

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>

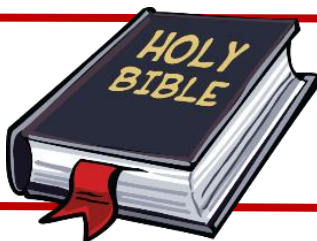
Immediately After the Service, Join Us On Our Zoom Chat Link:

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

Remember
we worship
at **10 am**
this
Sunday!

Sermon

God Will Make A Way



Readings

Job 22:5-9, John 9:1-7

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: [We Believe - Newsboys \(lyric video\)](#)

MEDITATION: *One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" - Mark 12:28*

During a memorial service, a daughter shared her deceased father's personal creeds, which included:

"You should not confuse your career with your life." "Nobody cares if you can't dance well; just get up and dance." "Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night."

Although less flippant, religious creeds function much the same way: they are words we did not write, posted on the metaphorical walls of the church, passed down from our elders to help focus our hearts on what matters most.

Some of us are suspicious of dogmatic "I believe" statements, skeptical of any tool that might be used by the powerful to impose conformity and control. I appreciate the skepticism, but at their best, creeds and faith statements offer a collective stance against the injustice and the empty promises of our world.

So if the dusty words of the Apostles or Nicene Creed no longer ring true, or if they feel oppressive, maybe it's time for new statements. Not new credos of personal perspective, although they are important too, but new *expressions* of the shared faith-filled truths that ground us: Creator, Christ, Spirit, Love, Liberation, Community.

In the face of a current global crises and uncertainty, freshening up our statements of faith may sound like a superfluous, low priority exercise. However, faith is critical in urgent times. Defying dysfunction and evil begins with affirming God's vision for all creation.

Belief fuels action. Our actions reflect our beliefs.



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 fond farewell as HSUC's favourite summer student, Michaela, as she moves on once again to continue travelling her brilliant career path, to become an attorney. Thank you for all you have done to brighten our days and advance the good works of Huron Shores United Church! You are missed!

Appin BBQ Chicken is Back!

The Fund Development team met in June to discuss the results of our Hello Summer dinner. While it was a success and most of us enjoyed the ham, it was clear that the community appreciated the half BBQ chicken even more! As a result, the working group agreed with Council backing that we will only do the chicken dinners, both spring, and fall going forward.

On the good news front despite the fact that the Appin chicken dinner caterers had partially retired and did not want to do any work on the weekends, they agreed because we were Church group they will still provide us with what we need on Saturdays going forward. So this means, bring your takeout containers with you for all the leftovers.

While we always appreciate the community of faith support, we are hoping more and more to increase attendance from the extended community. Please share the information below with family and friends. There will be a silent auction available for folks that choose to eat in and of course we are happy to make reservations for tables of 12. In addition, there's always a takeout option and the food is delivered right to your car!

We are having fun, creating video clips of various aspects to the creation of our Legion dinners. Look forward to seeing these on the HSUC Facebook page starting mid August.

Meanwhile, by September, this is where you can get your tickets:



BBQ Half Chicken By Appin Farms

To support  **HURON SHORES UNITED CHURCH**

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

How to Purchase

- In person Monday through Thursday 9:00-12:00 at HSUC office with cash, check, debit or credit
- Sundays following church services with cash, check, debit or credit
- Directly to the sellers with cash or check

All the proceeds go to supporting HSUC outreach projects. Thank you!

~ Deb Gill, Chair, HSUC Council

Check out our Facebook reels, also coming your way via mail chimp next week!

