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~ New Office Hours ~

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri

Hours: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Rev. Dan Leaver

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Please note if no one in office leave message at
above phone number or email

May 15, 2026

Diaconal Dan's Deliberation



As many of you have likely noticed in worship, I often try to bring in other's poems and reflections into the liturgy—particularly the work of Malcolm Guite, the songwriter, poet, and priest, and Jan Richardson, the prolific writer and artist. Below is a reflection from Jan Richardson for Ascension Day, celebrated this past Thursday, May 14.

“On Ascension Day, I am struck all over again by how, in Luke's account of the Ascension, he tells us that as Jesus is leaving the disciples—and the earthly life (and death, and life) he has known with them—he blesses them. With this last gesture, this final word, Jesus acknowledges that blessing and leaving are deeply bound together, and that love somehow endures within every aching distance that happens in this life.

This is a wondrous and difficult grace.

Jesus is not trying to sugarcoat his leaving. He is not giving his beloved disciples a blessing as a consolation prize for having come through these wild years with him, only to see him go. Instead, with this blessing, Jesus shows that the substance of grief is also the substance of love. They are made of the same stuff. If we can stay with both the grief and the love, the love will become more clear, and more clarifying. In time, it will show us the way to go.”

You can find the full blog entry, along with her artwork “Ascension II” and her blessing “The Distance” (also found in her book Circle of Grace), here:

<https://paintedprayerbook.com/2026/05/14/ascension-day-easter-7-blessing-the-distance/>

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 17 10:00am	May 24 10:00am	May 31 10:00am
	7 th of Easter	Day of Pentecost Camp Sunday	Trinity Sunday
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver and Lance Wright	Rev Dan Leaver
<i>Music</i>	Leanne Tees	Nancy Kline	Nancy Kline
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Marcia Masuda	Doreen Wark	Marcia Masuda
<i>AV Booth Team</i>	John Van Berlo	George Brown	TBD
<i>Fellowship</i>	Best of Friends	BBQ for VBC	TBD
<i>Counters</i>	Helen Cumming	Pat Chesterman & Brian Schnittker	Sue Miller & Lori Chesterman

Inside PEUC



Keeping our church family in the loop.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of May 17 - May 23

Sunday May 17	Men's Breakfast 8am (Sunrise Café) Worship Service - 10am Fellowship 11am
Monday May 18	
Tuesday May 19	Hug-A-Bears 8:30am Men's Study Group 2:00 - 4:00pm
Wednesday May 20	WOW Bible Study 9:30-11:30am PE Playgroup 10:30 - 12:00pm
Thursday May 21	
Friday May 22	Youth Group 7-9pm
Saturday May 23	

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



PEUC20260510worship

Click on Image to view all our Sunday services

CAMP SUNDAY

MAY 24, 2026

Lance Wright from Silver Lake Camp
will be sharing in worship.

People are invited to come dressed casually for
Camp Sunday.

Rev Dan is asking people to reach out to him to offer
some words on
Why camp is awesome.
Why camp is important.
Or a story of camp.

We will share these stories in the worship service.



BBQ Fundraiser

**Join us after Worship
Sunday May 24th**

**BBQ Beef or Pulled Pork on a Bun
with salad, veggies and dessert
Tea/Coffee/Juice**

By Donation

**Profits will go towards
Vacation Bible Camp Expenses**

**If you would like to help
or have any questions,
please contact Joan Kazimer
dj.kazimer@bmts.com**

May Men's Breakfast

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

Sunday, May 17th
8:00 am

Location: The Colonial Motel - Sun Rise Café

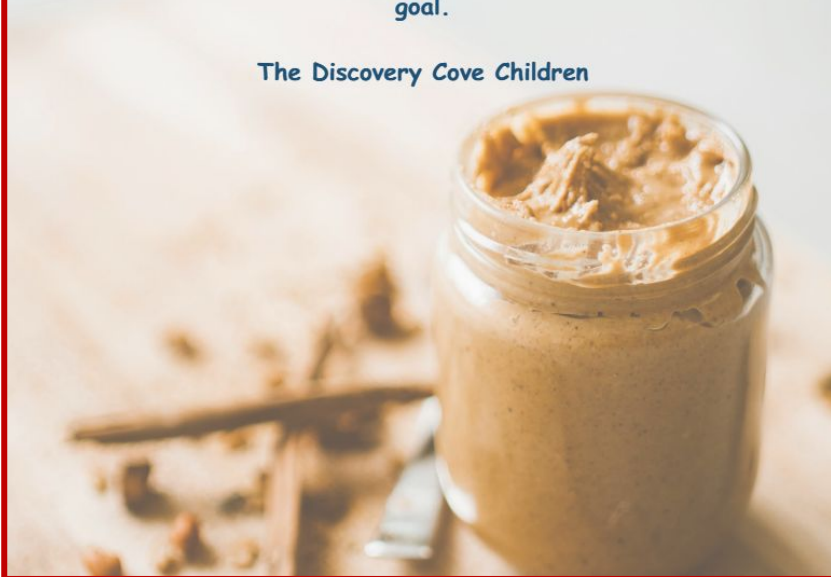
A Great time for fellowship and a great breakfast

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://vbsspro.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

ELGIN LODGE SERVICE

SUNDAY MAY 10TH, 2:15PM

Once a month Rev Dan travels to Elgin Lodge to conduct a Sunday Service for the residents. Sunday May 10th was his day and it was special as it was also Mother's Day.

