

# 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

**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 N0H 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

Worship Schedule	February 8 10:00am	February 15 10:00am	February 18 12:30pm	February 22 10:00am
	5 <sup>th</sup> After Epiphany	Transfiguration Sunday	Ash Wednesday	First Sunday in Lent
Worship Leader	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver
Music	Leanne Tees	Leanne Tees	Nancy Kline	Nancy Kline
Lay Reader	Tanya Wolfe	Doreen Wark	TBD	Marcia Masuda
AV Booth Team	TBD	George Brown	N/A	George Brown
Fellowship	Best of Friends	Men's Breakfast	N/A	Stewardship
Counters	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](mailto: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

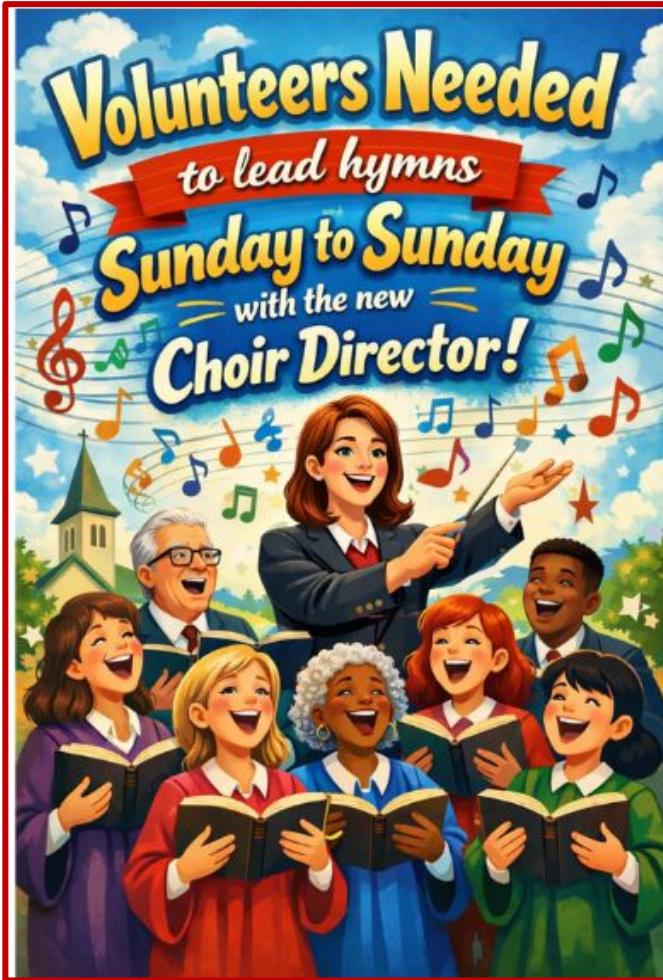
New!

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 Princes St, Kincardine

Sunday, Feb 13th 3pm  
Southampton United Church  
18 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

LAKESHORE RECREATION EST. 1983

### 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

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

# 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](mailto:jsilcoxsmith@gmail.com)  
by February 23, 2026



Fee: \$50 payable by e-transfer to  
[greybrucespiritualcare@gmail.com](mailto:greybrucespiritualcare@gmail.com)

Sponsored by the Grey Bruce Spiritual Care Council  
Lead by Rev. Joan Silcox-Smith  
Questions? Email  
[jsilcoxsmith@gmail.com](mailto:jsilcoxsmith@gmail.com)



**TUNES FOR TOTS**  
Family sing-a-long!  
MUSIC APPRECIATION!  
with Nyanna

Sat Feb 7  
Sat Mar 7  
Sat Apr 4  
11AM - Noon  
Kids: 6 months - 6 years +15  
Adults Free

Presented by the Grey Bruce Big Brothers Big Sisters Society  
Saugeen Shores



THE LOFT 1020 IN PARTNERSHIP  
WITH POWERLINK PRESENTS

DIRECT FROM NASHVILLE  
JUNO AWARD WINNER

**CRYSTAL SHAWANDA**

Wsg.  
**BOBBY SCONGACK BAND**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

2PM  
TICKETS \$35  
AVAILABLE AT: [powerlinkoffices.com/event-details/crystal-shawanda-nashville](http://powerlinkoffices.com/event-details/crystal-shawanda-nashville)  
Proceeds to Big Brothers Big Sisters South Bruce North Huron

The Loft Ten Twenty  
1020 Goderich St. Port Elgin  
226-256-7751

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