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December 12, 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,

Advent 3 is Joy Sunday. It is one of my favourites of the year, because we traditionally have the children's pageant as the message. I thoroughly enjoy giving the children the opportunity to share the gospel story with the congregation. We hand the microphone to the kids and let them lead and teach.

At the Centre for Christian Studies, where I did my theological training, we learned through the model of the learning circle. This model follows the wisdom that each person is both a teacher and a student, and that we learn from one another. It is a wonderful model for the church as we gather in study, in prayer, and in worship. We give space for everyone to lead and teach, to share their wisdom. Sometimes new insights emerge; sometimes we find affirmation of what we already believe, but the dialogue is always happening.

For the Pageant, the children are going to lead us in a "what if" story of the shepherds. We will become the audience of the talk show *Where Are They Now?* and hear what the shepherds were up to after their amazing visit with the Christ Child. Did they go right back to the fields to tend the sheep? Did they rush out to share the news with their friends and family? Did they start families of their own? Are they still travelling and sharing the good news?

Come out Sunday and find out.

Peace be with you,
Dan

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

Worship Schedule	December 14 10:00am	December 21 10:00am	December 21 2:00pm	December 24 5:00pm & 8:00pm	December 28 10:00am
	3 rd of Advent	4 th of Advent	A Christmas Service of Comfort	5pm Family 8pm Christmas Communion	1 st Sunday After Christmas
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver
<i>Music</i>	Nancy Kline	Nancy Kline	Nancy Kline	Nancy Kline	Nancy Kline
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Children	Doreen Wark	N/A	Marcia Masuda	N/A
<i>AV Booth Team</i>	George Brown	George Brown	N/A	TBD	TBD
<i>Fellowship</i>	Best of Friends	Men's Breakfast	N/A	N/A	TBD
<i>Counters</i>	Dianne Lawrie & Bill Reany	Helen Cumming & Helene Buchanan	N/A	TBD	Pat Chesterman & Brian Schnittker

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



PEUC20251207worship

Click on Image to view our Sunday service



PORT ELGIN UNITED CHURCH

840 Bruce St. Port Elgin ON, N0H 2C0 PO BOX 486 P: 519-832-9540



WE REMEMBER: A CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF COMFORT

For all who feel the ache of absence this Christmas.

A gentle, reflective gathering to honour
loved ones we miss, to name the grief
we carry, and to rest in God's compassion
and hope.

Lighting candles • Scripture • Prayer • Music

All are welcome



Sunday, December 21 at 2:00 p.m.
Port Elgin United Church



Last chance to order Today!
Click on poster for Google Doc

Port Elgin United Church
CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

Trays of assorted cookies and squares
Large (3-4 doz.) - \$45
Small (1-1 ½ doz.) - \$18
Butter Tarts (package of 6) - \$15

Place your order by:
Google Doc: [Click on Poster](#)
OR
Phoning the church office @519-832-9540
Tuesday to Friday 9am to 1pm

ORDER NOW!!
QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED!

Pick up trays at Port Elgin United Church:
Saturday December 13th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm
Folks out and about Saturday afternoon between 1-3pm are invited
to drop by the church for a wee cup of tea/coffee and a sampling
of our delicious goodies!
or
Sunday December 14th from 11:15am to 11:45am

CASH ONLY

PEUC HOLIDAY CLOSURE

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 2

THE OFFICE AND USE OF CHURCH TO
OUTSIDE GROUPS WILL BE CLOSED DURING
THIS TIME



SOCK IT TO ME SUNDAY IS COMING!

December 14

Next week, you are invited to bring new pairs of socks to worship—and after the Pageant, you will have the chance to throw them at Rev Dan! All donated socks will go to support neighbours in need as we share warmth and care this winter.



Poinsettia Trees

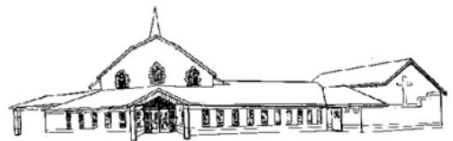
If you would like to contribute in
memory of loved ones
towards the beautiful poinsettias in the sanctuary,
please sign the list on the clipboard in the foyer.

