

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



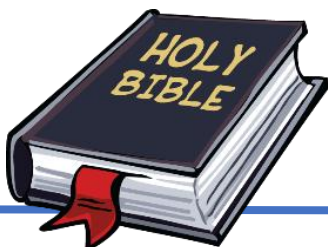
Join Us On YouTube for the Live Stream of Our
Worship Service

<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

Sermon
Saint Nancy



Readings

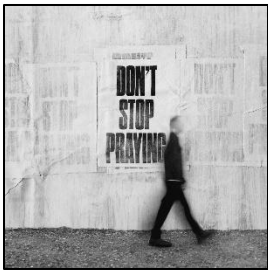
Old Testament: Leviticus 22:32-33

New Testament: 1 Peter 1:13-16



**Remembrance Sunday is
November 9th.**

Please feel free to bring in
pictures of family and
loved ones who served in
the military in time of war
or peacekeeping.



SONG: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrpRNqiHr8E>

CHOSEN by Matthew West

MEDITATION: Remember the last time you tried to be something you're not, just to impress someone? Maybe you put on a smile when you were really having a tough day, or pretended to like something just to fit in. We've all been there—trying to live up to an image that feels more like a costume than reality.

Romans 12:2 encourages us not to conform to this world's patterns but instead to be transformed by renewing our minds.

Society says, "Be someone they'll like."

But God's pattern says, "Be who I created you to be." It's easy to get stuck in a cycle of trying to meet expectations that God never intended for us. We wear these masks because we think we have to, but they only hide our true selves.

Sometimes we try to reinvent ourselves, hoping it will change our image. But just like a cheap Halloween mask, it doesn't take long for the façade to crack. Sometimes, our true identity just won't let us hide!

If you've ever felt like you're wearing a mask—whether it's to cover up insecurity, fear, or just to seem "cool"—you're not alone. But here's the good news: God sees right through the mask and loves the person underneath. Think about it. Why do we spend so much time trying to impress people who might not even remember our name tomorrow? Meanwhile, God, who knows everything about us, loves us just as we are.

We can get so caught up trying to look perfect that we miss the beauty of just being ourselves. But what God wants is the real, unfiltered version of us—blinks, goofy faces, and all. Proverbs 23:7 says, "As someone thinks in their heart, that's the person they become." What we believe about ourselves shapes how we act. If we believe we're only lovable when we're perfect, we'll keep putting on those masks. But when we believe God loves us just as we are, masks become unnecessary. We start living as the unique, authentic people God created us to be.

Take a moment and ask yourself: What mask have you been wearing lately? Is it the "I've got it all together" mask? Or maybe the "I'm too busy to need help" mask? Whatever it is, try taking it off and letting God's love fill in the gaps. Be who God made you to be, because identity matters, and you have been chosen.



KEEP UP TO DATE WITH OUR EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE

[CALENDAR LINK HERE](#)

27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1	2
8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 10:30am Prayer Shawls Group 1pm Embellishment Team 6pm GB Horticultural Society Meet	9am Polewalking Group 10am Coffee Club 2pm Socrates Cafe 4pm Rotary Board Meeting	8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 1pm Community Bible Study on Zoom 3:30pm Huron Shores Singers Rehearsal 6:30pm Lakeshore Eco-Network Meeting		Harvest BBQ Dinner Preparation 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 9am Harvest Dinner Preparation 10am Caring Casseroles and Soup 2 more	Harvest Dinner at the Legion 5:30 pm 9:30am Building Maintenance	All Saints Sunday 10am WORSHIP
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DONATIONS NEEDED

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, homemade cookies for the refreshments table, or new items, especially for children!

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 15th.

Thank you for your generosity!



Donations Needed - Please Help

WARM UP GRAND BEND

2025 WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

NEW and GENTLY USED
coats, boots, socks, hats, scarves, hats, pajamas, gloves, mittens, sweaters, and more...cash or grocery card gift donations also welcomed!

Drop Off at the Legion
Thurs & Fri, November 13th & 14th
9 am to 5 pm

Legion
Veterans Memorial Branch 498
GRAND BEND
**20 MUNICIPAL DRIVE
GRAND BEND**



2nd Annual Festival of Trees

Dear Friends,

There's nothing as magical as a perfectly decorated Christmas tree, shimmering with light and colour. Imagine a "forest" of such trees, set in a beautiful heritage space.

