

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/@huronshores4>

Remember
we worship
at **10 am.**

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

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

Sermon

*Embracing Truth
& Reconciliation*

Orange
Shirt
Sunday



Readings

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32

New Testament: Philippians 2:1-13

Get Ready for a Silent Auction EDIBLES TABLE!

This year, in addition to a standard Silent Auction table at the Chicken Dinner, we'll be having an Edibles Table...featuring all kinds of delicious goodies...

And we need some donations!

Would you consider donating some baked goods, or jams/jellies, or preserves to our edibles table? Please let Janice, Betsy or Nancy know if you're able to donate! **Thank you!**



SONG: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8zav7bsP2k>

HOW FAR by Tasha Tayton

MEDITATION:

How Much Does God Love You?

Only God can answer this question.

Fortunately, we have the Bible where we can find out what read about how God thinks, which is kind of amazing....to know what an Almighty, loving God is thinking!



Most of us are familiar with John 3:16, (even if it's by reading a post board at a sports event) but often being familiar with something keeps us from understanding it as fully and clearly as we should. Think about it: God, in Christ, so loved the dirty, rotten, rebellious world of people -- even those who hated him, that he decided to suffer the punishment that justice demanded so we could be forgiven and free.

God loves you -- no matter who you are -- no matter what you have done. He loves you more than you can imagine or understand.

God loves us more than anything. That is proven by the fact that God put our interest, needs and feelings ahead of everything, choosing to sacrifice Jesus just so we could have a relationship with our Creator.

How can anyone not love and worship such a Being?

Today, remind yourself how much God cares for you...maybe try this little mantra throughout your day... "God loves me. God loves me. God loves me."



**We celebrate World
Communion Sunday on
October 4, 2026.**

Dear Members of Our Community of Faith,

We are delighted to share the newest video message from The Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath, 45th Moderator of The United Church of Canada.

This video message focuses on **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** and **Orange Shirt Day** (September 30th).

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7WG5DtCS3k>



We at HSUC will be marking Orange Shirt Day on **Sunday, September 27th**, and you are invited to wear orange to our worship service that day, as we stand in solidarity with our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

~Rev. Nancy

MY CHALLENGE TO YOU...from Pastor Nancy

If you weren't in church on August 30 (*or even if you were and need a reminder!*) you missed my "homework assignment" for the month of September.

I want each member of our faith family to start to dream – to think about what might be possible in, and through, Huron Shores United Church. It might be a small goal, or a huge vision. It might involve the entire congregation and major resources, or it might be something just one person (*hopefully you!*) can do. Because we all need to commit to making our goals come to pass.

NOW.... write it down. Big, bold, block letters on a page. Or as a poem, or as a drawing....it doesn't matter how you display it. *Just write it down.*

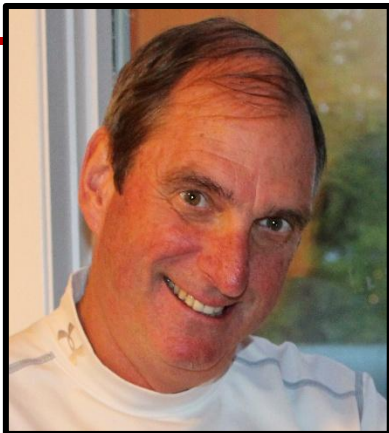
And then, let's share our dreams, our visions and hopes for HSUC. Put them on a big display board, so that we can look and laugh and hope and plan together. *No, you don't need to put your name to it* – but you do need to put your heart and prayers into it.

As we celebrate our 100th Anniversary this October – and celebrate it every Sunday in October – please bring in and add your dream to the Visioning Board. Then on the final Anniversary Sunday of October 25th, we'll prayerfully offer all our hopes and dreams and plans to God together.

There's a scripture that says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

We don't want to be perishing people. *It's time to dream!*





A Moment of Thankfulness

By Bob Illman

Sometimes Stewardship can be challenging, and here is one of those times. But in hindsight it is also that there is a feeling that **Someone is looking over us**. I was Chair of Stewards at the time four months into the role in 1992.

The Hand of God had held us in our need.

Our Minister was at our bank on another matter and was handed our monthly statement before it was mailed out, he opened it as I would have. I received an urgent call from him and returned to Grand Bend at once. There were financial concerns around the statement which confirmed suspicious transactions that we were trying to address with our treasurer without success. Huron Perth Presbytery was most helpful providing as a representative from Goderich in the initial stages and the development of corrective action moving forward. **He was a gift from heaven!**

On a Thursday evening February 1992, I stood before a Joint Meeting of GBUC Session and Stewards to inform them that our Treasurer was suspended due to an investigation of the Ontario Provincial Police about financial concerns and questions of her that remained unanswered.

