

# FRIDAY FILE

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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

**September 18, 2026**

## Diaconal Dan's Deliberation



As Frank, Chair of Council, shared last Sunday, there are some small but important changes happening around the church. Church Council has been looking at ways to make our space more inviting and welcoming by organizing some of our "catch-all" areas and renovating Rooms 1-2.

This has also inspired me to finally clean and organize my office. (Sort of.)

Before moving here, I kept a lot of things in my office, primarily for youth programs and activities. That habit followed me to Port Elgin United, resulting in a rather cluttered office. As I slowly work through the boxes, I am discovering those lovely mementos—things I once used a lot, that carry good memories, and that are surprisingly difficult to let go of.

One of those is my Marble Run. I have had it since I was about eight years old. I spent hours building elaborate structures for marbles to race through. My friends enjoyed it, and years later my niece and nephews did too. But now some of the plastic pieces are breaking, and it has been sitting unused in a box for about fifteen years—a box that has moved with me twice.

I think it is finally time for the Marble Run to go. That does not mean it was not valuable. Quite the opposite. It brought a lot of fun and creativity into my life and holds some wonderful memories. But keeping the box is not what gives those memories their value.

Maybe that is one of the questions that comes with organizing any space. Not simply, "Is this old?" but, "Does this still serve a purpose?" If something continues to be useful or meaningful, there may be good reason to keep it. But if we no longer need or use something, could it be better used somewhere else? Could it be repurposed? Or could letting it go simply make room for something new?

Sometimes we can be thankful for what something has given us without needing to hold onto it forever.

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](mailto:peucfinance@bmts.com)

Online on PEUC Website – By Credit Card – Canada Helps

| <b>Worship Schedule</b> | <b>September 20<br/>10:00am</b>  | <b>September 27<br/>10:00am</b>      | <b>October 4<br/>10:00am</b>     |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                         | 17 <sup>th</sup> After Pentecost | 18 <sup>th</sup> After Pentecost     | 19 <sup>th</sup> After Pentecost |
| <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>       | Doreen Wark                      | Bill Reany                           | Helen Cumming                    |
| <i>AV Booth Team</i>    | TBD                              | TBD                                  | TBD                              |
| <i>Fellowship</i>       | Stewardship<br>Pie & Ice Cream   | TBD                                  | TBD                              |
| <i>Counters</i>         | Helen Cumming                    | Pat Chesterman &<br>Brian Schnittker | Adele & Keith<br>Greig           |

# **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](mailto:peucfinance@bmts.com)

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

Email [peucfinance@bmts.com](mailto:peucfinance@bmts.com) to get set up

**" Together We Can Make a Difference"**



**Can't make it in? Follow us on Youtube**



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**Click on Image to view last Sunday's Worship**

# Inside PEUC



Keeping our church family in the loop.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of September 20 - September 26

|                           |                                                                                               |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday<br>September 20    | Men's Breakfast – 8am<br>Worship Service – 10am<br>Fellowship – Stewardship Pie and Ice Cream |
| Monday<br>September 21    |                                                                                               |
| Tuesday<br>September 22   | Comfort Quilters – 9:15am<br>Men's Study Group - 2-4pm                                        |
| Wednesday<br>September 23 | WOW Bible Study – 9am – 12pm<br>PE Playgroup – 10:30am-12pm                                   |
| Thursday<br>September 24  | Truth & Reconciliation Webinar – 12:30-3:30pm                                                 |
| Friday<br>September 25    | Youth Group – 7 -9pm                                                                          |
| Saturday<br>September 26  | Funeral – Douglas Rowe 1pm                                                                    |

## OFFSITE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### ELGIN LODGE WORSHIPS - 2:15PM

(2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH)

OCTOBER 11

NOVEMBER 8

DECEMBER 13

### SOUTHAMPTON CARE CENTRE WORSHIPS - 3:00PM

SEPTEMBER 27

NOVEMBER 15

# FOOD DRIVE SUNDAYS

Small  
Gifts  
Make a  
Big  
Difference

Starting in September, we will have a food drive on the **last Sunday of each month**.

Members are invited to bring a few food items to donate for the food securities programs in our community.



**BRING**  
A FEW  
FOOD ITEMS



**SHARE**  
WITH  
NEIGHBOURS



**SUPPORT**  
LOCAL FOOD  
SECURITY  
PROGRAMS

Neighbours  
Helping  
Neighbours



# VIDEO UPGRADES TO SANCTUARY

On Thursday September 17th the new monitor for the Choir/Singers was installed in the Sanctuary. The 60 inch TV has been replaced by an 85 inch TV.