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

PE Playgroup: Wednesday's 10:30am - 12:30pm

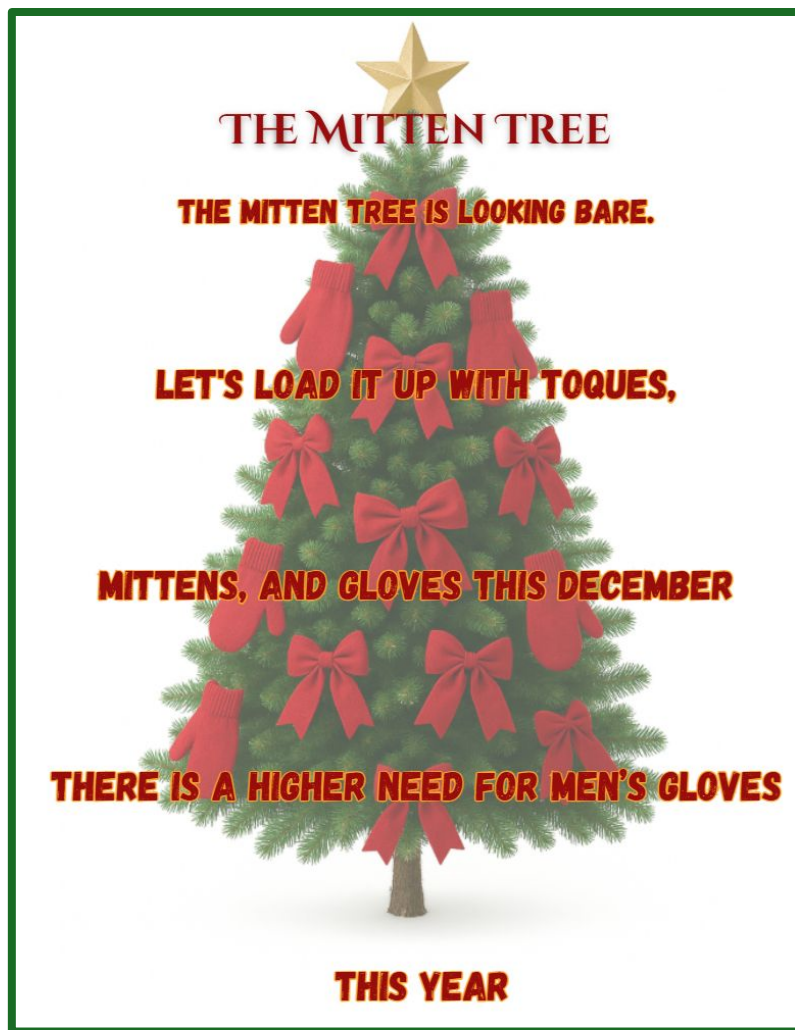
Pageant Dress Rehearsal: Saturday December 13, 10am-12pm

Christmas Pageant : Sunday December 14, 10am

Men's Study Group: Tuesday's 2-4pm

UCW Bake Sale/Drop in tea/cookie: Saturday December 13, 1-3pm

PA Day Camp: Dec 22-23, 29,30,31 and Jan 2



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@bmits.com

Updated November 13/14



Giving
Hope
Today

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COMMUNITY SERVICES / FOOD BANK
Saugus Branch

Living Hope

Canned Fruit
Canned Corn
Canned Mixed Vegetables
Chef Boyardee

Salvation Army

Instant Coffee
Sidekicks
Canned Fruit

Egg Cartons always needed

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

You are invited to

AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

Join us for an unforgettable evening of
Christmas songs & caroling
with musicians
Brent Pattingale & Patrick James Main

DECEMBER 21ST 6:30 PM
SouthPort Church | 6 Carsile St. Southampton, ON.



