

### 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

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

**Leader:** Rev. Nancy Knowles

**Theme:** EXPERIENCE THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS - Advent 1:  
The Miracle of the Moment

### Scripture Reading

1st New Testament Reading:  
Matthew 1:18-23

2nd New Testament Reading:

Christmas Eve Service this year will be at 4:30pm, allowing us to come and go in daylight, and allowing time to get home for your Christmas Eve supper and for any little time to get home and into pj's to excitedly wait!



### MINISTER'S



**SONG:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nS4WNqzUXY>  
**STILL WATERS** by Leanna Crawford, Ben Fuller & David Leonard

**MEDITATION:** There are very few things on earth that are more soothing than sitting by still waters....a still lake, when ocean waves are gentle... it brings peace to our hearts and rest to our weary bones. The Bible says that Jesus is like a good shepherd that leads us to these still waters in our soul. There can be chaos breaking out around us yet inside we can be at complete peace. *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.*

This is one of the most well-known of all the Psalms and one of the most famous passages of all of scripture. It says that Christ is a saviour who loves his sheep and cares for them as a shepherd does, who doesn't leave us when life gets tough. The Lord is our shepherd. You may not have much experience with raising sheep, but it is easy to get this. Sheep are dependent upon their shepherd to provide for them. Don't misread this thinking that David is saying we don't want the shepherd. "Shall not want" means that we have no needs because of the shepherd, because Christ continually leads us to what we need. We rest and eat where there is plenty, we drink by water that is still; he leads us to do the right thing and allows us to get the rest necessary. With those, we shall never want. This shepherd also protects us when life gets difficult. Let's face it, we can't avoid difficulties in life, but as we walk through them, we can do so with the knowledge that Jesus is right there with us. We don't have to go through life paralyzed by fear. Even when we don't understand why things are happening as they are, or when we can't see the light at the end of a dark tunnel, we are not alone. We have a strong and caring companion who leads us. I know that at times, it's hard to see this, and even harder to believe, but our cup – our lives - overflow with goodness and mercy because of the shepherd who will be with us – forever. Follow the shepherd, dear friends.



*The Angel Tree Is Here!  
The Christian Development  
Committee is once again assisting  
families in our community. Please  
make your angel selection and  
purchase your gift  
by December 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Thank you for your generosity!*



*A huge and heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in the Warm Up Grand Bend campaign this year! We had so many wonderful donations, and every last item made someone's winter just a little warmer! With so many generous volunteers, the work was a joy! I am humbled and so grateful for the kindness and community spirit exemplified by all of you!*

*I know I speak for John O'Handley too, when I say it is our great privilege to work with all of you! We wish you and your families a wonderful holiday!*

*Cheers, Christine*

Go to our Facebook page to check out the spectacular video shot by Brittany Farhat of Eternal Sunshine Creative Studios



*Thank you to our donors and volunteers who are supporting our Festival of Trees coming up this weekend!*

*COME OUT AND ENJOY! Free refreshments, and the chance to take home a gorgeous decorated tree, a fresh handcrafted wreath, a poinsettia, or some homemade cookies!*

**November 30, 2024**

**2 pm to 6 pm**

Huron Shores United Church  
25 Main Street

Cash \* Cheque \* Credit

Information:

Christine 519-238-2402

hsuccommunitywellness@gmail.com



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

# Festival of Trees

*Thank You!*

HSUC supporters for donating trees decorated with your personal flair.

Celebrate the love and connection we all share during this magical season by taking home one of these spectacular creations and helping families in need!



Handcrafted Wreaths,  
Holiday Cookies and  
Poinsettias for Purchase

**FREE**  
Hot Chocolate  
and Apple Cider

*Decorated Trees & Wreaths Generously Donated by*

**COLONIAL HOTEL** *Sue's Creative Touches*

**THE LAKE HOUND PUBLIC HOUSE**

**Green Bucks** *Highlands*  
*Country Christmas Store* **11 x 4**

**THE JINGLES GROUP**

**INNOVATIVE FLOORING & HOME DESIGN**

**Rotary**  
Club of Grand Bend

**CRABBY JOE'S BAR & GRILL**

**Amazing Volunteers & Friends of HSUC & the Grand Bend Community Food Pantry**

**Our space is beautifully adorned with Hope, Peace, Joy & Love, all in time for the first of Advent! Thank you so much to every member of the Embellishment Working Group!  
~ Mary McFadden**



## GRAND BEND COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY CLOSE TO HOME

By Pat Morden, Grand Bend Community Food Pantry Steering Committee

When you live in a prosperous lakeside retirement community, it's easy to forget that food insecurity is an issue everywhere. But Huron Shores United Church saw the face of hunger and took positive action to address it. Now Grand Bend has a place where food is available to those who need it, whenever they need it.



