

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



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



*Wear a tie on Sunday
to pay tribute to the
fathers and fellas in our
lives, past and present!*

THEME: *The Heart of God*

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD:

New Testament Reading: John 14:15-21

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 103:8-12

A Poem for Dads and Moms

Now I lay me sleep, I pray my sanity to keep.
For if some peace I do not find, I'm pretty sure I'll lose my mind.

I pray I find a little quiet, far from the daily family riot.
May I lie back--not have to think about what they're stuffing down the sink.
or who they're with, or where they're at, and what they're doing to the cat.

I pray for time all to myself (did something just fall off a shelf?)
To cuddle in my nice, soft bed (oh no! Another goldfish - dead!)
Some silent moments for goodness sake (Did I just hear a window break?)
And that I need not cook or clean-- (oh well, I've got the right to dream).

Yes now I lay me down to sleep, I pray my wits about me keep,
But as I look around I know-- I must have lost them long ago!



Song: SONG: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QY9OxjILRAQ>
CHANGING ME by Anna Golden

Meditation: I've said it before: the only person who likes change is a wet baby. Because change is hard. And stressful. Let's face it – we tend to be creatures of habit, and any shifts in our routine or life requires us to expend more energy, which isn't always easy. If your body doesn't work the way it used to, a change in diet, exercise or life pace can be difficult to navigate. When you lose your job and stare long and hard at a budget that doesn't work, fear and anxiety can set in.

And when a loved one dies, and the phone doesn't ring like it used to, sharp pangs in the heart can abound. Sometimes change is not just hard. It is painful. But whether we like it or not, the living of this life involves change.

Relationships change. Locations change. Jobs change. Our bodies change. We change.

Life is change. The longer you live, the more you know that the only thing constant in this life is change. Whether our changes seem hard or make us happy, change teaches us that life is fragile, uncertain and temporary. Nothing lasts forever.

Well something lasts forever. God. "For I, the LORD, do not change ..." (Malachi 3:6).

I'm so glad to know that we serve a God who stays the same, who is there - constant yesterday, today and forever. Whether we move homes, change jobs, experience relational, physical or emotional changes, God is a constant and dependable anchor.

So, what needs to change? Well, often it's me. Like when I need more patience, or kindness, or compassion. When I need more faith that God's best plan for me will come through, especially when I don't really understand what's going on, or why.

During my own seasons of change, I've learned the importance of resting in the immutable God — the God who never changes. There are many things I cannot control, but I can depend on God to be a refuge in times of trouble, provide comfort to my aching heart and give guidance so I can effectively navigate life's changes.

Despite feeling like some changes in my life extend far beyond my control, I remind myself to believe and rest in a God who is always totally in control of the circumstances of my life. And recognize that maybe it's my own failure to depend on God that needs to change.

CALENDAR

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[CALENDAR LINK HERE](#)

9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Polewalking Group 10am Coffee Club 2 more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1pm Community Bible Study on 2:30pm Event Recap 3pm Huron Shores Singers Prac 				WORSHIP-Fathers & Fellows De
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Dear HSUC Family of Faith,

We want to share this news with you because we ARE a faith family. And decisions made on our Teams, by our Council, and by the COF, impact both individuals and programs here at Huron Shores.

Endeavoring to be as open and transparent as possible, we want to make sure that everyone understands the circumstances surrounding the position of Community Wellness Coordinator.

This 3-year position began in 2018, through grant money from the UCC's Seeds of Hope program. Elise Feltrin was hired to fill the role of Community Wellness Coordinator, but stepped away from the position with her move to western Canada. And then, Covid hit.

All of our programs were suspended, and the United Church granted the church the opportunity to pause the program until normal programming could begin again. At that time, several candidates were interviewed for the position, and Christine Wilde was hired. And we're sure that most of you know how enthusiastically and energetically she has embraced the job! It should be noted that Christine did not have the privilege of having all three years to build up the position, or to find other organizations who might coordinate with HSUC, to provide ongoing salary for the job.

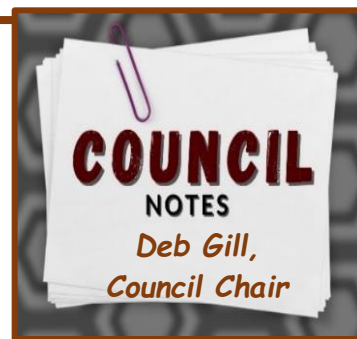
It was hoped that additional funding could be found to continue the contract position after the grant money had run out, but unfortunately, this has not been the case. Initially, funding was to end in March, but through your generosity, we were able to continue to engage Christine as the CWC for 3 additional months. At this point, however, funding for this position will run out June, 2025. The part-time position of Office Administrator will continue, as a salary paid by HSUC.

