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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

April 3, 2026

Diaconal Dan's Deliberation



Friends,

There is a line in A New Creed that encapsulates this weekend:
“In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.”

We all know the end result of the events of this week—that after Jesus’ death there comes the resurrection. These are two very important parts of our ancient faith story, because without the death, there is no resurrection. There are no hallelujahs without the darkest valley.

The gospels tell the good news of Jesus’ ministry—teachings, preaching, and healings. This good news ends with a bang. The worst thing possible happens, and for three days the disciples are lost. Lost in sorrow and grief. Lost in direction and purpose, they are just lost. But the good news is that even in that sorrow, God is with us. The good news is that Jesus comes back, after defeating death, as the Apostles’ Creed notes: “he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again from the dead.”

We all have known sorrow, pain, grief, and loss. I see it at every funeral I officiate, standing with families when words are hard to find and the future feels uncertain.

And it is there, in the midst of it—not after it has passed—that we begin to speak the words of our faith. Words we hold onto, even when they come as little more than a whisper:

Even here, in our grief and in our loss, we dare to say: death is not the end.
For the God who is with us still is the God who will bring us into life again.

Trusting in the God who brings life out of death, we dare to say:

Happy Easter.

Because in life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with 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

Online on PEUC Website – By Credit Card – Canada Helps

Worship Schedule	April 3 10:00am	April 5 6:45am	April 5 10:00am	April 12 10:00am
	Good Friday Pilgrimage Starting @ PEUC	Sunrise Service @ Water Tower end of Mill Street	Resurrection Sunday	2 nd of Easter
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver
<i>Music</i>	N/A	N/A	Leanne Tees	Leanne Tees
<i>Lay Reader</i>	N/A	N/A	Marcia Masuda	Bill Reany
<i>AV Booth Team</i>	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD
<i>Fellowship</i>	TBD	N/A	TBD	Best of Friends
<i>Counters</i>	N/A	N/A	Adele & Keith Greig	Dianne Lawrie & Bill Reany

Inside PEUC



Keeping our church family in the loop.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of April 5 - April 11

April 5	Easter Sunday Worship Services: Sunrise Service 6:45am (meet at water tower, end of Mill Street) Worship Service – 10am Fellowship 11am
April 6	
April 7	Men's Study Group 2:00 – 4:00pm
April 8	WOW Bible Study 9:30-11:30am PE Playgroup 10:30 – 12:00pm Blood Donor Clinic Set Up (Gym Closed 12pm) Council Meeting 7pm
April 9	Blood Donor Clinic all day Property Use Sub-Committee Mtg 3pm United Housing for All Mtg – 6:30pm
April 10	Good Food Box 9-5 Youth Group Famine 5pm
April 11	Youth Group Famine – all day whole church

ARE YOU ENJOYING OUR SUNDAY SERVICES ONLINE?

Would you consider donating to our Church?

