



~ 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

February 6, 2026

Diaconal Dan's Deliberation



Friends,

Continuing our reflections for Black History Month, today we remember Africville, a Black community just north of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Founded in the mid-19th century by about 400 people of African descent — many formerly enslaved in the United States and Jamaica — Africville grew into a vibrant neighbourhood with families, businesses, and the Seaview African United Baptist Church, opened in 1894, which became the beating heart of the community.

From its beginning, Africville faced racial injustice. Residents were taxed but denied basic services like paved roads, running water, and sewers. Environmental racism surrounded them: a railway ran through the village, a dump sat at its edge, and a prison was nearby. By the mid-20th century, the community lacked safe water, garbage collection, recreation facilities, and policing.

In the 1960s, the City of Halifax moved to destroy Africville. Families were evicted, homes and businesses razed, and Seaview Church — the spiritual and social heart of the neighbourhood — was demolished in 1967. Promises of financial compensation and new homes were not kept, leaving residents displaced and disconnected.

Today, Africville stands as both a painful reminder of systemic anti-Black racism and a testament to resilience. The rebuilt Seaview Church, now a museum, honours the community's history and courage, offering a place to learn and reflect on the harm caused when people are marginalized.

During Black History Month, remembering Africville calls us to lament injustice, celebrate the strength of Black Canadians, and recommit ourselves to justice, compassion, and the dignity of all communities.

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

Online on PEUC Website – By Credit Card – Canada Helps

Worship Schedule	February 8 10:00am	February 15 10:00am	February 18 12:30pm	February 22 10:00am
	5 th After Epiphany	Transfiguration Sunday	Ash Wednesday	First Sunday in Lent
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver
<i>Music</i>	Leanne Tees	Leanne Tees	Nancy Kline	Nancy Kline
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Tanya Wolfe	Doreen Wark	TBD	Marcia Masuda
<i>AV Booth Team</i>	TBD	George Brown	N/A	George Brown
<i>Fellowship</i>	Best of Friends	Men's Breakfast	N/A	Stewardship
<i>Counters</i>	Dianne Lawrie & Bill Reany	Helen Cumming	N/A	Pat Chesterman & Brian Schnittker

Inside PEUC



Keeping our church family in the loop.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of February 8 - February 14

February 8	Worship Service 10am
February 9	Walking Group 2-3pm
February 10	Men's Study Group 2-4pm
February 11	WOW Bible Study 9:30-11:30am PE Playgroup 10:30-12:00pm Walking Group 2-3pm Council Meeting 7-9pm
February 12	Walking Group 2-3pm Pastoral Care Meeting 10:30-12pm United Housing for All Mtg 6:30-10:30
February 13	Good Food Box 9-5pm Youth Group 7-9pm
February 14	Choir Practice with Leanne 10am

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

Port Elgin United Church Youth Group



ROAST BEEF TAKEOUT DINNER

— February 28, 2026 —

Pickup: 4:30-5:30PM (Delivery Available)

Cost: BY DONATION (minimum donation \$20)

Includes: Roast Beef with Mashed Potatoes, Carrots,
Peas, Gravy, Roll and Dessert
(Gluten Free option available)

Tickets available from
Joan Kazimer or Zoe Wolfe

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

Your Nominating Committee
Joan Kazimer
Ben Miller
John Van Berlo

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!



New!

