

OUR VALUES

Faith/Love of God = BELIEVING

Community/Inclusion = BELONGING

Compassion/Compromise = INVITING

“Our relationship with God and each other strengthens us and helps make the world a better place.”

We welcome and include everyone into our community of faith.

Morning Worship Service @ 10 am



Join Us On YouTube for the Live Stream of Our
Worship Service

<https://www.youtube.com/@huronshores4193>

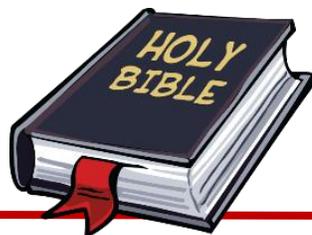
Immediately After the Service, Join Us On Our Zoom Chat Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83887699257> Meeting ID: 838 8769 9257

Sermon

Lenten Series:

GIVING IT UP! - Control



Readings

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6

New Testament Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

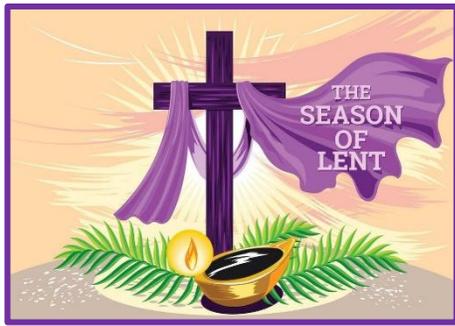
ACM Scheduled for Sunday, February 22nd, 2026

We are looking forward to seeing everyone out to share with us in celebration of our accomplishments, and to discuss important information as we go forward.

The meeting will occur immediately following the church service. We will then convene downstairs for a shared potluck of finger food.

Electronic copies of the Annual Report and a separate Financial Package will be available via mail chimp by Sunday, February 8th.

~ Deb Gill



SONG:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4cTevt2o5Os>

AT THE CROSS

by the Collingsworth Family

MEDITATION: It's Ash Wednesday, and today marks the beginning of Lent—a 40-day season of reflection, repentance, and renewal.

After the frivolity and feasting of Shrove Tuesday (*also called Fat Tuesday due to the large number of delicious pancakes with butter and syrup that many of us consumed yesterday!*)

Ash Wednesday reminds us of our human frailty and our deep need for God's grace. The ashes symbolize both our mortality. The scriptures remind us that *"from dust you are and to dust you will return."*

But the Bible also reminds us of the hope we have in Christ's resurrection, and that at the end of this rather somber, long season, Easter will arrive.

As we enter this season, let's take a quiet moment to:

- **Reflect** on areas of our life where we've perhaps drifted from God.
- **Repent** with a sincere heart, knowing that God's mercy is greater than our failings and wrong-doings.
- **Renew** our commitment to walk in humility, love, and obedience.

On this first day of Lent, may we be aware of our weaknesses and our need for God's mercy. May the Lord cleanse our hearts, renew our spirits, and guide us through this Lenten journey, drawing us into a closer, more faithful relationship each day.



Thank you to our
outstanding
volunteers and to
everyone who
came out for
Shrove Tuesday.
We had a
wonderful time
with great friends,
great food and lots
of laughter!



A Tribute for Peter Challen

For his 81st Birthday – January 17, 2026

Dedicated to a Life of Service, Compassion, and Spirit

By Mona Rampersaud-Jones

On this turning of the cosmic wheel,
we pause to honour the quiet radiance of your life.
Teacher, counsellor, vice principal—
you shaped lives long before you shaped liturgies.

As a minister, your humility, patience,
and steadfast love became a living form of worship.
At Huron Shores United Church,
Your willingness to serve lifted the whole community.

You stood beside me through illness and uncertainty,
offering presence and compassion—
a serene neighbourly love that sheltered me.

Those who meet you encounter
a man of calling and character,
one who listens deeply and lifts others.

Today, eighty-one years after
the breath of God stirred your story into motion,
we give thanks for the teacher,
the minister,
the friend.



Celebrating HSUC and the Community Food Pantry

Sunday, March 1st will be a celebration service recognizing HSUC and our relationship with the Grand Bend

Community Food Pantry. We will be celebrating with prayers, music and a little drama. Some volunteers will be attending and participating in the service. Hope to see you then!