You Can Donate:
On Line on our Web Site

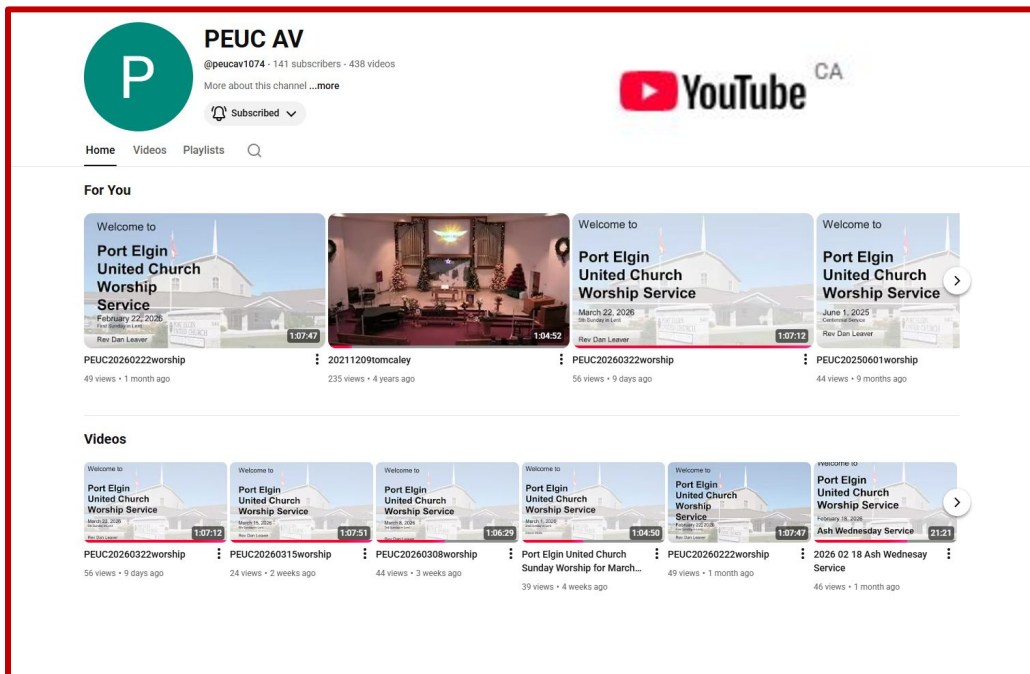
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/port-elgin-pastoral-charge/>
by E-Transfer
peucfinance@bmts.com

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"



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For You

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2026 02 18 Ash Wednesday Service
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Let's Celebrate the Season

Spring Tea

Sat. Apr. 18
2-4 pm
Activity Centre

Hosted by the U.C.W.
DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Choir Practice



Resumes

Monday April 20th at 6:30pm

**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!

Palm Sunday

Folding Palm Crosses – It Looks Easy

On Palm Sunday Rev Dan demonstrated how to fold your palm frond into a cross. This is the second year that he has demonstrated this art.

He showed us how easy it is. Just fold over. Bend around back. Pass it through the loop and then crease and pass back. Fold the bottom up through the loop and fold on top and pass back through the loop.

What could be easier?



Rev Dan demonstrates how it is done.



Focusing on folding!



Everyone is trying it



It takes a lot of focus to get it right!

The Palm Parade – Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday we commemorate the Triumphant arrival in Jerusalem of Jesus by having the children carry the palms into the church.



The Palms arrive and are ready to be distributed



The children coming in and waving their palms.



The palms they are waving.



It looks like people are happy.



The older children are helping the younger children and guiding them around the church.

Your Lenten Loonies at Work

Over lent the children collected coins and bills as a Lenten collection. Each Sunday the children ran around with their cups and people put money in the cups. The cups were emptied into a big bucket. On March 23rd the money was counted.

All of your pennies (yes we totalled up a roll of pennies), nickels, dimes, quarters, loonies and toonies and bills were counted and we had a total of about \$880. We did a little better than last year's collection.

We selected the Women's House of Grey and Bruce to receive our donation.

They are based in Kincardine with safe houses and halfway houses to provide a safe location for women and children facing abuse.

Their Mission is:

Women's House provides a safe haven for victims/survivors, knowing that ending violence is a community responsibility. We will work towards ending violence through knowledge, which is power, in order to create change.

On Sunday Danielle Bois, the Communications and Fund Developer for Women's House Serving Grey and Bruce came to Port Elgin United Church to receive our donation.

Danielle was passionate about the work that Women's House does, told us that the money would be used to help provide a safe harbour for women facing abuse and that our money would make a difference.

Thank you to everyone at Port Elgin United Church for your kind donations.



Danielle expressing her thanks for the donation made by Port Elgin United Church and explaining about the essential work that the Women's House of Grey and Bruce does.

