FYI – The Peace Kids schedule has been updated!**



Date	Greeter	Greeter	Counter	Counter	Peace Kids
01-Jan	NO SERVICE THIS WEEK				
07-Jan	Gary	Marion	Pat Hall	Shirley	Frances
14-Jan	Kathy R	Ron	Maryann	Ferne	Debbie
21-Jan	Karen	Ian	Ed	Marg H	Maryann
28-Jan	Maggie	Bill	Shelley	Pat Hall	Lisa

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 this added to the calendar, appropriate staff, or personnel so that your plans can be accommodated. Thank you.

COLLECTING MILK BAGS & CARD FRONTS

Please 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 on the shelf down the steps to the church hall.

NEW FOR WINTER 2023-2024



We are looking for **weekly volunteers** to assist us with shoveling (and salt if necessary) the walkways to the front and rear entrances. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex with more details.

CLICK BELOW TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE



Keeping You Informed



UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA E-SENTIALS

[January 2, 2024](#)

ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED REGIONAL

[December 16, 2023 Newsletter](#)

GOD'S MISSION OUR GIFTS

[December 21, 2023](#)

CONNECTIONS

News & Views of Oxford County Churches

[December 13, 2023 Newsletter](#)

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

LIONS EUCBRE-NEXT NIGHT-JANUARY 8



The Plattsville Lions Club will be hosting Progressive Euchre at Peace United on alternate Mondays starting at 7:00 pm on January 8 & 22; February 5 & 19; March 4 & 18, 2023. Alternate Mondays you can play at the Drumbo Agricultural Hall. \$10 gets you into play, prizes and a light lunch, no partner required.

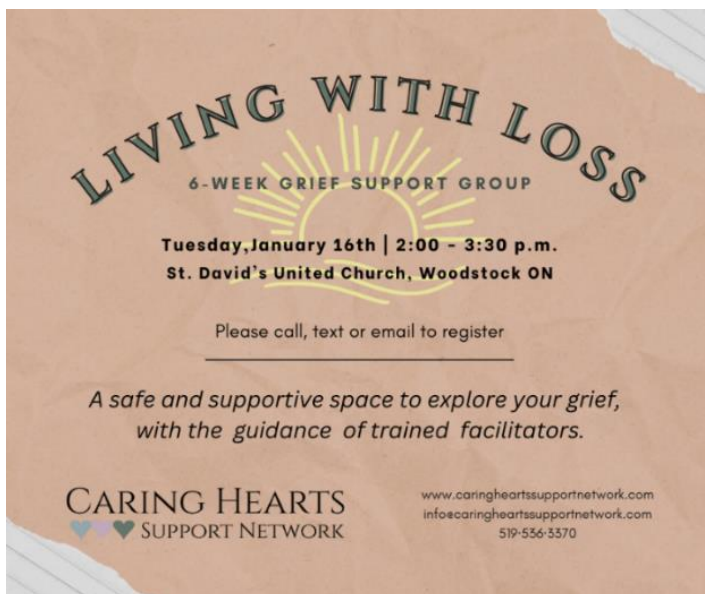
FREE FUN FIT ON THURSDAYS!

Fun fitness class with energizing music, low impact movements focusing on improving balance and stability. Thursdays 10:30 to 11:15 am at Princeton Hall, 35 Main Street, Princeton. More information at www.richwood.ca.

FREE SKATING AT PLATTSVILLE ARENA

It's FREE 😊. Public Skating is Sundays from 3-3:50 pm. Parent & Tot Skating is Wednesdays at 11 am. Adult skating is Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 am. Cancellations will be posted at the arena.





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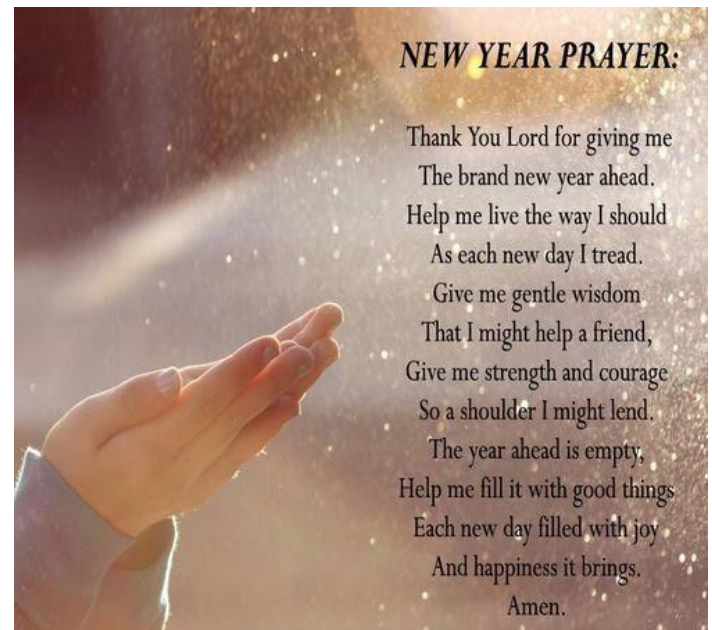


Interested in learning about spirituality and aging? The Encore Webinar Series features six speakers over the next six months. Free of charge, these hour-long online webinars are open to anyone interested in spirituality and aging and offer a combination of research and practical topics. **Register for any and all of these webinars at uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/spirituality-and-aging-seminar.**

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As you consider your plans for the New Year, you're invited to join Betty Pries online, at two captivating workshop - [Leading the Church Through Transformation, Change and Renewal](#) in January and for those interested in investing in a contemplative start to the season of Lent, [Mediation from the Inside Out](#) in February. Offered by Conrad Grebel University College, these online workshops are idea for people involved in church leadership roles as staff or volunteers or those with an interest in the topics. uwaterloo.ca/conflict-management

Embark on a transformative journey with the Master of Peace and Conflict Studies program at Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo. Connect theory, analysis, reflection, and practice to advance nonviolent peacebuilding and community-led change in a rigorous course-based professional degree program. For more information, visit uwaterloo.ca/master-peace-conflict-studies



50 things to do for WINTER FUN

01. Play charades
02. Build a roaring fire in the fireplace
03. Write a family letter
04. Take a winter walk
05. Knit or crochet a new scarf & mittens
06. Listen to a new book on tape
07. Visit a Christmas market
08. Light a candle
09. Cut snowflakes out of white paper
10. Sip hot apple cider
11. Go sledding
12. Make squash soup
13. Build a blanket fort
14. Play flag football
15. Paste pictures in a photo album
16. Go ice skating
17. Make pomanders from cloves & oranges
18. Make New Year's resolutions
19. Eat blackeyed peas
20. Get new pajamas or houseslippers
21. Lounge in your PJs and read a book
22. Cuddle up by the fire
23. Put out a birdfeeder
24. Volunteer at the local food pantry
25. Force indoor daffodils or narcissus
26. Build a snowman
27. Make snow angels
28. Play a board game
29. Dress in plaid flannel
30. Eat snow ice cream
31. Make creamy potato soup
32. Start a stamp or coin collection
33. Make scented playdough
34. Skype faraway family or friends
35. Shoot fireworks
36. Go bowling
37. Make a home movie
38. Have a ping pong tournament
39. Send homemade valentines
40. Make snowglobes
41. Bake a breakfast quiche
42. Make pinecone firestarters
43. Study a foreign language
44. Make a pot of lentil soup
45. Bake cinnamon rolls
46. Learn to play dominoes
47. Feed pigeons at the park
48. Make salt water taffy
49. Plant onions
50. Eat fondue



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