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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

May 22, 2026

Diaconal Dan's Deliberation



Friends,

As we move toward Pentecost this Sunday, I find myself thinking about the ways the Holy Spirit gathers people and creates something new among them.

Pentecost is often remembered through dramatic images: rushing wind, tongues of fire, people speaking different languages. Beneath all of that is something deeply hopeful. The Spirit gathers ordinary people, breathes new life into them, and sends them into the world changed.

In many ways, there are mini Pentecosts throughout our lives. One mini Pentecost I experienced was at camp.

My first experience with United Church camping ministry was at Lambton Centre on the shores of Lake Huron. I attended as a child but later returned as a Leader in Training during an important season of my life. I had recently been confirmed and was beginning to ask deeper questions about faith and purpose. Those weeks at camp brought me closer to God, creation, and understanding what it means to belong to a loving Christian community. Somewhere in worship, shared meals, laughter, and campfires, something new was forming in me. Looking back, those experiences helped shape the beginnings of my call to ministry.

My story is not unique.

Many ministers, leaders, and faithful people trace part of their faith journey back to camping ministry. Camps often become places where strangers become community, gifts are discovered, confidence grows, and young people hear God's voice in new ways. Camp is a place where the Spirit still moves.

Pentecost reminds us that the Spirit does not erase our differences but joins us together as one body with many gifts, all called into God's work of love and renewal.

This Sunday, we are pleased to welcome Lance Wright, Promotion Coordinator for Silver Lake Camp, who will join us in worship and share about the ministry of Silver Lake Camp. Please join us in casual camp wear as we celebrate the ongoing ministry of Silver Lake Camp and consider where the Spirit may still be creating new life among 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	May 24 10:00am	May 31 10:00am	June 7 10:00am
	Day of Pentecost Camp Sunday	Trinity Sunday	2 nd After Pentecost
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Rev Dan Leaver and Lance Wright	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver
<i>Music</i>	Nancy Kline	Nancy Kline	Leanne Tees
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Doreen Wark	Marcia Masuda	Bill Reany
<i>AV Booth Team</i>	George Brown	TBD	TBD
<i>Fellowship</i>	BBQ for VBC	TBD	TBD
<i>Counters</i>	Pat Chesterman & Brian Schnittker	Sue Miller & Lori Chesterman	Adele & Keith Greig

Inside PEUC



Keeping our church family in the loop.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of May 24 - May 30

Sunday May 24	Worship Service – 10am Camp Sunday Fellowship 11am BBQ Fundraiser
Monday May 25	
Tuesday May 26	Men's Study Group 2:00 – 4:00pm Facility Use Meeting 7:00 – 9:00pm
Wednesday May 27	WOW Bible Study 9:30-11:30am PE Playgroup 10:30 – 12:00pm
Thursday May 28	
Friday May 29	PA Day Camp 8am -5pm Youth Group 7-9pm
Saturday May 30	

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



PEUC20260517worship

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
(Gluten Free buns available)**

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**



Thank You

Discovery Cove thanks the congregation
for all of the Peanut Butter donations!

We collected enough for 53 jars.

The Salvation Army Food Bank
and Living Hope Food Basket really appreciated this.

Blessings,
Joan Kazimer

CALLING ALL GREEN THUMBS

Please contact June Van
Bastelaar if you could help tend
to one of our flower or vegetable
gardens this spring and fall.

If you are able to, purchase one
extra tomato or pepper plant for
our gardens and leave them in
the cloak area at the back door.

DECORATORS NEEDED

DO YOU HAVE A FLAIR FOR DESIGN?
WE ARE ESTABLISHING A
DECORATING COMMITTEE AND NEED
YOUR HELP.