Happening here April 26th!
Tickets on Sale in office or online
www.portelginunitedchurch.ca

★ **WILLIAMSON FAMILY** ★
POPULAR DEMAND
★ **OPRY** ★

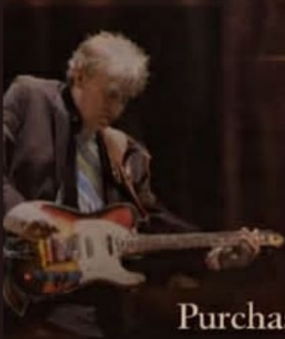
Mandi Craddock Tributes
Anne Murray and Patsy Cline



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 or church office
or at the door**



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

Issued November 2020



Giving Hope Today

Home & Dining Events Church Ministries Community Services / Food Bank Thrift Store Supervised Access Program Donate Locally Online Contact

COMMUNITY SERVICES / FOOD BANK

Program Details

Living Hope

Canned Fruit
Canned corn/mixed veg
Pudding Cups
Canned tomatoes
Cereal

Salvation Army

instant coffee
canned fruit
feminine hygiene products
toothpaste and toothbrushes
and can openers

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



LOST



Red leather bag
with a bible and
magnifying glass
inside



If you know the whereabouts of this, please let Michelle know in the office

PIE COOKING CLASS

**Sunday April 26th
1:00 - 4:00pm**

Join us as we learn to make pies!

Open to all Youth in Grades 4 to 7

Contact Joan Kazimer to register at d.j.kazimer@bmts.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

THE GREAT LAKES COLLABORATIVE RETREAT 2026

At Waters' Edge: Sacred Relations

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke of "the fierce urgency of now." With deep divisions in this moment -- political, racial and historical -- guided by indigenous wisdom, a group from the United Church of Canada and United Church of Christ will gather at the edge of the Grand River near Paris, Ontario, to build sacred relations around the common waters of our Great Lakes region.

This is the moment to **cross boundaries** and **come together**, caring for one another and all of God's creation.

With **Adrian Jacobs**, Senior Leader for Indigenous Justice and Reconciliation, Christian Reformed Church in North America



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD 4:00 PM -
TUESDAY AUGUST 25TH 11:00 AM 2026**



Five Oaks Retreat Centre,
1 Bihel Road., Paris, Ontario,
CANADA, N3L 3E3
<https://fiveoaks.on.ca/>

COST \$150 CDN double
occupancy OR \$250 CDN
single occupancy (limited
availability)

Household hazardous waste doesn't belong down the drain or in the garbage. Bring your items for safe and responsible disposal. Together, we can keep harmful chemicals out of our landfills and waterways.

Safely dispose of household hazardous waste at one of 13 collection events taking place throughout Bruce County in 2026. These events provide a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of common items, such as:

- Aerosols and solvents
- Batteries and antifreeze
- Fertilizers and pesticides
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent lights
- Fuel
- Household cleaners
- Paints and stains
- Pharmaceuticals
- Propane tanks
- Pool chemicals
- Used oil and oil filters

A complete list of accepted materials is available on the Bruce County Hazardous Waste Collection Events webpage.

There are 13 Household Hazardous Waste Collection events scheduled across Bruce County in 2026. Residents may participate at any of the following locations:

Southampton

429 Peel Street, Southampton Works Yard

- May 2, 2026, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- September 26, 2026, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



2nd Annual Southampton Wine & Cheese Fest

SATURDAY, APRIL 11
9 pairings,
9 venues on High Street

Enjoy pairings from boutique
Niagara wineries & Coffin Ridge,
with complimentary cheeses

•\$10 per pairing

•Tickets only on Eventbrite

Saturday Evening dinner with
pairings
at Room 797 - book direct



JR. FIRE REGISTRATION IS



Calling all 2015 birth year
Come learn about Firefighting and Fire
Safety

Wednesday
Nights

April 15-May 20

6:30pm-8:30pm



Port Elgin Fire
Hall

Must be able to attend all 6 weeks

COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

Girls Can....

Girls Can...Create
(8-10Y)
April 8-June 10
5:30-7:00 p.m.



Girls Can...Do Anything!
(11-14Y)
April 9-June 11
6:00-7:30 p.m.



Find Descriptions
& More



 www.saugeenshores.ca/Register

Southampton Community Supper April 8, 2026

Menu
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Garlic Bread
Salad
Pie

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.



**TUNES
FOR TOTS**
Family
sing-a-long!

WITH
NYANNA

**MUSIC
APPRECIATION!**

**This
Saturday**
11AM - Noon



Rotary  **HURON SHORE**
Run

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026
5K • 10K • 15K • KIDS FUN RUN