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July 17, 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



Friends,

Many of you have noticed that over the last two months I have used an adapted version of Paul's blessing to the Corinthians: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all" (2 Corinthians 13:13), praying instead, "Go with the grace of God, the Creator; the compassion of Jesus, the Son; and the wisdom of Sophia, the Holy Spirit."

In this adaptation, each person of the Trinity is paired with a biblical image or attribute: God the Creator, Jesus the Son whose compassion reveals God's love, and the Holy Spirit whose wisdom leads us into truth.

Sophia is simply the Greek word for wisdom. In the Bible, God's Wisdom is beautifully personified in Proverbs, Sirach, and the Wisdom of Solomon. Wisdom is present with God at creation, delights in the world, and calls people into lives of justice, faithfulness, and love.

Christians have long reflected on these passages. The New Testament speaks of Christ as "the wisdom of God" (1 Corinthians 1:24), while Isaiah describes the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of wisdom (Isaiah 11:2). Throughout Christian history, many Christians and theologians have seen a close relationship between Divine Wisdom (Sophia) and the work of the Holy Spirit, who guides, teaches, and sustains the Church.

Using the word Sophia is not introducing a new name for God. Rather, it is drawing on one of Scripture's oldest and richest images for God's wisdom at work in the world. It reminds us that the Holy Spirit leads us into truth, grants us wisdom, and draws us more deeply into the life of Christ.

Like the many images Scripture uses for God—rock, shepherd, father, mother, fire, wind, word, and wisdom—Sophia helps us glimpse another facet of God's mystery. My hope is that this ancient biblical image enriches our understanding of the Holy Spirit and invites us to seek God's wisdom in our daily 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:

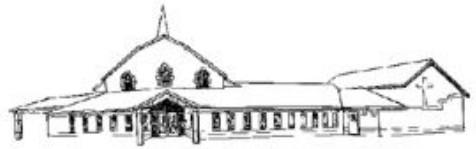
Automatic bank withdrawals (through PAR)

E-Transfer: peucfinance@bmts.com

Online on PEUC Website – By Credit Card – Canada Helps

Worship Schedule	July 19 10:00am	July 26 10:00am	August 2 10:00am
	8 th After Pentecost	9 th After Pentecost Outdoor Service	10 th After Pentecost
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Rev Dan Leaver	Rev Dan Leaver	Elizabeth Mooney
<i>Music</i>	Leanne Tees	Nancy Kline	Nancy Kline
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Doreen Wark	Marcia Masuda	Bill Reany
<i>AV Booth Team</i>	John Van Berlo	George Brown	George Brown
<i>Fellowship</i>	TBD	BBQ	VBS Brunch
<i>Counters</i>	Helen Cumming	Pat Chesterman & Brian Schnittker	Adele & Keith Greig

Inside PEUC



Keeping our church family in the loop.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of July 19 - July 25

Sunday July 19	Worship Service – 10am Fellowship – Hospitality
Monday July 20	
Tuesday July 21	Hug-a-Bear Stuffing – 8:30-11:30am Men's Study Group 2:00 – 4:00pm
Wednesday July 22	
Thursday July 23	
Friday July 24	
Saturday July 25	

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



PEUC20260712worship

Click on Image to view all our Sunday services

OUTDOOR SERVICE AND BBQ:

On July 26th, we will have worship outside in the field off the parking lot. Please bring your own lawn chairs and comfy outdoor clothes.

There will be some chairs available for those who forget their chairs or if they bring guests.

For the BBQ after church, you are invited to bring a salad or dessert to share, as well as your own plate and cutlery.

Please sign up on the sheet provided on the desk outside the sanctuary on Sunday July 19th, 2026.

The rain plan will be to have worship and the BBQ inside.

Thank you, UCW and Worship Committee

Let Your Light Shine

Thanks to all who were involved in replacing the sanctuary and activity centre lights!

Just a few snaps of today getting lit at the church. George drew the short straw and was elevated to play with the Genie while Ben made sure everything was level and John being the Chair did the pushing of the Genie.

Rev Dan wore the costume to offer supervision and elevated prayer when George was getting higher.

I was the spotter and recorder of pictorial history. We will all be able to see things better Sunday Mornings.

Frank Eagleson



A view from up high



Ben Miller delivering the lift



George Brown on the lift



Rev Dan and John DeJong "supervising" - Safety First and a Timmies



George Brown Centering the projector



Getting the lift ready



Getting everything level

VBS BRUNCH

SUNDAY AUGUST 2ND AFTER SERVICE



Join us for brunch after church on
Sunday August 2nd.

This by donation event will help us fund
VBS decorating and curriculum costs.



Brunch will include scrambled eggs,
breakfast sausage, bacon, hash browns,
pancakes, grilled cheese sandwiches,
muffins, scones, yogurt parfaits, fresh fruit
cups, tea, coffee, juice and other items.
Gluten free options will be available.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

IT'S SUMMERTIME!



There are no weekly rehearsals for
The Worship Team or The Spirit Singers.
However, we still need some singers to help out on Sunday
mornings.

If you are a singer, and are available on any given Sunday,
please join Nancy or Leanne, at 9:00 am on that day,
and we will run through all the hymns before the service.

Thanks for your musical support!!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2026



WHAT: VACATION BIBLE CAMP RAINFOREST FALLS 2026

WHERE: PORT ELGIN UNITED CHURCH

WHEN: AUGUST 10TH - 14TH, 2026

TIME: 9AM - NOON

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.