Thank-you! ~ Lois Gill

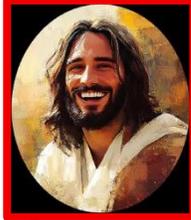
HSUC is Scent Free

As we approach the Easter season, I am reminded of growing up in a church filled with Easter lilies and struggling to breathe, never mind sing!
We encourage everyone to wear scent free products for everyone's good health. I certainly understand the attraction of a beautiful fragrance. However, it really negatively impacts on a number of our church family members.

*Thanks for your sensitivity,
~ Deb Gill, Chair of HSUC Council*

The Keen-Eye-of-The-Week

The announcements slides before worship contain more news than we can cover during the verbal announcements. To encourage reading them, Peter Challen has embedded a photo of Jesus into some of the slides. Each week, count the correct number, and you'll win the "Keen-Eye-of-The-Week."



 **World Day of Prayer**
Journée mondiale de la prière **2026**

"I Will Give You Rest: Come"
Matthew 11:28-30
Titre: Rest for the Weary
Artist: Gift Amarachi Ottah

« Je vous procurerai le repos. Venez »
Mattieu 11, 28-30
Titre: Le repos pour vous qui peinez sous le poids du fardeau
Artiste: Gift Amarachi Ottah

Ecumenical Worship Service Information/ Renseignements sur la célébration œcuménique

Day, Time/la date, l'heure
Friday March 6, 2026 @ 100pm

Location/L'endroit
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
337 Ontario Street South, Grand Bend, Ontario N0M 1T0

Additional Information/informations supplémentaires
Wheelchair  Accessible, washrooms available, large gathering hall. Open to all Faith Communities in Grand Bend.

Service written and Prepared by WDP Nigeria, prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada
Service préparé par des chrétiennes du Nigeria, préparé et adapté pour le Canada par le Réseau œcuménique des chrétiennes du Canada



HSUC Amazing Tech Team

Along with death and taxes, one of the things I know of to be a certainty is the breakdown of Technology. Anyone working in IT Engineering or Product Development knows this to be true. However, this does not mitigate the frustration of folks at home who do not want to miss out on our worships services or the intense anxiety of the tech team struggling to solve the problems.

Last Sunday I watched from the choir our dedicated volunteers clearly struggling to get software updated and reinstate the video component of the screens for folks attending the worship service in person. Sadly, we were not able to fix the audio difficulty on time. I was struck by how potentially thankless their volunteer positions can be and for the first time realized that not only are the folks at home missing out on the worship experience so are the team every time they are working audio, slides and camera.

Time again to share my gratitude and offer up a prayer of thanksgiving. *Please join me in supporting this amazing team in our church.*

~ Deb Gill

Chair of HSUC Council

REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE IS MARCH 8TH.

The next *Caring Casseroles* cooking session is Friday, February 27th, 2026
Everyone welcome!



CALENDAR

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH OUR EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE

[CALENDAR LINK HERE](#)

16 Pancake lunch set up ● 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness ● 10:15am Prayer Shawls Group ● 1pm Embellishment Team	17 11:30am to 1:00pm: Shrove Tuesday ● 9am Polewalking Group ● 10am Coffee Club ● 4pm Rotary Club of Grand Bend M ● 7pm GBP Team Meeting	18 ● 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness ● 1pm Community Bible Study on Zo ● 2pm Food Pantry Food Distributio ● 3:30pm Huron Shores Singers Rehe	19 ● 2pm Food Pantry Food Distributio	20 ● 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness ● 10am Kitty's Coffee Group ● 1:30pm Chamber of Commerce ● 2pm Food Pantry Food Distributio	21 ● 9:30am Building Maintenance	22 Annual Congregational Meeting ● 10am WORSHIP
23 ● 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness ● 2pm Food Pantry Food Distributio	24 ● 9am Polewalking Group ● 10am Coffee Club ● 2pm Food Pantry Food Distributio ● 4pm Rotary Board Meeting	25 ● 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness ● 9am Food Pantry ● 1pm Community Bible Study on Zo ● 2pm Food Pantry Food Distributio ● 3:30pm Huron Shores Singers Rehe	26 ● 10am LEN Climate Cafe ● 12:30pm Kitchen Krew ● 2pm Food Pantry Food Distributio	27 ● 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness ● 10am Caring Casseroles and Soup ● 10am Kitty's Coffee Group ● 2pm Food Pantry Food Distributio	28 ● 9:30am Building Maintenance	Mar 1 ● 10am WORSHIP
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Poem by Mona Ramperaud-Jones