Nearly one in five households in Ontario is struggling to put food on the table - that's 2.5 million people including 700,000 children. Church members were aware of the growing problem and contributed to food banks in Ailsa Craig and Zurich. "After COVID more people were coming to our door looking for help," says Deb Gill, Chair of Church Council. "A group of concerned community members came together to think about how we could do more." Cindy Maxfield, Health Promoter with the Grand Bend Area Health Centre and a member of the steering community, suggested that they explore a model used in Petrolia—a garden shed on the grounds of the church where people could access food and other items discreetly and without stigma.

The church community went to work, led by Gill and Christine Wilde, Community Wellness Program Coordinator. A second-hand wooden shed was purchased, moved onto church property, fully renovated, and connected to hydro. A grant from the Sunset Community Foundation was used to purchase a refrigerator and freezer. Several successful fundraising dinners were held in partnership with the Grand Bend Legion and others. Local businesses donated materials needed to outfit the shed. The Rotary Club of Grand Bend contributed \$10,000 to cover the cost of the shed itself. Volunteers stepped up to operate the pantry. On October 10th, it officially opened to great fanfare.

"The Pantry is only possible through the support of all our community partners," says Gill. "We are incredibly grateful for every donation, and for the outpouring of support for our fundraising efforts. This is Grand Bend at its best!" She adds, "This is a true community effort, and we will continue to count on the generosity of Grand Benders to sustain it in the years ahead."



**HSUC In  
The News  
(Again!)**

Many thanks to Pat Morden for crafting such an excellent article for Grand Bend and Lambton Shores Living Magazine!

### Closed For The Holidays

Please note that the HSUC office will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will not be checking email regularly, so please text Christine if you have an urgent matter that cannot wait until the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you and have a very happy holiday!  
~ The HSUC and GBP Staff

**THANK YOU!**

The response to the Huron Shores United Church 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal to has been terrific.

As of Sunday, November 24, \$14,195 has been received from our generous Community of Faith.

These contributions are very much appreciated. As you know, the church cannot survive without financial support. Our operational costs continue to rise and we must rely on your generosity to meet these expenses.

If you haven't donated yet, please be sure to include your email address so your charitable tax receipt can be sent to you at year end.

Sincerely,  
Steve Northey - Chair of Stewardship

Thank You

The next Caring Casseroles cooking session will be December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Everyone welcome!



At this time of the year we need to remember those who are struggling to find the joy of the season. Please choose something from the prayer shawl basket or the shawl ladder to brighten their day. Share the love.  
~ The Prayer Shawl Group

# CALENDAR

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH OUR EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE

[CALENDAR LINK HERE](#)

MON 25	TUE 26	WED 27	THU 28	FRI 29	SAT 30	SUN Dec 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8am Ageless Vitality Fitness</li> <li>9:30am Making Festival Wreaths</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Polewalking Group</li> <li>10am Embellishment Team</li> <li>10am Coffee Club</li> <li>2 more</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8am Ageless Vitality Fitness</li> <li>9:30am Making Festival Wreaths</li> <li>10am Community Bible Study (ne</li> <li>2 more</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am R&amp;R Book Club</li> <li>10:30am Admin Review Meeting</li> <li>11:30am Council Meeting</li> <li>2 more</li> </ul>	<p><b>Festival of Trees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8am Ageless Vitality Fitness</li> <li>10am Private Coffee Club</li> <li>2 more</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Festival of Trees</li> <li>10am Horticultural Society AGM</li> </ul>	<p><b>7 pm Cantata Concert</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am WORSHIP</li> <li>5pm Concert Set Up</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8am Ageless Vitality Fitness</li> <li>11:30am Partners in Learning AGM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Polewalking Group</li> <li>10am Coffee Club</li> <li>10:30am Finance Meeting</li> <li>2 more</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8am Ageless Vitality Fitness</li> <li>10am Community Bible Study (ne</li> <li>10am M &amp; P Team</li> <li>3pm Choir Practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am M &amp; P Team</li> <li>9:30am Leadership Team Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8am Ageless Vitality Fitness</li> <li>10am Private Coffee Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm An Evening With Spirit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am WORSHIP</li> </ul>

# 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)



**Lynne Desjardine**  
519-238-5220

**Peter Challen**  
519-238-5508

**Joanne Barry**  
226-456-8134

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**.

## GET IN TOUCH

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Tak you): Btw i am 8!!!

