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November 28, 2025

~ New Office Hours ~

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri

Hours: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Rev. Dan Leaver

Administrator: Michelle Ertl

Please note if no one in office leave message at
above phone number or email

Diaconal Dan's Deliberation



Friends,

We are starting a New Year—a new liturgical year in the church, as Kathy Underwood reminded us in worship last week. We begin this year with Advent, a season shaped by waiting.

As Dr. Seuss writes in *Oh, the Places You'll Go*, waiting is often the most frustrating place to be. People “just waiting”—waiting for a train to go; waiting for a phone to ring, or snow to snow; waiting for a pot to boil, or a better break; waiting for the world to change.

Advent is the church's experience of waiting for the birth of Jesus. And in December, both in the world around us and in our faith life, we often find ourselves preparing. Or, to borrow a term used for expectant parents in the final weeks before a child is born, we begin nesting. It's a natural reaction when something long-anticipated draws near: we want to be ready.

“Be ready” is also the message John the Baptist will soon proclaim. But even as we prepare, we are invited to wait. We do not know the hour, as the Gospel of Matthew reminds us this week. But the time will come. Even in our darkness. Even in moments of war or turmoil. Even in loneliness. The time will come—and with it, the world will change.

So let us enter this new year with readiness and hope, watching for the moment when God's light breaks in again.

Peace and hope be with you.

Rev Dan



PORT ELGIN UNITED CHURCH

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Worship Schedule	November 30 10:00am	December 7 10:00am	December 14 10:00am
	1st of Advent	2nd of Advent	3rd of Advent
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver
<i>Music</i>	Nancy Kline	Jenny Robinson	Nancy Kline
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Helen Cumming	Louise Jack	Tanya Wolfe
<i>AV Booth Team</i>	TBD	TBD	George Brown
<i>Fellowship</i>	TBD	Stewardship	Best of Friends
<i>Counters</i>	Susan Miller & Lori Chesterman	Adele & Keith Greig	Dianne Lawrie & Bill Reany

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

Financial Gifts can be made through cash or cheques on the offering plates during worship.

Envelopes are available and tax receipts issued.

Please include how you would like to portion your donation between local giving and contributions to the Mission and Service Fund.

Donations Cheques can be mailed to:

Box 486, Port Elgin, ON NOH 2C0

Donations can also be made through:

Automatic bank withdrawals (through PAR)

E-Transfer: peucfinance@bmts.com

Online on PEUC Website – By Credit Card – Canada Helps

PEUC

FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION

**Saturday November 29th
4:00 - 6:00pm**

We will be preparing for Advent. Everyone is welcome!

Children, parents, grandparents.

Each family will do a craft and scavenger hunt together.

There will be The Christmas Story plus Pizza for supper.

Sign Up is Required

Send an email to d.j.kazimer@bmts.com with the number of people in your family and pizza preference from Pizzaville (i.e. Cheese, Hawaiian, meat lovers, etc.)

Deadline to sign up: Friday November 28th by 8:00pm.

ARE YOU ENJOYING OUR SUNDAY SERVICES ONLINE?

Would you consider donating to our Church?

**You Can Donate:
On Line on our Web Site**

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/port-elgin-pastoral-charge/>

by E-Transfer

peucfinance@bmts.com

**Or, You Can Sign up to do Automatic Monthly
Withdrawals through the church "PAR" program.**

Email peucfinance@bmts.com to get set up

" Together We Can Make a Difference"



Can't make it in? Follow us on Youtube



PEUC20251123worship

Click on Image to view our Sunday service

Poinsettia Trees

If you would like to contribute in
memory of loved ones
towards the beautiful poinsettias in the sanctuary,
please sign the list on the clipboard in the foyer.

Signed envelopes with contributions may be
handed in to the office or placed in the offering
plate each Sunday in Advent.

You may also choose to send an e-transfer to:
peucfinance@bmts.com with a note re:poinsettia.

Peace and love to you and your family at this joyous time of the year.

Inside PEUC



Keeping our church family in the loop.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Walking Group: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 2-3pm

Women's Bible Study: Wednesday's 9:30 - 11:30am

Best of Friends (UCW): Wednesday December 3rd 1-2pm

Blood Donor Clinic: Thursday December 4th

Youth Group: Friday's 7-9pm

UCW CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER
SIGN UP TO BAKE

Thank you to everyone who is generously signing up to bake their favourite cookies/squares for our upcoming fundraiser.