Sundays With Reverend Nancy & HSUC Team

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She lifts the ancient words,
and they glow in her hands—
small embers of Christ-light
warming the quiet places
within us.

When she speaks,
the air grows still and holy,
and the heart remembers
a quiet door
it once knew
as peace.

In a world trembling at its edges,
she keeps a soft lamp burning,
guiding mercy to enter softly
the fragile ground
where fear begins to transform
into love.



No harshness roots in her touch.
She sows forgiveness lightly—
mustard seeds drifting
into the cracked soil
of our days.

And we, stilled and opened,
become a field of early dawn
where love rises slowly,
and grace finds
its way home.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please let us know if you would like your name included in “Prayers of the People” for Sunday worship. If you have a prayer request that you wish to share with the congregation on Sundays, or just privately with Rev. Nancy Knowles, please send it to: hsucprayers@gmail.com



If you are ever in need of prayer, would like to chat to someone, or would like a visit, please reach out to any one of your **Congregational Visitors**.

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IMAGE OF THE WEEK

One of the beautiful ice sculptures at the Grand Bend Winter Carnival



COMMUNITY EVENTS AT HSUC

Sunset Cinema
presents the film



PARADISE ROAD

Glenn Close, Frances McDormand, Anna Margulies

An amazing, true story about a group of women in a Japanese prisoner of war camp during World War II, and how they survived - united through music, determination and hope.

This outstanding movie contains moments of graphic violence, and is NOT suitable for younger viewers. Donations gratefully accepted. Thank you!

Thursday, March 5th, at 7:00 pm
Free Admission Free Popcorn

Grand Bend Place
Centre for the Living Arts
25 Main Street E
Grand Bend



Climate change is still happening, no matter what that guy says. Let's talk about what we can do together to make a positive difference.

Join us for great conversations :

February 26 , 2026 10-11:30 - Discussing the final Project Drawdown video
April 29, 2026 10-11:30 - Sara Mai Chitty, the Indigenous perspective
Grand Bend Place, 25 Main Street, Grand Bend



Lakeshore Eco-Network
Climate Cafe
Presented by Lakeshore Eco-Network in partnership with the Rotary Club of Grand Bend. Coffee and treats will be provided.
<http://lakeshoreeconetwork.ca>

tickets & info **TICKETWINDOW** BC
226-213-4811 events start here




YOUR 2026 CONCERT TICKET
The fun starts here!

Doors always open 30 minutes before showtime

**25 Main Street
Grand Bend, ON 519-238-2402**

TAKE 3 & COMPANY: THE RHYTHMS OF BRASIL	29 March 2026 3pm
FRESH HORSES: GARTH BROOKS TRIBUTE	24 April 2026 7pm
DENISE PELLEY: THE WONDER OF STEVIE	29 May 2026 7pm
MAGGIE'S WAKE: CD RELEASE CONCERT	26 June 2026 7pm
SULTANS OF STRING	2 October 2026 7pm
THE BEATLES THE BEATLES RE-VISITED	13 November 2026 7pm
THE CROONERS & THE BETTY'S RETRO CHRISTMAS SPECIAL	6 December 2026 3pm

Winter Wellness and Adventures
a 5-part Series

partners IN LEARNING

Jan. 12/26: Emergency Preparedness, Jay vanKlinken from Lambton County will talk about information sources during an emergency, and how to be prepared in your home or if you have to shelter elsewhere.

Jan. 26/26: Senior Nutrition, Susan Bird, Dietitian, from the Grand Bend Health Centre will inform us on practical tips you can start using right away to support muscle strength, bone density and cognitive function.