That's what you will experience when Huron Shores United Church hosts the Grand Bend Festival of Trees this November 14th and 15th, 2025.

Our goal is to raise funds for church operations for the programs of Huron Shores United Church, home of Grand Bend Place. These programs, which greatly impact our community, include the Free Store, Warm-Up Grand Bend, the Caring Casseroles program, and hosting the site of the Grand Bend Community Food Pantry, just to name a few. We are committed to helping the most vulnerable and isolated in our community through these ventures.

The Festival will also be a celebration of the joy and beauty of the holiday season. The tree display will be open for public viewing between 5 pm and 7 pm on Friday the 14th, and 11 am to 7 pm on Saturday the 15th. A silent auction will determine who takes each of the magnificent trees home on Sunday, Nov. 16th. There will also be handmade natural swags and holiday cookies for sale. Admission is free!

With this letter, we invite your organization to be part of this very special event by donating a decorated tree. What a wonderful way to celebrate your connection to our community, raise your profile, and support the important work of our community outreach program. Choose your own theme, colours, lights, decorations and artificial tree—create a masterpiece to be seen by our many visitors.

Your organization name and logo will be recognized in a large sign next to your tree, and through our promotional materials, website, and Facebook page. A member of our team will be contacting you with further details.

Let's come together to celebrate the Grand Bend Festival of Trees this November and support community wellbeing in 2025.

Yours,

Deb Gill, Chair of Council, Huron Shores United Church



To ensure your organization is recognized, please contact Christine at
huronshoresunitedchurch@gmail.com
or 519-238-2402
25 Main Street, Grand Bend N0M1T0

Do you know anyone who might want to get in on our 2nd annual Festival of Trees, and donate a decorated tree? Please share your contact info or see Christine to pick up a letter and poster today!

**November 14th, 2025
5pm to 7pm**

**& November 15th
11am to 7pm**

**Huron Shores
United Church
25 Main Street**

Cash * Cheque * Credit

Information:
Christine 519-238-2402
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*Silent Tree
Auction*

The tradition of adorning a tree for Christmas is a beautiful way to celebrate the colour of the season and cherished memories.

2nd Annual Festival of Trees

Celebrate the love and connection we all share during this magical season, by taking home a completely decorated Christmas tree and helping families in need!

Thank You!
HSUC supporters and volunteers for donating trees and swags decorated with your personal flair.



**Handcrafted Swags (\$25)
& Holiday Cookies (\$5)
for Purchase**
FREE ADMISSION

**Huron Shores United Church
Income and Expense Statement
Consolidated - January 2025 - September 2025**

		Current Period	Current Budget	Annual Budget
INCOME				
FUNDS DEVELOPMENT	4010	\$100,391.95	\$112,500.00	\$150,000.00
GRAND BEND PLACE	4100	23,075.03	29,380.50	39,174.00
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	4201	10,785.15	10,462.50	13,950.00
INTEREST INCOME	4500	1,018.09	0.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	4600	21,326.11	28,500.03	38,000.00
TOTAL INCOME		156,596.33	180,843.03	241,124.00
EXPENSES				
FIXED EXPENSES				
SALARIES & HONORARIUMS	5050	\$85,099.69	\$91,247.67	\$121,663.63
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	5400	7,497.95	9,225.09	12,300.00
BUILDING & GROUNDS	5600	17,291.90	23,099.94	30,800.00
Subtotal Fixed Expenses		109,889.54	123,572.70	164,763.63
DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES				
COF SUPPORT	6010	298.07	187.47	250.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	6200	18.26	600.03	800.00
WORSHIP	6275	1,260.21	1,275.03	1,700.00
MISSION & OUTREACH	6300	874.67	1,575.00	2,100.00
GRAND BEND PLACE	6400	20,305.20	24,926.22	33,235.00
FUNDS DEVELOPMENT	6425	0.00	375.03	500.00
MISSION & SERVICE	6455	9,102.15	9,000.00	12,000.00
OTHER EXP-COUNCIL	6550	36,312.42	32,670.00	43,560.00
Subtotal Departments/committees		68,170.98	70,608.78	94,145.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		178,060.52	194,181.48	258,908.63
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES		-\$21,464.19	-\$13,338.45	-\$17,784.63

Questions? Contact Lori, Stewardship and Finance, at hsucfinancechair@gmail.com



**Orders Due By
November 15th
See Rev. Nancy or Christine**

IT'S POINSETTIA TIME AGAIN!

