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May 8, 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



Mother's Day is a day that holds more than one story at a time.

For some, it is a day of joy and celebration. For others, it carries grief, longing, or complexity that is harder to name. And for many, it is a mix of all of these, woven together.

In the Gospel of Luke 8, we hear of women—Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and others—who travelled with Jesus and supported the ministry out of their own resources. We are not told their full stories. We are simply told that they were there, and that they helped sustain something life-giving.

This is a place for us to notice, to look deeper. To notice not only who is called “mother,” but how the work of mothering shows up in the world: in care, in presence, in sacrifice, and in the quiet acts that help others grow. There are many ways a life can nurture another life, many ways a person can help carry hope, many ways to be part of something that gives life.

So before we rush to name what this day means, let us make space to listen to the different stories in the room, to the joys and the sorrows, the fulfilled hopes and the unmet ones. What we hold together as a community is wider than any one experience.

As this day approaches, may we move gently with one another, honouring the many stories it holds, and giving thanks for all the ways love, care, and strength are lived out by women in our lives, past and present.

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:

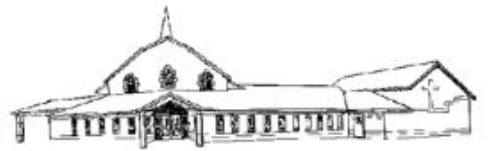
Automatic bank withdrawals (through PAR)

E-Transfer: peucfinance@bmts.com

Online on PEUC Website – By Credit Card – Canada Helps

Worship Schedule	May 10 10:00am	May 17 10:00am	May 24 10:00am
	6 th of Easter	7 th of Easter	Day of Pentecost
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver
<i>Music</i>	Leanne Tees	Leanne Tees	Leanne Tees
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Grace Reany	Marcia Masuda	Doreen Wark
<i>AV Booth Team</i>	George Brown	John Van Berlo	George Brown
<i>Fellowship</i>	Men's Breakfast	Best of Friends	TBD
<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 May 10 - May 16

Sunday May 10	Mother's Day Worship Service – 10am Fellowship 11am
Monday May 11	
Tuesday May 12	Men's Study Group 2:00 – 4:00pm
Wednesday May 13	WOW Bible Study 9:30-11:30am PE Playgroup 10:30 – 12:00pm Council Meeting 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Thursday May 14	United Housing <u>For</u> All Meeting 6:30 pm
Friday May 15	Youth Group 7-9pm
Saturday May 16	

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

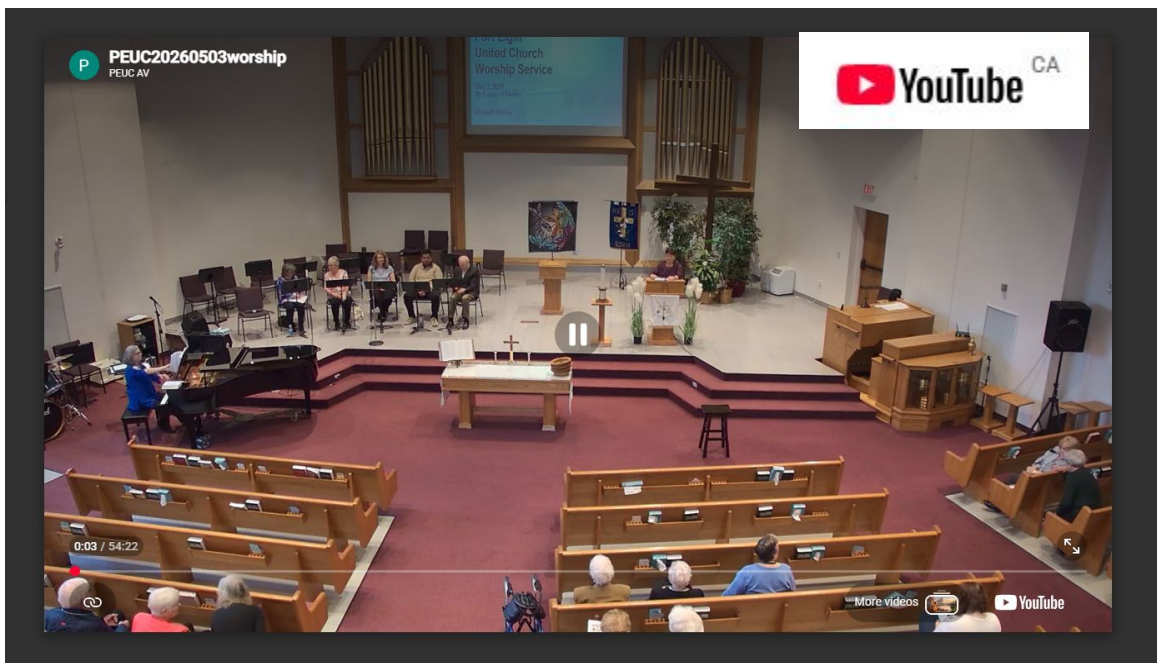
Or, You Can Sign up to do Automatic Monthly
Withdrawals through the church "PAR" program.