Please drop off your goodies on the racks in the church kitchen servery, on Friday December 12 from 10 am-6 pm.
Please remember that the squares are to be uncut.

There are two options to sign up for baking:

- 1) Please click on the Google Docs link below to print your name in a space(s) under the items you wish to bake.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP TO BAKE](#)

- 2) Or: Please call Michelle at the church office
(or Marcia Masuda @ 519-708- 1111).

(Please note: If you are unable to bake or purchase baking, donations made to the PEUC UCW will be gratefully accepted.)



BAKERS STILL NEEDED!!



UCW Christmas Tea and Cookie Bake Sale



It is a “Come and Go Tea”.

**Saturday December 13th
1:00 to 3:00**

We are asking for donations for our Foster Child also,
so please mark this date on your calendar.

**NOW EVERY
OTHER MONTH**



HUG A BEARS SCHEDULE

Bear Stuffing occurs on the 3rd Tuesday
of the month.

**Our next Bear Stuffing is on
Tuesday January 20th
from 9-11am
in Classroom 6**

Here are the rest of the dates of Bear
Stuffing for 2025/2026:

2026
January 20
March 10
May 19
July 21
September 15
November 17

**See you
Tuesday January 20th!**

FOOD BANK NEEDS

LIVING HOPE - PROGRAMMING

If you are needing support, or would like to drop off donations, please visit us during our hours of operation. If these hours do not work for you, it is possible for us to arrange an appointment at another time, please email us.

FOOD BASKET - Tuesdays/Thursdays 12-3pm

CLOTHING/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS - Thursdays 12-2pm

CHURCH PROGRAMMING - Please contact Trish

If you have any questions or would like to connect with Trish, our Director/Pastor, please send an email to livinghope@lmca.com

Updated November 18/24



Giving
Hope
Today

[Home & Giving Events](#) [Church Ministries](#) [Community Services / Food Bank](#) [Youth Services](#) [Supported Housing Program](#) [Donate Locally/Online](#) [Careers](#)

COMMUNITY SERVICES / FOOD BANK
Saugen Shores

Living Hope

Canned Fruit
Canned Corn
Canned Potatoes

Salvation Army

Canned Soup
Canned Pasta
Peanut Butter

Egg Cartons always needed

**DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CHURCH
OR DIRECTLY TO THE FOOD BANKS ABOVE**



Canadian
Blood
Services

BLOOD
PLASMA
STEM CELLS
ORGANS
& TISSUES

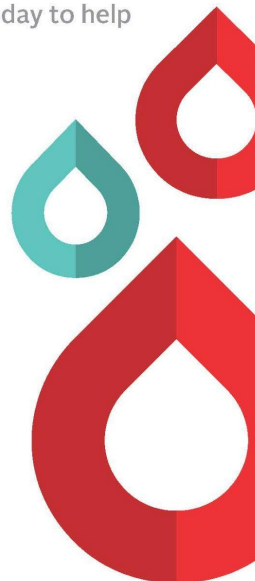
Your donation matters

It matters to every patient across Canada.
Because it's something we can do today to help
others wake up healthier tomorrow.

Upcoming blood donation events

**Port Elgin
United Church**
840 Bruce St, Port Elgin

Thursday, December 4
1:00 pm to 6:00 pm



Join **Canada's Lifeline**

Book now at blood.ca or call **1 888 2 DONATE**



COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

Grief During the Holidays



Educational Support Session

Grieving the loss of a significant person during the holiday season can be overwhelming. It can be an emotional time as you try to navigate your way through the expectations of family, friends, and the holiday season.

What to Expect?

- 1.5 hour community education session
- Discuss challenges of the holiday season
- Learn how to cope with difficult days and help yourself heal
- Facilitated by trained staff and volunteers who will honour your loved ones by sharing stories, poems, and a candle lighting ceremony

Owen Sound: Tuesday, December 16th from 2:00PM- 3:30PM

Hanover: Tuesday, December 16th from 10:00AM- 11:30AM

For further information or to register, please contact 519-376-5895 ext. 2 or

von4you.greybruce@von.ca

VON - Grey Bruce, 1280 226th Street East, Owen Sound, Ontario N4K 6H6 Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada
[Charitable Number: 129-482-463-880001]

SOUTHAMPTON
CONCERT BAND

A NIGHT OF Christmas

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025
7:00 PM | A Pay What You Can Event

SOUTHAMPTON TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM
201 HIGH ST, SOUTHAMPTON, ON

SS CC Toy Drive.
Donate a TOY, Spread Joy!