Please support the work of
Huron Shores United Church
with the purchase of a beautiful poinsettia
from *Huron Ridge Greenhouses!*



Marble White Ice Crystal



Red Northern Lights

Marble, Red, White & Ice Crystal: **\$20**

Northern Lights: **\$23**

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

ORDER: ☐ Marble ☐ Red ☐ White ☐ Ice
☐ Northern Lights

TOTAL \$ _____

ORDERS DUE BY: November 15, 2025

PICK UP DATES: Saturday November 29th, 1-3pm

Sunday, November 30th, 12-2pm

Cheese Order Forms Coming Soon!



**100th Anniversary Publication
– Presale Announcement**

We are pleased to announce the upcoming release of our 100th Anniversary Publication, a rich reflection on our Community Faith's history — from the settlement of the Huron Tract in the mid-1800s to the present day.

This commemorative book traces our journey from the early days of the Grand Bend Circuit, through the development and construction of our rural churches, amalgamations, formation of the United Church Union, and into the vibrant faith community we know today.

Featuring historical information, personal storytelling, period photographs, and archival newspaper accounts, this publication beautifully captures the people, places, and spirit that shaped our shared story.

Another component is most of the information, including reference materials extracted from archives of local museums, local newspapers, and the UCC. We also have video interviews of persons involved in the vision statement from 2012 through the Build to the success of our connection and welcoming of the community. These will be available by QR Codes, which is a quick link to accessing these resources for further reading.

We are now offering a special presale opportunity for under \$35.00. Order before Christmas for delivery in early 2026.

I will ask the final question, if there is any further information anyone wishes to contribute, or period photographs (late 1800's, early 1900's) - two weeks DEADLINE!

Bob Illman

100th Anniversary Working Group



The ladies of the Grand Bend Prayer Shawl Ministry were pleased to create poppies for the covering of the Communion Table at HSUC. We hope that these poppies are a loving reminder of our veterans, past and present!

The poppies created by the Prayer Shawl group were attached to a backing, with the old cliché, "It takes many hands to make light work." Thanks to all involved in making a beautiful table runner for our Remembrance Day services.



Thank you everyone for another very successful **Fall Free Store!** Once again, our Community of Faith and greater community were very generous with their donations and these donations were greatly appreciated by 315+ visitors to the Free Store. It is heartwarming to know that with your donations of clothing, toys, games and household goods, we are able to help so many in the community. As an added benefit several items are kept out of the landfill with recycling/reusing. We did have some items leftover, and we were able to send a trailer load of useful articles to the Ailsa Craig & Area Food Bank & Thrift Store. While we stress this is a free store, several monetary contributions were made totalling \$841.80. At our organizational meeting, it was decided any monetary donations would be divided and sent to three organizations: Goderich Women's Shelter, the Nutritious Snack Program at Grand Bend Public School and to the children in Gaza through Save the Children Canada.

We had an incredible team of dedicated workers volunteering many hours from beginning to end and they helped to make this event a success. With our next Free Store set for May 1st and 2nd, 2026 we welcome all to join this group.



~ Ruth Ann Eagleson and Joanne Barry



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
519-238-5220

Peter Challen
519-238-5508

Joanne Barry
226-456-8134

GET IN TOUCH

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IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Photo by
Nancy
Knowles



COMMUNITY EVENTS AT HSUC/GBP

There's never been a more important time to talk about climate. Together we can, must, and will make a difference!

**Join us on
October 1, 2025 10-noon and
November 6, 2025, 10-noon
Grand Bend Place, 25 Main Street, Grand Bend**

This year we'll be continuing to use Project Drawdown's excellent video series, *Climate Solutions 101*, to jumpstart our conversations.



Lakeshore Eco-Network
Climate Cafe

Presented by Lakeshore Eco-Network in partnership with the Rotary Club of
Bend. Coffee and treats will be provided.



Goodwill offering gratefully accepted. Thank you!

**A tribute to
the life and
career of
Robert
Redford
*Rated PG 13***

Thursday, Nov 6th, at 7:00 pm
Free Admission Free Popcorn

Grand Bend Place
Centre for the Living Arts

25 Main Street
Grand Bend

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5pm to 7pm

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FREE ADMISSION

tickets & info
226-213-4811

TICKETWINDOW.ca
events start here



The fun starts here!