STUFFING WANTED FOR VBS



**If you have any empty fabric stuffing
Vacation Bible School needs them for Craft Projects!**

Please drop off to Church Office or give them to Joan Kazimer

Let's keep the Coffee Perking and the Goodies coming...



A BIG THANK YOU!



to the folks who drop off goodies on Sunday mornings
for our coffee time. Without your contributions we would be hungry!
At this point the freezer is empty and there are no extra treats to serve when
we fall short. Please consider donating homemade or purchased baked goods
or other treats one Sunday if you are able.
All contributions will be gratefully received.

Perishable items (cheese, fruit) will be served the same day, while any
extra non-perishable goodies may be frozen for future use.

Thanks from the hospitality team and Rev. Dan's hungry flock!

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

Updated November 18/24



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COMMUNITY SERVICES / FOOD BANK

Saugen Shores

614 Barnes Ave, Sauguen Shores, ON

Living Hope

Cereal
Peanut Butter
Instant Oatmeal
Canned Fruit

Donations can be dropped off Tuesday & Thursday
12-3pm at Living Hope or at S'more Books from
Wednesday to Saturday 11am to 6pm

Salvation Army

canned soups
canned fruits
feminine hygiene items

egg cartons always needed

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

ALLENFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNUAL

COUNTRY Concert & Dance

Sunday, July 26th - 2:00pm

TICKETS
\$30 ADVANCE
\$35 AT THE DOOR

FOR TICKETS
CALL FRAN
519-379-2903

SPECIAL GUESTS

MANDI CRADDOCK
JAMIE GORDON
LEVI WATKES
PURDY SISTERS

SPECIAL GUESTS

JESSE PATTERSON
MERRI AIKEN
SANDY FAIR

THE BAND

ROGER WILLIAMSON • DALE RIVARD • BRIAN MOLE • PAUL WILLIAMSON • KENNY FROMAGER

Allenford Community Centre
10 Alice Street, Allenford

An ACC Fundraising Event • AGCO (LLBO) Licenced



Canadian Mental Health Association
Grey Bruce
Mental Health and Recovery Services

walkforcourage.ca

Walk with us to remember those lost to suicide and support mental health services in Grey Bruce



Walk for
Courage
July 25, 2026

9 a.m. 5km walk

- Owen Sound Fitness & Training
- Sulphur Spring Conservation Area
- Virtual participation

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PROFESSIONAL
CORO CHAMBER
CANADA CHOIR

A Choral Concert: "Once Upon a Time"

myths & fairy tales
from Hans Christian Andersen, Yeats, and Albania



Admission by donation

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WEDNESDAY
JULY 22, 2026
7:00 P.M.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
865 2nd Ave W. Owen Sound

A Choral Extravaganza

Choir Camp Owen Sound Final Concert

100+ VOICE MASS CHOIR
LED BY DR. ELAINE CHOI
& DR. MARK RAMSAY



MUSICAL THEATRE CHOIR
LED BY LYNN JAMES AND JAMES PINHORN



GLOBAL MUSIC CHOIR
LED BY DR. LORINDA VAN WYK



EARLY MUSIC CHOIR
LED BY MATTHEW ALLARD



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FRIDAY
JULY 24, 2026
7:00 P.M.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
865 2nd Ave W. Owen Sound

COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS



Summer Concert Series

Sunday July 19th

7:00-8:30 PM

Get Back

Fairy Lake Pavilion (260 High street Southampton)

Sponsored by:



7:00-8:30 PM

Riverside Band

Emmett McGrath Pavilion (100 Harbour Street, Port Elgin)

Sponsored by:



Elgin Lodge
RETIREMENT LIVING

www.saugeenshores.ca/SummerConcerts



WINGS OF

Remembrance



BUTTERFLY RELEASE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND AT 2:00PM

TIVERTON WALK OF MEMORIES

PARKING AT THE ARENA



1 Butterfly: \$20.00

3 Butterflies: \$50.00

Must purchase by Tuesday, August 4, 2025

519-368-8812

Visit our website to adopt a butterfly:

www.huronshoreshospice.ca



SAVE the DATE!

FOR OUR

★ 3RD ANNUAL ★

HORSEPOWER

on the Greens

— GOLF TOURNAMENT —

— FRIDAY —

SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

The Club at Westlinks
— PORT ELGIN, ONTARIO —



PRANCE

PRANCE enriches hearts
and lives by partnering
horses and humans

AUG 10, 2026
7 PM - 9 PM

AUTHORS NIGHT

Join the authors as they share
the insights & inspirations
behind their works.

wine & cheese
reception

Allen Smuttylo

"Gold of Another Kind - The Lost Legacy
of Georgian Bay"

Diane Allengame

"Brilliant Obsession: Building the
Imperial Tower Lighthouses"

Dr. John C. Carter, Robin R. Hilborn
and William Stewart

The Editors of the new BCHS book

"Furrows of Bruce County: A harvest
of stories from the farm"

This lively wine and cheese reception is
hosted by the Bruce County Historical
Society and the Bruce County
Genealogical Society at the Bruce County
Museum & Cultural Centre.

FREE ADMISSION. LIMITED SEATING.

To register, visit: <https://www.bchshistory.ca>

CASH BAR WILL BE
AVAILABLE.

OR SCAN QR
TO REGISTER



Allen Smuttylo



Diane Allengame



Dr. John C. Carter, Robin R. Hilborn
and William Stewart



Location: 33 Victoria St N, Southampton



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