

# 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 30, 2026

## Diaconal Dan's Deliberation



Friends,

February is Black History Month — a time to remember, honour, and learn from the histories, experiences, and contributions of Black people, while also acknowledging stories that were long overlooked, silenced, or misunderstood. It invites us to tell the truth with care and to listen with humility.

Throughout this month, I will be sharing stories of Black experiences within Canadian churches and communities — stories that help us better understand our shared past and present.

Today's story is about Marie-Joseph Angélique, an enslaved Black woman living in Montréal in the early 18th century. On April 10, 1734, a devastating fire destroyed much of what is now Old Montréal. Angélique was accused of starting the fire, arrested, tried, and executed. This occurred nearly a century before the abolition of slavery in the British Empire in 1833.

Historians continue to debate whether Angélique actually set the fire or whether she was accused within a society shaped by slavery, racial prejudice, and fear of resistance. What is clear is that her story reveals the reality of slavery in what is now Canada and reminds us that Black lives were constrained by colonial systems of power and control. Her story calls us to remember the conditions in which people lived, whose voices carried weight, and whose suffering was often dismissed.

During Black History Month, we remember the struggles, contributions, and achievements of Black Canadians, knowing that as these stories are shared, we come to know one another more fully and are invited to live more faithfully into God's call to justice, truth, and compassion.

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>February 1 10:00am</b>	<b>February 8 10:00am</b>	<b>February 15 10:00am</b>
	4 <sup>th</sup> after Epiphany	5 <sup>th</sup> after Epiphany	Transfiguration Sunday
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Elizabeth Mooney	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver
<i>Music</i>	Leanne Tees	Leanne Tees	Leanne Tees
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Louise Jack	Tanya Wolfe	Doreen Wark
<i>AV Booth Team</i>	TBD	TBD	George Brown
<i>Fellowship</i>	TBD	Best of Friends	Men's Breakfast
<i>Counters</i>	Adele & Keith Greig	Dianne Lawrie & Bill Reany	Helen Cumming & Helene Buchanan

# Inside PEUC



Keeping our church family in the loop.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Week of January 31-February 7**

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| <b>February 1</b> | <b>Worship Service 10am</b>  |
| <b>February 2</b> | <b>Walking Group 2-3pm</b>   |
| <b>February 3</b> | <b>Men's Study Group 2-4pm</b>   |
| <b>February 4</b> | <b>WOW Bible Study 9:30-11:30am<br/>PE Playgroup 10:30-12:00pm<br/>Best of Friends 1-3pm<br/>Walking Group 2-3pm</b> |
| <b>February 5</b> | <b>Walking Group 2-3pm<br/>Property Use Sub-Committee Mtg 3-5:30pm</b>   |
| <b>February 6</b> | <b>Youth Group 7-9pm</b>   |
| <b>February 7</b> | <b>Choir Practice with Leanne 10am</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**



