



# PEACE UNITED CHURCH

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**Peace News  
November 18, 2022**

Friends,

As I sipped my coffee this morning while working on the Friday NYT crossword, curled up in my cuddle chair with a purring Patrick asleep on my arm, the blanket of snow outside looked lovely as I savoured my cozy, happy place. Sadly, reality dictated that I could not stay there all day. My coffee cup got empty, I finished the crossword, the news came the radio signaling it was time to get moving, and despite Patrick's best efforts, I really needed to move my numb arm which was beginning to tingle.



Like most Canadians I really do have a love-hate relationship with the appearance of snow. I was almost giddy when I saw the

fat, fluffy flakes really flying in the air for the first time earlier this week. I was tempted to go outside and try and catch them on my tongue, something I have been known to do in recent years.

Later that day as I passed children on their way home from school, I was amused to see that nearly EVERY child I passed had an armload of snow in their mittened hands and appeared to be delighted by its appearance.

It was much harder a few hours later to face the cold, snowy and now DARK world to head to curling that night. But I did, and, as usual, once I was there, I had no regrets about going. It always seems so hard to go out in the evenings at this time of year... takes that little extra push of determination.

I hope you are all finding the beautiful and cozy moments in this week of adjusting to the arrival of snow. It's cold, needs to be dealt with, and means

winter is really and truly coming, but it is also beautiful, enlivening and can bring out a little silly in all of us.

Keep safe as we adjust to winter living, Jennifer



## SOUTHWEST PUBLIC HEALTH

strongly recommends masking in indoor settings to prevent triple threat of respiratory viruses. Read the full article [here](#). Help us keep everyone safe.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Rev. Jennifer will be in the Church office this week from 10 am – 1 pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (November 22, 24 & 25) or by appointment.



## TUESDAY AT TWO

The next Tuesday at Two will be November 29. Hope you can stop in for refreshments and fellowship next week.

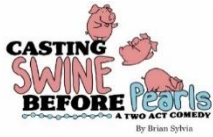
## HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!



Our M&S fundraiser will see some lucky person win the beautiful Canadian Flag Afghan which was custom created as a prop for the play. \$5 or 3/\$10

donation to the Mission & Service Fund will get you a chance/chances to win the Canada Flag Peace Afghan. The draw will be held following church on Sunday, November 27th. Please see Shelley before then if you'd like to make a donation.

## AND THE RESULTS ARE IN ...



A big shout out to everyone who helped make "Casting Swine Before Pearls" Dinner Theatre Week-end a rousing success! **A profit of \$5,500 was realized.**



## OVER 80s CHRISTMAS DINNER

Enjoy a time of fellowship accompanied by a tasty turkey dinner by the Peace United Catering Committee on **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm.** RSVP to Doris by Wednesday, November 30.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE PEACE BOOTH AT THE PLATTSVILLE ARENA



Darlene Koebel has undertaken the opening of the Booth at the Plattsville Arena for Peace United and other community volunteers. She is looking for volunteers on Saturdays and Sundays and high school students are welcome to earn their volunteer hours too! (Students will be required to have a consent form completed by a parent/guardian prior to

volunteering).

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click the [SignUp link here!](#)
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's 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 Darlene and she can sign you up manually. This program has ALOT of ads. She hopes it is not too distracting. If you have any questions, please contact Darlene at 519-404-7022 or [fifthtraditionpeace@gmail.com](mailto:fifthtraditionpeace@gmail.com). Shorter shifts are available too, contact Darlene.

**THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!!!**

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**Elmer Baer** has moved to Freeport and will be there for 4-6 weeks.

**Donna Harrison** is at Park Place Retirement Residence, Room 306, 126 Graham Street, Woodstock, ON N4S 6J9. You should be able to reach Donna by calling her home number.



## POINSETTIA MEMORIAL SUNDAY DECEMBER 18

You are invited to bring in a poinsettia starting December 4<sup>th</sup>. Please submit your name and memorial details to Denise by Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

## MISSION OUTREACH



The Mission Outreach group has once again decided on our campaigns for the fall, Christmas season and early 2023. Here's what we have planned for November. Thank you for supporting our **Food Drive** for our local Helping Hands Blandford-Blenheim Foodbank in October.