Feb. 9/26: Curling for Your Life, Mike Ash, a 62-year curler, will tell you about curling clubs and why it is Canada's only sport that you can play and enjoy from age 5 to 95 to get physical activity and social engagement.

Feb. 23/26: Churchill MB Polar Bear Expedition Travel Experience & International Polar Bear Day, Our own Fredi Hunter will regale you with everything about Canada's largest land mammal.

Mar. 7/26: Fort Rose Maple Company, A Field Trip. Meet at Fort Rose, 27382 Coldstream Road, Parkhill (about 30 minutes from Grand Bend) at 10:00 am for a delicious brunch and a tour. Cost is \$20 pp and you can car pool at your discretion. See our website for a flyer with detailed directions.

Grand Bend Place
25 Main Street, Grand Bend ON
Mondays 10:00am – 12 noon
\$5 per session
Note exceptions for March 7th.

We'll be waiting for you!
For more information visit:
partnersinlearning.ca
or call: 519-237-3418

Lakeshore Eco-Network
UPCOMING EVENTS
Winter/Spring 2026



FEB 26	10-11:30 a.m. Climate Cafe- What We Can Do About Climate Change (Project Drawdown video and conversation). Grand Bend Place
MARCH 7	11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Going Solar with John Watson of Bluewater Energy. Port Franks Community Centre, in partnership with Port Franks Garden Club
APRIL 29	10-11:30 a.m. Climate Cafe- Sara Mai Chitty on Indigenous Approaches to Climate Action and conversation, Grand Bend Place
MAY 2	9-11:30 a.m. Spring Tree and Plant Sale, Lambton Heritage Museum

For more details and updates about these events, please visit our website
<http://lakeshoreeconetwork.ca>

COMMUNITY EVENTS AROUND TOWN

DRAYTON ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS

THE CUTEST DOG SHOW ON EARTH



Huron Country Playhouse

March Break The Cutest Dog Show On Earth

March 19, 2026

[MORE INFO](#)



FEB 13 -21, 2026

SQUARE FOOT SHOW

Join us for an exhibition showcasing original 12" x 12" artworks created by our talented local artists, all available at a single price

63 River Road, Grand Bend, ON

SUNSET ARTS GALLERY

SPECIAL EVENT HOURS
 FEBRUARY 13/24: 10 AM - 4 PM
 FEBRUARY 15: 12 PM - 4 PM
 FEBRUARY 20/21: 10 AM - 4 PM

THANK-YOU TO OUR NEIGHBOURS!

On Monday, February 23rd
 from 12:00 – 1:30pm



ST. JOHN'S BY-THE-LAKE ANGLICAN CHURCH
 70642 Bluewater Highway, Grand Bend ON

is serving up lunch in thanks for the support we receive from you.



We hope you can join us as we offer a choice of soups, sandwiches, coffee, tea and cookies.

PAINT ONTARIO

ART COMPETITION, EXHIBITION & SALE

May 2 - 17, 2026
 Grand Bend Legion, Community Hall

Art lovers and curious newcomers alike are invited to experience an inspiring creative festival.

Regular Show Tickets - \$10
 Multi-day pass, come to all the events.

Hours:
 Saturday to Thursday
 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A Festival of Creativity
 Opening Night Gala: May 1
 Live Artist Demonstrations
 Over 200 Paintings & Sculpture
 Family Weekend: May 9 & 10

Grand Bend Art Centre

PaintOntario.com



Grand Bend Area Community Health Centre

Community Advisory Council

March 31st, 2026 10 am - 11:00 am
 Grand Cove Coffee Hour
 Grand Cove Clubhouse

- Role of the Community Advisory Council
- What does the Health Centre offer?
- Updates on the strategic plan and new patient onboarding
- Have your blood pressure checked and learn about the Kool Aid program



Lakeshore Eco-Network
<http://lakeshoreeconetwork.ca>

Spring 2026 Native Tree and Plant Sale

Saturday May 2, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 Lambton Heritage Museum, 10035 Museum Road, Grand Bend

- Beautiful, easy to grow native trees and plants
- Expert information and advice from the growers