THANK YOU  
GOD BLESS ☺

## IMAGE OF THE WEEK

A special message left at the Food Pantry by a grateful youngster!  
Photo by Lois

# COMMUNITY EVENTS AT HSUC/GBP



**PURPLE HILL COUNTRY OPRY**  
THORNDALE, ONTARIO, CANADA      TAYLOR FAMILY OF PURPLE HILL SINCE 1977

**Sunday  
December 8th  
2024**

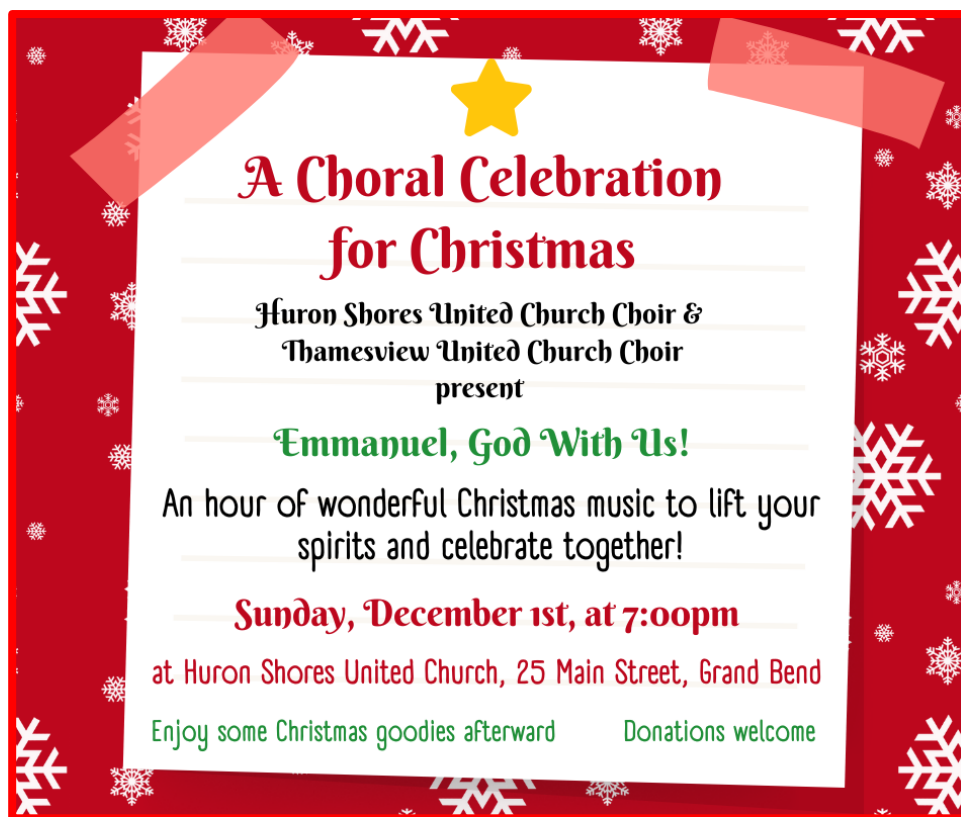
**Doors Open  
1:30 pm  
Concert  
2:00 pm**

**Christmas  
Country  
Opry  
Show**

  
GRAND BEND PLACE  
Centre for the Living Arts

25 Main Street  
Grand Bend  
INFO: 226-243-4844

**TICKETWINDOW**.ca  
events start here



**A Choral Celebration  
for Christmas**

Huron Shores United Church Choir &  
Thamesview United Church Choir  
present

**Emmanuel, God With Us!**

An hour of wonderful Christmas music to lift your  
spirits and celebrate together!

**Sunday, December 1st, at 7:00pm**

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

Enjoy some Christmas goodies afterward      Donations welcome

The greatest gift is time spent together. Bring your family and friends for a timeless classic and enjoy some holiday refreshments.



**Sunset Cinema**  
presents the film

*Christmas Family Movie Night*

Experience the Miracle.

**MIRACLE ON 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

*If you really believe, anything can happen!*

Thursday, December 5th at 7:00 pm  
Free Admission Free Popcorn

 Grand Bend Place  
Centre for the Living Arts  
25 Main Street E  
Grand Bend

*Goodwill offering gratefully accepted*



Food Pantry Donations Welcome

Starts January 10th

  
**LEARN TO CROCHET!**  
WITH SHARON SOLDAN & BRENDA HAIST




-  JANUARY CLASSES
-  Fridays from 10:00 am to 11
-  25 Main Street, Grand Bend

Crochet basics for beginners - bring a #5 or #6 crochet hook if possible

Register Now! 519-238-2402



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for Christmas**

Thamesview United Church Choir &  
Huron Shores United Church Choir  
present

**Emmanuel, God With Us!**

An hour of wonderful Christmas music to lift your  
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**Sunday, December 15th, at 2:00pm**  
at Thamesview United Church, 3178 Perth Road 163  
Fullarton

Enjoy some Christmas goodies afterward      Donations welcome



**HURON WAVES**  
presents

*This Season of Magic*

AN AFTERNOON WITH **SUSAN AGLUKARK**  
Special Guests: *The Flight Children's Choir*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2PM**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2PM**  
Huron Country Playhouse, South Huron Stage, Grand Bend

**Tickets: 1-855-372-9866    [www.huronwaves.ca](http://www.huronwaves.ca)**

Regular Tickets: \$52    Youth Tickets (under 20): \$26  
All ticket prices are subject to HST. On-line handling fees of \$2.75 + HST per ticket apply.

Program suitable for ages 7 and up.

Presented with the support of James Bannerman,  
Paul & Julie Ciufo, Jane Fryman Laird,

