

### 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:** *We All Need A Little Salt*

### Scripture Reading

**Old Testament:** Job 6:5-8

**New Testament:** Matthew 5:13-16

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=VN4N7hOMvTk>

**FIRST THINGS FIRST** by Consumed by Fire

**MEDITATION:** Imagine if God showed up and said, “What do you want? Ask, and I’ll give it to you.” How would you answer? Most of us would ask for loved ones’ safety, enough money to meet our needs, or a long, healthy life. Do you remember King Solomon? Solomon may have been tempted to name something similar—but he made a different request.

What he wanted was an understanding heart – wisdom – so he could serve God’s people well. Solomon’s life was full of personal needs and desires not so different from our own. But when given the opportunity to ask God for anything, he prioritized the Lord’s concerns. God was so pleased with the request that Solomon not only given wisdom, but riches and honour as well! This reminds us of Jesus’ words in the Gospel of Matthew: “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you.”

Now God won’t necessarily give wealth, influence, or long life, but God will always be faithful to provide all we need, according to God’s purposes. Solomon’s heart was set on seeking God’s kingdom and righteousness, and the Lord honored that in a multitude of ways—both tangible and intangible. When we make God’s priorities ours, I believe that’s when God can truly work in our lives. When I was little, we learned a Sunday School song called JOY.

**JESUS** first, **OTHERS** second, and **YOURSELF** last.

Pretty simplistic, but still pretty good priorities.

**January – September 2024 Financial Update**

**Operations**

Operating Income	\$83,299.21	
Misc. Income	10,778.60	Facility Usage, Grocery Card Program, HST Rebate
Fixed Expenses	110,341.91	Salaries, Administration, Bldg. Maintenance
Committee Expenses	7,912.95	
Shortfall	<b>\$-24,177.05</b>	

**Debt Payback**

Bldg. & Debt Retirement Income	\$17,322.00	
Mortgage & Debenture Payments	25,120.00	
Shortfall	<b>\$-7,798.00</b>	

**Grand Bend Place**

GBP Income	\$35,725.30	Concerts, Sponsorships, Sunset Cinema, Jazz Vespers
GBP Expenses	25,228.51	
Profit	<b>\$10,496.79</b>	

**Restricted Funds**

Restricted Funds Donations	\$11,552.15	M&S, Food Bank, Community Outreach
Restricted Funds Payouts	9,228.15	
Funds to Be Disbursed	<b>\$2,324.00</b>	

**Fundraising**

Event Income	\$17,397.08	Dinners, Auction, Bake & Plant Sales
Event Expenses	4,256.39	
Funds transferred to Project	13,000.00	Transferred to Food Pantry Project
Current Balance	<b>\$140.69</b>	

This is a summary report of the financial status of HSUC through September 2024.

If you are interested in learning more about the financial workings at HSUC the Finance Team invite you to attend an information session following worship on Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss what makes up our income and expense budget and the impact your contribution makes toward the continuation and expansion of all that HSUC offers to both our membership and the greater community both here and abroad.

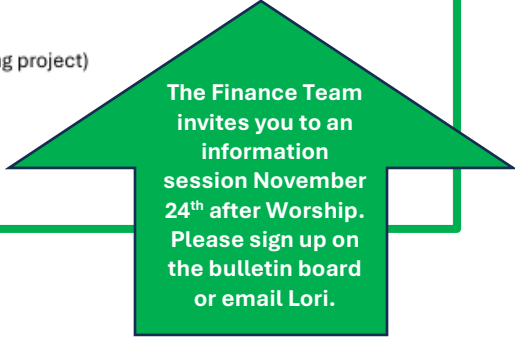
Please register before November 17<sup>th</sup> by emailing to [hsuc.financechair@gmail.com](mailto:hsuc.financechair@gmail.com) or use the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the hall outside the sanctuary.

There will be a light lunch of Lumberjack Pizza offered (a sampling of a 2025 fundraising project)

Thank you for your continued support of HSUC.