Huron Shores United Church				
Income and Expense Statement				
January 2026 - August 2026				
		January - August	January - August	2026.00
		Actual	Budget	Annual Budget
INCOME				
OPERATIONAL FUNDS	4010	94813.19	121666.72	182500.00
GRAND BEND PLACE	4100	30316.30	31333.44	47000.00
RESTRICTED-FLOW THROUGH	4201	8942.35	9466.64	14200.00
BUILDING - DEBT & USAGE	4800	34600.26	28666.72	43000.00
TOTAL INCOME		168672.10	191133.52	286700.00
EXPENSES				
FIXED EXPENSES				
SALARIES & HONORARIUMS	5050	87358.69	89949.92	134924.99
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	5400	7260.94	9133.44	13700.00
BUILDING & GROUNDS	5600	27789.32	22433.36	33650.00
Subtotal Fixed Expenses		122408.95	121516.72	182274.99
DEPARTMENT S/COMMITTEES				
C OF SUPPORT	6010	342.35	500.00	750.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	6200	206.27	800.00	1200.00
WORSHIP & MUSIC	6275	1340.76	1533.36	2300.00
MISSION & OUTREACH-LOCAL	6300	1240.78	1666.64	2500.00
GRAND BEND PLACE	6400	24872.39	23786.56	35680.00
STEWARDSHIP	6425	401.70	333.36	500.00
MISSION & SERVICE - UCC	6455	8111.06	8000.00	12000.00
DEBT-FUNDRAISING-COUNCIL	6550	26300.60	33040.00	49560.00
Subtotal Departments/committees		62815.91	69659.92	104490.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		185224.86	191176.64	286764.99
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES		-16552.76	-43.12	-64.99

August 2026 Financial Summary

- Total Income for July and August was \$26,441 against total expenses of \$34,950.
- In "Operational Funds" the largest portion and most consistent income is from PAR and envelope offerings amounting to \$80,269 YTD.
- Fixed expenses are \$122,409 YTD.
- GBP net proceeds are \$5,444 YTD. Sold out concerts for the remainder of 2026 would help to offset the current shortfall.
- Fundraising events are a significant contributor, raising \$8,884 YTD. Planning is underway for the October 3rd Harvest Dinner and Festival of Trees in November.
- Outstanding invoices for the lift repairs and maintenance are under review with the vendor therefore those costs are not reflected in this report.

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

EVERYONE is welcome to come, browse
and take away what you can use,
FREE of CHARGE!

Wide selection of
fall and winter clothing for the entire family,
small household items,
books & more!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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.

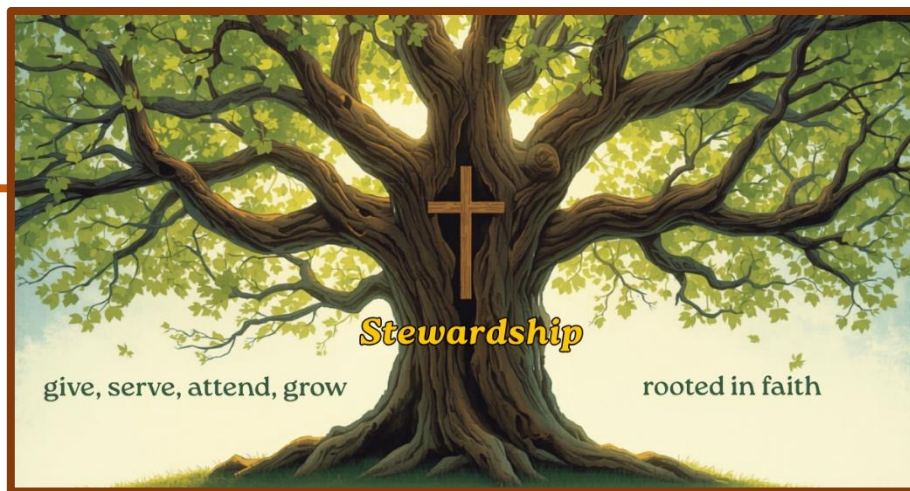
The first one will take place on **Friday, September 25th** with two sessions:
10:00 am – 12:00 pm and
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm.
Please join us!

