

# FRIDAY FILE

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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 23, 2026**

## Diaconal Dan's Deliberation



Friends,

I am writing this shortly after our Congregational Meeting, where we gathered to review and approve the 2026 Budget. We are deeply grateful for the work of the Finance Committee, our Treasurer, and the members of Council, who continue to steward our finances with care, wisdom, and transparency.

The budget we approved reflects both the realities of our time and the hopes we hold for the ministry of Port Elgin United Church. It anticipates another year in which our expenses exceed our income. This is a reality we name honestly, but it is not something to fear. Rather, it reminds us that faithful ministry in changing times requires ongoing discernment, shared responsibility, and trust in God's presence among us. We remain attentive to our financial health while continuing to support the life and mission to which we believe God is calling us.

Our budget is more than numbers on a page. It tells a story about how we support our committees and ministries as they live into the mission of Port Elgin United Church—sharing the love and light of God in the world through the gifts we are given. Even in a year like this, there is much to celebrate: the generosity of our people, the dedication of our leaders, and the meaningful ways we continue to serve one another and our wider community.

Jesus reminds us:

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bushel basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

(Matthew 5:14-16)

The resources of Port Elgin United Church—our people, our building, and our finances—are tools God uses to help us be that light in the world.

Friends, you are the light. We are the light. And together, grounded in faith and trust in God, we can continue to share that light within our community of faith and into the world God so loves.

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 NOH 2C0**

**Donations can also be made through:**

**Automatic bank withdrawals (through PAR)**

**E-Transfer: [peucfinance@bmts.com](mailto:peucfinance@bmts.com)**

**Online on PEUC Website – By Credit Card – Canada Helps**

<b>Worship Schedule</b>	<b>January 25 10:00am</b>	<b>February 1 10:00am</b>	<b>February 8 10:00am</b>
	3 <sup>rd</sup> after Epiphany	4 <sup>th</sup> after Epiphany	5 <sup>th</sup> after Epiphany
<i>Worship Leader</i>	<b>Elizabeth Mooney</b>	<b>Elizabeth Mooney</b>	<b>Rev Dan Leaver</b>
<i>Music</i>	<b>Nancy Kline</b>	<b>Leanne Tees</b>	<b>Leanne Tees</b>
<i>Lay Reader</i>	<b>Helen Cumming</b>	<b>Louise Jack</b>	<b>Tanya Wolfe</b>
<i>AV Booth Team</i>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<i>Fellowship</i>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Best of Friends</b>
<i>Counters</i>	<b>Pat Chesterman &amp; Brian Schnittker</b>	<b>Adele &amp; Keith Greig</b>	<b>Dianne Lawrie &amp; Bill Reany</b>

# Inside PEUC



Keeping our church family in the loop.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Week of January 24-30

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| <b>January 26</b> | <b>Walking Group 2-3pm</b>   |
| <b>January 27</b> | <b>Comfort Quilters 9:30-3:30<br/>Men's Study Group 2-4pm</b>                              |
| <b>January 28</b> | <b>WOW Bible Study 9:30-11:30am<br/>PE Playgroup 10:30-12:00pm<br/>Walking Group 2-3pm</b> |
| <b>January 29</b> | <b>Blood Donor Clinic-<br/>Register- <a href="http://www.blood.ca">www.blood.ca</a></b>    |
| <b>January 30</b> | <b>PA Day Camp<br/>Youth Group 7-9pm</b>   |



# **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](mailto:peucfinance@bmts.com)

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

Email [peucfinance@bmts.com](mailto: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**

# ANNUAL REPORT PHOTOS?

We are preparing the 2025 Annual Report.

**Do you have any photos of events, games, work or anything you consider interesting in the life of our Church?**

We would love to have them.

Please send your photos to

[peunitedchurch@bmts.com](mailto:peunitedchurch@bmts.com)

and

[johnvanberlo@bmts.com](mailto:johnvanberlo@bmts.com)

**We need photos in by January 31, 2026.**

We will try to include them in our Annual Report.

