

August 18th, 2024



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.



SANCTUARY



Morning Worship Service @ 9am

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

Aug. 18th continues the sermon series:

FAIR FAITH





Leader: Rev. Nancy Knowles

Theme: What Do You See?

Scripture Reading

Luke 18: 9-14

Ephesians 5: 6-20



SONG: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MP3fmuWmrE

LOVE OF GOD by Brandon Lake & Phil Wickham

MEDITATION: My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away, for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come. ... Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away." – Song of Solomon 2:10-13

Maybe you, like me, have at present no earthly beloved to gather you in their arms and spirit you away to an enchanted love nest. Maybe you, like me, are both surprised and thrilled to find this kind of writing embedded in our sacred scriptures. Good is the flesh and all that.

And, yes, we can also read the lovey-dovey Song of Songs as an allegory of God's love for us. God is, in fact, our beloved, and we are God's. So I ask you—be you unhappily un-partnered, happily single, pleasantly partnered, or madly in love—to consider this as God's invitation to you:

Come away, my love. Rest your body. Renew your soul. Let me love you. Delight in the beauty and nurture of my creation, the first-ever love language. Let joy overtake you, and song fill you.

Maybe you're doing just that: vacationing in a teeny-tiny rental with a fabulous view of water, or maybe you're sitting at the table trying to balance the cheque book as you wait for the laundry to finish.

Either way, I hope you, too, will let God's love carry you away this summer to someplace special—even to the welcoming, nurturing spaciousness of God's heart. Let the mutual loving continue and the joyful singing begin. May our hearts respond to God's call of love, then rise and follow wherever that love leads.

CHRISTINE AND NANCY HAVE BOTH MOVED!

(actually, just their parking spots!)

Please note that our staff parking spots are now moved to the other end of the line.

Everyone agrees that the wider parking spots should be left available to those with mobility issues.

Please observe the signage and respect the spots for our minister and office administrator. Thank you!



I spent some time at the food bank in London today and spoke to some people getting food. Here's what I learned...

- everyone donates mac & cheese in a box, which can't always be used because it needs milk and butter
- boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal (which they get a lot of)
- everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti
- not all of the canned vegetables and soup can be used unless you put a can opener in too, or buy pop-tops
- oil is a luxury but needed for Rice-a-Roni, which they also get a lot of
- spices and salt/pepper are a real gift
- tea bags and coffee make people feel like someone cares
- sugar, flour and butter/margarine are treats
- fresh produce is a dream
- people rarely donate fresh meat
- tuna and crackers make a good lunch
- Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground meat
- -They get lots of peanut butter and jelly, but usually not sandwich bread
- eggs are a commodity rarely received
- cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake
- dishwashing detergent is very expensive and always appreciated
- feminine hygiene products are a luxury, and women will cry over them
- everyone loves Stove Top stuffing

In all the years I have donated food, I know that I tended to buy what I thought people wanted, but I never asked.

Now, I'm so glad I did! ~ Pastor Nancy

Love to sing? Be part of a fun group of people? Are you willing to try something new?

If you have a song in your heart and a spirit of praise...

HURON SHORES UNITED CHURCH CHOIR IS LOOKING FOR YOU!

Although sight-reading skills are not necessary, you'll be amazed at how quickly you'll pick up the music!



Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at
3:15pm – 5:00pm, and you'll be home in
plenty of time for supper!
For more information, please contact Elva
McIntyre hsucmusic@gmail.com today!
EVERYONE HAS A VOICE – MAKE SURE
YOURS IS HEARD!

Please bring your own non-plastic water bottles to church. Cut out the use of plastic bottles at HSUC!



Parking Update

Generally, we are very pleased with how the new signage is working out. Christine, Nancy, Debbie and I have several times verbally warned folks; for the most part this has been respectfully received. We have also delivered many warning letters. (Ticketing can occur only on designated Municipal parking sites.) Fortunately, we have not, to this point, needed to tow. However, we are prepared to do so if necessary. No doubt, if we had paid personnel to monitor our parking spaces we would find more infractions. The bottom line is that our staff and volunteers have been able to find places to park when using our facility. ~ Deb



CALENDAR



KEEP UP TO DATE WITH OUR EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE

CALENDAR LINK HERE

12	13	14	15	16	17	18
12pm GBACHC Interviews	 9am GB&ACHC Interviews 	10am Community Bible Study	10am Coffee Club			9am WORSHIP
	3pm Finance Team Meeting	• 12:30pm Community Wellnes				
	3:30pm Worship and Music o	4pm GB Community Centre F				
	 4pm Rotary Board Meeting 					
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Did You Know?

That you can shop for your groceries and raise funds for the church at the same time? PLUS, you get a charitable tax receipt at year end!



It's as easy as 1-2-3!

- **1. Fill out a grocery gift card order form** (available at the church, on our web site, or by contacting Doug Procter at 519-238-2973 or dlprocter@hotmail.com. You can choose card amounts of \$50-\$100-\$250.
- 2. Make out a cheque payable to HSUC for your order amount, attaching the cheque to your order form.
- **3. Give the order form and cheque** to Doug or Debbie Procter at church or drop it off at their home located at 6 Harbour Park Court, Grand Bend, on or before the last Sunday of every month. You will be contacted as soon as the cards arrive and are activated (approximately 7-10 days).

<u>It's a win - win for everyone!</u> Please consider supporting this program. Our church needs your ongoing financial support and this is a creative way that you can help. The next gift card orders are due on the last Sunday of this month.

FAO

Do I get full value for my gift card? Yes, you will receive cards in the amount that you order.

How does the church make money? The church receives a 2% - 5% discount because we buy in bulk.

How much revenue does the church usually generate by the program? \$5,000 - \$6,000 per year.

How does the tax receipt work? You will receive a charitable tax receipt at year-end based on the proportion of profit generated by your orders.

Do I have to be a member of the church to participate? No, anyone including neighbours, friends, and family are welcome to participate.

Where can these cards be used? These grocery cards can be used at Sobey's, No Frills and all their associate stores for example Foodland, Independent, Loblaws, Zehrs, IGA, Price Chopper and more.

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



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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

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lan Teskey (Barb's grandson) juggling during our service August 11th

~ Photo by Jacqui Krech

UPCOMING EVENTS



Grand Bend Community
Food Pantry
LETS WOUSBILLETS FLOURSEL

Spots still available. Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn from an expert about the joy of eating for brain health!