Lori Hyatt,

Chair of Finance



**H.S.U.C. Poinsettia Sales**

Red White Ice Crystal Marble Northern Lights

These beautiful plants are supplied by Huron Ridge Greenhouses.

Red, White, Marble and Ice Crystal: \$20 each  
Northern Lights: \$23 each

**~ Important Dates ~**

Order deadline: Thursday, November 21, 2024

Pick up and pay at H.S.U.C. Grand Bend  
Saturday, December 7: 1-3 p.m. or Sunday, December 8: 12-1 p.m.

Please submit your order in person, email or phone to:  
Rev. Nancy [nancyknowles@gmail.com](mailto:nancyknowles@gmail.com) 519-788-5819  
Karen Etherington [karenetherington55@outlook.com](mailto:karenetherington55@outlook.com) 519 868-1628  
Or the church office: 519 238-2402

Name	Phone Number	Northern Lights	Red	White	Marble	Ice Crystal	Total #	Total \$	Paid
		\$23	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20			

**URGENT reminder for anyone wishing Christmas poinsettias - we need your order!!!**  
**If we do not have a large enough order, we will not get the fundraising discount from Huron Ridge. Please don't wait to place your order - either in the basket at church, or on-line, or just by emailing/calling Rev. Nancy or Karen Etherington today!**  
**Thank you!**



Grand Bend Community  
Food Pantry

LET'S NOURISH.  
LET'S FLOURISH.

*We are excited to announce that the Sunset Community Foundation has generously awarded us a grant to help purchase groceries for the Food Pantry. Thank you so much!*

## Food Pantry/ Caring Casseroles Update

The food pantry is being well used and well looked after. Thank you to the volunteers who keep it stocked and tidy. We have had some generous donations to both Caring Casseroles and the Food Pantry, of which we are so grateful. Thanks to No Frills who held another successful "Stuff a Cruiser" event where we shared proceeds with other community partners. Words from a client today who was visiting for first time (young mother with 2 young children and whose husband was recently laid off):

*"I am so thankful this is here to help out with our circumstances right now."*

Next Caring Casseroles date: Fri., Dec. 20th

We received a donation of a food processor for the kitchen. Many thanks to Carey and Sherwood Eddy! And we purchased a vacuum food sealer with some designated funds from the Fall Free Store donations. Thanks to the Fall Free Store Committee! Both have been used well for our projects, both Caring Casseroles and the Food Pantry.

We will be holding an info meeting for Food Pantry volunteers at Huron Shores on Wed., Nov. 20th at 1 pm, with orientation to follow at 2 pm for new volunteers.

*Stay safe and healthy! ~ Lois Gill*

### CHEESE, PLEASE!

Many of you have enjoyed the delicious cheeses of Stonetown Cheese in St. Mary's.

*And now, we're offering it to you at great prices!*

We will be selling 5 of Stonetown's most popular cheeses: Grand Trunk \$8.50, Wildwood \$8.50, Homecoming \$7.50, Farmstead Fontina \$7, & Farmstead Emmental \$6

**Please indicate amount of each cheese ordered under the pictures below.**



Fontina    Emmental    Homecoming    Grand Trunk    Wildwood

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH**

Orders must be picked up (and paid for) on

Saturday, December 7th between 10am – 1pm

at Huron Shores United Church

OR Sunday, December 8th, after church

Please use this form, or email your orders for cheese to:

Janice Sinker [janicewindyhill@gmail.com](mailto:janicewindyhill@gmail.com) OR

Rev. Nancy [hsucrevnancy@gmail.com](mailto:hsucrevnancy@gmail.com)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please get your order in today! Order forms are available in the Sanctuary or the office.**



**The Angel Tree is coming! The Christian Development Committee is once again assisting families in our community. Once the angels are on the tree, please make your selection and purchase your gift by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!**



# THANK YOU!

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

**As of Tuesday, December 12, more than \$12,745 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**

## CALENDAR

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH OUR EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE

[CALENDAR LINK HERE](#)