~ Lois Gill

Stewardship Team's Focus Refined

For the rest of 2026, we are refining our focus. Up until now we have emphasized monetary goals. That has increased our congregation's generosity in comparison to previous years. But we still have a sizeable deficit in comparison to the Finance Team's budget. Therefore, we are refining Stewardship's focus. Rather than focusing on monetary goals we are encouraging the sharing of our time, talent, donations and resources, as a reflection of our relationship with God to the best of our ability.

Christine Wilde, Wil Vander Linden, Pastor Nancy Knowles, Joanne Barry, Chris Barry, Peter Challen, Trish Challen



WHO ARE YOU WALKING FOR?

Grand Bend

NEW LOCATION

September 13th @ Huron Shores United Church

Registration: 1:00 p.m. Walk: 2:00 p.m.
Details at walkforpd.ca or call 1.888.851.7376

parkinson SOCIETY SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Register today at walkforpd.ca



New this year! Join friends
for this year's Walk for
Parkinson's, starting right
here at Huron Shores United
Church!

CALENDAR

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH OUR EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE

[CALENDAR LINK HERE](#)

7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9am Food Pantry Shopper and R 2pm Food Pantry Food Repacker	9am Polewalking Group 10am Coffee Club 2pm Food Pantry Food Repacker 3:30pm Worship and Music on Zc	8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 9am Food Pantry Shoppers and F 1pm Bible Study on Zoom 1pm Anniversary Planning Meetir 4 more	2pm Food Pantry Food Repacker	8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 9am Food Pantry Shoppers and f 1pm Embellishment Team 2pm Food Pantry Food Repacker	9:30am Building Maintenance	- Worship Back To 10 am 10am WORSHIP 12pm Parkinson's Walk
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WOW Event



Characteristics of Thriving Churches in an Age of Anxiety:

The current social context can be described as an age of anxiety – a reality that has been challenging for churches and society alike. The current context presents communities of faith with an opportunity to consider what it means to nurture healing and hope in the world. So many are looking for meaning, purpose and belonging – needs that lie at the center of the church's gifting.

This session reviews the current context and explores a series of characteristics evident in communities of faith whose ministry is speaking to the needs of our time. In addition, this session invites communities of faith to explore new practices to strengthen their Christ-like witness.

Namárië (go towards goodness).

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**.

Lynne Desjardine
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Peter Challen
519-238-5508

Joanne Barry
226-456-8134

GET IN TOUCH

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IMAGE OF THE WEEK

HSUC AND GBP EVENTS

Enjoy Live Jazz & Soulful Candlelight Reflection!

THE NEVIN CAMPBELL TRIO

JAZZ VESPERS

Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026
7:00 PM

ALL AGES EVENT
25 Main Street, Grand Bend

GRAND BEND PLACE Centre for the Living Arts *Donations Welcome* **HURON SHORES UNITED CHURCH**

Supported by the London Musicians Association

GRAND BEND PLACE Centre for the Living Arts **TICKETS & INFO** 226-213-4811 **TICKET WINDOW** events start here

SULTANS OF STRING

Friday October 2nd
7:00pm
doors open 6:30pm

25 Main Street
Grand Bend
519-238-2402

Thank You! Sponsors: JOES BAR-B-GRILL, MacLeans, BG, HAY, HMP, The Hoffman Family, etc.

Sunset Cinema presents the film

INVICTUS

MORGAN FREEMAN MATT DAMON

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

WALK FOR PARKINSON'S

WHO ARE YOU WALKING FOR?

Grand Bend
NEW LOCATION
September 13th @ Huron Shores United Church

Registration: 1:00 p.m. Walk: 2:00 p.m.
Details at walkforpd.ca or call 1.888.851.7376

Register today at walkforpd.ca

Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario

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

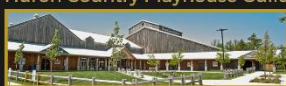
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THE LARRY MYNY INVESTMENT GROUP

