

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 @ 9am

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

Leader: Rev. Nancy Knowles



Theme: The Epiphs of God

Scripture Reading

New Testament Readings

Matthew 2:1-12

John 4:9

SONG: Natalie Grant - Praise You In This Storm
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4fo0A7jpLsk>

MEDITATION: It's easy to praise God when all is well, isn't it? But then the storms come, and it gets a little - or a lot - more difficult.

Isaiah 43 is such a powerful passage, that talks about the constant presence and care of God, in all of our situations...both good and difficult. I would encourage you to read this whole chapter.

In the very first verse, we're called God's own children. God pledges never-ending love for us, declaring that God will be with us through the waters...that rivers will not overflow us, ...that even though we walk through the fire of struggle we will not be burned. God declares passionate love for us in verse four. We can be secure in God's love even when others leave us, and that we can never be snatched out of the hands of God. Not ever.



A Very Sincere Thank You...

...to all of you kind and generous people who responded so graciously by donating some funds to help continue maintaining our Community Wellness position! We are so happy to be able to continue with the role while we diligently search for more permanent and ongoing funding. I am so grateful to all of you!

~ Pastor Nancy

Passing the Torch

Get In Touch: huronshoresmusic@gmail.com will go to Janice Sinker as of January 1, 2025
New contact for Elva is: elva@hay.net

Thank You!!



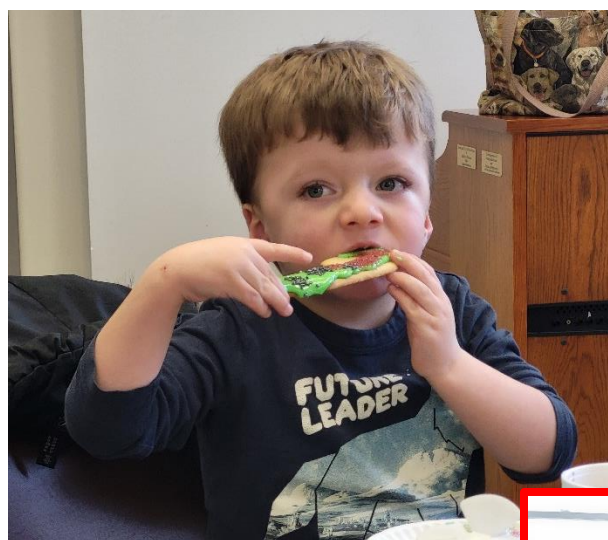

Community Bulletin Board Update

You may have noticed we have the framework for the Bulletin Board in place on the Southeast corner of our property. Special thanks to Dan Gill for taking a lead on this project and for Lori and Roger for holding the posts. We were able to get the posts cemented in place before the ground became frozen. This project is being funded by a grant from the Sunset Community Foundation and several groups. We will be placing a sign recognizing the donors as a next step and then it will be ready to post all the community events in a very public place. Of course we will be able to move the community posters off our glass doors! Thanks also to Debbie Procter for her work on this project and Christine Wilde for project support and initiation!

~ Deb Gill

Thank you to Amanda McEwen, with help from Amelia Wilde for coordinating our first holiday cookie decorating and stories event for kids! Amanda made amazing decorating stations, as well as take-home kits for those wanting an activity for kids over the holidays, and Amelia told Christmas stories. It was wonderful to see so many happy young (and young at heart) faces in our Fellowship Hall! What a great way to kick off the holidays!

~ Christine Wilde



CALENDAR

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH OUR EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE

[CALENDAR LINK HERE](#)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 9:30am Embellishment Team 7pm Grand Bend Place Zoom Meet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Polewalking Group 9:30am Building Inspection 10am Coffee Club 10:30am Finance Team Meeting 3 more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 1pm Community Bible Study on Zo 3pm Choir Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Tech Meeting 11:30am Council Meeting 6pm 7 pm Sunset Cinema - "The Pi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 10am Private Coffee Club 10am Learn to Crochet Workshop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1pm Embellishment Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am WORSHIP
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THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Grand Bend Community Food Pantry, we want to express our gratitude to Grand Bend Public School parents, staff and volunteers. The leftovers from your Christmas dinner events were made into frozen and fresh meals, including turkey pot pies, for the food pantry and the Caring Casseroles outreach program. These meals will nourish many who are experiencing food insecurity, the lonely, and the ill people of our community and surrounding area. Many thanks also to the Grand Bend Legion for the donations of delicious sandwiches for our food pantry to be shared in the new year!

