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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 13, 2026

Diaconal Dan's Deliberation



Friends,

Continuing our reflections for Black History Month, today we remember Buxton, a community in southwestern Ontario that became a place of refuge and hope for formerly enslaved people. Founded in the mid-19th century, Buxton was part of the network of settlements connected to the Underground Railroad, where people who had fled slavery in the United States could live in freedom.

At the heart of Buxton was the Buxton Mission Church, a spiritual and social centre for the community. Here, families gathered for worship, baptisms, weddings, and funerals. The church was more than a building — it was a place where faith, learning, and community life intersected, helping residents to thrive despite the lingering challenges of racism and marginalization.

The Buxton Mission also fostered education and leadership. Many residents were committed to schooling for children and adults alike, ensuring that the gifts and talents of the community could flourish. In a society where Black voices were often silenced, the church provided a space where people could speak, learn, and organize.

Remembering Buxton invites us to reflect on the resilience, courage, and faith of Black Canadians who built community in the face of oppression. During Black History Month, we celebrate the strength of these early settlers, honour the faith that sustained them, and recommit ourselves to building inclusive, caring communities where every person is valued and heard.

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	February 15 10:00am	February 18 12:30pm	February 22 10:00am	March 1 10:00am
	Transfiguration Sunday	Ash Wednesday	First Sunday in Lent	Second Sunday in Lent
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver
<i>Music</i>	Leanne Tees	Nancy Kline	Nancy Kline	Leanne Tees
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Doreen Wark	TBD	Marcia Masuda	Bill Reany
<i>AV Booth Team</i>	George Brown	N/A	George Brown	TBD
<i>Fellowship</i>	Men's Breakfast	N/A	Stewardship	TBD
<i>Counters</i>	Helen Cumming	N/A	Pat Chesterman & Brian Schnittker	Adele Greig & Keith Greig

Inside PEUC



Keeping our church family in the loop.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of February 15 - 20

February 15	Worship Service 10am Fellowship 11am
February 16	Family Day Walking Group 2-3pm
February 17	Men's Study Group 2-4pm
February 18	WOW Bible Study 9:30-11:30am PE Playgroup 10:30-12:00pm Walking Group 2-3pm
February 19	Walking Group 2-3pm Pastoral Care Meeting 10:30-12pm United Housing for All Mtg 6:30-10:30
February 20	Good Food Box 9-5pm 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



PEUC20260208worship

Click on Image to view all our Sunday services



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

*February 18th • 12:30 PM
In the Church Chapel*



Help Us Grow

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 Properly 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

THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL KNITTERS!

We have received 53 touques of various sizes and 4 blankets to date! Our first delivery was made to the Owen Sound Hospital earlier this week. Some larger items will be distributed locally.



You will find labelled bins of wool stored under the coat rack at the front door of the church. Please continue to help yourself and return completed items to the office.

Many thanks for sharing your talent with others!

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

Updated November 13/14

THE SAVING ARMY Giving Hope Today

News & Coming Events Church Ministries Community Services / Food Bank Thrift Stores Supervised Access Program Donate Locally Online Careers

COMMUNITY SERVICES / FOOD BANK
Saugeen Shores

Living Hope

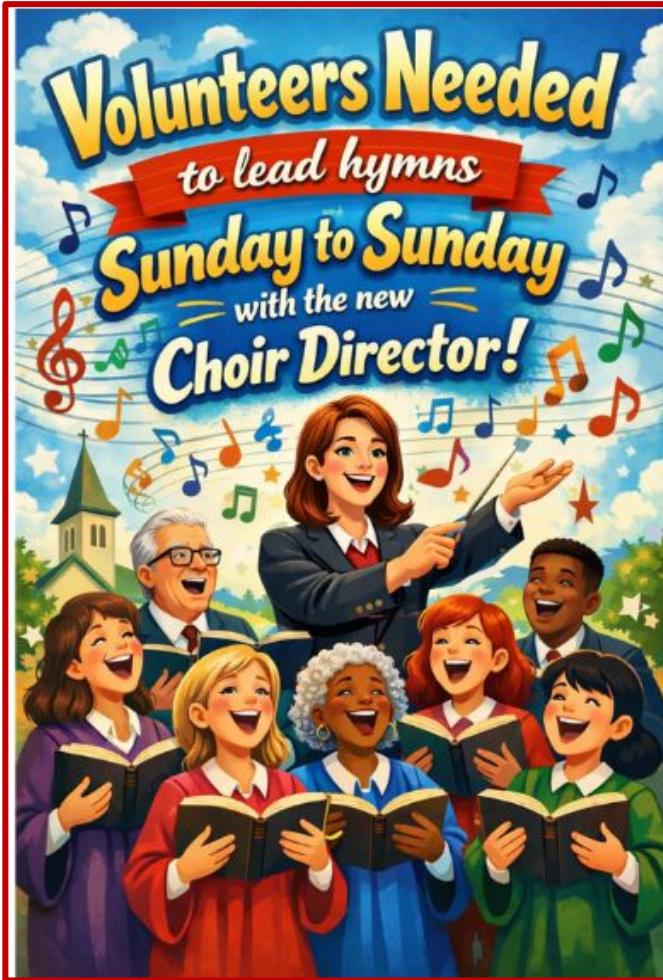
Peanut butter
Pasta sauce
Canned tomatoes