Help the Chamber Collect Toys for those in need.
Be a Drop-off Location. Be on our List.
To participate contact:
info@saugeenshoreschamber.ca

BRUCE SHRINE CLUB

2025 CHRISTMAS CAKE SALE PRICES

DARK FRUIT CAKE	\$20.00
CHERRY RING CAKE	\$25.00
SCOTTISH SHORTBREAD	\$10.00
CHRISTMAS PUDDING WITH SAUCE	\$15.00
CHOCOLATE ALMONDS	\$5.00 ea.

CONTACT KEN CUNNINGHAM FOR INFORMATION
HOME: 519-832-2069 OR CELL: 519-389-8650

COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS



Rotary
Saugeen Shores

2025 SAUGEEN SHORES ROTARY
SANTA CLAUS PARADES

ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE!

PORT ELGIN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29
SOUTHAMPTON: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5
7:00PM

The poster features a green background with a string of colorful Christmas lights at the top. On the right is a stylized Christmas tree. At the bottom are several wrapped gifts and a red and white striped beanie.



BERNIE'S BOAT
MEMBERS

ARE COLLECTING
NON-PERISHABLE
FOOD DONATIONS

AT THE
SOUTHAMPTON
SANTA CLAUS
PARADE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 7PM

The poster has a light green background with white snowflakes. It features a large red Santa sack filled with various food items like cans of soup, beans, and a ham. In the bottom right corner is a logo for 'Thorncrest Outfitters'.

I heard something recently that really made me pause. A woman who works at a thrift store said she wishes people would donate their children's old toys **before** Christmas, not after.

She said every year, parents come in during the week before Christmas, hoping to find toys they can afford, and the shelves are nearly empty. Then, once the holidays are over, the store fills up with donations... just a little too late for those families who needed them most.

If your kids are expecting new toys this Christmas, maybe spend a day sorting through the ones they've outgrown. A few early donations could mean another child wakes up to a little extra magic on Christmas morning.

@that one thirsty mama



2025 Chantry Singers INVITES YOU TO...

MAKE THE SEASON
BRIGHT

NOVEMBER 29TH	NOVEMBER 30TH
3pm	3pm
SOUTHAMPTON UNITED CHURCH 18 VICTORIA ST S. SOUTHAMPTON	FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 525 IVINGS DRIVE PORT ELGIN

TICKETS \$20 ADVANCE, \$25 AT THE DOOR
AVAILABLE AT BLACKBOARD SOUND
OR FROM CHOIR MEMBERS
(16 & UNDER, FREE)

CHANTRY SINGERS SAUGEEN SHORES CHANTRY SINGERS.COM

The poster has a dark background with a starry night sky and a silhouette of a choir. It includes a Facebook logo and a QR code in the bottom left corner.



14th ANNUAL COMMUNITY

Christmas Eve Dinner

Dec 24th | Saugeen Shores

Meals delivered between 2-4pm

Call or email by **December 19th** at noon to register to receive your heat and serve dinner OR to sign up as a volunteer.

To order your delivery OR
volunteer to help deliver

Contact Chuck or Linda
(519) 832-6003
SSChristmasdinner@gmail.com

To volunteer with meal
prep and packing

Contact Olivia
olivia_barwell@hotmail.ca

Free to all. All are welcome to order.

If you want to help us defray some of the costs associated with the event, transfer to christmasdinnerdonation@gmail.com. Any amount is appreciated.



Language Skills

FREE English Classes

Improve your English for citizenship, education, or work. Learn from certified instructors who teach reading, writing, listening and speaking skills based on the Canadian Language Benchmarks, up to Level 6.



- Afternoon and evening classes available
- Placement assessment is required
- New students are welcomed anytime
- Online and in person

Contact YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce:
519-371-9222 | settlement@osgb.ymca.ca

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