The shock was immeasurable! As I presented our course of action in a series of operational motions, I recall their shocked faces and eyes, those dark, disbelieving eyes, I could see into their souls, it was very painful. Later, one could imagine the reaction of our congregants and community. There were no answers due to the ongoing investigation, only doubt, financial concerns, and much conjecture in our communities. Emotions were rampant.

In the early months of the investigation an active account at the Bank of Montreal was found in the name of the treasurer's mother-in-law, who was deceased for several years. The Canada Revenue Agency had both the treasurer and her husband in court on a charge of theft and in a matter of a months with a guilty verdict and restitution of those stolen funds.

The Hand of God held us a second time...stress relief for our minister, our communities and me. Not only were the bank accounts cleaned out there was a number of expenses unpaid and as always, but there are also our continued operational financial concerns.

From reconstructed bank records our annual income, at the time, was less than \$90,000, we were now owing \$63,000 on top of our operating expenses, which was always break even up a little down a little, funny how some things never change!

The United Church of Canada forgave the Mission and Service nonpayment of \$30,000 over a five-year period. By the end of the year, bank accounts were restored and debts paid. **That was faith and stewardship!**

I mentioned the hand of God that held us, there was a third element, before our final court trial, some six and a half years later, our minister visited me and handed me a piece of paper. It was a letter from a lawyer about a last will and testament for an amount similar to the stolen funds.

A combination of the strength of the people in this congregation, and the **Hand of God that held us in this journey** working among us, makes me thankful for this church. It did back then. It does today... and it will into the future.

Vision and mission of HSUC – answering Reverend Nancy's Challenge



WHERE LOVE MAKES A WAY BELONGING — THE CIRCLE WE WIDEN

Mark 12:31 • John 9:1-7

A church is not a circle
people may enter only if they fit.

It is a living table, willing to change its shape
because another life has arrived.

We will not make suffering a verdict
or mistake difference for distance.

We will see the person before the problem,
hear the story before the judgment,
and speak each name with care.

Belonging is more than being welcomed.
It is knowing:

Your presence matters.
Your story will be heard.
Your gifts are needed here.

Move the chair. Widen the table.
Let every person be needed.

**God makes a way—
and love widens the circle.**

At Huron Shores United Church, we seek to love God,
widen the circle of belonging, and meet one another across our differences
with compassion—**making welcome visible through action.**

Mona Rampersaud-Jones

September 14, 2026

FALL FREE STORE

October 16th & 17th - We are pleased to offer the Fall Free Store to our community again. In the past we have had huge support from our Community of Faith with their generous donations of clothing and small household items. Because this is our Fall Free Store we ask only for fall and winter donations. We would appreciate it if you would save any spring and summer donations for the Spring Free Store in May 2027.

Anyone donating items for the Free Store is asked to please drop off items in the Fellowship Hall at the given times only as there is no storage available at the church.

DROP OFF TIME SCHEDULE: Thurs. Oct 15,
from 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 or 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
and Fri, Oct.16, from 9:00 a.m. - NOON ONLY

With an increase in the need within our community we greatly appreciate the support of our Community of Faith with their donations and time. If you are interested, we are still in need of volunteers.