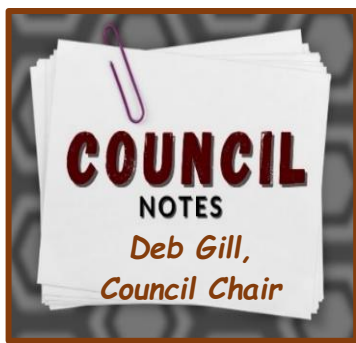
The Church Council and the Ministry & Personnel Team are still looking for ways to continue this position, but as of mid-June, Christine will no longer have this part-time income. It is a matter of real concern for us, as we look to provide care and compassion for a member of our congregation, and an employee of our church.

So we're asking for ideas! Ideas for previously overlooked sources of income, ideas for other part-time work, ideas for showing thoughtful and sympathetic concern for an individual and her family.

Please take some time to consider and pray about this! We are one body in Christ, and the Bible says that when one part of the body suffers, we all suffer. And when one part is glorified and raised up, we all join in the celebration!

Sincerely, Deb Gill, On behalf of HSUC Council





Parking Passes,

I am so sorry for the confusion with parking passes. This is the one you need to have on your dash Sunday mornings when you park anywhere in a municipal parking zone, for example, Main Street.

The other laminated parking pass with our logo is meant to use when you park in the church parking spots on Queen's Ave. This will help church officials to know who is allowed to park during the upcoming busy season. Otherwise after a warning, we will tow cars whose owners do not have a function in our building. With apology, Deb Gill



Hello Summer Roast Beef Dinner

The dinner was a wonderful success, thanks to the 50+ volunteers who contributed their time and talent to make it so exceptional. Special thanks to the Council Fundraising Team including Peter & Trish Challen, Karen Etherington, Lois Gill, Brenda Heath, Lori & Roger Hyatt, Nancy Knowles, Mary McFadden, Glen Miller, Debbie Procter, Janice Sinker and Christine Wilde. This crew contributed a great deal and have shared with me their reflections. While we know this was an opportunity to further connect with our community, we were also able to raise more than \$8600 to support our operating costs!

Thanks to all, Deb





Congratulations to the Huron Shores Singers! What a tremendous 100th Anniversary concert at Clinton United Church last week! If you missed it, check out the link below. A once-in-a-lifetime event!

<https://youtu.be/jQWW-iAVavU>



Guess Who?



**This lovely nurse is our very own Helen Desjardine, who turned 100 years old on June 2nd! Not only has Helen served as a great role model for healthy living, she continues to radiate with joy and Christian kindness. We are so blessed to have this wonderful woman as a cherished member of our church family. God's blessings Helen!
~ Deb Gill, Chair of HSUC, On behalf of our COF**

Dear Members of our COF,

How fortunate are we to be able to celebrate with two centurions, Cathy Campbell and Helen Desjardine, in our Family of Faith on the year we are celebrating the 100th birthday of the United Church of Canada!

Below is a link to the phone interview that Anne Russell had with CBC. Kudos to Anne who handled the interview brilliantly with no advance warning of the questions....and just after her accident! ~ Enjoy, Deb

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-80-afternoon-drive/clip/16149956-grand-bend-woman-celebrates-100th-birthday>

June 21 is the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, and for generations has carried significance for Indigenous peoples. In 1971, the observance of June 21 as a National Indian Day of Prayer was formally recognized by The United Church of Canada. In 1982 the National Indian Brotherhood (now the Assembly of First Nations) called for the creation of a National Aboriginal Solidary Day. Around that time the Sacred Assembly, a national conference chaired by Elijah Harper, also had a similar call to celebrate the contributions of Indigenous peoples. And the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (1995) recommended the designation of a National First Peoples Day. In 2017, the Prime Minister issued an intention to rename it National Indigenous Peoples Day.

The United Church has traditionally referred to the Sunday before National Indigenous Peoples Day as Aboriginal Sunday. As part of acknowledging the day, communities of faith are invited to focus on prayer, as it was originally intended in 1971. Credit: <https://united-church.ca>

WALK for



Join us for our National Indigenous Peoples Day of celebration to recognize and honour the heritage and cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

Saturday, June 21, 2025
1:00 pm

Meet at Huron Shores United Church
25 Main Street, Grand Bend

Following the Walk on Saturday, stay for an outstanding concert!

