

April 13th, 2025



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.



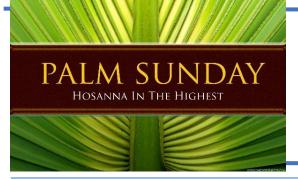




Join Us On YouTube for the Live Stream of Our Worship Service

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, you cannot get to Easter Sunday without going through Good Friday...

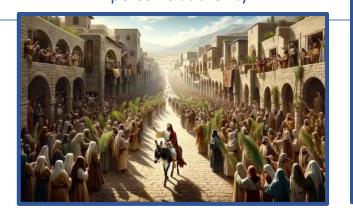
Theme: Why Did The Cheering Stop?

Reading: Luke 19:29-44

Why palm branches?

Rather than banners, which could only be afforded by the rich, the common people cut down fresh palms and waved them to proclaim and honour a King upon that person's entry into a city. And, spreading their cloaks on the ground was a sign of deference and submission to that person's authority.







Song: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tlZitK6_IMQ **JUST BE HELD** by Casting Crowns

Meditation: Are you struggling through some wounds right now? Feeling hurt, sorrow, pain, exhaustion? We've all been there....and likely will be again (which, I know, doesn't always help much when you're in the middle of it all). But what if you were to think about it as a time of strengthening rather than a time of struggle?

I was thinking the other day about how easily we can be wounded. Hurtful comments from others, disappointment in relationships, or circumstances that seems unfair can sap away our strength and happiness, leaving us with feelings of weakness and failure. And then add to these common everyday wounds, more serious wounds that may impact us as well—deep hurts from our childhood, abuse in any form, or betrayal from someone we trusted.

There are deep wounds that come with the loss of a loved one, chronic pain, and overwhelming depression. But those wounds don't have to define us or dictate our future.

Ephesians 6:10 & 11 says to "be strong in the Lord, in God's mighty power." But what about when we don't feel strong...can't stand strong...or barely even stand.

Well, that's when it's time to sit down, to rest, and just be held. To know that you don't have to come up with strength on your own....and that it may be time to just admit that you haven't any left. When we feel weak, we can take comfort in God's never-ending, never-ceasing strength...not our own. When our feet feel like they're slipping, we can hold on to Jesus. He is our stability. He never loses His grip on us, even when we feel like letting go of the end of the rope. And when we feel disoriented and alone in a heartbreaking situation we're facing, we can take hold of the hand of Christ, who is forever our strength and protection.

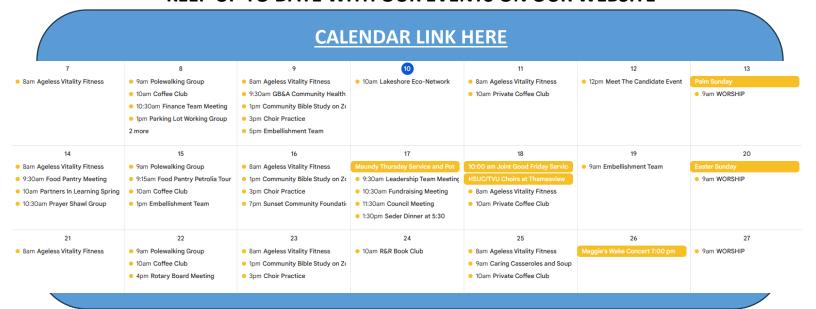
Just rest, be held, and wait to be strengthened again.

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

Don't forget to sign up in the Sanctuary to bring a contribution to our potluck meal for the Seder Service on Thursday, April 17th.

CALENDAR

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH OUR EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE



Membership Sunday

Sunday, June 1st, 2025 is **HSUC Membership Sunday** ...for anyone who wishes to become a full member of **Huron Shores United Church.** If interested, please speak with Rev. Nancy or Mary McFadden right away!

As they say, membership has its privileges!

Also, don't forget...

Sunday, April 13th: Palm Sunday and celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion at 9:00am Thursday, April 17, Maundy Thursday: Seder Service & Potluck Meal at 5:30pm Friday, April 18th: Joint Good Friday Service at Thamesview, with music by our two choirs at 10:00am

Sunday, April 20: Celebrating Easter Service He Is Risen! at 9:00am



Announcing the first edition of the Grand Bend Community Food Pantry Newsletter! If you would like to be on our mailing list for this and future issues, please email Christine



Red Dress Dan



The National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People.