FALL FREE STORE

Huron Shores United Church
25 Main Street, Grand Bend



Friday, October 16th, 2026

5:00pm-7:30pm

Saturday, October 17th

9:00am-2:00pm

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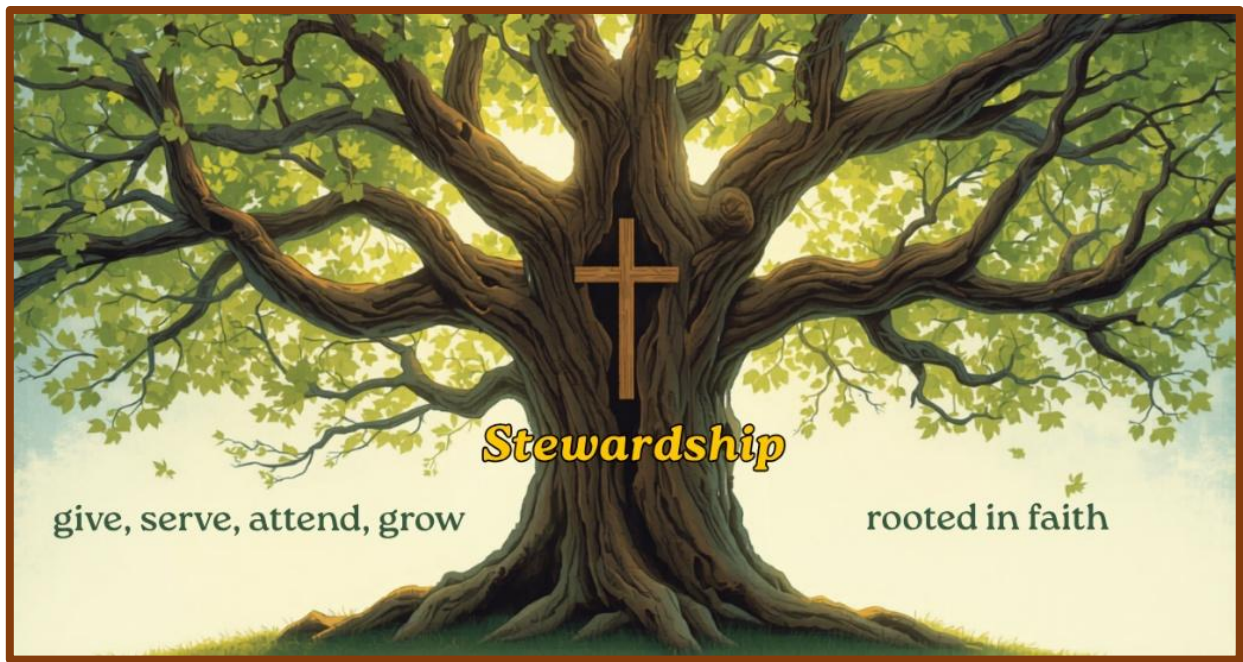
For More Information
226-456-8134

Caring Casseroles Returning!

Caring Casseroles is starting up again! After a busy summer, we will be restarting Caring Casseroles at the end of September.

The first one will take place on **Friday, September 25th** from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Please join us!

~ Lois Gill



A Stewardship Letter

Our community of faith has achieved something remarkable because we renovated our building. As well as giving us an amazing space in which to worship, this renovation has enabled Christ's work to become an integral part of Grand Bend.

The food pantry was initiated to meet the needs of food insecurity in our community. Our accredited kitchen enables the preparation of caring casseroles and food pantry meals. We have space for fridges and freezers and storage for the food pantry.

We have Grand Bend Place for the Living Arts. We have meeting space for receptions, Rotary Club, Partners in Learning, the Prayer Shawl group, the exercise group, the Tuesday pole walking and coffee group, free monthly movies and Jazz Vespers free music and fellowship, and more.

These activities have far reaching impact for our church and for the community of Grand Bend. It is important that we meet our financial obligation this year so that we can continue to support these worthwhile activities.

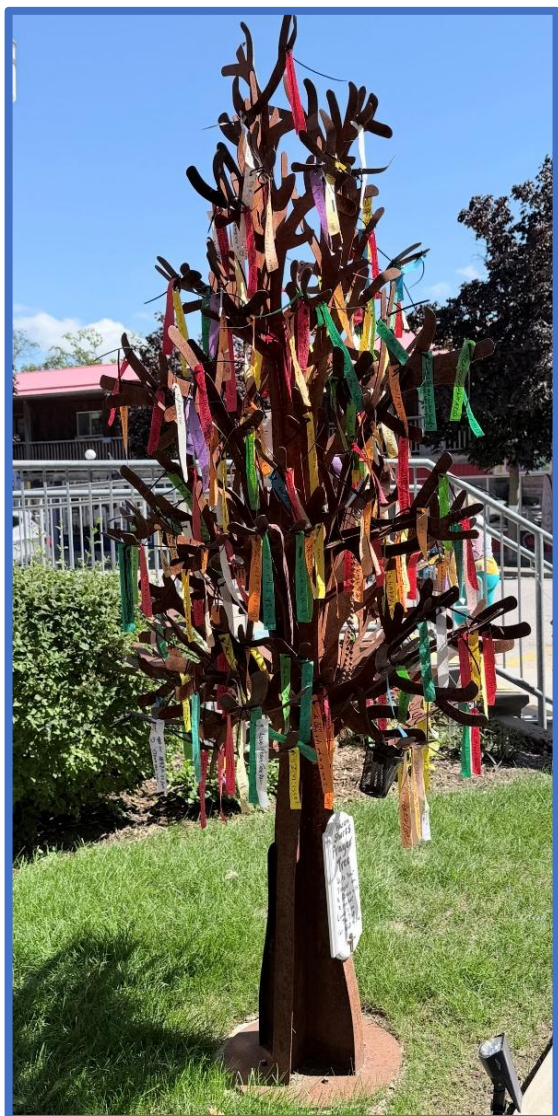
God has guided us to this point and will be with us as we move forward. Now it's up to each of us to think about how we can help.

