

December 14th, 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

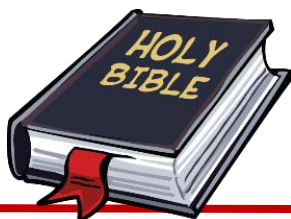
<https://www.youtube.com/@huronshores4193>

Immediately After the Service, Join Us On Our Zoom Chat Link:

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

Sermon

Finding Joy at Christmas

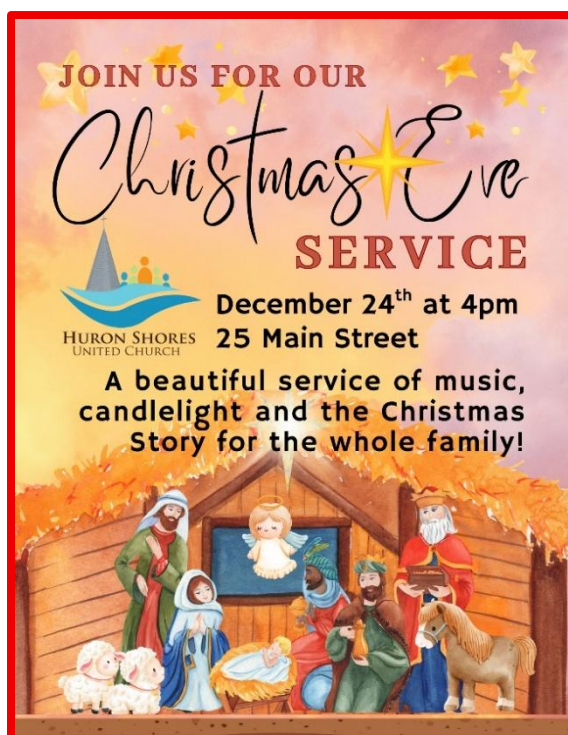


Readings

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 46:1-10

New Testament Reading: Matthew 11:2-11

*We are
looking
forward to
welcoming
your families
and friends
on Christmas
Eve!*



Stay tuned for a
celebration on
January 4th, 2026!





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Advent 1

I started with started with my very favourite...

Out of the mouths of babes....

<https://youtu.be/suowe2czxcA?si=llfQi8Q9w3UOg9BA>

Advent 2

This is an older video, and likely you may have heard the story before.

But listen to it again....as if for the first time.

<https://youtu.be/gY2pTAA9pc?si=uvEg1oAWp3MMVOmp>

Come celebrate the season with us!

Love!

A Gospel Christmas Celebration
by Joel Raney

HURON SHORES SINGERS & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Admission by
Donation

Sunday, December 14th at 3 PM
Huron Shores United Church
25 Main Street

Don't miss our beautiful concert on Sunday! The Huron Shores Singers have been working hard to make it a truly memorable and inspirational event for the whole family!

CALENDAR

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH OUR EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE

CALENDAR LINK HERE

<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 10:30am Prayer Shawls Group 12pm Partners in Learning AGM Po 1:30pm HS Singers Rehearsal 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Polewalking Group 10am Coffee Club 10am Finance Team Meeting 3:30pm Worship and Music on Zoo 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 1pm Community Bible Study on Zo 3:30pm Huron Shores Singers Reh 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Food Pantry Cooking 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Ageless Vitality Fitness 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Building Maintenance 10:30am Huron Shores Singers Reh 	<p>14</p> <p>3 PM HOLIDAY CONCERT: HURON S</p> <p>Advent 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am WORSHIP 12pm Concert Reception Setup 2pm Huron Shores Singers Warm L
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**Janice and Grand Bend
Place volunteers walked in
the 2025 Grand Bend
Santa Claus Parade!**



**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED
HURON SHORES UNITED CHURCH IN 2025**

PLEASE NOTE

All donations received by Dec. 31, 2025 will be eligible for 2025 income tax deductions.
Your ongoing financial support of **Huron Shores United Church**
is very much appreciated!

2025 Finance & Stewardship Team



The 100th Anniversary Historical Publication is complete; we are taking orders!

The book starts from the Huron Tract development, its settlement, and the development of churches in our area. It includes memories of Helen growing up already documented in her book "Memories". Also referenced the Greenway Publication of "Truly a United Church" and other publications of the early years.

It also trips us through our vision, rejuvenation, community building and considers the future.

We have included a QR code in the book which will allow access to online video interviews and archival information that could not be included in the publication, which may be referenced at your pleasure.

Please use the sign up sheets in the lobby or email: **I WANT THE BOOK!** at huronshoresunitedchurch@gmail.com the cost will be in the \$30.00 range for a fifty page soft cover edition. Hardcover copies are available but cost is to be determined.

Reminder

The Angel Tree is in the Sanctuary hallway upstairs. The Christian Development Committee is once again assisting families in our community. Please select an angel and return your purchased gift, unwrapped, on December 21st. Thank You for your generosity!



Is this yours? This bracelet was found in the Sanctuary after the concert. If it is yours, please stop by the office to pick it up (between 9 and noon). Thanks!





