

MARCH NEWSLETTER

REMINDER

Our service time will be changing from 10 AM to 11 AM starting March 1st as we begin our collaborative ministry with Sauble Beach-Hepworth.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICE

- **March 1st** - Lent 2 (time changes to 11 AM)
- **March 8th** - Lent 3 (Daylight Savings Time)
- **March 15th** - Lent 4
- **March 22nd** - Lent 5
- **March 29th** - Palm Sunday
- **April 3rd** - Good Friday
- **April 5th** - Easter Sunrise Service at 7 AM
- **April 5th** - Easter Service at 11 AM
- **April 24th** - Pentecost
- **May 3rd** - Camp Sunday (worship leader from Silver Lake Camp)
- **May 31st** - Trinity Sunday
- **June 14th** - Pride Sunday
- **June 21st** - Reverend Heather's Last Sunday (Indigenous Sunday)



A LETTER FROM REV. HEATHER



March brings us into the season of Lent, a time of reflection and preparation as we journey toward Easter. It's also a month of transitions and new beginnings—and there's a lot happening in our church community!

You'll notice our worship time has shifted to 11:00 am, which I hope works well for everyone—especially with Daylight Saving Time beginning on March 8 (don't forget to spring forward and lose that hour of sleep!).

We're honoured to be hosting the World Day of Prayer on March 6 at 2:00 pm here at Southampton United Church. This annual ecumenical service is always meaningful, and I hope you'll join us for this special time of worship and fellowship. We're also excited to host Lenten Lunches this year! Every Wednesday at noon throughout March, we'll gather for a delicious lunch of soup and sandwiches, beautiful organ music from talented local musicians, and a short reflection from one of our ministerial colleagues. It's a wonderful way to pause midweek, connect with one another, and journey through Lent together in community.

March 1st also marks the start of our collaborative ministry partnership with Hepworth/Sauble Beach, where we'll be sharing a minister (me) equally between our two congregations. This is an exciting step forward, and I'm looking forward to the possibilities this brings for both communities as we explore what ministry together can look like.

As the snow melts and spring begins to show itself, we're reminded that new life and growth often emerge from seasons of change. May this Lenten season and this new chapter in our ministry together be filled with hope, renewal, and grace.

Blessings,

Rev. Heather Davies

UPDATE FROM **OUTREACH**



The first Thursday of every month, donations to the Green Boutique are split equally with one of our local charities. If you are unable to visit the Green Boutique but would like to contribute to the sponsored charity, you can add it to your offering envelope, write a cheque to Southampton United Church, make an e-transfer to southucfinance@bmts.com, use our Square, or donate through Canada Helps.

In all cases be sure to mark the charity you wish to sponsor in the notes.

Upcoming Green Boutique Days are:

- **March 12th:** Living Hope Food Basket
- **April 2nd:** Women's Shelter Serving Bruce and Grey
- **May 7th:** Habitat for Humanity

In addition, we will be hosting a potluck luck following the service on March 29th. Freewill donations will be accepted for the Living Hope Food Basket. Food and toiletry items may also be placed in the basket by the sanctuary doors at any time.



Stay tuned after the service on February 22nd for an update on the newly regenerated Spiritual Care Council.

A LETTER FROM OUTREACH



The Outreach Team would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your generous support of our projects throughout 2025. Over \$25,000 was raised to support local and global charities through direct contributions from this congregation and community support of 50% donation days at the Green Boutique.

Local food banks received \$2,640 as well as donations of food and toiletries. Your "birthday box" contributions are a significant part of this number. The G. C. Houston Breakfast Club received \$383. We were able to support Habitat for Humanity local builds with \$1,940. Saugeen Memorial Hospital Foundation received \$455. We sent \$625 to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to help end hunger around the world. We raised \$535 for our Food for Friends barbecue to thank our local migrant workers. Thank you for your further donations of food items and help to make this event possible. The Saugeen Women's Respite Shelter received \$226 as well as a carload of stockings filled with personal care and gift items.

Moreover, you contributed \$12,045 to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada. With the addition of 10% of donations to the Green Boutique, this number rose to \$15,310 which allowed us to surpass our goal.

Your generosity is amazing. Thank you for continuing to follow in Jesus way.

Blessings,

Your Outreach Team

UPCOMING AT **SOUTHAMPTON** **UNITED**

This year, Southampton United is honoured to host the annual World Day of Prayer Service on **Friday, March 6th at 2 PM**. This ecumenical service focuses on a different country each year. Nigeria will be highlighted this year with information and personal stories. Following the service, there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments.

JOIN US!



This year, Southampton United is hosting the annual Lenten Lunch services. Each Wednesday, we will gather at 12 PM for a short organ concert performed by one of our local musicians, followed by a brief message from a different clergy member each week, and a time for a shared lunch.

As hosts, we are responsible for providing a selection of soups each week, as well as, a team for set-up and clean-up. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board beside the office if you're able to help with these lunches.

Dates we will be joined by other churches:

March 4th - Faith Lutheran

March 11th - St. Paul's/St. John's Anglican

March 18th - Southport Pentecostal

March 25th - Port Elgin United

DIRECTORY

OFFICE HOURS



Rev. Heather Davies
WED 9:30 - 2:30



Brian Froom - Treasurer
TUE 10:00 - 12:00



**Christina Edwards -
Music Director**
Sunday Mornings,
Thursday evenings



**Shalayna Trelford-Ladd -
Office Admin**
WED 9:00 - 4:00
THU 9:00 - 12:00