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~ 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

January 16, 2026

Friends,

Diaconal Dan's Deliberation



I am starting to notice, very slightly, that the days are getting longer. The sun is rising just a little earlier and setting just a little later. We are nearly a month beyond the darkness of December and are slowly moving into lighter days. The same can be said for the church and the rhythm of the church calendar. Although December brings us the birth of Jesus, a bright light and a time of great joy, it is preceded by the stillness, waiting, and darkness of Advent. When Jesus enters the world, the light begins to change. His light starts to shine and grow.

This feels very much like where we find ourselves as we enter a new year. Newness comes upon us. New light reaches us. New ideas and learnings begin to take shape. Transformation happens, or continues to happen.

In the scripture readings this week, we see signs of transformation as well. In the Gospel of John, Jesus calls the first disciples, and Simon is given a new name: Peter. A moment of calling, identity, and becoming.

As we enter this third week of the new year, when many New Year's resolutions begin to fall away, remember that change still happens. Newness for yourself, for your community, and for the church is still possible. Our friend Jesus, through the Spirit, journeys with us as a guiding light along our path.

Peace be with you,
Rev. 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 N0H 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	January 18 10:00am Congregational Meeting following service re: 2026 Budget	January 25 10:00am	February 1 10:00am
	2 nd after Epiphany	3 rd after Epiphany	4 th after Epiphany
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Rev Dan Leaver	Elizabeth Mooney	Elizabeth Mooney
<i>Music</i>	Leanne Tees	Nancy Kline	Leanne Tees
<i>Lay Reader</i>	June Van Bastelaar	Helen Cumming	Louise Jack
<i>AV Booth Team</i>	George Brown	TBD	TBD
<i>Fellowship</i>	Men's Breakfast	TBD	TBD
<i>Counters</i>	Helen Cumming & Helene Buchanan	Pat Chesterman & Brian Schnittker	Adele & Keith Greig

Inside PEUC



Keeping our church family in the loop.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of January 17-23

January 19 Walking Group 2-3pm

January 20 Hug a Bears Stuffing 8:30-11:30
Men's Study Group 2-4pm

January 21 WOW Bible Study 9:30-11:30am
PE Playgroup 10:30-12:00pm
Walking Group 2-3pm

January 22 Walking Group 2-3pm

January 23 Youth Group 7-9pm

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



Click on Image to view all our Sunday services

PASTORAL CARE COVERAGE

**Rev Dan Leaver will be away on Vacation
Monday January 19 - Sunday February 1**

Our emergency pastoral care coverage is

Rev Joan Silcox-Smith

**If you or someone you know requires emergency
Pastoral Care during this time you can contact
the church office or**

Rev Joan Silcox-Smith 416-877-9004

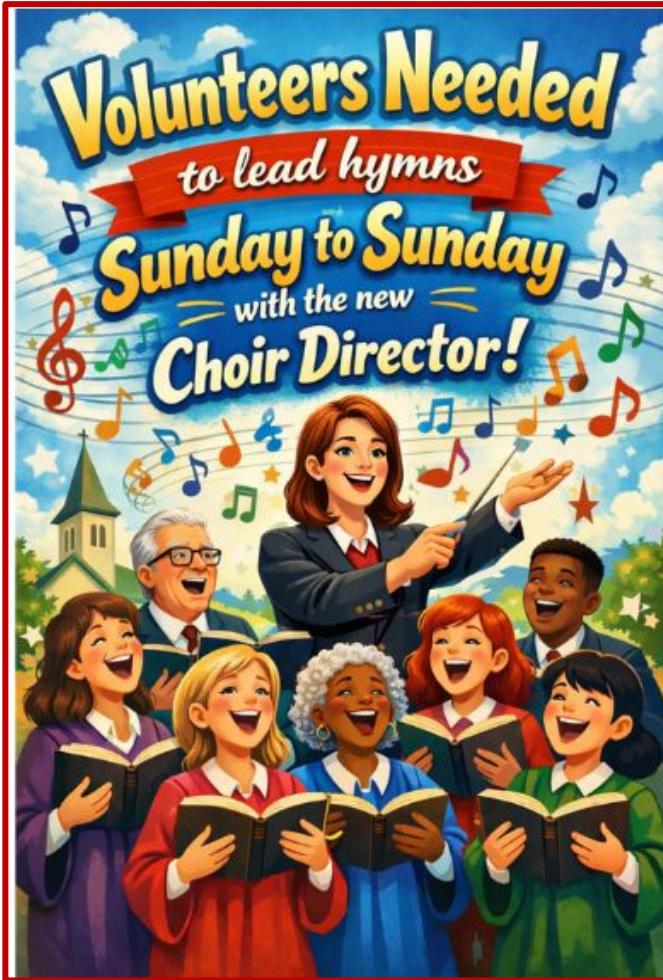
Knitters Wanted

Are you in need of a project?

- **Knitted items** (newborn toques, small baby blankets, larger toques, mittens) are **always appreciated** by area hospitals & organizations.
- We have the wool for you! During office hours, ask Michelle to show you our wonderful selection.

