

### 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>

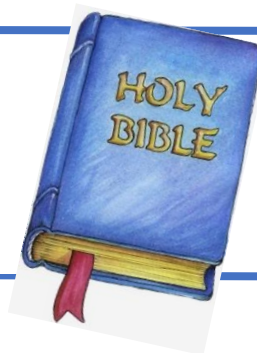
Immediately After the Service, Join Us On Our Zoom Chat Link:

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

### SERMON: Dirty, Rotten Scoundrels

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD: New Testament

Readings - Colossians 2:1-10, 2 Timothy 3:1-5



Welcome  
Special Guest Musician  
Rod Culham!

### New Photo Directory

Big shout out to all who have responded so promptly with their information for our new directory! If you have not, please giddy up!

We have updated information as to what we can include in the roster. **IPC has agreed to let us print two phone numbers if you wish.** We will stick with one email.

If you'd like two phone numbers listed please email that information to [hsucmembershipchair2024@gmail.com](mailto:hsucmembershipchair2024@gmail.com). Please identify whose number is whose. In the directory, it will look like this: 519 238 8953 - B. 519 709 3602 - M.

Once again - thank you!!

Mary McFadden  
HSUC Membership Chair

**Meditation:** What would you do if you were God?

I mean, let's admit it: Deep down, there are times when we want to be.

There are times when we act like we are.

There are times when I want to "set the world straight" –

when I'd love to have things turn out exactly the way I want them to go.

And when they didn't go that way, well, it wouldn't be pretty.



So let's imagine for a minute that you are God. Imagine that you are omnipotent. That you have all power over the space-time continuum, and that you can speak anything you want into existence.

Anything you desire is at your disposal. What would you do? What would you create? What would the world be like?

It's fun to think about.

Here are some basic ideas I came up with:

I would have a pool...always kept at a warmer temperature, but refreshing. (*I mean, this summer doesn't everyone want this?*) And so I might as well make the outside temperature always perfect...around 20 or so. With occasional thunderstorm for interest and excitement!

I'd make sure that all the most delicious food in the world had next to no calories. Particularly chocolate. I might have a dog and a cat...but with no fur shedding on the furniture. I'd resurrect J.R.R. Tolkien and have him write more Hobbit books.

You get the idea. Life would be great! *Or, would it?*

This might sound bad, it might sound odd: I'd love a chance at playing God. To be omnipotent would be a welcome change for one like me. I'd be a good God, just and true, and love my people through and through. Well truthfully, I think there might be one or two I'd like to smite. I'd champion free will of course and never rule by power or force, unless my people go astray at which point I'd change their way.

The world would be a wondrous land, made in my image, with my plan. No war, no famine, no grief or pain. Nothing to lose, nothing to gain.

And every prayer that I received? Depends on what each soul believed. I'd answer fairly — mostly so. Sometimes, to mean folks, I'd say 'no.'

And I'd sit back upon my throne... and notice I was all alone. No people left to bow their heads, a world of robots left instead.

Turns out my plans would all be flawed: I think I'd make an awful God. I don't profess to know, at last, the ways God's Kingdom comes to pass. God lets the world grow as it should. God lets us live through bad and good. With hearts of faith and lives of prayer we learn to see God everywhere.

And so, I've come to realize the job of God, seen through God's eyes, requires more grace than I have got.

Thank God for God... who I am not.

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# CALENDAR

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[CALENDAR LINK HERE](#)

11	12 ● 9am Polewalking Group ● 9:30am Leadership Team Meetings ● 10am Coffee Club ● 3:30pm Worship and Music on Zoo	13 ● 8:30am Food Pantry Mtg ● 1pm Community Bible Study on Zo ● 2pm Private Meeting	14 Kids' Camp	15	16 ● 9:30am Building Maintenance	17 ● 9am WORSHIP
18	19 ● 9am Polewalking Group ● 10am Coffee Club ● 4pm Rotary Club of Grand Bend M	20 ● 1pm Community Bible Study on Zo	21	22	23 ● 9:30am Building Maintenance	24 ● 9am WORSHIP
25	26 ● 9am Polewalking Group ● 10am Coffee Club ● 4pm Rotary Board Meeting	27 ● 1pm Community Bible Study on Zo ● 3pm Huron Shores Singers Rehear	28 ● 10am Council Meeting	29 ● 9am Caring Casseroles and Soup C	30 ● 9:30am Building Maintenance ● 10am Embellishment Team	31 NO WORSHIP SERVICE

**Please note that we have no Worship Service On Sun., August 31<sup>st</sup>. Enjoy a safe and happy Labour Day Weekend. See you on September 7<sup>th</sup>, when worship begins at 10:00 am!**

