

# FRIDAY FILE

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March 20, 2026

## ~ 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

## Diaconal Dan's Deliberation



Friends,

One of my favourite scriptures comes from Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the sheep and the goats.

Jesus describes a final judgment where people are separated as a shepherd separates sheep from goats.

Those who showed compassion—feeding the hungry, welcoming strangers, caring for the sick—are welcomed into God's kingdom because, in serving others, they were serving Christ himself. This is where we hear the well-known words: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me" (Matt. 25:40).

There are several ways we already respond to this call. Many volunteer with organizations that support food security, shelter, and clothing. Many give financially to support that work. And as a church, we share in this ministry through our Mission and Outreach Committee, which oversees both the Direct Mission Fund and the Benevolent Fund.

Through the Direct Mission Fund, we support outreach organizations in the wider community. Through the Benevolent Fund, we are able to respond directly when someone is in need, helping with groceries, short-term housing, bills, and other urgent expenses, for example. It is a quiet ministry, but an important part of who we are.

My invitation is for us to consider how we can support the Benevolent Fund, especially as we see an increase in need in our community, and beyond. The fund is in a healthy place, but it continues to be used, and there will continue to be needs. It is one of the ways we can respond to our call as a faith community to support "the least of these" among us.

Thank you for the ways we already care for one another and for our neighbours. This is part of our life of faith together, seeking to serve Christ in those around us.

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 22 10:00am</b>	<b>March 29 10:00am</b>	<b>April 5 10:00am</b>
	Fifth Sunday in Lent Annual Congregational Meeting	Palm Sunday Pizza & Palms	Resurrection Sunday
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver
<i>Music</i>	Nancy Kline	Nancy Kline	Leanne Tees
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Tanya Wolfe	Doreen Wark	Marcia Masuda
<i>AV Booth Team</i>	George Brown	TBD	TBD
<i>Fellowship</i>	Hospitality	Pizza & Palms	TBD
<i>Counters</i>	Pat Chesterman & Brian Schnittker	Susan Miller & Lori Chesterman	Adele & Keith Greig

# Inside PEUC



Keeping our church family in the loop.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of March 22 - March 28

<b>March 22</b>	<b>Worship Service 10am Fellowship 11am</b>
<b>March 23</b>	
<b>March 24</b>	<b>Comfort Quilters 9:00-3:30pm Men's Study Group 2:00 - 4:00pm</b>
<b>March 25</b>	<b>Lenton Lunch Prep 9:00 - 11:00am WOW Bible Study 9:30-11:30am PE Playgroup 10:30 - 12:00pm</b>
<b>March 26</b>	
<b>March 27</b>	<b>Youth Group 7:00 - 9:00pm</b>
<b>March 28</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**



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

# PIZZA & PALMS

SUNDAY MARCH 29

AFTER WORSHIP

ROOMS 3-6

PIZZA & ICE CREAM SUNDAES

Retelling the Palm Sunday story  
(if you like Children's Time, you will enjoy this story)!

EASTER EGG HUNT  
for anyone who would like to participate

SIGN UP SHEET  
ON BULLETIN BOARD OR SEE JOAN K

DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED



**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!



**Happening here April 26th!**  
**Tickets on Sale in office or online**  
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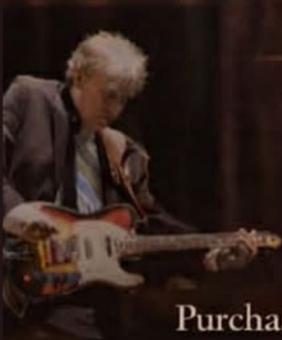
**Mandi Craddock Tributes**  
**Anne Murray and Patsy Cline**



**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





# 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*

**LAST WEEK  
TO  
DONATE!**

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.

PORT ELGIN  
UNITED CHURCH

840 BRUCE STREET  
PORT ELGIN

**PLEASE  
NOTE:  
WALKING  
GROUP  
ENDED  
MARCH 12TH**

**SEE YOU NEXT  
WINTER!**

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

**(we have mailed out of town receipts)**

# COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

**EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA**

Bring your Easter Baskets! Admission by Cash Donation

**Saturday, March 28, 2026**  
 10:00am – 12:15pm  
 Jubilee Park – Victoria Street, Southampton

Join Us for a Fun-Filled Egg Hunt!

Back again this year, Ruth & her bunnies!  
 Please consider an additional donation to help Ruth continue sharing her adorable bunnies with us!

Thank you to our Sponsors:

**Rotary** **SHRED-N-GO**  
 Southampton You've read it. We'll Shred it!

**Saturday April 25th**  
**10 am to 12:30 pm**  
**Community Shredding Event**

**Bring your personal & confidential documents to be shredded & re-cycled**

By donation, suggested min \$10 per Bankers Box or equivalent. Cash or Credit

Location: **Rotary Hall, 39 Grey Street South, Southampton.**

Proceeds to Rotary Causes incl. Rotary Perkins Park

[www.southamptonrotary.com](http://www.southamptonrotary.com)

Thank you to our sponsors, please support them.

Dr Kim Wards, Martin's Bicycle Shop, Little Black Dog

**How to Get Your Sh\*t Together**  
*(so your loved ones don't have to do it for you)*

With Special Guest **Dave Middleton**

**Middleton-Finner FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**Sunday, March 22**  
**at 2:30 pm**  
**FREE EVENT**  
 RSVP to 519-389-5457  
 office@elginlodge.ca

Elgin Lodge  
 551 Mary St.  
 Port Elgin

Come out and see how the lake huron fishing club raises Rainbows and Salmon in our hatchery this Saturday March 21st from 10 -2 Port Elgin hatchery. See you there

**LAKE HURON FISHING CLUB**

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**Saturday March 21st**  
**10-2**  
**Port Elgin Hatchery**

# COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

## Southampton Community Supper March 25, 2026

**Menu**  
 Roasted Chicken  
 Stuffing  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Vegetables  
 Ice Cream Sundaes

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.



**BRUCE COUNTY**  
 Museums & Cultural Centre

## Shipwrecks of Bruce County Myth vs. Reality

Saturday, April 11  
 2 PM - 4 PM

Sponsored by Bruce County Historical Society.

# spring

Event Highlights

- they are loved**  
 They Are Loved - an epidemic of grief  
 •Artist Tracey Mae Chambers  
 Exhibit Opening May 1 | 7 PM - 9 PM - All are welcome!
- NATURE & TECHNO**  
 Inspiring Nature, Inspired Techno:  
 Biomimicry and Transport  
 Members First Exhibit Opening May 14 | 5 PM - 8 PM  
 Presented by CPG, Nadejda Partner for the Day
- woodland people**  
 Woodland People • Artist Taylor Cameron  
 Exhibit Opening Jun. 6 | 2 PM - 4 PM - All are welcome!
- ARCHIVES AWARENESS WEEK**  
 Apr. 7 - Apr. 11  
 FREE admission to the Archives & Research Room
- Honouring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Presentation**  
 May 9 | 6 PM - 8:30 PM
- Museums are a Drag!** An Evening of Drag  
 Jun. 12 | 6 PM - 9:30 PM | 29+ Event
- Screening of "Voices: Lighting a Pathway to Indigenous Inclusion"**  
 With special guest, Inuk filmmaker Muckpaloo Ipeelee  
 Jun. 18 | 6 PM - 8 PM
- African Cooking Workshop**  
 with Dede's Kitchen  
 Jun. 26 | 10 AM - 12 PM

**& MORE!**  
[brucemuseum.ca](http://brucemuseum.ca)

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