4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8am Ageless Vitality Fitness</li> <li>10am Partners in Learning</li> <li>10:30am Prayer Shawl Group</li> <li>7:30pm Grand Bend Place Zoom M</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Polewalking Group</li> <li>10am Coffee Club</li> <li>7pm Sunset Community Foundatio</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8am Ageless Vitality Fitness</li> <li>10am Community Bible Study (nev</li> <li>3pm Choir Practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:30am Admin Meeting</li> <li>6pm Sunset Cinema</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>9am WORSHIP</li> </ul>
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# 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

**OFFICE HOURS:** Mon -Thurs 9am-12pm  
519-238-2402 \* 25 Main Street, PO Box 61, Grand Bend, ON NOM 1T0  
Website: [www.huronshoresunitedchurch.com](http://www.huronshoresunitedchurch.com)

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**Minister:** Rev Nancy Knowles [hsucrevnancy@gmail.com](mailto:hsucrevnancy@gmail.com)

**Nancy's In office hours:** Tuesday & Thursday- call anytime 519-788-5819

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**Community Wellness Coordinator:** Christine Wilde 519-933-9453 [hsuccommunitywellness@gmail.com](mailto:hsuccommunitywellness@gmail.com)

**Shorelines:** Christine Wilde [hsucdesign@gmail.com](mailto:hsucdesign@gmail.com) **Website:** Janna Oud [jannaoud@gmail.com](mailto:jannaoud@gmail.com)



## IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Coffee Club is a great way to connect! Join us here every Tuesday at 10 am!  
Photo by Christine

# COMMUNITY EVENTS AT HSUC/GBP



**November 30th, 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

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 wreaths decorated with your personal flair.



**Handcrafted Wreaths, Holiday Cookies and Poinsettias for Purchase**

**FREE Hot Chocolate and Apple Cider**

Come out on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> before the Christmas parade to purchase holiday goodies, including fresh homemade wreaths, and bid on a decorated tree!

**Last call for donations!**  
Please call Christine today if you belong to an organization or own/work for a business that would be like to donate a decorated tree for our silent auction.

Thank you to everyone planning to volunteer next weekend! Your support is very moving and appreciated!

Please remember that winter clothing is desperately needed in our community and you can make all the difference with one simple act of kindness like cleaning out your closet! Questions? Please call Christine at 519-238-2402



## 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 21 & 22, 2024 9 am to 6 pm

**Drop Off Location:** Huron Shores United Church (HSUC)

**Saturday, November 23rd 9 am to 6 pm**  
**FREE Shopping in the HSUC Fellowship Hall 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

Tickets are going fast! Don't miss this one-of-a-kind tribute to country Christmas music!



**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

*Let the spirit of the season wash over you! Don't miss our outstanding choirs as they come together to light up your holiday season!*

*Can't make it December 1st? Join us at Thamesview United for an encore performance December 15th!*

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 7th 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*

## St. John's-by-the-Lake Anglican Church

Invites you to our

*Blue Christmas*  
a service of healing and hope

**December 15, 2024 at 10:30 AM**

As Christmas tunes and holiday decor start making their way into our public and private spaces, many people are struggling with difficult thoughts and emotions. "Happy Holidays" and "Christmas Cheer" stand in stark contrast with the grief, confusion, anger, depression and loneliness - among many other hard things - that some of us experience during this season.

Knowing that holiday months can be some of the most difficult, we at St. John's-by-the-Lake invite you to join us for this special service that reminds us that life can go forward in the midst of our sorrows; because, God cares.

70642 Bluewater Highway, Grand Bend ON

St. John's has kindly extended an invitation to our members to participate in this healing service – a special gift for all of us who struggle during the holidays. Everyone welcome.