As the new year approaches, we invite you to consider utilizing Gift Cards for your grocery purchases. This method incurs no additional cost to you while providing our church with a 2% to 5% reward through bulk card purchases.

In 2025, our monthly orders typically ranged from \$11,000 to \$13,000 in value. For example, in November, this initiative generated \$672.50 for our church. Participants also benefit from an income tax deduction, which is included in your charitable donations on the church-issued income tax receipt.

The program offers mutual benefits: the church receives support, and participants continue to earn affinity card points. In most cases, the income tax deduction may exceed typical credit card rewards.

Enrolling in the program is straightforward. Order forms are available in the rack outside the sanctuary; simply complete a form and provide payment to Doug for processing. Additionally, a separate form allows you to set up monthly orders for the entire year using post-dated cheques, which many members find most convenient.

If you are not currently participating in this venture, please consider doing so. I can't think of a good reason not to be a part of it. Everyone eats. Should you wish to discuss your participation in this opportunity, please contact Doug Procter, dlprocter@hotmail.com for details.



SUNSET
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
FOR GOOD. FOREVER.

"Thanks to a generous grant from the Sunset Community Foundation of \$12,000, a 5-A-Day Fruit and Veggie Program directed toward children and seniors, will be implemented into our Grand Bend Community Food Pantry education programs, starting in January 2026.

Thank you to all the groups and business that have collected non-perishable items and money to support the Grand Bend Community Food Pantry in December. ReMax Bluewater Realty, Dollar Tree, Hay Communications, Huron County Food Distribution Centre, The Grand Bend Legion, Sobeys, No Frills, Green Bucks Christmas Store, the West Coast Lions Club, Grand Cove Home Owners Association, the Lambton Shores Nature Trails Association, Pizza Delight, Head Hunters, Catholic Women's League, and many more!"

~ Marg Alfieri, Food Pantry CAC



Catholic Women's League



Huron Woods Community Association

Lambton Shores Nature Trails Team

Sobeys

GB Legion

We thank everyone generously donating to the Grand Bend Community Food Pantry to make this holiday season happier and healthier for many families. Your food drives and cash donations make all the difference!

John Dehondt



Green Bucks Christmas Store

Too many to name here...These are just a few of the individuals and groups delivering much need food and donations...but know that we are so grateful to EVERYONE!

"The Huron Woods Directors Open House was held on Sunday. It is a great way to show we care for our community. The Food Pantry received many generous donations from the members. Helping people wouldn't be possible without the church and all the many volunteers."

Grand Ladies

Dollar Tree

Pizza Delight



Grand Bend Lions, The Jingle Bells Group and Parade Goers

Huron Woods Community Association



Linda Attard and the Lambton Shores Nature Trails team

Remax Bluewater Pedlar Team

"I am proud to be there for families who need us. You all do such good work!"



Grand Cove HOA



Greetings!

As Chair of Fellowship and Outreach, I would like to celebrate one of the many outreach programs held here at the church, *the Prayer Shawl Group.* This program was started 12 years ago by Lynda Holmes. The group is led by leaders Sharon Soldan and Trish Murdock and they meet every other Monday downstairs in Fellowship Hall at 10 am.

As you come into the Sanctuary or the Greenway Chapel upstairs you have probably seen some of the beautiful shawls, lap blankets, scarves, teddy bears and prayer hearts that have been handcrafted with love and prayers.

Many of these items have been received by people who are ill, people who are bereaved, people who are afraid and lonely, or people going through a rough patch. The shawls have also been given out to celebrate milestones like birthdays, the birth of a newborn etc.

Most recently, the artists have placed items in the Food Pantry—scarves, mittens, slippers and more.

I myself, was gifted a beautiful prayer shawl from a dear friend of mine. I was receiving chemo treatments about 4 yrs ago. I took the shawl with me for all my treatments and wrapped it around me. As some of you know, it is cool in the chemo suite. Aside from the physical warmth of the blanket, I felt a spiritual warmth from the person who knitted/crocheted the blanket and to the person who gifted it to me, and to our creator - GOD.

Such a joyful connection. THANK YOU *Prayer Shawl Group!*

Please feel free to come and take a prayer shawl, blanket, teddy bear or prayer heart for someone you know.

~ Thank you so much, Lois Gill

Please note, the *Caring Casseroles* cooking session is cancelled the last Friday in December (Dec.26th)
The next one is January 30th, 2026



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

Happy Birthday Dot!

Celebrating Dot Truemner's 96th birthday. She was born December 5th, 1929. She enjoyed lunch with Lynne Desjardine and her daughters Jane & Ruth, who brought Dot from Stratford. She sends greetings to her friends at HSUC.



COMMUNITY EVENTS AT HSUC/GBP

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Sobey's

Grand Bend

Food Drive

Dec 13th 10 am - 3 pm
Meet your hometown heroes !
Grand Bend's Volunteer Firefighters & their truck will be at the Food Drive!



Scams & Internet Fraud

Presentation by OPP

Mon Dec 15, 2025
10-12 noon
Huron Shores United Church
25 Main St. Grand Bend

Partners In Learning
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