Please remember a few things.

Please respect privacy.

**Photos of Children can only appear in our Annual Report  
with the  
Consent of their Parents or Guardians.**

Thanks for your consideration.

Michelle and John



# 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!**





## **A New Year —A New Challenge**

### **Is this Your Year to help lead our Church?**

We have started the new year, and we have many people working to help our church grow. We would love to have you join us and help choose our directions and how we carry out our work. Our church does a lot for us to teach us and at the same time gives us a community that loves us and welcomes us.

Consider joining in a leadership role.

There are many roles available to you. Just to give a few examples.

If you like to work and fix the property, then Property Committee may be for you. Seeing a job well done and equipment or a project being used gives you a lot of joy.

If you like to visit with those in need and comfort them then Membership and Pastoral Care may be for you. There is great satisfaction in meeting people in care homes and chatting with them. You learn about their lives and help them in their times of need.

If you would like to work and help our staff to complete their jobs and ensure that their needs are met, then Ministry and Personnel may be for you.

If you like to choose the worship styles and bring innovation to our services, then Worship Committee may be your choice.

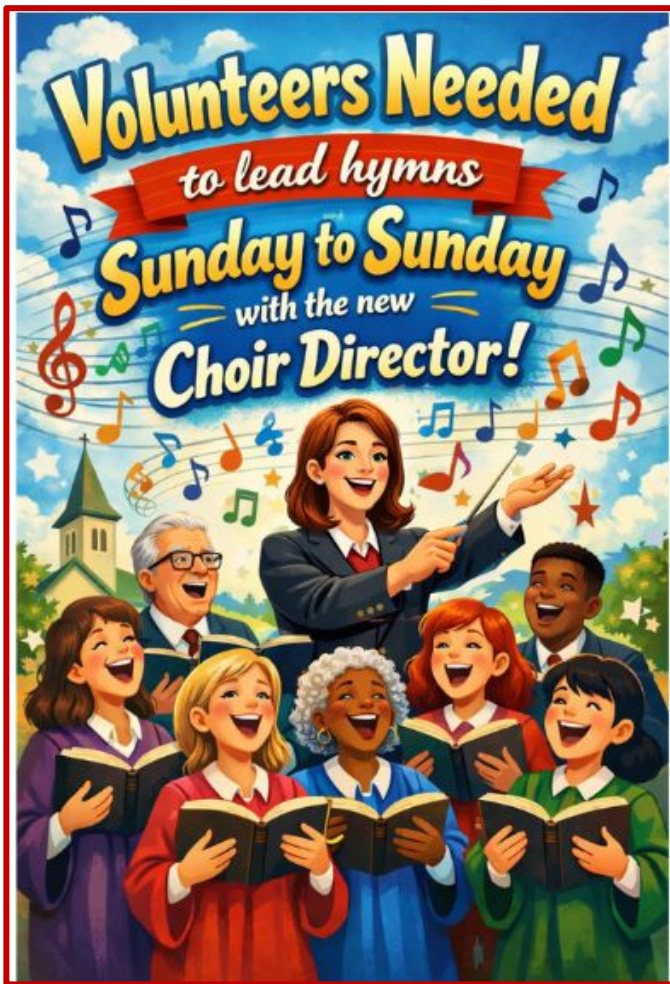
If you understand Financial issues and you want to see our Financial Resources used best, then Finance may be for you.

Church Council has started to look for new people to serve on the Council.

If you start on one Committee or group, then you can learn more about our church and how we work. Your time commitment is up to you. Start slowly. If you like working with us, then maybe do more.