People gathered in the Chapel at Elgin Lodge. All of the ladies there received a carnation. Since it was Mother's Day Jim and Nancy Kline led the music. Jim led with his excellent voice and Nancy provided the music on the piano. This became a very upbeat service.



Mother's Day at Elgin Lodge. Jim leading with the singing. Nancy playing the piano.

Rev Dan gave the abridged version of the Sunday morning service. The songs were generally the same. The sermon had the same theme. However, the service was shortened.

Elgin Lodge must have learned from the United Church.
If we meet we eat!

After the service, tea was served. There were beautiful tea cups and all different flavours of tea. There were also many different flavours of regular and herbal tea, all served by the wonderful staff at Elgin Lodge. There were also many very fancy sandwiches.

The residents enjoyed the special Mother's Day celebration and had time to chat and meet.



While waiting for the tea, Claire chats with Marilyn

At another table there was much chatting and exchanging of news.



Some of the residents chatting with our Karen.

Since it was mother's day it was a chance for families to get together. 4 generations gathered for tea, cookies and conversation.



4 generations gathered
Great Grandma, Claire on right.
Grandma, Jill on left.
Mom Kara, centre
Daughters Danica and Isabelle.

GRANDMOTHERS' STORIES

Since it was Mother's Day it was a chance to hear about the stories of the past. Some of the stories were about their children and others were about their memories of their grandmother.

Claire said that while they were camping, her children went and picked some wild flowers. They brought her poison ivy. She recognized it and did not touch it herself, but there was a lot of washing and cleaning of children's hands and arms.

Claire remembered going to her grandma's house for Sunday dinner. Claire's dad was a butcher so there was really good meat for dinner and it was always the best, especially the way her grandma cooked it.

Karen remembered growing up in Teeswater. They usually prepared food for after church. Walking to church, she noticed that her grandma was still wearing her apron. She mentioned this a few times to her grandma, but grandma was focused on getting to church and did not listen to Karen. At church the usher mentioned that grandma still had her apron on and grandma was surprised and admonished Karen for not telling her about it. Karen said it was frustrating that she tried to tell her, but grandma would not listen.

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

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Found Items



If these items belong to you, contact
Michelle in the church office
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COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

Bruce C Project
Impact Assessment

BRUCE C PROJECT IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Community Information Session

PORT ELGIN | MAY 26, 2026 | 4-6 P.M.

Join us to learn about the Bruce C Project at the Nuclear Innovative Institute (NII)

Downsizing! GARAGE SALE!

GREAT STUFF. GREAT PRICES.
All Must Go!

PROCEEDS TO BE SHARED EQUALLY WITH THE SOUTHAMPTON ROTARY CLUB AND THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Rotary
The Rotary Foundation

NEW HOME. LESS STUFF. MORE PURPOSE.

Join us at:
237 SUMMERHILL RD
SOUTHAMPTON

FRIDAY, MAY 15
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 16
8:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

Lots of treasures waiting for you!

- FURNITURE
- TOOLS
- ARTWORK
- ORNAMENTS
- PATIO FURNITURE
- AND ASSORTED JUNK WE HAVE ACCUMULATED OVER 23 YEARS!

EVERYTHING MUST GO..!

We will also include anything that we have posted on **MARKET PLACE** and not sold!

COME EARLY FOR THE BEST SELECTION!

Your purchases help support our community and make a difference!

ACCOMPANY YOUR LITTLE PRINCE OR PRINCESS TO OUR Magical PARTY!

A Cham-Bette Event

- FUN ACTIVITIES
- ROYAL TREATS
- DANCING
- & MORE!

SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY
JUNE 14TH
1:00 - 4:00 PM
LAKESHORE RECREATION CENTER

TICKET SALES ONLINE JUNE 1ST!

TICKETS **\$20** EACH ADDITIONAL SIBLING **\$5.00**

SAVE THE DATE

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN®

FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Saugeen Shores

June 10th 2026

COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

SONG AND DANCE

Concert band classics by the Southampton Concert Band

JUNE 14, 2026 - 3PM

A PAY WHAT YOU CAN EVENT

Port Elgin-Saugeen Central School - 804 Catherine Street, Port Elgin



JOIN US! TYENDINGAGA STREET SALE



Saturday, May 30



Approximately 8:00 AM - 12 NOON



Rain Date: Sunday, May 31



SAUGEEN SHORES
FIRE DEPARTMENT

LIGHTS & SIRENS CAMP

AUGUST 12-14 2026

Program Activities:

- ✓ Leadership Skills
- ✓ Fire Safety & Responsibility
- ✓ Physical & Mental Wellness
- ✓ Interacting with Community Safety Partners
- ✓ First Aid Awareness
- ✓ Emergency Preparedness
- ✓ Indoor/Outdoor Activities

AGES 12-13

TO REGISTER:

www.saugeenshores.ca/register
activity #: 26825



High St
RE-OPENING
celebration!

Welcome
(back)
Friends!

High Street is open,
and we can't wait to see you!

SHOP LOCAL • SUPPORT LOCAL • LOVE LOCAL

JOIN US!

May 16th
1-5pm



Ribbon Cutting
with Mayor Churtonneau &
MPP Lisa Thompson
at 1:00 pm



Live Music
with Heather Vibes
1-3pm and
Nicholas Verman
3-5pm



Family Fun
Games, Bouncy Castle
and Taffie Centre on
the Curb extensions



Sidewalk Sales,
balloons and more

THANK YOU
for supporting
local - it's what
makes our
community
amazing!