CONTACT JUNE VAN BASTELAAR
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

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**

HUG A BEARS SCHEDULE

**Bear Stuffing occurs on the 3rd Tuesday
of the month.**

**Our next Bear Stuffing is on
Tuesday July 21st
from 9-11am
in Classroom 6**

**Here are the rest of the dates of Bear
Stuffing for 2025/2026:**

2026 Dates:

**July 21
September 15
November 17**

**See you
Tuesday July 21st!**

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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COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

SAVE THE DATE!



SAUGEEN SHORES Tour of Gardens

SAT. JULY 11, 2026 • 9-3PM

HOSTED BY:



Southport
Horticultural
Society

www.southporthorticulturalsociety.com

Proceeds to



Huron Shores Hospice
huronshoreshospice.ca

FILL YOUR CAR WITH FRIENDS
AND TOUR OUR LOCAL,
FABULOUS GARDENS

These beautiful urban and rural gardens have
been selected to INSPIRE and EDUCATE all
those who wander through them.



CHECK OUT THE TOUR OF GARDENS WEBSITE
FOR MORE INFORMATION

SHRINERS PARADE

SATURDAY MAY 30, 2:00PM

DOWNTOWN PORT ELGIN

GODERICH St. - RIVER St. to EUGENIE St.



ALL PART OF MOCHA SHRINERS 2026 SPRING CEREMONIAL
HOSTED BY THE BRUCE SHRINE CLUB

Breaking News

Special Birthday Edition +

HOT OFF THE PRESS

THE LABYRINTH TURNS 20!

THE PEACE
LABYRINTH
CELEBRATION
Join us in honoring 20
years for the
Community Peace
Labyrinth

**YOU'RE
INVITED!**

SUNDAY
JUNE 28TH
1:30 - 3:30

GEORGIAN SHORES
UNITED CHURCH
1917 4TH AVE EAST

ALL ARE
WELCOME



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:
NEIL BALDWIN
"LABYRINTHS I HAVE LOVED",
SIGN DEDICATION,
AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS



A walk through the years — Labyrinth stories, memories and experiences welcomed

Tulip Fest SPRING MARKET

May 23 and 24 2026
10am - 4pm



41 Unique Vendors
Food Truck
Live Music 11-2
TULIPS!

262 Bruce Rd 8, Hepworth
Sandhill Creek Flower Farm

COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

Have an extra room? The Bruce County Playhouse could use your help!



URGENT SOS!



Bruce County Playhouse
SUMMER '26 PROFESSIONAL SEASON

**URGENT HELP NEEDED
FOR UPCOMING SEASON**

For more information please
contact Natalie at
brucecountypayhouse@gmail.com

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| Bills | Stage
Manager | Front of House
Manager(s) |
| Smartbarve
Certified
Bartenders | Costume
and Props
Assistants | Set Builders,
Artists and
Painters |
| | | Transitional
Assistants |

URGENT SOS!



Welcome ALL
Chambettes, from 50's to
present!

Chantry Island Cham-Bettes
70th Anniversary Reunion
Saturday, May 23, 2026
1:30pm - 3:30pm




Rotary
Club of Southampton

BARBECUE

★ Join us for a great meal
and support our community! ★



**THURSDAY
MAY
28TH**

5:30 - 7:30
PM

**NORTHPORT
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

★ **MENU** ★

-  HAMBURGERS \$7
-  HOT DOGS \$5
-  FRENCH FRIES \$5
-  SOFT DRINKS \$2

GLOW
JK- GRADE 6
GALLERY ART SHOW

Showing the creativity and
imagination of our Northport
Elementary students!
Come enjoy the show during
the barbecue!



*Good food. Great people.
Stronger community.*

**PROCEEDS GO TO THE
NORTHPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MIDDLETOWN PROGRAM**

Bluewater Lands Neighbourhood Park Design

Join the conversation and share your input!

**Community Input
Meeting**

 May 28
6-8pm

 **Rotary Hall,
The Plex**
600 Tomlinson Drive
Port Elgin



**Survey now
OPEN on
Engage
Saugeen
Shores!**

www.engage.saugeenshores.ca/BluewaterLands