Completed items can be dropped off at the office and we will deliver them!





Choir Rehearsal

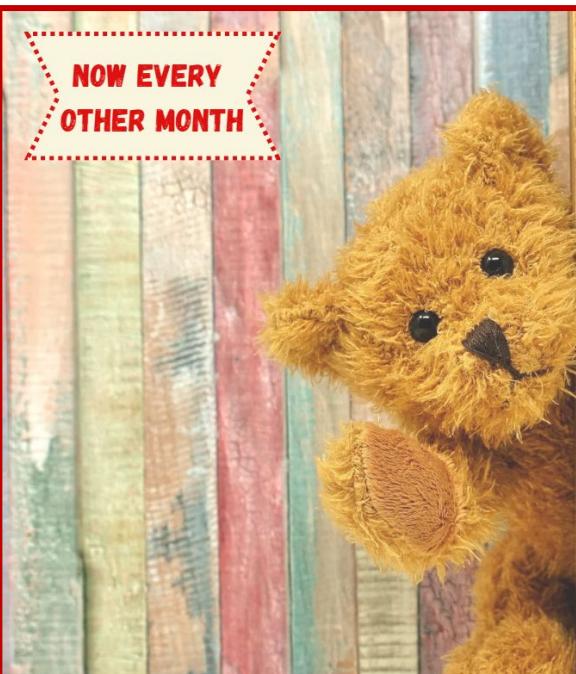
Saturdays at 10am

Starting January 31st

**(the Saturday before
Leanne's Sunday
services only)**



**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!**

COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS



Dental Care without Dental Costs

Children and youth 17 and under may be eligible for free dental care, including:

- Check-ups and cleanings
- X-rays
- Fillings
- Urgent/emergency oral health concerns

Healthy Smiles Ontario offers financial support for children and their families.

For more information or to find a clinic, contact Grey Bruce Public Health at 519-376-9420 ext. 8.

Healthy Smiles Ontario

Free Dental Care for Children & Youth 17 and under

Contact
Grey Bruce Public Health
519-376-9240 ext. 8
to see if you qualify



Contact
Grey Bruce Public Health
519-376-9240 ext. 8
or visit
www.ontario.ca/seniorsdental

FREE ROUTINE DENTAL CARE FOR ELIGIBLE SENIORS

To qualify, you must:

- Be 65 years of age and older
- Be an Ontario resident
- Have a valid Social Insurance Number
- Have filed your personal income tax return with CRA
- Meet income requirements (single senior net income of \$25,000 or less; coupled seniors combined net income of \$41,500 or less)
- Have no other form of dental benefits, except for the Canadian Dental Care Plan.

To apply:

- Visit www.ontario.ca/healthyseniors
- Pick up an application at Grey Bruce Public Health - 10117th St. E, Owen Sound, or
- Call Grey Bruce Public Health Dental Line at 519-376-9420 ext. 8 to request an application be mailed out to you.



THE WISMER HOUSE

FAMILY DAY HAY RIDES

SUN FEB. 15th - 1PM-5PM

\$10 ADULT | \$5 KID

ENJOY A FREE PINT OR HOT CHOCOLATE BEFORE OR AFTER YOUR RIDE INSIDE THE WISMER HOUSE

TICKETS ARE FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

ROSES ARE FIRST COME FIRST SERVE



Winter Activity Registration

Opens Friday January 16th @ 6:00 am

www.saugeenshores.ca/Register

COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

Splash Splash THANK YOU BASH

PRYDE AQUATIC AND WELLNESS CENTRE

Grand Opening & Donor Celebration

Saturday January 24, 2026

9:30am – 12:30pm | 600 Tomlinson Dr, Port Elgin

Tolmie Memorial Presbyterian Church
699 Goderich St., Port Elgin
Presbyterian Church Women

"Chase away the Winter Blues with"

Luncheon of
Soup, Sandwich and Dessert
Coffee, Tea

Friday January 30, 2026
11:30 am to 1 pm
\$15.00 per person

Everyone Welcome – Handicap Accessible
Call 519-832-4818 for information



Sauble Beach Winterfest

Sauble Beach Community Center

Friday January 16

Grade 8 Fundraiser Silent Auction 6-10pm
Winterfest Parade 7pm up Main St to
Community Center
Bonfire 730pm
Trivia Night 8pm (Pre Registration/Tickets
required)
ASCS Dance 630pm-930pm

Saturday January 17

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast 8am-11am
Silent Auction 9am-9pm
Road Hockey Registration 930am
Horse Shoe Tournament 1pm
Kids Zone 12-3pm
Euchre Tournament 1pm
Firefighters Dance 8pm

Thank You to Our Sponsors



KNOX KINCARDINE



FRIDAY
FEB. 13
11:00 - 1:00

YOU'RE SOUPER COOL

ANNUAL VALENTINE'S
HOT SOUP LUNCH
Delicious Soups, Bread, Desserts
Tea and Coffee
ALL BY DONATION

TREAT YOUR
VALENTINE
ONE DAY EARLY