2010 report by the Native Women's Association of Canada found:

- Indigenous women are 3x more likely to be harmed by a stranger than non-indigenous women.
- Between 2000-2008; Indigenous women made up only 3% of the Canadian Population but represented 10% of of all female homicides.
- 16% of cases took place in Alberta.

Stay Tuned for more news from the **Right Relations Working Group**

Please Contact

Ruth Ann Eagleson at 519-318-6599 Joanne Barry at 226-456-8134

Once again we are pleased to offer the Spring Free Store to our community. 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 SPRING Free Store we ask only for spring and summer donations. We would appreciate it if you could keep fall and winter items for our Fall Free Store. Please drop off donated items in the Fellowship Hall at the given times only, as there is no storage available at the church.

DROP OFF SCHEDULE

Thurs, May 1st from 2:00pm - 4:00pm or 6:00pm - 8:00pm Fri, May 2nd from 9:00am - NOON ONLY **Huron Shores United Church, 25 Main Street Grand Bend (Queens Ave Entrance)** The Free Store hours are: Fri, May 2nd from 6:00pm – 8:30 pm & Sat, May 3rd from 9:00am - 2:00pm



HSUC Income and Expense Summary

January 2025 - March 2025

	Current Period	Current Budget	Annual Budget	hsucfinancechair@gmail.com	
	Jan - Mar 2025	Jan - Mar 2025	2025	nsacrifiancecriai @gmail.co	
INCOME					
FUNDS DEVELOPMENT	\$30,573.84	\$37,500.00	\$150,000.00		
GRAND BEND PLACE	6,505.23	9,793.50	39,174.00	Income is currently below	
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	3,786.05	3,487.50	13,950.00	budget, some of this is	
INTEREST INCOME	1,018.09	0.00	0.00	due to event timing	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	5,123.00	9,500.01	38,000.00	due to event timing	
TOTAL INCOME	47,006.21	60,281.01	241,124.00		
EXPENSES					
FIXED EXPENSES					
SALARIES & HONORARIUMS	\$27,929.52	\$30,415.89	\$121,663.63		
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	3,025.78	3,075.03	12,300.00		
BUILDING & GROUNDS	5,814.45	7,699.98	30,800.00		
Subtotal Fixed Expenses	36,769.75	41,190.90	164,763.63		
DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES				Expenses are also below	
COF SUPPORT	0.00	62.49	250.00	budget due to the timing of	
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	0.00	200.01	800.00	invoices paid annually or	
WORSHIP	481.65	425.01	1,700.00	semi-annually.	
MISSION & OUTREACH	255.18	525.00	2,100.00		
GRAND BEND PLACE	7,511.47	8,308.74	33,235.00		
FUNDS DEVELOPMENT	0.00	125.01	500.00		
MISSION & SERVICE	3,361.05	3,000.00	12,000.00		
OTHER EXP-COUNCIL	8,082.89	10,890.00	43,560.00		
Subtotal Depts/Comm.	19,692.24	23,536.26	94,145.00	GBP events and June	
TOTAL EXPENSES	56,461.99	64,727.16	258,908.63	fundraising will help to	
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	-\$9,455.78	-\$4,446.15	-\$17,784.63	reduce the income to expense shortfall	

Thank you to the wonderful staff and customers at Pizza Delight! Their "For the Love of Pizza!" event, complete with heart shaped pizzas, raised much needed funds and awareness for the Grand Bend Community Food Pantry!



Questions?
Please contact Lori Hyatt,

Stewardship and Finance

Chair, at



Congratulations to our friend and partner,
Mary Ellen Zielman, as she retires from the
role of Executive Director of the Huron
County Food Bank Distribution Centre. We
thank you for your invaluable support in
establishing Grand Bend's first Community
Food Pantry, and we wish you well as you
embark on wonderful adventures to come!

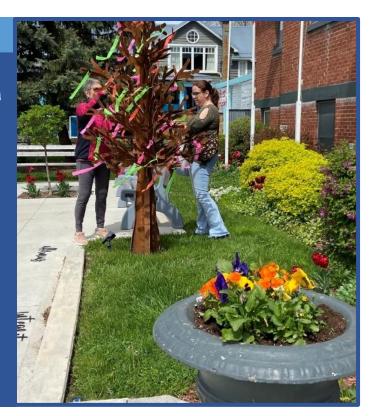
Volunteers Wanted

"Do you love being outdoors? Do you love putzin' around with friends on your own time?

