

# 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

March 13, 2026

## Diaconal Dan's Deliberation



Friends,

Often when we experience something unexpected or difficult, a reaction is to ask why. Why did this happen? What caused it? Who is responsible? These questions are a natural response when we are trying to make sense of the world around us. Given the experiences we have had locally, nationally, and internationally as of late, I am sure some of you have spent time with those questions.

However, in our faith, we are invited to ask a different question.

Instead of focusing only on explanations, we should pause and wonder:  
Where might God be at work here?

It is not always an easy question, and it does not make life's challenges disappear. There are still moments when we walk through uncertainty or struggle. Yet scripture reminds us that even in those times, we are not alone. God's presence often meets us in ways we do not immediately recognize—in small acts of kindness, in the support of community, in quiet moments of grace, or in the strength we discover within ourselves.

Learning to ask this question can gently shift how we look at our lives and the world around us. It invites us to remain open to the possibility that God is still moving, still guiding, still bringing light into places that may feel uncertain or dark.

So as we move through the days ahead, I invite you to ponder:  
Where might God be at work here?

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>March 15 10:00am</b>	<b>March 22 10:00am</b>	<b>March 29 10:00am</b>
	Fourth Sunday in Lent	Fifth Sunday in Lent Annual Congregational Meeting	Palm Sunday
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver
<i>Music</i>	Leanne Tees	Nancy Kline	Nancy Kline
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Louise Jack	Tanya Wolfe	Doreen Wolfe
<i>AV Booth Team</i>	George Brown	George Brown	TBD
<i>Fellowship</i>	Men's Breakfast (Pies for Anne Marie Ruxton' Birthday)	TBD	TBD

# Inside PEUC



Keeping our church family in the loop.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of March 15 - March 21

<b>March 15</b>	Worship Service 10am Fellowship – Pies for Anne Marie Ruxton's Birthday
<b>March 16</b>	March Break Camp
<b>March 17</b>	March Break Camp UCW Meeting 2:00 – 3:30pm
<b>March 18</b>	WOW Bible Study 9:30-11:30am March Break Camp
<b>March 19</b>	March Break Camp
<b>March 20</b>	March Break Camp
<b>March 21</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**



PEUC20260308worship

**Click on Image to view all our Sunday services**

# Tax Receipts are ready for pick-up in the office

**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 May 19th  
from 9-11am  
in Classroom 6**

Here are the rest of the dates of Bear  
Stuffing for 2025/2026:

2026

May 19  
July 21  
September 15  
November 17

**See you  
Tuesday May 19th!**

# **March Men's Breakfast**

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 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](mailto:L.HJACK@BRUCETELECOM.COM)**

**A Great time for fellowship and a great breakfast.**

**PORT ELGIN  
UNITED CHURCH**

**840 BRUCE STREET  
PORT ELGIN**

**PLEASE  
NOTE:**

**WALKING  
GROUP  
ENDED  
MARCH 12TH**

**SEE YOU NEXT  
WINTER!**



# 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!**  
**Tickets on Sale in office or online**  
**[www.portelginunitedchurch.ca](http://www.portelginunitedchurch.ca)**

★ **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](http://portelginunitedchurch.ca) or church office  
or at the door**



# COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS



**MUSIC BINGO**  
WITH **PORT ELGIN PETE**

**7PM SAT, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE  
**SOUTHAMPTON LEGION**

LISTEN TO GREAT MUSIC.  
MARK THE SONGS ON YOUR BINGO CARDS

BUY BINGO CARDS.  
WIN GREAT PRIZES!

3 AWESOME  
PLAYLISTS

\$15 PER PERSON.  
INCLUDES 1 CARD  
PER PLAYLIST

PROCEEDS FROM BINGO CARD SALES WILL GO TO  
LOCAL CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS



One Epic Weekend at Lakeshore.  
Music - Laughter - Community all in one  
place.