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
huroncountryplayhouse.com

SEPTEMBER 2026

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 READING	2 PLAYING	3 TALKING	4 SINGING	5 COUNTING	6 READING	7 WRITING
8 PLAYING	9 TALKING	10 SINGING	11 COUNTING	12 READING	13 WRITING	14 PLAYING
15 TALKING	16 SINGING	17 COUNTING	18 READING	19 WRITING	20 PLAYING	21 TALKING
22 SINGING	23 COUNTING	24 READING	25 WRITING	26 PLAYING	27 TALKING	28 SINGING
29 COUNTING	30 READING					

COUNTRY Night

AT
GRAND BEND LEGION

WITH
Brett Baker
COUNTRY MUSIC ENTERTAINER ★★★★★

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH
8-11PM
ADMISSION BY DONATION



GRAND BEND LEGION BRANCH 498

COMMUNITY EVENTS AROUND TOWN

TOURISM
Sarnia-Lambton



TOURISM SARNIA-LAMBTON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

8:00AM - 9:30 AM

St. Clair Parkway Golf Course,
132 Moore Line, Mooretown

St. John's By-the-Lake Anglican Church
70642 Ontario St. N., Grand Bend ON

WITHIN THESE WAVES AND BEYOND

COMBINED MASS CHOIRS:
ST. JOHN'S BY-THE-LAKE & GRAND COVE

Neighbours by chance; friends by choice!

Sing For Joy

Wednesday September 23rd at 2:00PM

Free admission: donations of grocery items or gift cards
appreciated!

Snacks will be served following the concert.

Legion
Veterans Memorial
GRAND BEND

Phone: (519) 236-2120 Email: g.b.legion@bay.net Facebook: www.facebook.com/grandbendlegion

September 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUE SDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Legion is Closed	2 Legion is Closed	3 Lounge Open 1-5pm Bottle Return 1-4pm Euchre 1:30pm	4 Lounge Opens 1PM Bottle Return 1-4PM Meat Draw 5-7 Karaoke 7-11pm	5 Lounge Open 1-5pm DJ Jim Marr 2-5pm
6 Legion is Closed	7 Labour Day Legion is Closed	8 Legion is Closed	9 Legion is Closed	10 Lounge Open 1-5pm Bottle Return 1-4pm Euchre 1:30pm League Darts 6:30-10pm	11 Lounge Opens 1PM Bottle Return 1-4PM Meat Draw 5-7 Karaoke 7-11pm	12 Lounge Open 1-5pm Brett Baker 8-11pm
13 Community Breakfast 9-11am	14 Bottle Return 1-4pm Bingo Doors open 5:30pm First Game 6:45pm Fun Darts 8:30-9pm	15 Legion is Closed	16 General Membership Meeting 7:30pm All Members Welcome	17 Lounge Open 1-5pm Bottle Return 1-4pm Euchre 1:30pm League Darts 6:30-10pm	18 Lounge Opens 1PM Bottle Return 1-4PM Meat Draw 5-7 Karaoke 7-11pm	19 Lounge Open 1-5pm Marcel Gelinis 2-5pm
20 Legion is Closed	21 Bottle Return 1-4pm Fun Darts 6:30-9pm	22 Legion is Closed	23 Legion is Closed	24 Lounge Open 1-5pm Bottle Return 1-4pm Euchre 1:30pm League Darts 6:30-10pm	25 Lounge Opens 1PM Bottle Return 1-4PM Meat Draw 5-7 Karaoke 7-11pm	26 Lounge Open 1-5pm The Jamesons 2-5pm
27 Legion is Closed	28 Bottle Return 1-4pm Bingo Doors open 5:30pm First Game 6:45pm Fun Darts 8:30-9pm	29 Legion is Closed	30 Legion is Closed			

Grand Bend Area
Community
Health Centre

**WALK,
TALK & COFFEE**

Move your body. Meet new people. Enjoy a coffee.



EVERY WEDNESDAY



10:00 AM-11:00 AM



Hensall Arena



Indoor walking • Social time • Refreshments

Come as you are—walk at your own pace.

FREE
Everyone welcome!



Questions? Contact Grace Bonnett

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