## Coats for Kids

The first bundle of coats has been delivered. While you look into your closet, think about which coats, hats, gloves, boots that might be extras you don't want anymore. If they are clean and gently used, we will gladly accept these items for our annual Coats for Kids collection and donate them to Operation Sharing in Woodstock. They don't have to be just for kids as any size items, kids to adults, are accepted. There will be a bin in the entrance for these items till the end of November.



## Toastie Toes

We will be collecting new socks for men and women; as well as hats and mitts (new/used) for the House of Friendship and Operation Sharing till the end of January.

## Christmas Place & White Gift Sunday

**White Gift Sunday is November 27<sup>th</sup>.** We will be collecting toys and gift cards for the Christmas Place for the entire month of November.



## Santa Claus Parades – Bright & Plattsville

The Annual parades are 2 pm Bright and 6 pm Plattsville on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are interested in joining the float/truck organizing committee please let Denise know!

## PEACE NEWS

News and Announcements are due by Thursday at 6 pm. Please call Denise at 519.535.1417 or email [peaceplattsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:peaceplattsecretary@outlook.com) with your news.



## BAPTISMS & CONFIRMATIONS

Anyone interested in baptisms, transfers and/or confirmations, please talk with Rev. Jennifer.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR POTLUCK AND TALENT SUNDAY!



The Worship Committee is organizing a potluck and a Christmas Talent Show (featuring the congregation) following the service on **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Shelley

and let her know what you'd like to perform as part of the show!

## WELCOME BACK PEACE KIDS!

We are still looking for more teachers for Peace Kids...if you can volunteer once in a while, please let Lisa or Debbie know. Thank you! Here's the schedule for the next six weeks.



Date	Peace Kids	Date	Peace Kids
20-Nov	Barbara	11-Dec	Lisa
27-Nov	Maryanne	18-Dec	Frances
04-Dec	Ferne	25-Dec	No Peace Kids

## GREETERS & COUNTERS SCHEDULE



Darlene has created our new schedule, here it is for the next six weeks. One greeter will operate the lift and the other will greet upstairs.

Date	Greeter	Greeter	Counter	Counter
20-Nov	Ken	Marie	Shirley	Darlene
27-Nov	Maggie	Bill	Ferne	Maryann
04-Dec	Ron	Marion	Marg H	Shirley
11-Dec	Kathy R	Paulette	Shelley	Maryann
18-Dec	Marion	Kathy R	Ferne	Ed
25-Dec	Ken	Marie	Darlene	Maryann

# Keeping You Informed

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA E-SENTIALS

Here's the link for the latest newsletter:

[November 15, 2022 Newsletter](#)

## OXFORD CONNECTIONS

Here's the link for the latest newsletter:

[November 9, 2022 Newsletter](#)

## ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED NEWS

Here's the link to the latest Antler River Newsletter:

[November 16, 2022 Newsletter](#)

## Community Events



## ANNUAL LIONS LADY'S NIGHT

**NOVEMBER 24 – 5:30 – 8:30 PM**

Denise, Jennifer & Maryann are going, let Denise know if you'd like to join us! Tickets just \$14/person includes baked potato with choice of toppings, salads, baked beans and dessert. Shop at a variety of vendors just in time for Christmas! Only 120 tickets available, contact Gabrielle at 519-274-4195. All proceeds from this event stays in the community 😊.

## LIONS EUCHRE – MONDAYS @ PEACE



The Plattsville Lions Club with be hosting Euchre at Peace United on alternate Mondays starting at 7:30 pm. Mark your calendars for November 28; December 12;

January 9 & 23.

## NEW EXHIBIT AT KEN SEILING WATERLOO REGION MUSEUM

Click picture for more details on the NEW multimedia journey that highlights the Indigenous contributions to the history of this land, as told through local Indigenous voices. Exhibit is open until April 16, 2023.



## Did you know?

As of Tuesday November 15, 2022, Southwestern Public Health will again require all volunteers, staff, students, visitors and clients to wear masks within its facilities. In addition, our staff will wear masks in all indoor environments in which we work.