FREE TICKETS



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



Everyone Welcome to Come Eat with Us



Free Community Christmas Turkey Lunch
December 16 (3rd Tuesday), Drop-in 12-3
Tolmie Memorial Presbyterian Church
699 Goderich St, Port Elgin
Drop-in for a Community Christmas Turkey Lunch



*Please leave posted until March 19, 2026.
Thank you 🍷*

COMMUNITY SUPPERS

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Thursday, October 16, 2025
Thursday, November 20, 2025
Thursday, December 18, 2025
Thursday, January 15, 2026
Thursday, February 19, 2026
Thursday, March 19, 2026

Join us for a
delicious
home-cooked
meal and
great fellowship.

**All are
welcome!**

Free-will
donation

Faith Lutheran Church
525 Ivings Drive
Port Elgin, ON
519-832-6811
www.faithportelgin.com

*On the recommendation of the Health Unit, we are not
able to provide leftovers or takeouts.*

COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS



SSCC Toy Drive.
Donate a TOY.
Spread Joy!

Saugeen Shores Chamber - 559 Goderich Street, Port Elgin
Melrose Southampton - 251 High Street, Southampton
Little Cubs - 281 Goderich Street, Port Elgin
Counselling Bruce County - TD Bank Plaza, Port Elgin
The Little Garden 151 High Street, Southampton
Southampton Arts - 201 High Street, Southampton
Hodgins Building Centre - 589 Gustavus Street, Port Elgin

Toys collected will be distributed to contacts for our local schools and surplus will be distributed to other local initiatives in need.

To register as a Toy Drive Location - Contact us
info@saugeenshoreschamber.ca

Southampton Community Supper

December 10, 2025

Menu - Traditional Christmas Dinner

Turkey
Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Vegetables
Dessert

at St. Paul's Anglican Church - 248 High Street, Southampton
Enjoy a Great Meal and Fellowship with your Friends!

Admission by Donation -- Everyone is welcome!

Supper will be served at TWO sittings

5:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Tickets (to save a seat) can be picked up at

St. Paul's Anglican Church

From 9 AM - Noon on Dec 2, 3 and 5

Note: We cannot guarantee that we can meet dietary restrictions / allergies.

Merry Christmas from Southampton Community suppers!



Matt Chittick
Kati Gleiser - Piano

CLASSICAL COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Holiday Classics, Broadway Hits, Classical Masterpieces, and Homegrown Country.
A perfect way to celebrate the season!

Dec 13th at 7PM
Southampton United Church

Tickets: \$30 Adults \$15 Students
Tickets Sold At: Southampton United Church Office, Blackboard Sound, and at the door |
Contact: 519-797-3803

february 28, 2026





A winterrific family-friendly fundraising walk to support people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness... because it's cold out there.



walk | fundraise
donate | volunteer
team up with friends
cnoy.org/SaugeenShores




COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

 **Bruce County Museum**
November 27 at 6:00 PM · 

Light Up the Holidays is just around the corner!


Bring the whole family for an evening filled with festive fun — a holiday singalong with the Chantry Singers, Santa photos, crafts, face-painting, cookie decorating, storytime with the [Bruce County Public Library](#), hands-on heritage demonstrations, scavenger hunts and more with some fantastic prizes!

PLUS: Complimentary snacks and hot chocolate!

 Friday, December 12
 5 PM – 8 PM
 Members FREE | General admission applies

See full details >> bit.ly/48cHfao

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Light Up the Holidays

 **The Queens**
PORT ELGIN

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	To volunteer with meal prep and packing
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Contact: **Chuck or Linda**
(519) 832-6003
SSChristmasdinner@gmail.com

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, e-transfer to christmasdinnerdonation@gmail.com. Any amount is appreciated.

JOIN US FOR A

CHRISTMAS VENDOR MARKET

DECEMBER 13, 2025;
FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM

600 Tamlinson Dr, Port Elgin, ON
(Rotary Hall at The Plaza)

FREE ADMISSION
OVER 20 VENDORS!



 **MUSEUM MUNCHKINS**

Museum Munchkins Holiday Concert

with **Lauren Best**

December 22 | 10:00 AM (Doors at 9:45 AM)

For children ages 0-6 years

 **BRUCE COUNTY**
museum & cultural centre



brucemuseum.ca