PEUC20250125worship

**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

## **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



# 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

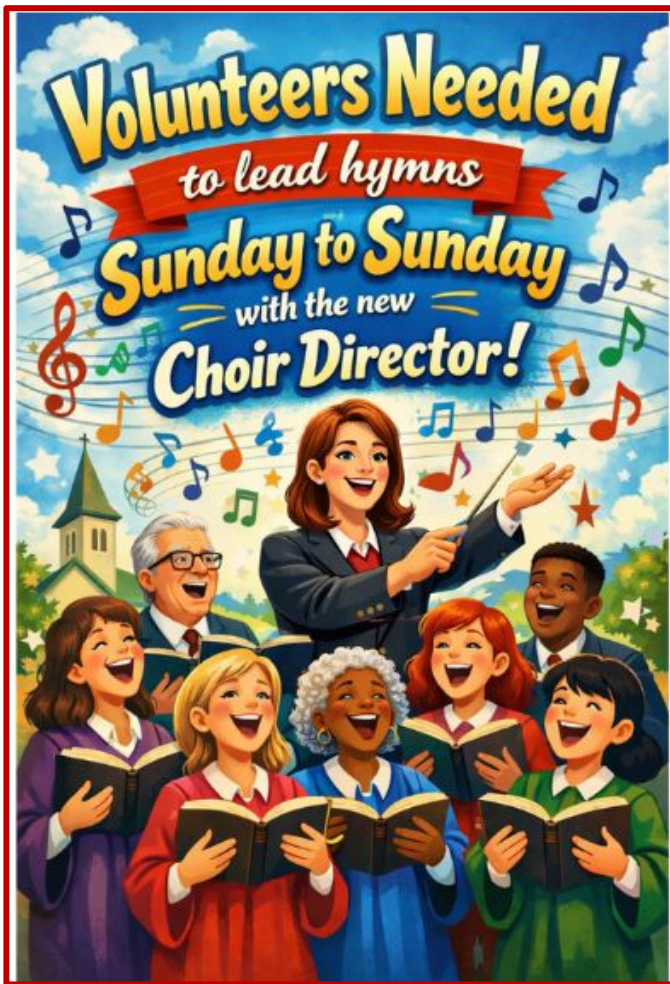
**Are you in need of a project?**

- **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 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!**

# 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@bmts.com](mailto:livinghope@bmts.com)

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Giving  
Hope  
Today

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COMMUNITY SERVICES / FOOD BANK  
Saugeen Shores

## Living Hope

Canned Fruit  
Canned Corn  
Cereal  
Chunky Soup

## Salvation Army

1 litre Juices  
Juice Boxes  
Feminine Hygiene Products  
Egg Cartons always needed

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



# COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

## Valentine Lunch

Saturday, February 14

12:00 noon

✦ Christ Church Anglican ✦

56 Bruce Rd 17, Tara

Enjoy quiche, salad, dessert,  
tea & coffee

\$20

For tickets:

Kay 519-373-5158

## THE GREY HIGHLANDS PROBUS CLUB PRESENTS AGING WELL IN GREY BRUCE

MEALS ON WHEELS ■ FRIENDLY VISITS ■ ADULT DAY PROGRAMS

Join **Cody Hay**, Community Development Manager, for an informative and engaging presentation on how **Home & Community Support Services** can help you remain independent and comfortable in your own home. Learn about practical supports available in Grey- Bruce that promote well- being, connection, and peace of mind as you age.



HOUSEKEEPING & IN-HOME RESPITE ■ TRANSPORTATION ■ OVERNIGHT RESPITE

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

KIMBERLEY HALL

DOORS OPEN AT 1:30PM

PRESENTATION AT 2:00PM



GREY HIGHLANDS



THE KIMBERLEY



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**

## PANCAKE SUPPER

St. Johns Anglican Church, Mill St. Port Elgin

**Tuesday, February 25, 2026**

**5-7 p.m.**

Pancake, Sausages, Beverage, Dessert

Featuring **REAL** maple Syrup!!

By **DONATION**

**All Welcome**

**Bring your family, come and enjoy.**

# COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

## Tara United Church Pancake Supper



**Tuesday February 17th, 2026**

**5:00-7:00 PM**

**\$10/person, \$5/child or \$30/family**

Take out is available for pick up 4:30-4:50PM.

Must be pre-ordered by February 14th

Call Anita at 519-934-3047

**KHP**  
KIDS HELP PHONE

## KIDS HELP PHONE

Kids Help Phone is Canada's only 24/7 e-mental health service offering free, multilingual and confidential support to help all young people Feel Out Loud.

They support youth through text, phone, and online resources, helping with mental health, relationships, school, and more. Their team of volunteers, professionals, and community partners work to ensure no young person feels alone.



**NEED HELP NOW?**  
**1-800-668-6868**

[KIDSHELPPHONE.CA](https://KIDSHELPPHONE.CA)

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OF THE YEAR**  
**Saugeen  
Shores**

save the date

february  
**28**  
**2026**

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## SAUGEEN SHORES FIRE DEPARTMENT

Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives



Time to get testing

**Test It Tuesday!**