

### October 19th, 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.

### 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: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83887699257">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83887699257</a> Meeting ID: 838 8769 9257

Sermon
Good Company



### **Readings**

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:9-12 New Testament: Matthew: 9:9-12



#### **SONG:**

#### ttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3cJFAGw3OaQ

#### FEAR NO MORE by Building 429





**MEDITATION:** Life is full of moments of uncertainty, questions, and circumstances we cannot entirely comprehend. But what if these moments invite us into opportunities to witness God's incredible work in our lives?

The story of the man born blind in John 9 teaches us that sometimes, our struggles serve a higher purpose. Imagine your life without sight—living in darkness, experiencing daily battles with challenges beyond ordinary comprehension.

Yet, when this man encounters Jesus, his life is transformed forever. This story holds valuable lessons about faith, transformation, and God's boundless love.

"As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned,' said Jesus, 'but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.'" John 9:1-3

Here we read of a remarkable encounter between Jesus and a man who had been blind from birth. The question from the disciples about the cause of his blindness highlights a common belief of that time that suffering is a direct result of sin. Yet, Jesus introduces a transformative truth: the man's blindness provided a canvas for God's works to be displayed.

Jesus' response invites us to look beyond our immediate circumstances. It's a call to recognize that what appears as a disadvantage can serve as a backdrop for God's glory. With a simple act of compassion—making mud with his saliva and instructing the blind man to wash in the Pool of Siloam—Jesus opens the man's eyes. Not just to physical sight but to the reality of Jesus' divine power.

This story should remind us of the profound ways God's purposes can be shown, even through our struggles. Even really, really hard ones. But it can teach us that our trials do not define us, but rather, God is at work - even while we're struggling, facing whatever life is throwing at us right now - using our lives as testimonies to grace.

#### KEEP UP TO DATE WITH OUR EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE **CALENDAR LINK HERE** 15 17 18 9am Polewalking Group 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 10am WORSHIP 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 10am Coffee Club 10am Free Store Set-Up 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 9:30am Building Maintenance 1pm Training 1pm Community Bible Study on Zo 10am Kitty's Coffee Group 2pm Socrates Cafe 3:30pm Huron Shores Singers Reh 7pm Sunset Community Foundatio 21 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 9am Polewalking Group 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 9am Council Meeting 9:30am Building Maintenance 10am WORSHIP 10am Partners in Learning 10am Coffee Club 1pm Community Bible Study on Zo 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 10:30am HSUC/GBP Promotion Me 10am Kitty's Coffee Group 6pm Jazz Vespers at 7 pm 3:30pm Huron Shores Singers Reh 2:30pm Worship and Music on Zoo 6:45pm Sunset Community Founda 4pm Rotary Club of Grand Bend M 30 10am WORSHIP 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 9am Polewalking Group 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 9:30am Building Maintenance 10am Coffee Club 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 10:30am Prayer Shawls Group 1pm Community Bible Study on Zo 1pm Embellishment Team 2pm Socrates Cafe 3:30pm Huron Shores Singers Reh 9am Harvest Dinner Preparation 6pm GB Horticultural Society Mee 4pm Rotary Board Meeting 6:30pm Lakeshore Eco-Network Ar 10am Caring Casseroles and Soup 2 more

Keep an eye on *Shorelines* for lots of fun and activities happening during the holiday season:

- Huron Shores Singers Christmas Cantata: Dec 13th & 14th, 3pm
- Poinsettia and cheese order opportunities
- Food Drives
- Warm Clothing Drive for Warm Up Grand Bend in November
- Festival of Trees in December...and more!

Join Thamesview United in supporting this new fundraiser to send kids to camp!! Anna Mae's pies are amazing! Order Online ASAP. Christine is willing to pick them up on Saturday if you let her know you have ordered some!

#### \$25 for a delicious 9" Turkey pie

Flaky, golden crust filled with juicy turkey and vegetables

Comes frozen and cook when needed.



Dear Members of our COF,

#### We need your help!

We would very much appreciate it if you could send pictures or information that we can share in *Shorelines* and perhaps on our Facebook page. We are delaying publication on occasion due to lack of fresh news.

And don't forget to share posters about charitable events you know are happening in our community for our new bulletin board outside!

We know that our members appreciate reading interesting information and we seem to be missing fresh news to share. We are always looking for reasons to celebrate HSUC, Grand Bend Place and the Grand Bend Community Food Pantry!

**Important:** Please be sure you have permission from any individual in the picture to share their likeness.

#### Please send your material to Christine at HSUCdesign@gmail.com

If you have not already, please visit our Facebook Page to Follow us and Like our posts! <u>www.facebook.com/huronshoresunited</u>

Thanks, Deb Gill Chair, HSUC Council



Our third annual warm clothing drive has begun! Please bring your winter clothing, jackets, boots, scarves, mittens and anything else you think can warm up the winter for a family in need. We welcome gently used items, cash to buy items, or new items!

The need is great in our community! Help Grand Bend Cares Community Group make this year the best campaign ever! Please see Christine in the office about your donations or to volunteer for the drop off days and the free shopping day on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your generosity!

### 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: <a href="mailto:hsucprayers@gmail.com">hsucprayers@gmail.com</a>



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**

Memories of Grand Bend Glory Days from Memory Lane by Rick Piet and Bonnie Rodger

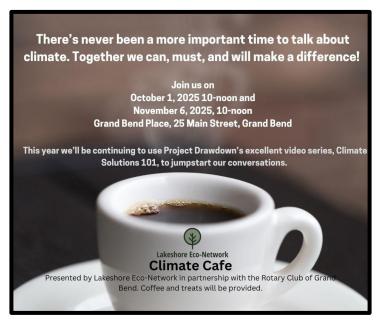




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