If you are interested, please send a quick email to the office and one of us will get in touch with you to tell you more about what positions are available and what is involved. Email [peunitedchurch@bmts.com](mailto:peunitedchurch@bmts.com)

Your Nominating Committee  
Joan Kazimer  
Ben Miller  
John Van Berlo



## 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 March 10th  
from 9-11am  
In Classroom 6**

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

2026

March 10  
May 19  
July 21  
September 15  
November 17

**See you  
Tuesday March 10th!**



# COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS



## Saugeen Shores Chamber of Commerce

It's the Saugeen Shores 2026 Job & Career Fair! Tuesday, February 17th - 4 - 7pm. Employers/Vendors Register here: <https://www.saugeenshoreschamber.ca/> Call 519-389-1881 or email the chamber [info@saugeenshoreschamber.ca](mailto:info@saugeenshoreschamber.ca) Don't delay. Reserve your space today. This event was sold out in 2025.



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## JOB & CAREER FAIR 2026

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH**  
PORT ELGIN LEGION  
630 GREEN ST., PORT ELGIN  
4 PM - 7 PM

**Call for Vendors!**



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GRAND OPENING  
COUNTDOWN

04:18:56  
days hours minutes

## Splish Splash AFTER PARTY

COME OUT AND TRY THE PRYDE AWC  
FREE FAMILY FUN!

**Saturday January 24, 2026**

2:30pm - 4:00pm | 600 Tomlinson Dr, Port Elgin

Family Activities  
in the Gymnasium

**2:30 to 4:00**

Fun Swim in the  
Aquatic Centre

**3:00 to 4:00**



Doors open at 2:30pm. Public can begin checking-in for the Fun Swim starting at 2:30pm. Pool Admission Policies and Capacity Limits will apply.

saugeenshoreson Keep the fun going into the afternoon this Saturday, and give the Pryde AWC a try! Join us for...



Bruce County Playhouse  
presents:

## TUNES FOR TOTS

Family  
sing-a-long!

MUSIC  
APPRECIATION!

WITH  
NYANNA

Sat Feb 7  
Sat Mar 7  
Sat Apr 4  
**11AM - Noon**

Kids \$15/Adults Free

Presented in partnership with  
the Town of Saugeen Shores.



[brucecountypayhouse.com](https://www.brucecountypayhouse.com)



## Powerlink

Calling all Brides To Be!

The Loft Loves Weddings

POWERLINK

Entry  
fee \$5

## WEDDING EXPO

February 7th, 10-3  
2026

*Bringing together talented  
wedding creatives to help you  
design a day that feels  
authentically you!*

1020 Goderich Street  
Port Elgin, Ontario

226.256.7751 for information  
[www.loft1020.com](http://www.loft1020.com)



# COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

## Baby Boomers BEATLES DANCE

Beat the Winter Blues!

January 31st • 7-10 pm

Southampton Legion, Branch 155



ADVANCED TICKETS: \$20 at  
Blackboard Sound, McIntee Southampton  
or Southampton Legion  
\$25 at the door (limited tickets)

Rotary  
Southampton

PROCEEDS to purchase a new  
25 ft by 50 ft Canada flag to fly over  
**Dominion Point** in Southampton



Saugeen Valley Children's Safety Village

The Saugeen Valley Children's Safety Village presents our

## MARCH BREAK KIDS SAFETY CAMP



🔥 FIRE FIGHTER FUN DAY

SLIDE INTO ACTION AND DISCOVER HOW  
FIREFIGHTERS SAVE THE DAY!

MON

🧠 SMART KIDS VS. TRICKY PEOPLE

LEARN HOW TO TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS AND MAKE  
SMART, SAFE CHOICES.

TUE

👨‍🍳 KITCHEN SAFETY & BAKING FUN

COOK UP TASTY TREATS WHILE LEARNING HOW TO BE  
SAFE IN THE KITCHEN!

WED

👮 POLICE MEET & GREET

MEET REAL POLICE OFFICERS AND LEARN HOW THEY  
HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE.

