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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 10, 2026

Diaconal Dan's Deliberation



Friends,

We are in the midst of spring. The days are getting longer, the snow is disappearing, and the temperature is moving above freezing. These changes are wonderful because they mean we can soon return to outdoor activities—gardening, sports, boating, and the beach. However, they also bring a challenge: those who have been accessing temporary housing may soon lose their indoor space.

The Owen Sound Sun Times reported in February that housing was the top reason people in Grey-Bruce contacted 211 Ontario in 2025. Not only were housing requests the most common, but 83 per cent went unmet due to waitlists, cost, or limited program availability. We cannot ignore that housing continues to be a significant need in our community.

I offer this information as an invitation for us, a faith community, to reflect on the ways we are already responding, and to consider how we might continue to care for both the immediate and long-term housing needs along the Saugeen Shore.

Each of us has gifts to offer, whether through planning, committee work, or the hands-on care of supporting and feeding people. Even small acts of compassion make a difference, and together they add up to a community that embodies God's love. As we move into this season of growth and renewal, may we be encouraged that our care, generosity, and presence can bring hope, warmth, and light to our neighbours' lives.

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:

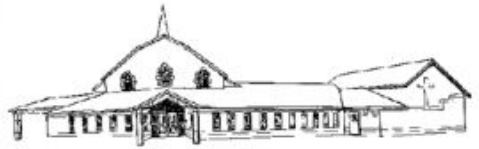
Automatic bank withdrawals (through PAR)

E-Transfer: peucfinance@bmts.com

Online on PEUC Website – By Credit Card – Canada Helps

Worship Schedule	April 12 10:00am	April 19 10:00am	April 26 10:00am
	2 nd of Easter	3 rd of Easter	4 th of Easter
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver
<i>Music</i>	Nancy Kline	Leanne Tees	Leanne Tees
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Bill Reany	Grace Reany	June Van Bastelaar
<i>AV Booth Team</i>	TBD	George Brown	George Brown
<i>Fellowship</i>	Best of Friends	Men's Breakfast	Kazimir's
<i>Counters</i>	Dianne Lawrie & Bill Reany	Helen Cumming	Pat Chesterman & Brian Schnitker

Inside PEUC



Keeping our church family in the loop.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of April 12 - April 18

April 12	Worship Service – 10am Fellowship 11am
April 13	
April 14	Organ Tuning (Sanctuary) 9:30am-12pm Men's Study Group 2:00 – 4:00pm
April 15	WOW Bible Study 9:30-11:30am PE Playgroup 10:30 – 12:00pm
April 16	
April 17	Spring Tea Food Prep 9am-6pm Youth Group 7-9pm Spring Tea Set Up Gym 6-8pm
April 18	Emergency First Aid Course Spring Tea Gathering – 2-4pm

Easter Egg Hunt 2026

No Electricity - No Problem. The Easter Egg Hunt will go ahead. We were lucky the power came back on just before the start of the Hunt.

On March 29th after service, Discovery Cover leaders held the Annual Port Elgin United Church Easter Egg Hunt. Eggs were hidden all through the church. Rooms were set aside for the younger children and the older ones went throughout the rest of the building.

This year 3 of the easter eggs had a special token inside. If you found the token in your Easter Egg then you could win a Stuffedie. Three lucky children found the tokens. When the children brought in their eggs they all received a package of goodies for Easter. Everyone had a great time.



Before going out on the hunt, you must know the rules. Better listen to Mrs Kazimer or the hunt will not start.



Finding an egg is exciting.

Easter Egg Hunt 2026



You have to be determined
to gather up the eggs.
Filling the basket is
important.



There's treasures here
among the pews.
Who would have thought it?

Easter Sunrise Service - 2026

Sunday April 05, Easter Sunday, dawned very cloudy. We had a warm rain overnight and the temperature was dropping. We were in the lee of the hill and not too affected by the winds.

It is a wonderful feeling as the day dawns and the robins are singing their songs out loud and overhead a pair of geese are flying by. Down in the woods in the Mill Creek valley you can hear the waters swirling after the overnight rain. The world feels right.

15 members of Port Elgin United Church gathered at the end of Mill St by the water tower to celebrate Easter as the sun rose.

We braved the chill and experienced the new day that is Easter.



Members of Port Elgin United gather for the Easter Sunrise service.



Spring flowers were starting to bloom. The wonderful sense of new life growing again.



Rev Dan lead us in worship.



It took some effort to light the Christ Candle



Our Christ candle looks a little different but I does keep burning even with the occasional gust of wind.



Rev Dan gives us the Sermon on the Hill. Reminding us of the meaning of Easter and its importance to each of us.



Allen and Liz reciting the Lord's Prayer.

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



Click on Image to view all our Sunday services

Emergency First Aid Course @ PEUC

Saturday April 18

9am to 6pm

Sponsored by Youth Fund
NO COST

We have 6 spaces available.