The Choir and the Singers will be better able to see what is on the big screen behind them on the new monitor.



The new monitor in place. Randy holding the tape measure and Brian anchoring the monitor in place.



The monitor is operational and Brian is making the final checks to ensure it is working.

These upgrades are being paid out of our Special Projects fund. If you wish to contribute to replenish this fund all donations are welcome.

# Pie & Ice Cream

Stewardship will be serving  
pie and ice cream  
during fellowship on  
Sunday September 20th

We hope you can join us!

## September Men's Breakfast

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

**Sunday, September 20th**  
**8:00 am**

**Location: The Colonial Motel - Sun Rise Café**

**A Great time for fellowship and a great breakfast**

# FRANKIE and the FAIRLANES ROCK N' ROLL

HAPPENING HERE  
TICKETS ON SALE NOW



## CHANNEL SURFIN' MUSIC AND MEMORIES FROM THE GOLDEN AGE OF TELEVISION



ELVIS



ELTON



BEACH BOYS



**SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH**  
**3PM MATINEE**  
**PORT ELGIN UNITED CHURCH**  
840 Bruce Street, Port Elgin

**TICKETS: \$25 adults** 12 and under \$10

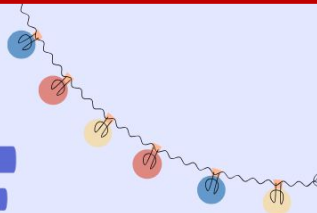
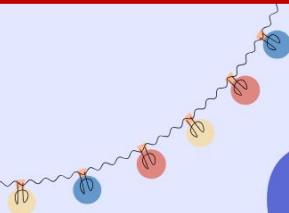
*Tickets - Church Office - 10am - 1pm - Tues - Fri.*

Join us for this celebration of the music and memories from the golden age of television! From Elvis to Elton, from Jerry Lee to Jim Croce, Frankie and the Fairlanes have tuned in an amazing show with special guests, lots of laughs and some great TV theme songs guaranteed to have you singing along. It's no surprise that Frankie and the Fairlanes have been Ontario's premier Rock-N-Roll review for nearly 20 years!

on line sales: [www.portelginunitedchurch.ca/ticket-purchases](http://www.portelginunitedchurch.ca/ticket-purchases)

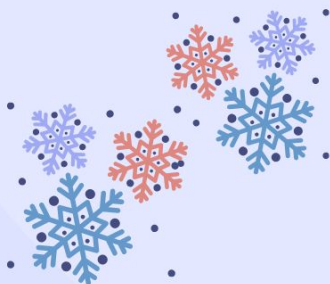
*in person at: Cathy's Flowers & Treasures  
683 Goderich St., Port Elgin*

[frankieandthefairlanes.com](http://frankieandthefairlanes.com)



# WINTER COAT DRIVE

DONATE YOUR GENTLY USED COATS AND WINTER  
ACCESSORIES TO HELP OTHERS STAY WARM.



**DROP OFF:**  
ANYTIME FROM  
SEPTEMBER 14-  
OCTOBER 22

 **DROP OFF LOCATION:**  
PORT ELGIN UNITED CHURCH  
840 BRUCE STREET

**DROP OFF BINS LOCATED:**  
**OUTSIDE THE FRONT ENTRANCE**

**ITEMS NEEDED:** ADULT AND CHILDREN'S COATS AND  
SNOW PANTS, HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES AND BOOTS



**COAT DRIVE EVENT DATE:**  
**FRIDAY OCTOBER 23**

FROM: 10AM-1PM AT PORT ELGIN UNITED CHURCH  
840 BRUCE STREET, PORT ELGIN  
519-832-9540    [PEUNITEDCHURCH@BMTS.COM](mailto:PEUNITEDCHURCH@BMTS.COM)

The background of the poster is a vibrant autumn scene. In the foreground, a black charcoal grill is filled with sizzling hamburgers and sausages, with wisps of smoke rising from the grates. To the left of the grill, a wicker basket holds several golden-brown hamburger buns, resting on a red and white checkered tablecloth. Next to the buns are two squeeze bottles, one red for ketchup and one yellow for mustard. A single orange pumpkin sits nearby. In the background, a lush green lawn is dotted with colorful autumn trees in shades of yellow, orange, and red. A wooden picnic table is visible in the distance under a clear blue sky.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH

**BBQ**

Hamburgers & Sausages  
Served

**JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP FOR A BBQ ON  
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>  
AS WE CELEBRATE  
ABBIE AND HER AWARD!**

# YOUTH GROUP @PEUC



## FRIDAYS 7-9PM

All youth, grades 6-12, are welcome to check out Youth Group

Starts Friday, Sept 11th

Discussions, games and snacks!