THU

🌊 WATER & FARM SAFETY ADVENTURE

SPLASH INTO WATER SAFETY AND EXPLORE FARM  
SAFETY THROUGH FUN ACTIVITIES!

FRI

March 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> \* Please visit our website to register  
[www.saugeenvalleycsv.com](http://www.saugeenvalleycsv.com)

\$250 week

REGISTER TODAY!

AGES  
5-7  
8-10

\$100 DEPOSIT TO HOLD YOUR SPOT  
SEND TO ADMIN@SAUGEENVALLEYCSV.COM  
MIN NUMBER OF CHILDREN REQUIRED TO RUN PROGRAM



SAFETY OFFICERS KRISTINA AND KURT!  
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

**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



## Sunday Canine SOCIAL CLUB

# THIS SUNDAY

## @ Three Sheets Tap Room

Indoor Dog Socializing Space  
Free Pup Cups | \$6 Pints for Dog Owners

dogs must remain on leash, well-behaved & up to 1



# COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

SAUGEEN SHORES  
**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**Food Drive**



**PRYDE AQUATIC AND WELLNESS CENTRE**  
Grand Opening & Donor Celebration

**Saturday January 24, 2026**  
9:30am – 12:30pm | 600 Tomlinson Dr, Port Elgin

When visiting the new facility  
drop off a non-perishable food item.  
The Chamber is collecting for our local food banks.



**HAWKS' & GULLS' KIDS ROAD HOCKEY DAY**

Sun, February 1st - 1pm-4pm  
Three Sheets Tap Room  
Hot Chocolate | Snacks | Pints

**JANUARY 30**

PROCEEDS GOING TOWARDS LNHL

**50/50 GULLS SWAG COLD BEER**



**8PM @THE PLEX**



**KNK**

**WINTER BREAK COURSES FOR KIDS & YOUTH IN PORT ELGIN**

**RED CROSS BABYSITTER COURSE**  
For youth 11-15 years old

Participants learn how to care for babies, toddlers and young children in a responsible and safe manner. Leadership, Problem-solving, First Aid and how to build a Babysitting Business are all covered! All participants will receive the Red Cross Babysitter's manual. Successful participants also receive a certificate on the day of the course.

When: Saturday, January 31, 2026  
Time: 8:30am-3:30pm  
Cost: \$85





**HOME ALONE SAFETY For Kids!**

**HOME ALONE SAFETY FOR KIDS COURSE** For kids 9-12 years old

The Home Alone Safety for Kids program helps children and their families get ready for their first steps towards independence and being without adult supervision. Participants receive the Home Alone manual and certificate.

PA DAY: Friday, January 30, 2026  
Time: 8:30am-3:30pm  
Cost: \$85



Classes are held at Port Elgin United Church.  
For more information, please contact **Life Skills for Kids** at 905 464-1714 or register online at [www.lifeskillsforkids.ca](http://www.lifeskillsforkids.ca)

# COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Join us for a vibrant celebration of International Women's Day!

DATE AND TIME

**06 MARCH 2026**

START FROM 7:30AM - 10:00AM

LOCATION

**THE WALKER HOUSE**

146 HIGH ST. SOUTHAMPTON, ON

FOR MORE INFORMATION

SAUGEENSHORESCHAMBER.CA

519-389-1881

## Have Your Tickets Yet?

Join us on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at the  
Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre  
for our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual SOUP'S ON event!

**Soup Tasting Tickets On Sale Now!**



**SOUP'S ON**

Admission by Donation.

Sponsored by:



Owen Sound



**Alzheimer Society**  
GREY-BRUCE

Kamps for Kids

## Let's Bake

Get creative with us!  
Ages 7 to 12



**Mondays:**  
**February 2 to 23**

Sign up



[www.saugeenshores.ca/Register](http://www.saugeenshores.ca/Register)



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Green Boutique is open  
every **Thursday** and **Saturday**  
from **9 AM - 12 PM**