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

May Men's Breakfast

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

NOT This Sunday..... The Following One!

Sunday, May 17th

8:00 am

Location: The Colonial Motel - Sun Rise Café

PS - ONE MORE THING.

THE MEN WILL BE SINGING THIS WEEK FOR OUR MOTHERS. (MOTHER'S DAY)
AS WELL AS BEING IN CHARGE OF COFFEE TIME ON THIS DAY AFTER BREAKFAST AND CHURCH SERVICE.
BRUCE BUCHANAN WILL BE YOUR HOST, AS LOUISE AND I WILL BE TRAVELLING YET AGAIN!
SOME OF US WILL BE NEEDED TO SETUP THE COFFEE, TEA AND GOODIES BEFORE.

(GOODIES OFFERED WOULD BE WELCOME)

NO NEED TO STEP FORWARD.

JUST BE THERE, WILL BE ENOUGH.

THANKS

A Great time for fellowship and a great breakfast

Peanut Butter Challenge

Discovery Cove are challenging members of the congregation to bring in a jar of peanut butter on either May 10th or 17th. The peanut butter will be donated to the Food Basket and The Food Bank. We have chosen peanut butter as it is a favorite of children plus provides protein and both organizations are in need of it for their clients. We are hoping to collect 30 jars. The children will collect the jars either during or right after children's time.

Thank You in advance for helping us to reach this goal.

The Discovery Cove Children



VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2026



WHAT: VACATION BIBLE CAMP RAINFOREST FALLS 2026

WHERE: PORT ELGIN UNITED CHURCH

WHEN: AUGUST 10TH - 14TH, 2026

TIME: 9AM - NOON

OR

9AM - 4PM

(FULL DAY PROGRAM)

WHO CAN ATTEND: ENTERING JK TO GRADE 6 IN

SEPTEMBER 2026

COST: BY DONATION

WHY: TO HAVE FUN WHILE LEARNING ABOUT GOD-

INCLUDES CRAFTS, SINGING, GAMES, SNACKS,

BIBLE STORIES AND MISSIONS

<https://vbspro.events/p/98c8a2>

ADULTS CAN VOLUNTEER BY SIGNING UP UNDER THE ABOVE LINK AS A VOLUNTEER TOO. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THERE EVERY DAY OR EVEN THE FULL DAY.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SEE JOAN KAZIMER.

**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

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

Ministry & Personnel
hosted the Annual
Staff Appreciation Lunch on May 6th
which included a fun game of bocce!



LOST & FOUND

We have a large amount of Found Items here at the church.
If you have Lost anything , you might want to drop by and see if
we have it!

(all items are located in cloak room by back entrance)

We will be holding on to these items until May 30th at which
time we will be donating or disposing of any unclaimed items.

Please reach out to Michelle in the Church Office if you are
unable to come during office hours.

519-832-9540

peunitedchurch@bmts.com



Found Items



If these items belong to you, contact
Michelle in the church office
peunitedchurch@bmts.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS



Yard Sale & Bake Sale



Saturday, May 16, 2026
8AM - 2PM

Southampton Curling Club
26 Albert St S, South Side Entrance

Donation Drop Off:
Friday, May 15 between 12PM-4PM
Thank you for your support!

A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON HOUSING

CFUW Southport (Saugeen Shores), part of the Canadian Federation of University Women network, invites you to a FREE open meeting featuring guest speaker Mini Jacques, Chair of United Housing for All. Everyone deserves safe, affordable housing—but many in our community are struggling. Come learn:

- Who is impacted
- What local officials are doing
- How you can help make a difference

This event is open to everyone—bring a friend or neighbour!