Thank you to EVERYONE who donated funds and food this holiday season! Every gift is making a difference every day! Happy New Year!

~ Lois Gill, Chair of Outreach and Fellowship



PS The next Food Pantry Volunteer Meeting is January 17th at 1 pm. All welcome!

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



Lynne Desjardine
519-238-5220

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226-456-8134

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

Food arriving all through the holidays!
Thank you to our generous Food Pantry
donors...you are warming up our winter ❤️!

COMMUNITY EVENTS AT HSUC/GBP

To Support
Huron Shores United Church
Community Outreach

*For The Love
of Pasta*

\$20

Dinner And A Movie
Spaghetti (Meat Sauce or Vegetarian Options)
Roll, Caesar Salad, Cheesecake

**Sunday
February 16th
2025**

**5:30pm Dinner
7:00 pm Movie**
Sister Act

TICKETS
Available at Huron Shores United Church
25 Main Street, Grand Bend
OR Call 519-238-2402

**partners
IN LEARNING**

**Exploring
Health & Wellness
in 2025**

5-part Speaker's Series

- Jan. 27/25: **Elder Abuse** - Tracy Rogers, Sarnia-Lambton Committee violence against women & children
- Feb. 10/25: **Ralph Ganter**, CEO Grand Bend Area Community Health Centre challenges & opportunities
- Feb. 24/25: **Stephanie Brown**, BScN, RN, Ontario Health at Home - care coordination in the home & community
- Mar. 10/25: **Dr. James Kennedy**, Psychiatrist CAMH, Brain Health - advances, treatments, research.
- Mar. 24/25: **Jeanette Sears**, R/TRO, Alzheimer Society Huron Perth. Dementia diagnosis, treatments, resources

Grand Bend Place
25 Main Street, Grand Bend ON
**Mondays
10:00am - 12 noon**
\$5 per session

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

**WOW
News**

**A zoom
presentation**

To register contact

Peter Challen
pchallen@icloud.com

**Visions and Dreams:
A New Year's Address**
Monday, January 13, 6-8 p.m. ET

with Moderator Carmen Lansdowne

The United Church of Canada

Food
Pantry
Donations
Welcome

**Starts
January
10th**

HURON SHORES
UNITED CHURCH

**LEARN TO
CROCHET!**

WITH SHARON SOLDAN
& BRENDA HAIST

JANUARY CLASSES

- Fridays from 10:00 am to 11
- 25 Main Street, Grand Bend

Crochet basics for
beginners - bring a #5 or
#6 crochet hook if
possible

Register Now! 519-238-2402

COMMUNITY EVENTS AROUND TOWN

grace
990 Cathcart Boulevard
Sarnia, Ontario

In the Spirit of Jazz!

"In the Bleak Midwinter"
WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 TH
3:00 PM

FEATURING:

- * MARQUE SMITH - PIANO
- * ROB LAROSE - DRUMS
- * FRANK BRENNAN - SAX
- * JOSHUA PRESLEY - BASS

**WARM YOURSELF UP
PHYSICALLY & EMOTIONALLY**
A FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE APPRECIATED

Royal Canadian Legion

VETERANS MEMORIAL BRANCH 498
GRAND BEND ONTARIO

would like to invite one and all to a celebration of
Robert Burns 1759-1796

The evenings host:
Stewart McCreery

Saturday, January 25, 2025
in the lower lounge
Starting at 6:00pm

The cost to this event will be \$50.00

What is included:

- Welcoming of all attendees
- The Selkirk Grace
- Piping of the Haggis
- Addressing the Haggis
- Toasting the Haggis

The actual meal will be Sheppard's pie
A dessert (TBD)

A variety of single malt Scotchies for your tasting
Your scotch glass to take home.

This the beginning of what we hope to be an annual event.

John O'Handley
President Br 498

DAB | AND | GAB

WEDNESDAYS 1:00 - 4:00 PM
AT THE GRAND BEND ART CENTRE
16 MUNICIPAL DRIVE

ARE YOU WORKING ON A PAINTING, OR OTHER
ART PROJECT?
WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR DROP IN ART GET
TOGETHER. IT'S FREE!

ADULTS AND SENIORS WELCOME
INTERESTED? RSVP TO [WOWBYBARBARA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:wowbybarbara@gmail.com)

Create! Connect! Converse!