Then the Embellishment team would love to have you onboard to manage the urns and the Prayer Tree during the spring/summer/early fall season! Just think of the beauty you can add to our welcoming church.

This endeavour would take just 2-3 women/men. If interested, email Mary McFadden:

> marymcfadden58@gmail.com as soon as possible!"







2025-2027 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL & TEAM CHAIRS

MINISTER – Reverend Nancy Knowles

COUNCIL CHAIR - Deb Gill

VICE CHAIR – Roger Hyatt

MINUTE SECRETARY— Mary McFadden

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Glen Miller

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Brenda Heath

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH - Lois Gill

GRAND BEND PLACE - Janice Sinker

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL – Bill Weber

PROPERTY – Debbie Procter

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE - Lori Hyatt

WESTERN ONTARIO WATERWAYS (WOW)

REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE – Peter Challen

WORSHIP & MUSIC - Karen Etherington

MEMBERSHIP – Mary McFadden





Please join me in thanking this outstanding group and all their teams and volunteers for all the ways they contribute every day to the vibrant, diverse and joyful life at Huron Shores United Church!

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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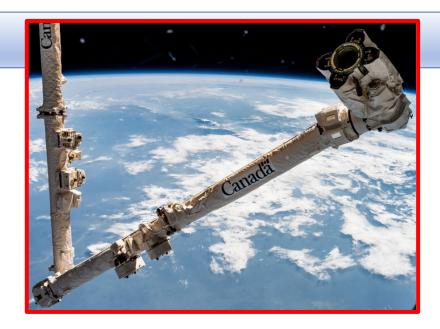


IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Canada strong and free!

Submitted by Peter Challen Photographer Unknown

Have a favourite photo to share? Please send it, with the name of the photographer if known, to hsucdesign@gmail.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS AT HSUC/GBP



Maundy Thursday April 17, 2025 5:30 pm

Seder Service: Potluck Meal and Choir Performance At HSUC



2025 Spring Potpourri

Partners in Learning 5-week Series of Presentations & Tours

In our Spring Series we offer one event each Monday (or as noted) featuring a presentation b local guest speaker or a trip to a nearby exciting attraction. \$5 at the door. Some excursions may include pre-registration and/or lunch at your cost.

1. April 14, 10:00 am Grand Bend Place, 25 Main St., Grand Bend ON.

The Grand Bend Community Centre, Glen Baillie

The presentation will provide a glimpse of the plans for the new community centre, and the work that was done to get to this point. A tour of the plan will be done in such a way as to answer any and all questions the group may have.

2. April 28, 10:00 am Grand Bend Place, 25 Main St., Grand Bend ON.

Crand Trunk Renewal 101, John Kastner

The City of Stratford is in the midst of determining what's next for the former Grand Trunk
Locomotive Repair Shops. John Kastner, former General Manager of the Stratford Perth
Museum provides a summary of THE SHOPS impact not only economically but socially.

The talk is approximately 1 hour and reflects on the history of the Grand Trunk and CNR Locomotive Repair Shops in Stratford.

3. May 5 Grand Bend Place, 25 Main St., Grand Bend ON.

Stardust Gardens
Join us for Stardust Gardens owner Gwen Williamson's presentation, where she will share Joint Stor Startuss Gardens owner Gwert with a start of the start of t

4. May 12 Field trip to Waterfront Park, Point Edward ON Bluewater Anglers Fish Station

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Volunteer anglers have been raising fish (175,000) since 1982. Visit their hatchery in Point Edward. Salmon and Trout are raised until release into local streams of Lake Huron and Sarnia. We'll even get to feed the fish in public outdoor ponds. To carpool, meet at the Pet Valu parking lot, Grand Bend at 8:30 am. Lunch to follow arWatch Eatery & Public House at Starlight Casino, 2000 Venetian Blvd., Point Edward ON. Register by email to Jackie at <u>jsouthcott@hay.net</u> for a lunch reservation.

5. Saturday May 31 Field trip to 29251 Freedom Road, Dresden ON Josiah Henson Museum of African-Canadian History
Arrive at 10 AM & pay individual entrance fee of \$7 for seniors.
We will have a 90 minute guided tour of this Ontario Heritage Trust si with free time after. To carpool meet at GB Pet Valu parking lot at 8:30 am. Register by email to Fredi at ehunter@htl.net for lunch at Burn's Restaurant.



COMMUNITY EVENTS AROUND TOWN

