



PEACE UNITED CHURCH

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March 14th, 2024

Join us Sunday, March 17th!

It's the 5th Sunday in Lent and Easter is two weeks away. Join us for a short meeting following the service this Sunday to approve the new board for Peace United. We will also be electing the Chair of the Board. The Vice Chair and Secretary will be selected by the Board at their meeting on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:15 pm.



FUNDSCRIP ORDERS DUE APRIL 7!

Have you tried the gift cards from Fundscrip? How about making this the month? Our next order date is **Sunday, April 7th**. Payment may be made by cheque or E-transfer; see details on the order form, which you can find in the narthex, the entry or on our website.



DROP IN FOR A VISIT!

Rev. Murray will be in the Peace office on Tuesday 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 and she will pass on your concern.



PEACE NEWS NEXT WEEK...

Denise will be in Toronto from March 20-22 but will be checking voice mails and emails during this time. The Peace News will go out Friday evening next week.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE AT PEACE



March 24, 2024 at 10 am – Palm Passion Sunday

March 28, 2024 at 7:30 pm – Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

March 29, 2024 at 10 am—Good Friday Cantata (followed by a time of fellowship and light refreshments downstairs)

March 31, 2024 at 7 am—Easter Sunrise Service at the home of Ken and Marie McNabb, 947488 Twp Rd 14, New Dundee, followed by coffee and Hot Cross Buns (graciously donated by Anne Rounding)

March 31, 2024 at 10 am—Easter Service with Communion

SPRING FLOWERS FOR EASTER

This year, the Worship Committee is asking if our Peace family would like to place Spring flowers in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday (falling on March 31 this year). The flowers/plants would only be placed on Sunday and participants would take them home once the service ends. Pots of tulips, daffodils, even cut flowers in Spring colours would be most welcome. Easter lilies would be welcome, also, as long as the stamens in the center are clipped off as the fragrance can bother some folks with allergies. Let's make our sanctuary space a celebration of renewal and celebration on Easter Sunday!



THANKS TO OUR SNOW SHOVELING CREW

A huge thank you goes out to the group of individuals that made themselves available to make the area of the front door and rear sidewalk that the contractor was not being paid to clear. We paid the Contractor \$475/month for November thru March, totaling \$2375.00 this year.



Thanks to Ken McNabb, Ed and Maribeth Bird, Bill Alderson, Denise Tew, Ian Boltz and Gary Bender. Some helped multiple weeks so extra thanks to them to ensure all the weeks were covered. If anyone has comments or suggestions for next year, please pass them on to me. Thank you all from the Property Committee of Peace.
Gary Bender

SPAGHETTI PIE FUNDRAISER RESULTS



A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our Spaghetti Pie Takeout dinner a success! 120 tickets were sold, and together with the donations received for leftovers on Sunday, our profit was \$2,378.47! Well

done Peace United!

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.



Date	Greeter	Greeter	Counter	Counter	Peace Kids
10-Mar	Karen	Marion	Shirley	Pat Hall	Barbara
17-Mar	Ian	Darlene	Nancy B	Shirley	Frances
24-Mar	Ken	Marie	Marg H	Shelley	Debbie
31-Mar	Gary	Denise	Maryann	Ed	Maryann
07-Apr	Kathy R	Paulette H	Darlene	Ferne	Lisa



2024 DINNER THEATRE

Mark your calendars for Friday and Saturday, November 15 & 16 and a matinee on Sunday, November 17 for an interactive theatre!

PEACE NEWS

Please submit your news to Denise by 6 pm on Thursdays.

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.

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. Thank you.

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

HERITAGE POPPY PROJECT



The Heritage Society has started a poppy project to honour our veterans this fall. Knit and crochet patterns available. Contact Denise for the pattern or pick one up at the church. We will be teaching students after March Break. Thanks to North Blenheim Mutual for supporting this project! Poppies can be dropped off to the Plattsville Library or Bright Second Hand Boutique.

LIONS EUCBRE – MARCH 18

The Plattsville Lions Club will be hosting Progressive Euchre at Peace United on alternate Mondays starting at 7:00 pm on March 18; April 1, 15 & 29 and will continue to the end of 2024. 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.

INTERFAITH COUNSELLING CENTRE

Interfaith Counselling Center (ICC) is excited to host a two-day Hold Me Tight® couple's workshop on Saturday, March 23rd and Sunday, March 24th from 9 am - 5 pm each day at Interfaith Counselling Centre (23B Church St, New Hamburg). Lunch will be provided, and the cost is 500\$ per couple. If you have any questions or would like to chat about this opportunity please reach out to ICC at 519-662-3092 or to our group facilitators Wendy Lantz at wlantz@interfaithcounselling.ca or MaryClair McDonald-Rogers at mmcdonald-rogers@interfaithcounselling.ca

CAMP BIMINI

Summer Staff Applications are now being accepted at <https://campbimini.ca/staff/join-our-team/>. Paid positions for Counsellors and Program staff - Age 16+. Volunteer positions for Counsellors-in-Training - Age 15. **Registration is now open** at www.campbimini.ca. An experience your camper will never forget! **Gift Camp** donations are needed. Help youth to experience nature, grow spiritually and create lifelong friendships. E-transfer your donation to treasurer@campbimini.ca with your name and address or send a cheque to Camp Bimini indicating it's for a Gift of Camp (3180 Perth Rd 113, RR#1, St. Pauls, ON N0K 1V0)

NEWS FROM CONRAD GREBEL UNIVERSITY

Grebel and University of Waterloo **March Break Open House | Saturday, March 23, 10 AM – 5 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. All are welcome. Visit grebel.ca/events for more information.

Ontario Mennonite Music Camp is a place where youth in grade 6-12 develop and enrich relationships, faith, musicality, and leadership in a fun and supportive summer camp environment. Hosted at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo, August 11 to 23, 2024. **Register by April 12 for early-bird camp fees.** uwaterloo.ca/grebel/o

HOW WILL MARCH END?



Keeping You Informed

ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED REGIONAL COUNCIL

February 20, 2024

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA E-SENTIALS

March 12, 2024

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA FOUNDATION

February 20, 2024

LIVING INTO RIGHT RELATIONS

February 28, 2024

PROTECT THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF 2SLGBTQIA+ PEOPLE



March 14 is PIE Day. The United Church of Canada joins Affirm United/S'affimer Ensemble and Affirming Connections in urging individuals and communities of faith across Canada to commit to concerted efforts to be Public, Intentional, and Explicit (PIE) in the public square.

There has been an exponential rise in anti-2SLGBTQIA+ hate-fueled movements, hate crimes, and hate speech across Canada. Anti-trans policies and policy proposals are emerging provincially and federally. There is also an alarming wave of anti-2SLGBTQIA+ demonstrations, vandalism, and assaults on affirming clergy and faith communities.

Join the call to action to promote and protect the rights and freedoms of 2SLGBTQIA+ people, particularly the outward acts of transphobia.

Find out [what you can do](#), and check out the new National Affirming/PIE Day video on The United Church of Canada's [YouTube Channel](#).