25 Main Street
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EARLY MORNING RAIN THE LEGEND OF GORDON LIGHTFOOT

Way-To-Go Productions has once again created musical magic with this concert celebrating a Canadian legend. Lightfoot is regarded as perhaps the greatest and most prolific Canadian singer-songwriter of all time. Every song is a hit!

Sponsored By



Friday
November 14th
2025

7 pm
Doors open
6:30 pm

*Tickets On Sale Now!
Get yours while
they last! Visit*

<https://ticketwindow.ca/>

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A Big Band Christmas



Starring
Theresa Wallis &
The Music Makers
Little Big Band

Sponsored By



Sunday
December 7th
2025

2 pm
Doors open
1:30 pm

Lakeshore Eco-Network

How to Plant Three Million Trees
a presentation by Rob Johnson, Manager,
Green Legacy Programme, Wellington County

Wednesday, October 29, 2025, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Grand Bend Place, 25 Main Street, Grand Bend

COMMUNITY EVENTS AROUND TOWN

GRAND BEND CARES COMMUNITY GROUP

WARM UP GRAND BEND

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Help families in need with **NEW** or **GENTLY USED** coats, boots, socks, scarves, hats, pajamas, gloves, mittens, sweaters...



Donation Days:
Thursday & Friday, November 13 & 14, 2025 9 am to 5 pm

Drop Off Location: Grand Bend Legion, 20 Municipal Drive

Saturday, November 15th, 2025 9 am to 4 pm
FREE Shopping at the Legion to Find What You and Your Family Need to Keep Warm This Winter

For More Information Contact Christine 519-238-2402 OR Contact Any of These **Grand Bend Cares Community Group Partners!**

- Grand Bend Legion Branch 498
- Huron Shores United Church
- Men's Probus
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church
- Women's Probus
- Grand Bend & Area Community Health Centre
- Rotary Club of Grand Bend
- Grand Bend & Area Horticultural Society
- St. John's By The Lake Anglican Church
- West Coast Lions Club
- Jingle Bells Group
- Grand Bend Pickleball Club
- Huron Country Playhouse Guild
- Grand Bend Art Centre
- Sunset Community Foundation




JOIN SANTA AT

Light Up Grand Bend

NOVEMBER 15 2025
GRAND BEACH BEACH STAGE
6 PM

Join us in celebrating the joy of togetherness and the magic of the holiday season as we light up our town. Come early to see the displays, go on a horse and carriage ride, have some hot chocolate and listen to the music.



Visit our website jinglebells.gb.com or scan the QR code for more details



THE JINGLE BELLS GROUP

Monday, November 3, 2025
@ 2:00 p.m.

YOU ARE INVITED to the GRAND BEND LEGION

to attend the installation of the Poppy blankets created by a group of community volunteers. These blankets will be put on the Cenotaph and upper railings.

- ❖ This project began back in mid June with volunteers gathering to crochet and knit poppies.
- ❖ In the months since then, many volunteers continued to create and drop off an endless supply of beautiful poppies.
- ❖ In August, a team of ladies met weekly to attach the poppies to the netting. The Cenotaph blanket was completed first with a grand total of **1111 poppies!!**
- ❖ In September the momentum continued and a second blanket to beautify the upper Legion railings was started.
- ❖ In late October, the railing blanket was completed.

THANK YOU

- to the many volunteers for their support, time and expertise
- to the very patient ladies who taught some of us how to crochet
- to those who contributed by donating yarn
- to those who donated funds to purchase yarn
- to our Grand Bend Legion

This truly has been a community project and it is our hope to continue, in years to come, to use our poppies to beautify other locations in our town to honour Veterans past and present.

NOFRILLS
98 Ontario Street South, Grand Bend

4th ANNUAL

STUFF-A-TRUCK & Cram-A-CRUISER

Food & Toy Drive



November 1, 2025 | 10 am to 4 pm
No Frills Parking Lot

Join us in helping the community by donating non-perishable food items and gift cards!

Blessings COMMUNITY STORE
48 Main Street
Burlington, ON N7R 1P6

Grand Bend Area Community Health Centre

Grand Bend Community Food Pantry