## Huron Shores United Church Income and Expense Statement Consolidated - January 2025 - July 2025

		Current Period	Current Budget	Annual Budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
FUNDS DEVELOPMENT	4010	\$81,373.47	\$87,500.00	\$150,000.00
GRAND BEND PLACE	4100	22,014.33	22,851.50	39,174.00
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	4201	8,672.45	8,137.50	13,950.00
INTEREST INCOME	4500	1,018.09	0.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	4600	13,966.11	22,166.69	38,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>127,044.45</b>	<b>140,655.69</b>	<b>241,124.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>FIXED EXPENSES</b>				
SALARIES & HONORARIUMS	5050	\$64,011.19	\$70,970.41	\$121,663.63
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	5400	5,898.94	7,175.07	12,300.00
BUILDING & GROUNDS	5600	12,247.50	17,966.62	30,800.00
Subtotal Fixed Expenses		82,157.63	96,112.10	164,763.63
<b>DEPARTMENTS/COMMITTEES</b>				
COF SUPPORT	6010	0.00	145.81	250.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	6200	0.00	466.69	800.00
WORSHIP	6275	947.10	991.69	1,700.00
MISSION & OUTREACH	6300	669.40	1,225.00	2,100.00
GRAND BEND PLACE	6400	18,625.21	19,387.06	33,235.00
FUNDS DEVELOPMENT	6425	0.00	291.69	500.00
MISSION & SERVICE	6455	7,239.45	7,000.00	12,000.00
OTHER EXP-COUNCIL	6550	30,657.78	25,410.00	43,560.00
Subtotal Departments/committees		58,138.94	54,917.94	94,145.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>140,296.57</b>	<b>151,030.04</b>	<b>258,908.63</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES</b>		<b>-\$13,252.12</b>	<b>-\$10,374.35</b>	<b>-\$17,784.63</b>

Questions? Contact Lori, Stewardship and Finance, at [hsucfinancechair@gmail.com](mailto:hsucfinancechair@gmail.com)

THANK YOU to our friends  
in the  
**Grand Cove  
Homeowners Association**  
for their amazing fundraising  
to support the Grand Bend  
Food Pantry. You raised more  
than \$1,000! Wow!



For the Food Pantry this  
month we are in need of  
peanut butter, milk, cheese  
and canned meats (tuna,  
salmon, ham, turkey...)  
*Thank you for helping us to  
fill the shelves with much  
needed food and personal  
supplies!*

*Michaela has a very special grandma,  
Helen, who has MADE and donated hats  
and mittens for the Food Pantry! We are  
grateful for your tremendous support for  
Grand Bend Families!*



## Fill A Backpack

*For back to school...*

Help make the school year extra special for a boy or girl! Please donate a backpack filled with school supplies, a squishy, lunch bag and a water bottle! We will be sharing your donations with families in our community. Thank you for your generosity! Please deliver your backpack to the office no later than August 28<sup>th</sup>.



***Strenuous activities that do not require much physical effort:***

- 01) Beating around the bush...
- 02) Jumping to conclusions...
- 03) Climbing up the wall...
- 04) Swallowing your pride...
- 05) Passing the buck...
- 06) Balancing the books...
- 07) Dragging your heels...
- 08) Pushing your luck...
- 09) Making mountains out of molehills...
- 10) Hitting the nail on the head...
- 11) Wading through paperwork...
- 12) Bending over backwards...
- 13) Jumping on the bandwagon...
- 14) Throwing your weight around...
- 15) Running around in circles...
- 16) Eating crow...
- 17) Blowing your own horn...
- 18) Climbing the ladder of success...
- 19) Pulling out all the stops...
- 20) Adding fuel to the fire...
- 21) Opening a can of worms...
- 22) Putting your foot in your mouth...
- 23) Getting the ball rolling...
- 24) Going over the edge...
- 25) Picking up the pieces...

***Whew! That is some workout! Now sit down and...***

26) Exercise caution...

**Fall Free Store**

It's that time of year to be thinking of the Fall Free Store, October 17th & 18th.

We hope that all our wonderful volunteers from previous times are as keen as we are to once again offer this outreach to our community.

We welcome anyone who is interested to please join us. A planning meeting will be held Tuesday, September 2nd at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall to organize for the Free Store.

Please contact  
Ruth Ann Eagleson at  
519-318-6599  
Joanne Barry at  
226-456-8134

**Warm Up Grand Bend** is coming for the third year! As we plan for this year's warm clothing drive in November, please let Christine know if you are interested in volunteering to help plan and finalize details, or volunteer for the drop off and shopping days, call Christine at 519-933-9453. Stay tuned for the poster coming in September with all the details.



# 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](mailto: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

*Where will  
Travelling Jesus  
show up next?!*



# COMMUNITY EVENTS AT HSUC/GBP



**Words & Music Series**

LOVE FAITH PEACE

**THE POWER OF MUSIC**

**DENISE PELLEY**

Stephen Holowitz - pianist and musical director  
Greg Mainprize - percussion  
Paul Stevenson - trumpet

**Admission By Donation**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST 3:00 PM**  
DOORS OPEN 2:30 PM

**GRAND BEND PLACE**  
Centre for the Living Arts

519-238-2402  
25 MAIN STREET, GRAND BEND

Introducing a new GBP concert series: *Words & Music*  
Join Us for our first stellar concert! Admission is by donation!



**FALL FREE STORE**

Huron Shores United Church  
25 Main Street, Grand Bend

Friday, October 17th, 2025  
6:00pm-8:30pm  
Saturday, October 18th  
9:00am-2:00pm

EVERYONE is welcome to come, browse  
and take away what you can use,  
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519-238-2402

**Starring Ed Greene**

**Friday Oct 24th 2025 7 pm**

**Doors open 6:30 pm**

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