Salvation Army

1 litre Juices
Juice Boxes
Coffee
Feminine Hygiene Products

Egg Cartons always needed

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



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!**

February Men's Breakfast

TIME AGAIN FOR THE 4 C'S - CAFFEINE, CALORIES, CHOLESTEROL AND CAMARADERIE!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

8:00 AM

LOCATION: THE COLONIAL MOTEL - SUN RISE CAFÉ

**PLEASE LET HARRY JACK KNOW IF YOU CAN OR CANNOT MAKE IT!
L.HJACK@BRUCETELECOM.COM**

A Great time for fellowship and a great breakfast.

COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

P.R.A.N.C.E OPEN HOUSE Family Day *



**FEBRUARY 16, 2026
11AM - 2PM**

Come visit the farm, meet our horses, and learn about the programs we offer! All activities are offered by donation!

Pony Rides/ Face Painting/Hot Chocolate

**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 February 27, 2026
11:30 am to 1 pm
\$15.00 per person**

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

FREE Community Lunch
hosted by Knox Burgoyne & Tolmie Memorial Presbyterian Churches



You are invited!! All are welcome!!
3rd Tuesday of the Month, 12-3 pm
Tolmie Memorial Presbyterian Church
699 Goderich St., Port Elgin

**CHERISH
PARKS**

DISCOVERY

Family Frost Fest Weekend at MacGregor Point
February 13th - 16th 2026 - Fall in love with Winter at the Park
All events are weather dependent. Please check social media for updates.

Friday February 13th a.k.a. "Valloween"

6-7p.m. Valloween Hike - Huron Fringe Boardwalk/Ampitheatre
Celebrate February's Haloween with an evening walk on Huron Fringe Boardwalk Trail. Friends campfire and treats at the Ampitheatre. *Trail will be semi-lit, limited fake candles provided, headlamps welcome, dress for weather.*

7-10p.m. Valloween SK8 DB - Bring your date or yourself on a SK8 DB on the skating trail! Lights and music provided. Reserve your parking pass for the Cedar Lane Parking Lot!

Saturday Feb 14th a.k.a. Valentine's Day

11-2p.m. Friends Warm Up Cafe - Visitor Centre
Hot Dogs and Hot Drinks available. *Donations appreciated*

10-12p.m. Mini Photshoot Fundraiser - "Captured by Maya" partners with Friends of MacGregor to offer 5 minutes photoshoots for visitors with 5 photos provided. Drop-in or register for a time slot for keepsake photos in the park!
\$20 minimum per session

10-12p.m. DIY Suet Bird Feeder - Visitor Centre (for families with children 12 & under)
Learn about bird feeders and how your yard can be a hot spot for birds in winter. *Limited supplies available, all supplies provided*

1-2p.m. Mini Photshoot Fundraiser - "Captured by Maya" partners with Friends of MacGregor to offer 5 minutes photoshoots for visitors with 5 photos provided. Drop-in or register for a time slot for keepsake photos in the park!
\$20 minimum per session

1-2:30p.m. Intro to Birding Hike Learn how to use a binocular (limited pairs available) and take a hike on the 1km Huron Fringe Boardwalk to see and learn of some winter birds.

1-3p.m. Triathlon - Register at Cedar Lane Parking Lot
Compete solo or up to a team of 3 with 1.5km snowshoe, 4.5 km ski, and 2 kms of skating. View map for routes. For fun or competitive folks! *No equipment provided*

6:30-8p.m. Stargazing - Cedar Lane Parking Lot
Join Bluewater Astronomy Society and Park Staff to view the night sky as we near the New Moon. *Red lights encouraged, be mindful of vehicle lights when parking.*

7-10p.m. SK8 DB - Bring your date or yourself on a SK8 DB on the skating trail! Lights and music provided. Reserve your parking pass for the Cedar Lane Parking Lot! *Weather Dependent.*

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SELF GUIDED ACTIVITES - ALL WEEKEND

All events are weather dependent. Please check social media for updates.

8a.m.-10p.m. Nature Art Contest - Visitor Centre Parking Lot Green Space
Create winter art using found materials, ice, snow, fallen branches, leaves, and non-toxic/environment-friendly paint. Share your creations with the Friends of MacGregor by emailing friendsofmacgregor@gmail.com for a chance to win a small prize!
Natural materials provided at the station.

8a.m.-10p.m. Great Backyard Bird Count - Throughout the Park
Spend 15 minutes watching birds in your favourite spot in the park. Identify, count, and submit findings on Merlin or eBird. Park Maps and winter bird checklists provided at Visitor Centre. *Do not hike groomed ski trails.*

8a.m.-10p.m. Photo Monitoring Community Science - Throughout the Park
Did you know MacGregor Point has Photo Monitoring Stations that you can use? Help us understand different habitats in the park by capturing photos at these locations- all year long!
Tower, Ash Swamp, Pitcher Plant Marl, Day Use Beach, Camper's Beach; are just some of our monitoring locations! Find a map of photomonitoring locations in Comfort Station Kiosks or at the Visitor Centre Bulletin Board. *Please do not hike on groomed ski trails.*

8a.m.-10p.m. Forest Therapy Trail - Tower Trail
Take some time for mindfulness, with our self-guided Forest Therapy Trail. Located on the first kilometer of Tower Trail. Read prompts on various signage to engage your senses, and to be present with the forest surrounding you.



COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

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

Community Event

Let's Grow Food Together

Have you wanted to learn about growing your own food but don't feel like you have the knowledge or resources?



Saturday March 7
10:00am to noon
The Harmony Center
890 4th Avenue East, Owen Sound
To register: www.jennysfarm.ca

Growing food doesn't require perfection, expensive supplies, or a big yard. In this fun and laidback presentation we will learn easy ways to grow some of our own food—on balconies, in backyards, or anywhere sunlight reaches.

Join experienced gardener, Jennifer Deeks, to learn about how to work with limited space, tight finances, and a busy life to help add healthy fresh food to your life.

All ages and abilities are welcome! To remove financial barriers, this is a pay-what-you can event with a suggested donation of \$5.

Space is limited, so be sure to RSVP.
Registration opens February 7
visit www.jennysfarm.ca to register





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Elgin Lodge
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Savour the Space Open House

Enjoy thoughtfully paired flavours as you explore our model suites

Saturday, February 21 • 2-4 pm
551 Mary St., Port Elgin

Grey Bruce CAN 2026 WINTER FUNDRAISING AUCTION

FEBRUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 23

URGENT

Now seeking auction items:

- Automobile
- Gift Baskets
- Toys & Games
- Handmade Items
- Jewelry
- Outdoors
- Gift Cards
- Tickets & Passes
- Food & Drink
- Clothing
- Bath & Body
- Fitness
- Health & Wellness
- Small Business
- Home & Garden
- Arts & Entertainment
- Seasonal
- Books & More



CONTACT TO DONATE



greybruceCAN@gmail.com

All Proceeds to BNSP - Feeding Families in Grey Bruce

COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

A poster for the Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) walk. The top text reads "Walk to support the hurt, hungry & homeless!". Below is a large logo for "coldest night OF THE YEAR" with a red asterisk between "coldest" and "night". The website "cnoy.org/saugeenshores" is listed. To the right are two partner logos: "United Way Bruce Grey" with a red circular logo, and "Rotary Southampton" with a yellow circular logo. A large blue horizontal bar at the bottom contains the text "Saturday February 28".

The image is a flyer for the Annual Non-Profit Workshop. At the top left is the logo for the Community Foundation Grey Bruce, featuring a stylized green and blue leaf-like graphic. To the right, the word 'ANNUAL' is in small black capital letters, followed by 'NON-PROFIT' in large green letters and 'WORKSHOP' in large blue letters. Below the title, the text 'We're here for good.' is in a smaller black font. The central part of the flyer features a large graphic of four hands (two blue, two orange) joined together in a circle. To the right of this graphic, the text 'Wednesday March 25, 2026' is in large blue letters, followed by '9:00 am - 3:00 pm' and the location 'Harry Lumley Bayshore, Owen Sound Shore Room 2'. Below this, the price '\$25 per person *includes lunch!' is in a green font. A blue rounded rectangle contains the text 'COME READY FOR YOUR '2 MIN AT THE MIC'!' in white. To the right of this, a section titled 'LEARN ABOUT' in green lists several topics with blue star icons: 'GRANTS 101', 'FOUNDATION UPDATES', 'LEGISLATIVE CHANGES', 'WELCOMING YOUTH TO YOUR ORGANIZATION', 'GREENING YOUR ORGANIZATION', and 'INVESTING IN WELLNESS IN STRESSFUL WORLD'. At the bottom left, the words 'Register Now' are in large green letters. To the right, the text 'Registration link found in our bio, website, and on Eventbrite!' is in a smaller black font.

A flyer for a Galentine's Day Crop event. The background is a pink and red heart pattern. The text is in a white box with a black border. The title 'Galentine's Day Crop' is in a large, stylized, red font. Below it, 'Come feel the love in February' is in a smaller, pink font. 'AND BEGINNER CLASS!' is in a pink font. The date 'Sunday February 15th - 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM' is in a large, bold, pink font. The price '\$30.00' is in a pink font. 'INCLUDES:' is in a pink font, followed by a bulleted list: '6 FT table', 'Snacks & beverages', 'Lunch', and 'Welcome Gift'. 'Bring your own projects' is in a pink font. 'New to Scrapbooking?' is in a pink font, followed by 'Come by and try a project for FREE!' in a pink font. A pink box contains the text 'SAVE YOUR SPOT!' in white, 'Email: scrapbookingwithm@gmail.com' in white, and 'Where: 459 Catherine St. Port Elgin, ON' in white. A small logo for 'Scrapbooking with M' is at the bottom, featuring a stylized 'M' and the text 'Scrapbooking with M', 'An Online Scrapbooking Community', and 'Creative Opportunities'.

Three Sheets Brewery