Grand Bend Place is proud to announce two opportunities to experience the Music and storytelling of Susan Aglukark. **KIDS ARE FREE on Saturday!** Get your tickets at www.HuronWaves.ca

HURON WAVES

A Festival Bringing Discoveries through Music to Ontario's West Coast

Huron Waves returns **June 13, 14, 20 & 21** with a lineup of unforgettable events celebrating music, nature, and Canada's rich cultural heritage! Don't miss these incredible experiences.



Diana Beresford-Kroeger

LISTEN TO THE TREES

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General Admission \$35. Youth Admission FREE

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Thank you to those who have booked your appointment with IPC for our new photo directory! Don't forget that there is no cost to you and you'll receive a brand new directory! Of course, if you choose, you can purchase from the many different formats that IPC offers. **We are encouraging you to book online as it will really help your Membership Team (Mary, Nancy and Christine)! Booking online is incredibly easy!** If booking online just doesn't work for you, we are now offering to book your appointment after church. If neither of these options work for you - don't worry, you'll eventually receive a friendly email or call to book your appointment. **We look forward to seeing your new picture in our new Photo Directory!**

Link to book online:

<https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/dmzc28hg/>



**Check out our new
Indigenous flag!**



Our Terrific Treats Team are taking the summer off! After a whole year of fabulous after service coffee, tea and goodies, we decided the ovens needed a break for July and August. We wanted to give our congregation a heads up to bring their own beverage in an environmentally friendly takeout container if you wish.

Thanks again to the ladies who have provided such delicious snacks.

June 15, 2025 is Decoration Day at the Grand Bend United Church Cemetery. Celebrate the lives of loved ones, and those who once lived in this community.

At 15 Oak Street in Grand Bend.

Thanks!

~Donna

Secretary/Treasurer

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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GET IN TOUCH

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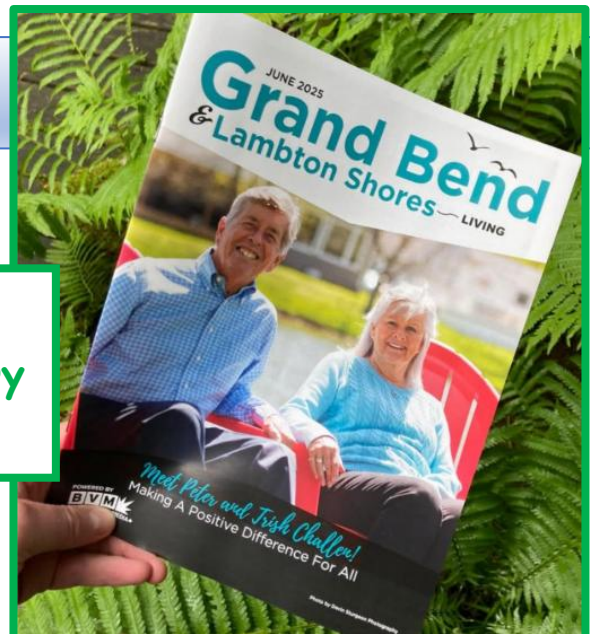
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IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Check out the front page! What a lovely article and tribute for two very deserving community members!



COMMUNITY EVENTS AT HSUC/GBP

**Dress Code:
Canada Day
Red and White!**

**PICNIC
SERVICE
IN THE PARK**

Join us for our summer Canada Day picnic in the park! We'll have our regular Sunday morning service, then games, activities, prizes and a potluck lunch.

Bring either a main dish, salad or dessert, and your own cutlery, plates, drinks and a lawn chair.

Sunday, June 29th
10:00 am

At Grand Bend Lions Park
Behind the Firehall
21 Municipal Drive

**HURON SHORES
UNITED CHURCH**

In case of rain, all the festivities will be held at HSUC

Enjoy Live Jazz & Soulful Candlelight Reflection!

**BLUE TRYPTYCH
JAZZ TRIO**

**JAZZ
VESPERS**

Tuesday, June 17th
7:00 PM

ALL AGES EVENT
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Donations Welcome

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The Grand Bend Legion Presents

SATURDAY, JULY 19TH

**First Annual
CAR SHOW**

50/50 DRAW | ENTERTAINMENT | BBQ

Registration 9am
\$10 per entry

Show Time 10am - 2pm

**20 Municipal Dr,
Grand Bend, ON**

Calling all car enthusiasts! Join us for an unforgettable experience at the Annual Car Show, where rare and iconic vehicles from decades past take center stage. This event is a celebration of automotive heritage that will leave you in awe. All proceeds to the Grand Bend food pantry.

Legion Branch 498