Discovery Cove Class

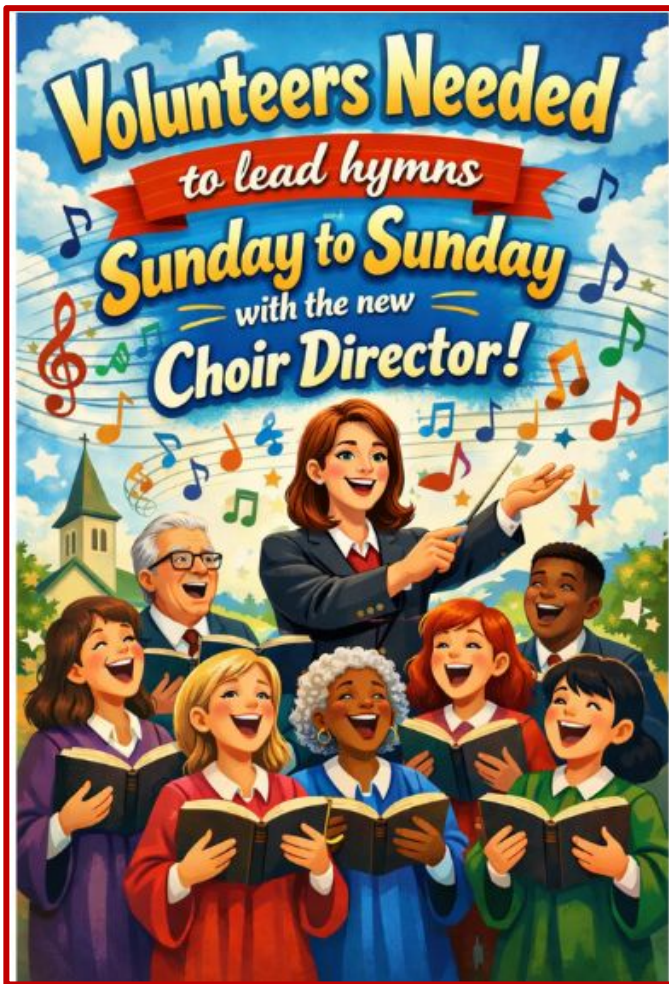
New!

Starting February 15, 2026

This is a Pilot Program for One Month until March 8, 2026
during church service

For Grades 4-9 in the Library

(This program will only continue if students show up.
If no one shows up, it will stop)



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

Southampton United Church presents:

so this is love?

Featuring the vocal
and piano stylings of

Liz Coates

&

Christina Edwards

by donation

proceeds to local non profits

♥ Sat., Feb 11th
3pm
Kincardine United Church
721 Princess St. Kincardine

♥ Sunday, Feb 13th
3pm
Southampton United Church
111 Victoria St. S.
Southampton

VALENTINE'S DANCE

Saturday, February 14th at 8pm



Come out for a night of live music,
good vibes, and Valentine's fun

Advance Tickets \$10 available at Lakeshore

Recreation or \$15 at the door

Limited space • 19+ event • Cash bar

1177 Goderich Street, Port Elgin

Entrance at banquet hall, back doors



Southampton Community Supper February 11, 2026

Menu

Lasagna
Caesar Salad
Rolls
Dessert

Remember that supper is served at
St. Paul's Anglican Church - 248 High Street, Southampton
5:00 – 6:15 PM

Admission by Donation – Everyone is welcome!
Enjoy a Great Meal and Fellowship with your Friends!
Note: We cannot guarantee that we can meet dietary restrictions /
allergies.



KNOX KINCARDINE



YOU'RE SOUPER COOL

FRIDAY
FEB. 13

11:00 - 1:00

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

TREAT YOUR
VALENTINE
ONE DAY EARLY

COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS



SPIRITUAL CARE TRAINING

FOR VOLUNTEERS OF ANY FAITH GROUP

Topics included: Caregiver Basics
Spirituality and Prayer
Lifecycle Needs
End of Life

Dates: Mondays in March (March 2, 9, 16 and 23)
Location: Zoom Link
(link sent upon registration and payment)

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

To register email jsilcoxsmith@gmail.com
by February 23, 2026

Fee: \$50 payable by etransfer to
greybrucespiritualcare@gmail.com



Sponsored by the Grey Bruce Spiritual Care Council
Lead by Rev. Joan Silcox-Smith

Questions? Email
jsilcoxsmith@gmail.com



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JUNO AWARD WINNER

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Wsg.
BOBBY SCONGACK BAND

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

2PM

TICKETS \$35
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Proceeds to Big Brothers Big Sisters South Bruce North Huron

The Loft Ten Twenty
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