Do you know a teen or adult
that would benefit from this course?

Have them contact Joan Kazimer
at d.j.kazimer@bmts.com to register



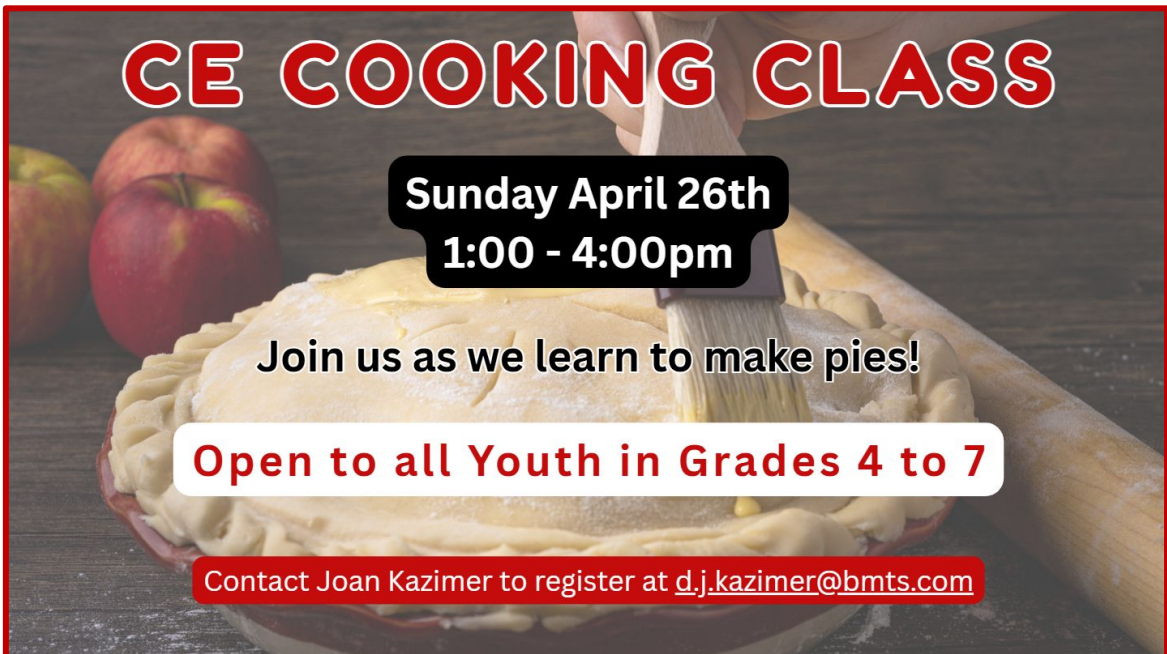
CE COOKING CLASS

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



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**



**See you
Tuesday May 19th!**

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

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

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★ **POPULAR DEMAND** ★
★ **OPRY** ★

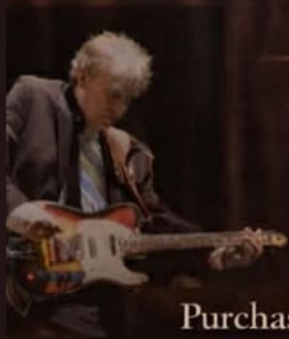
Mandi Craddock Tributes
Anne Murray and Patsy Cline



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

First Responders Day

Saturday, June 27th, 2026
9 AM - 3 PM
At Saugeen Municipal Airport

SMA SAUGEEN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Helicopters
Fire Trucks
Ambulances
... and more!

Join us to meet our community's first responders!

DEATH CAFÉ

presented by Huron Shores Hospice

Huron Shores Hospice

A Death Café is comfortable place to talk about dying and death.

Our Death Cafes help turn a tough topic into a chance for connection and understanding.

Upcoming Gatherings

<p>April 14th 10:00 - 11:30am Paisley Legion</p>	<p>May 5th 4:00 - 5:30pm Southampton Chantry Centre</p>	<p>May 12th 10:00am - 11:30am Paisley Orchard's Landing</p>
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Free Community Event

Scan or call to Register
519-368-8812

huronshoreshospice.ca/events

Made in Grey Bruce 2026 Spring Art & Artisan Show

Saturday April 18
10am - 4pm

Hosted by: **Stone Tree**

Scan for Vendor Registration

Early bird pricing until Feb 28, 2026!

519 376 7899 | 318085 Hwy 6 & 10, Owen Sound

BRUCE COUNTY
Museum & Cultural Centre

Contribute to Bruce County history!

Preserve history for future generations by donating your photographs (past and present) of local harbours, ships, crews, commercial fishermen, and lightkeepers.

Videos, reminiscences, business records, ship plans, and ship logs, cargo books, and diaries are also accepted.

Contact archives@brucecounty.on.ca | brucemuseum.ca