**LAKESHORE RECREATION**

**Friday NIGHT OPEN MIC**  
HOSTED BY PORT ELGIN PETE  
LIVE MUSIC  
7PM FRIDAY  
MARCH 20TH  
LAKESHORE RECREATION  
EVERYONE WELCOME  
ENTRY BY DONATION

Open Mic Night -  
March 20

**Gord's 75th  
Birthday Bash -  
March 21**

**GORD'S BIRTHDAY BASH**  
75  
Dance  
with  
**Fat Tony Band**  
Celebrating 75 Years of Gord  
and 40 Years  
of Lakeshore Recreation  
Saturday, March 21st  
Lakeshore Recreation  
7PM - 11PM  
\$15 PER PERSON (Includes 1 Card Per Playlist)



NEXT STOP COMEDY PRESENTS  
**STAND UP COMEDY**

**MAR 21 7:00 PM**  
BULLPEN SPORTS BAR  
PORT ELGIN, ON



**ESTATE SALE**

*Faith Maple Estates Community  
Hall  
530 Iving Drive #32, Port Elgin*

**ONE DAY ONLY**  
**SATURDAY March 14th**  
*9am to 4pm*

# COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

## Drop-In Workshops for Youth!

March 16: Song Writing Workshop (11-14Y)

March 18: Gull-orious Crafting Workshop (11-14Y)

March 20: STEM Workshop (6-10Y)

Find Descriptions & More



[www.saugeenshores.ca/Register](http://www.saugeenshores.ca/Register)



## March 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026 Scheduled and Self-Guided Programs

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

### Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

- 1-3p.m. **Green Dream Hike** – Huron Fringe Boardwalk – Children's Program: Drop-in  
Can we find Good Luck in the forest? Look for all the colours of green on the Huron Fringe Boardwalk to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Pick up your colour swatch at the Visitor Centre to start your exploring!
- 3-4p.m. **DIY Mason Bee homes** – Visitor Centre  
Learn about Mason Bees and reuse invasive Phragmites to make homes for them this spring! Limited quantity available, while supplies last.

### Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

- 9:30-11a.m. **March Mothing**  
Learn about equipment we use to find moths in the park, various moth species, and see if we find any moths in our trap!
- 1-3p.m. **Watercolour Bumble Bees** – Visitor Centre – Drop in  
Learn about our Bumble Bee species and our upcoming Community Science Initiatives to monitor Bumble Bees in the park, while you paint your own bumble bee!

### Self-Guided Activities

- 8a.m.-10a.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 Marsh, 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.
- 8a.m.-10p.m. **Mindfulness Hike** – Huron Fringe Boardwalk  
Engage your senses with a mindfulness focused hike on Huron Fringe Boardwalk. Follow sign prompts to have a new experience on the trail.



## Free Public Skating

Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>

At the PLEX

2:30pm to 3:50pm

Sponsored by,

Re/Max Land Exchange Ltd., Brokerage  
Port Elgin and Southampton

Port Elgin Office  
519-389-4600



Southampton Office  
519-797-1755

## 33rd Annual Grey Bruce Woodlot Conference & Exhibition

### Topics :

- 20 Years of Tree Planting & Biodiversity Impacts
- Spotted Lantern Fly
- Transitioning Conifer Plantations into Mixed Wood Forests
- Native Grassland Restoration
- Wild Turkey in Ontario

📅 Saturday, 28th March, 2026

🕒 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

📍 Elmwood Community Centre

Municipality of Brockton

Advance Tickets: \$40.00  
(RECOMMENDED & APPRECIATED)  
At the Door: \$50.00.  
CASH or CHEQUE ONLY

Payable to the "Grey Bruce Woodlot Conference"

More Information: [www.gbwc.blog](http://www.gbwc.blog)

Registration Email: [info@gbwc.blog](mailto:info@gbwc.blog)

Contact Person: [info@gbwc.blog](mailto:info@gbwc.blog)

### FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Val Deziel**

Director of Restoration Programs, Forests Canada



**Dr. Amanda Roe**

Research Scientist  
Natural Resources Canada



**Peter Williams, RPF**

Principal  
Williams & Associates  
Forestry Consulting Ltd.



**Shannon Stephens**

Healthy Waters Program  
Coordinator  
Northwaga Valley  
Conservation Authority



**Matthew Robbins**

Biologist  
Ontario Federation of  
Anglers and Hunters

### Included with Admission:

- Door Prizes
- Coffee & Refreshments
- Hot Roast Beef Lunch
- Information Displays