## DISCOVERY COVE BEGINS SEPT 13

**Two Classrooms:**  
**Room 3-6 for age 5-grade 3**  
**Room 1-2 for pre-teen/teens**

We are excited to get back to the swing of things this fall with two Sunday Morning programs for children and pre-teen/teens.

The pre-teen/teens group will meet with Shona in room 1-2 on Sept 20, Oct 4, 18, Nov 1, 15, 29, Dec 13.

The other Sundays will have a questionnaire to help engage with the worship service. Completed sheets will get a special treat.

## PORT ELGIN PARENT & KIDS PLAYGROUP

Infant to age 4

Wednesday's 10:30am-12:00pm

Starting September 16th

For more info contact Port Elgin United Church  
840 Bruce Street  
peunitedchurch@bmts.com  
519-832-9540



## The United Church of Canada

Dear United Church Worshippers,

Your input is needed.

As we strive to be faithful followers of Jesus in our time and place and to envision a future Toward 2035 and beyond, **we need your help!**

[Tell us about your worshipping context](#) and the emerging needs of your community of faith. Your input will help us develop and assess worship resources that support inspiring worship and our call to Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, and Daring Justice. Whether you're Ministry personnel, a music or lay leader, we want to hear from you!

The survey will take about 10-15 minutes to complete. You may skip any questions you cannot answer. After completing the survey you will be invited to participate in a longer, optional survey from Notre Dame University on Reformed liturgical practices in Europe and North America. This survey will take an additional 20 minutes to complete. All your responses to both surveys will remain anonymous.

In order to influence our Worship Resource planning for Toward 2035, **please complete the survey by October 1st, 2026.**

[Take the Survey](#)

[Click for link](#)

If you would prefer to complete this survey via interview or focus group, please reach out to [worship@united-church.ca](mailto:worship@united-church.ca) to sign-up for an online focus group.

I know that time is precious. So, thank you for sharing your wisdom and insights with us.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS

**Rotary**  
Southampton

**TICKETS  
NOW ON SALE**

Dinner Auction & Dance  
*A*  
**Mardi Gras  
MASKED BALL**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026  
LOFT TEN TWENTY, PORT ELGIN

**TICKETS \$130**  
Available from any Rotarian or call Henry 519 797 1388

**OUTLAW BREW CO**  
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**LIVE  
MUSIC**

**ANDY ORR**  
*THE PIANO MAN*

**SATURDAY SEPT 19**  
**6 PM**

**Youth  
Bowling  
League**

\$15/Week  
Ages 4-19  
Starting September 18  
Practice 5:45 | Start at 6:00  
One time registration fee of \$40  
Fun for all ages, coaching  
available, optional tournaments.

*Sunset Family Fun Centre*

**Gospel Music  
SUNDAY**

Sunday, October 18  
at 10:30am

**Bishop Carla  
is visiting**

**Faith Lutheran Church**  
525 Ivings Drive, Port Elgin

**All are Welcome!**

# COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORTS



## Free Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

Saturday, September 26, 2026  
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Southampton Works Yard  
429 Peel Street, Southampton

[www.brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste](http://www.brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste)





Please join the Southampton and Port Elgin BIAs

### Business focussed Candidates' Meeting

October 5th, 7pm  
Southampton Town Hall Auditorium

*The meeting will be in-person, all welcome.*

View pre-meeting questions and answers here  
<https://southamptonbia.com/candidates-meeting>

The floor will open to questions, time permitting.

## SOUTHAMPTON CURLING CLUB OPEN HOUSE

September 19, 2026  
1:00PM - 4:00 PM  
26 ALBERT ST S.



# 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](mailto:livinghope@bmts.com)

Updated November 13/24



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Hope  
Today

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COMMUNITY SERVICES / FOOD BANK

Saugeen Shores

614 Barnes Ave, Saugeen Shores, ON

## Living Hope

peanut butter  
corn  
canned tomatoes  
maple beans

## Salvation Army

Kleenex  
paper towels  
laundry  
dish soap  
diapers  
baby food

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