- 📅 MAY 15, 2026 AT 7PM
- 📍 BRUCE COUNTY MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTRE
- 📞 FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: cfuw@bruce.ca



SAUGEEN SHORES

HALL OF FAME DINNER

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD, 2026

A Gala Evening to Celebrate Excellence

Presented by the Rotary Clubs of
Port Elgin and Southampton

2026 INDUCTEES

BUILDERS CATEGORY	ATHLETE	ATHLETE	ATHLETES
G. William (Bill) Streeter	Launa Smith	Jeff Virgo	Joe, Rick and Peter Ens

📍 AT THE ROTARY HALL AT THE PLEX

👥 Social beginning at 6:30 P.M.

🍴 Followed by a roast beef dinner and decadent desserts

📣 Silent Auction



🎫 **TICKETS: \$50**
(CASH ONLY)

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
• Lakeshore Recreation
• Ralph's in Port Elgin
• South Mini Mart in Southampton

📅 **TICKET SALES END:**
MONDAY, MAY 25TH, 2026

Celebrate with our community. Honour the legacy.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE. HONOURING LEGACY.

Silver Lake Camp Work Bee

May 30, 2026

Join us Saturday, May 30, 9am-3pm at Silver Lake Camp (94 Southline Ave, Kinloss).

Help us prepare for the season—

jobs for all skill levels (clearing, painting, yard work, repairs, trades).

Complimentary hot roast beef lunch provided!

If you have tools (chainsaw, weedwhacker, shop vac, basic tools), please bring them if you can—tools will also be available onsite.

Can't attend? We'd welcome donations of cookies or squares for volunteers.

RSVP if able/ or for questions contact:

Rhonda (rhonda@calvaryunited.com) or Crystal (farmerwife79@hotmail.com)


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Rhonda Elgersma

Director of Ministries
Director of Youth Ministries
Calvary United Church



SLC WORK BEE
SAT, MAY 30 / 9am - 3pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS



THE WISMER HOUSE

craft night

PAINT & SIP NIGHT
May 28th from 6pm-8pm

\$45 / person
Artist: Conscious Creations Art


To register please send an email to or call:
• cindy_pearce2002@yahoo.com
• 519-575-4082

E-transfer available to the above email

Painting of the Night

VON Caregiver Support Peer Support Group

Monday May 11th
1:30 @ Elgin Lodge



A CAPPELLA CHAMBER CHOIR PRESENTS

NO PLACE LIKE Home

Directed by Liz Coates
Pianist Adrian Little

Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door

Tickets available at Blackboard Sound or from your local Chorister. Find us on Facebook or email us at acappellachamberchoir@gmail.com

3pm Saturday, May 30th
Kincardine United Church

3pm Sunday May 31st
Faith Lutheran Church
Port Elgin

GARLIC MUSTARD CHALLENGE SAUGEEN SHORES

Help Keep this Invasive Plant from spreading in Saugeen Shores!



The Garlic Mustard Challenge is a collaborative effort in towns and communities across Canada and the U.S., to restore and protect natural ecosystems. The best way to stop the spread is to hand-pull this easily uprooted weed.

Come join our Saugeen Shores Pull
When: Mondays, 1-3 p.m. starting May 4-25, weather permitting. Rain dates TBA.
Where: Biener's Bush Trail, Parkwood Dr access at the West end of Piccadilly Dr.
See weekly posts in this group for updates.

Why Should We Care?
Garlic Mustard is an **aggressive invader** and is difficult to control once established. One plant can produce **600-1000s** of seeds. Why is it a threat? It can out-compete native plants and reduce biodiversity in natural areas. The roots release chemicals in the soil that inhibits native plants from growing.

How Can You Help?
With the support of the Town of Saugeen Shores our efforts are focused on our protected forested trails. It is important to pull plants before or during flowering – before they set seed. Fill a bag-stay 15 mins. or 2 hours-do what you can! All help appreciated!

Tips:
Wear gloves, long pants, long sleeves, and garden gloves. Keep a watch for poison ivy and ticks. Best to bring a bucket and garden trowel.
Pick carefully from the base of the plant to remove the entire root.
Dispose the flower headfirst into black plastic garbage bags and tie filled bag tightly.
Do not leave pulled plants on the ground – they may go to seed.
NEVER COMPOST.

FUN FACT: Yes, it is edible! Garlic Mustard Recipes: www.healthypgreenery.com
For more information, go to Home - Ontario Invasive Plant Council (ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/)

