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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 20, 2026

Diaconal Dan's Deliberation



Friends,

As we come to the end of our series for Black History Month, I would like to share a few highlights from Here from the Beginning, an inspiring tribute to the profound contributions of Black communities to The United Church of Canada.

The exhibit was hosted in Owen Sound last week as a shared project of First United, Central-Westview United, Georgian Shores United, and the BME (British Methodist Episcopal) Church of Owen Sound.

One of the first stories I wish to lift up was that of the BME Church, an independent Black denomination formed in Canada. The Owen Sound BME Church has been a cornerstone of the local Black community for more than 150 years. It was designated an Ontario Heritage Site in 1987. Rev. Thomas Henry Miller, one of its early ministers, co-founded Canada's longest-running Emancipation Picnic in 1862. That celebration has been held every year since in Harrison Park. The church building carries deep historical significance, and a restoration project is now underway to revitalize the space as a safe and welcoming gathering place, including the development of a "Legacy Hall" gallery to celebrate and share its rich history.

Another highlight of the exhibit was Union Congregational Church, formed by Black railway porters who sought a dignified place of worship. Union Congregational Church later became the only all-Black congregation to enter church union in 1925.

The exhibit also recognized significant leaders and milestones within The United Church of Canada:

- Rev. Dr. Charles H. Este, among the first Black ministers in the denomination.
- The Very Rev. Dr. Wilbur Howard, the first Black person ordained in The United Church of Canada and later the 24th Moderator (1974–1976).
- Rev. Maria Chela Chikueka, the first Black woman ordained in The United Church of Canada in 1986.
- Rev. Marlene Britton, the first Black woman in diaconal ministry within The United Church of Canada, admitted in 2015.
- Rev. Charmaine Bailey, the first Black woman commissioned as a diaconal minister in The United Church of Canada in 2023.

Although the physical exhibit has now moved on to another community, a virtual tour remains available. If you have seven minutes, I encourage you to watch the video and learn more about the history and contributions of Black people in The United Church of Canada.

<https://herefromthebeginning.ca/>

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:

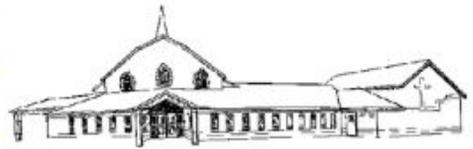
Automatic bank withdrawals (through PAR)

E-Transfer: peucfinance@bmts.com

Online on PEUC Website – By Credit Card – Canada Helps

Worship Schedule	February 22 10:00am	March 1 10:00am	March 8 10:00am
	First Sunday in Lent	Second Sunday in Lent	Third Sunday in Lent
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Rev Dan Leaver	Eileen Wolfe	Rev Dan Leaver
<i>Music</i>	Nancy Kline	Leanne Tees	Leanne Tees
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Marcia Masuda	Bill Reany	Grace Reany
<i>AV Booth Team</i>	George Brown	TBD	TBD
<i>Fellowship</i>	Stewardship	TBD	Best of Friends
<i>Counters</i>	Pat Chesterman & Brian Schnittker	Adele Greig & Keith Greig	Dianne Lawrie & Bill Reany

Inside PEUC



Keeping our church family in the loop.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of February 22 - 28

February 22	Worship Service 10am Fellowship 11am
February 23	Walking Group 2-3pm
February 24	Men's Study Group 2-4pm
February 25	WOW Bible Study 9:30-11:30am PE Playgroup 10:30-12:00pm Walking Group 2-3pm
February 26	Walking Group 2-3pm
February 27	Youth Group 7-9pm
February 28	Youth Group Roast Beef Dinner Pick up 4:30-5:30pm

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



PEUC20260215worship

Click on Image to view all our Sunday services

Vacation Notice:

Every effort has been made to staff the office with volunteers as our Administrator heads off on vacation from Feb 18 - March 3.

Please be aware that our volunteers will do their best to help you during this time.

Please Note:

There will not be a Friday File on February 27th

**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!



LOONIES FOR LENT



February 22 – March 22

Turn Small Change into Real Change

During the season of Lent,
the children will be collecting *loose change*
in support of

Women's House Grey-Bruce



**Check your couch cushions.
Look under the driver's seat.
Search coat and pant pockets.**

**Bring in your change to
make a change in our community.**

Happening here April 26th!

★ WILLIAMSON FAMILY ★
POPULAR DEMAND
★ OPRY ★

Mandi Craddock Tributes
Anne Murray and Patsy Cline

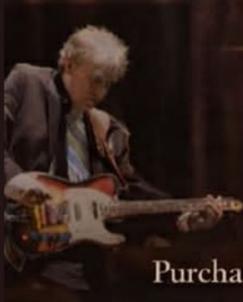


Special guest, Leo Stock
Canadian step dancing/fiddle

Fundraising Concert
Portelgin United Church

April 26 • 2 PM • \$30 Tickets

Purchase tickets online at portelginunitedchurch.ca or church office
or at the door



COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

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.




Friday
NIGHT
OPEN MIC

HOSTED BY PORT ELGIN PETE

LIVE MUSIC
COME JOIN

**7PM FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 20TH**

LAKESHORE RECREATION
EVERYONE WELCOME
ENTRY BY CASH DONATION

ALL DONATIONS GO TO LOCAL
MENTAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS




Southampton United Church presents:

so this is love?

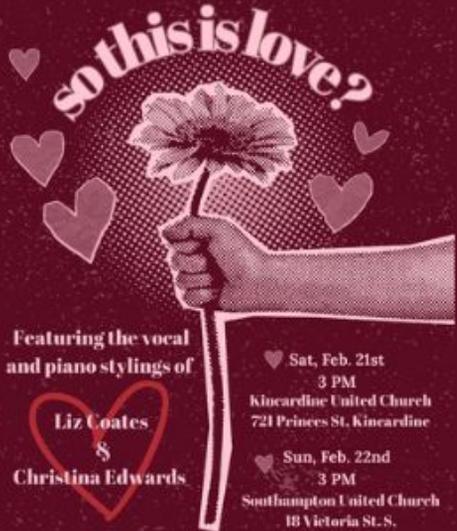
Featuring the vocal
and piano stylings of

Liz Coates
&
Christina Edwards

by donation
proceeds to local non profits

♥ Sat, Feb. 21st
3 PM
Kincardine United Church
721 Princes St. Kincardine

♥ Sun, Feb. 22nd
3 PM
Southampton United Church
113 Victoria St. S.
Southampton



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LAKE HURON
MICHIGAN

**REGISTRATION
OPENS
MONDAY FEBRUARY 23**

**RIDE
WITH
US!**

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