Food Pantry Donations Welcome

Starts January 10th

**HURON SHORES UNITED CHURCH**

**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



# COMMUNITY EVENTS AROUND TOWN

**A Choral Celebration  
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  
spirits and celebrate together!

**Sunday, December 15th, at 2:00pm**  
at Thamesview United Church, 3178 Perth Road 163  
Fullarton

Enjoy some Christmas goodies afterward      Donations welcome

CE COMMITTEE PRESENTS

**T.U.C. CHILDREN'S  
CHRISTMAS  
SHOPPING SPREE**

**SATURDAY  
NOV 23, 2024  
9AM - 1PM**

An affordable way for children to  
gift shop new or 'nearly new' items  
with our "elves" (& wrapped too!)  
Adults can enjoy refreshments  
& shop from the various vendors  
while waiting

[www.thamesviewuc.ca](http://www.thamesviewuc.ca)  
Thamesview United Church  
3178 Perth Road 163 Fullarton, ON

**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 Ciufa, Jane Fryman Laird,

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**  
November 30, 2024  
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM  
**St. John's-by-the-Lake**  
70642 Bluewater Hwy., Grand Bend ON

**Shop local from a wonderful variety of vendors**  
*Stock up with our irresistible Christmas baking!*  
Take a break with soup and sandwiches in  
our holiday tea room!

**DAB AND GAB**

WEDNESDAYS 1:00 - 4:00 PM  
AT THE GRAND BEND ART CENTRE  
16 MUNICIPAL DRIVE

ARE YOU WORKING ON A PAINTING, OR OTHER  
ART PROJECT?  
WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR DROP IN ART GET  
TOGETHER. IT'S FREE!

ADULTS AND SENIORS WELCOME  
INTERESTED? RSVP TO [WOWRYBARBARA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WOWRYBARBARA@GMAIL.COM)

*Create! Connect! Converse!*

# St. Anne's, Port Franks

10027 Port Franks Drive



Invites you to join us at 8:30 AM  
on December 8<sup>th</sup> for

## LESSONS IN CAROLS

focussing on the light and warmth of  
God's love for us.



Come &  
celebrate  
together

## St. Peter's Lutheran Church Women's Dinner

Nov 28th @ 5:30pm  
At Bad Apple Brewing Company  
73463 Bluewater Hwy, Zurich

Register with Diane Klopp  
dklopp@hay.net  
By Nov 15th, 2024  
\*please notify of any dietary  
restrictions

### Menu

Pineridge BBQ Dinner \$50 + tax  
Cash Bar

- Hayter's Turkey Steak
- Metzger's Hickory Smoked Ham
- Pineridge BBQ Special Sauces
- Apple Chutney
- Cranberry Sauce
- Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Holiday Dressing
- Seasonal Roasted Vegetables
- Fall Mix Salad
- Fresh Dinner Rolls
- Choice of Dessert

## "AWAY IN A MANGER" CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



### NATIVITY SCENE DISPLAYS AND REFRESHMENTS

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23  
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24

FROM 10:00AM - 4:00PM

FREE ADMISSION  
DONATION TO THE FOOD BANK ARE WELCOME

GRACE BIBLE CHAPEL - 277 PARKHILL MAIN ST, PARKHILL  
WWW.GBCPARKHILL.COM OR CALL ESTHER AT 519-294-6847

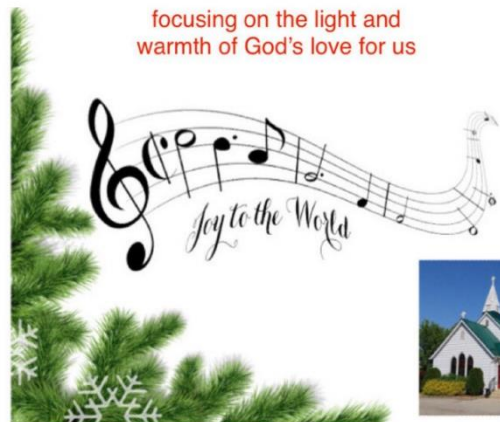
## St. John's-by-the-Lake Anglican Church

70642 Bluewater Highway, Grand Bend ON

Invites you to join us at 10:30 AM  
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## LESSONS and CAROLS

focusing on the light and  
warmth of God's love for us



Joy to the World