CALENDAR

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH OUR EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE

[CALENDAR LINK HERE](#)

21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 9am Food Pantry Shopper and R 10:15am Prayer Shawl Group 1pm Embellishment Team 2pm Food Pantry Food Repacker	9am Polewalking Group 10am Coffee Club 2pm Food Pantry Food Repacker 4pm Rotary Board Meeting 7pm Jazz Vespers ay 7pm with TI	8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 9am Food Pantry Shoppers and F 9am Kitchen and Servery Cleanir 1pm Bible Study on Zoom 2 more	2pm Food Pantry Food Repacker	8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 8:45am Caring Casseroles 9am Food Pantry Shoppers and f 10am Wedding Set-Up 2 more	Amanda and Ryan's Wedding 9:30am Building Maintenance	Orange Shirt Day 10am WORSHIP
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You often see Bill and Ginger Weber down and around the Grand Bend waterfront enjoying the atmosphere. That is not all they do! Before heading down there, they stop by the church and tend to the Prayer Tree. They've been doing this all summer. They made a sign. They add new tags. They arrange the tags to enhance the look. They ensure that markers are available. All this, with a smile on their faces! Thank you, Bill and Ginger, for doing amazing Prayer Tree maintenance!

On Sunday, September 27th, all the prayers will be blessed! ~ Mary McFadden



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

HSUC AND GBP EVENTS

Sunset Cinema
presents the film

MORGAN FREEMAN MATT DAMON
INVICTUS

Directed by Clint Eastwood, *Invictus* is a 2009 biographical sports drama that portrays Nelson Mandela's efforts to unite post-apartheid South Africa through the 1995 Rugby World Cup.

Donations gratefully accepted. Thank you!
Invictus is Rated PG 13

Thursday, Oct. 8th, at 7:00 pm
Free Admission Free Popcorn

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

GRAND BEND PLACE

BBQ Half Chicken By Appin Farms

To Support 

HARVEST CHICKEN DINNER

Saturday October 3rd 2026

\$30

Doors/Bar Open 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm
Take Out at 4:15pm and 4:30pm Pick Up

Join us at the
Grand Bend Legion
for an Autumn meal with friends and lots of fun!

Cash Bar **Silent Auction**

21 Municipal Drive, Grand Bend

Enjoy Live Jazz & Soulful Candlelight Reflection!

THE THERESA WALLIS TRIO

JAZZ VESPER

Tuesday, November 17th, 2026
7:00 PM

ALL AGES EVENT
25 Main Street, Grand Bend

Donations Welcome

GRAND BEND PLACE
Centre for the Living Arts

HURON SHORES UNITED CHURCH

Supported by the London Musicians Association

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AROUND TOWN



Lakeshore Eco-Network
www.lakeshoreeconetwork.ca

Fall Native Tree and Plant Sale and Tree People Launch

Saturday October 3, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Lambton Heritage Museum, 10035 Museum Road, Grand Bend

Join us for a great selection of native plants and trees, and to help launch our project to plant 14,000 trees in Lambton Shores
Bring your gloves and we'll start planting trees!

FASHION

Show & Silent Auction

TICKETS \$50
plus HST
Reserved Seating

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HURON COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE
70689 B LINE
GRAND BEND

7 OCT 2026

DOORS OPEN 5:45 PM
SILENT AUCTION 5:45 PM - 7:15
APPETIZERS 6:15 PM - 6:45
SHOW STARTS 7:30 PM

New Silent Auction
Cash Bar
Fashions By Designers For Him and Her & Static Boutique
Door Prizes 50/50 Draw
Appetizers

PRESENTED BY
Huron Country Playhouse Guild



Celebrating 55 Years in 2027

BUY TICKETS NOW
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General Meeting

Tuesday
September 29th
2026

Join us
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Grand Bend Legion
21 Municipal Drive
Grand Bend

REMINDER!
Bring your donation of perennial plants and/or bulbs to this meeting as part of our fundraiser that evening.

Speaker
GARY HENDIN
The science of greenhouse horticulture, a field where Canada is a world leader.

Please Note Date Change

Bring a friend for a fun night of information, socializing, refreshments and door prizes!

MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES



LAMBTON SHORES MUNICIPAL ELECTION
ALL CANDIDATES MEETING
OCTOBER 14 7 P.M.
GRAND BEND LEGION

YOUR VOTE, YOUR POWER

HOSTED BY
Rotary Club of Grand Bend Lakeshore Eco-Network