

**October 11, 2026**

We welcome all of you who gather to worship with us this morning, including all who are visiting with us today. We pray God's blessing upon you. All are welcome to join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service.

Thank you to our family of volunteers who do these jobs every week.

**Lay Reader** – Bruce Chapman (MF), George Harris (W)

**Elevator** – Mark Walls (MF)

**Greeters** – Gerald & Wilma Crockford (MF),  
Stan & Linda Harris (W)

**Fellowship** – Jim Hilgartner, Susan & Dan MacArthur  
Mary Ruth & Vern Job (MF)

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### **Volunteers up next – October 18**

**Lay Reader** – Rhoda Seibert (MF), Marian Howes (W)

**Elevator** – Betty Seminowicz (MF)

**Greeters** – Bill & Yvonne Stewart (MF), Marian Howes (W)

**Fellowship** – Annabelle Kelly, Betty Seminowicz,  
Barb Hruska (MF)

**We are asking everyone** that is on the helper list to check ahead and note your scheduled Sunday. If you are unable to fulfill that date, please switch with someone and notify the Church Office.

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### **Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

Join us this evening our Community Dinner which will be held at 5:30 pm at Mount Forest United. Proceeds to support The Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise. Donations accepted, as you are able. Volunteers needed for cleanup.

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### **Bible Study and Coffee & Chat**

Reminder that Bible Study and Coffee & Chat will be 1:00 pm this week as Rev. Lori is on a course in the morning. All are welcome, and drop in from week to week if you cannot make every Thursday in October! **Please note: October 22 we also will be meeting at 1 pm.**

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### **Anniversary Sunday**

On October 18, Mount Forest United celebrates its 182<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. Rev. Gord Dunbar from Arthur United church will be our guest Minister and worship leader.

Following the service, everyone is welcome to join us in the fellowship hall for a potluck lunch. There will be no service at Woodland United and all are welcome to join us in celebrating this milestone.

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**The UCW Lunch Bunch**, will meet on Tuesday, October 13 at 12 noon at Pike Lake Club House Restaurant.



### **Turning Compassion into Action**

MyOwnPlace Guelph is hosting a community gathering on **Wednesday, October 21, from 6:00–9:00 p.m.** at Royal City Mission in Guelph.

Come learn how churches and community groups can move beyond emergency help toward **early intervention, affordable housing, and lasting solutions** for people struggling with homelessness.

The event is free, but registration is requested. **If you're interested, please contact Rev. Lori.** A poster with more information is on the bulletin board.

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### **MFUC Christmas Music Celebration**

**Rehearsals will be beginning** Thursday, October 22 from 7:00 till 7:45 p.m. Singers are welcome to join the choir for this special occasion!

This year's celebration will on **Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 p.m.** Please join us for an afternoon of festive music and fun. There will be a freewill offering.

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### **Memory Garden**

Please join us on Sunday, October 25th, immediately following our morning worship service, for a special gathering in the Memory Garden. Together, we will dedicate five new Memory Stones to our garden space, honouring the lasting legacy and cherished memories of those they represent. All are welcome to join us for this meaningful time of reflection and community.

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### **Trunk or Treat**

**Mark your calendars!** Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from

2:00 – 4:00 pm, will be our annual Halloween Trunk or Treat. This year's success will be possible with your support. We are looking for people and vehicles to participate. Let your

creativity go wild in decorating your vehicle. If you do not have a vehicle, donations of treats would be greatly appreciated. The more cars, the more fun. Anyone interested in decorating and bringing a vehicle, sign up by contacting the church office 519-323-1910.



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### **Crashing Someone Else's Party**

Join Greg Smith-Young, Growth & Stewardship Animator with the United Church, on Sunday, November 1st, from 1:00–3:30 p.m. (gathering at 12:30) for an afternoon of fun and learning. Discover practical ways to create a welcoming church where newcomers feel comfortable and included. **Please RSVP by October 29th** to the church office at 519-323-1910 or [united@wightman.ca](mailto:united@wightman.ca).



### Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed for 2027

Mary Ruth Job is preparing the 2027 Coffee Hour volunteer schedule. We have enjoyed fellowship together after Sunday services for many years, but we are currently short of volunteers. Each team is asked to serve approximately three times a year, although some couples have been filling in and taking on extra shifts. Without more volunteers, there may be some Sundays in 2027 when Coffee Hour cannot be offered.

The new schedule will be published around December 1. If you are able to help, please consider adding your name to the list. Your support will help us continue this valued time of fellowship after worship. To volunteer, please contact Mary Ruth Job at 519-509-3491 or [jobnet1@wightman.ca](mailto:jobnet1@wightman.ca).

Thank you for your support!

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### Art in the Afternoon:

The Friday afternoon art gathering has begun again from 1-3 in the Fellowship Hall. This is a drop in for anyone to join~ bring your handwork or come as you are and be handed some work! If you have extra art supplies to share, we will gather some for sharing. Stay tuned for the start of a fall art adventure coming soon to this time slot for those who would like to explore faith & art (no experience needed... if you can make a mark with a crayon or pen or paint, you are welcome!).

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### Rural Rec Room

All are welcome to join on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 for an afternoon of games, cards and if you would like bring friend and even a ball or a racquet for a game in the gym.

This fun afternoon is organized by the Rural Wellington Peer Support Services, connected with Mount Forest Family Health Team. A Peer worker is present and has lots of games available.

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### Buy Soup. Give Soup. Help our Community

Your donation buys delicious, nutritious soup from The Raw Carrot. The soup is then donated to our local food bank and Rural Wellington Community Team, helping get nutritious food to people and families who need it most.

See our poster on the bulletin board for more details.

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### Pastoral Care Prayer Requests

If you would like the Pastoral Care Team to pray for you, someone you know, or to share news of hospitalizations, illness, or special occasions, please contact:

- Betty Seminowicz – 519-923-5416  
[betvansemi@hotmail.com](mailto:betvansemi@hotmail.com)
- Daphne Rappard – 519-323-2505  
[drappard@wightman.ca](mailto:drappard@wightman.ca)

All requests are shared **only with the Pastoral Care Team** and are kept confidential.

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### Simplify Your Sunday Giving with PAR



Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) makes giving easy—no cheques to write or envelopes to remember. Your monthly donation is automatically withdrawn, and you can adjust it anytime. To sign up or make changes, contact the church office: 519-323-1910.

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### Stay Connected!

Visit our website to view the bulletin, announcements, church calendar, and upcoming events.

Our weekly services are posted on our website, YouTube links are found under the Worship tab. Click on the service you wish to watch and it will take you directly to the YouTube video. If you are an Eastlink customer, you can still watch the service on their Community channel or you can also listen to our service on 88.9 The River at 9:30 am Sunday mornings. Explore more at [www.mountforestunitedchurch.com](http://www.mountforestunitedchurch.com)

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### Share Your Announcements and Upcoming Events!

Do you have news or a coming event to share with our congregation? Get the word out through our church bulletin, weekly Messenger, and church website.

### How to submit your details?

**Email:** Send text or posters to [united@wightman.ca](mailto:united@wightman.ca).

Please send posters/images as a JPEG file.

**In Person:** Drop off materials at the church office.

**Phone:** Contact the office directly at 519-323-1910.

**Submission Deadline:** Please submit all items by **Wednesday** to ensure they are included in that week's notices.

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### MFUC Treasurer's Report:

Year-to-Date Operating Income & Expenses @ 31Aug26  
Income \$143,224.00 / Expenses \$187,535.00  
General Operating Funds Balance \$ 11,231.00  
UCC M & S Fund Receipts \$ 9170.00  
UCC M & S Fund Budget \$ 9333.00

*(M&S balances include UCW contributions)*

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### Woodland UC Treasurer's Report:

Year-to-Date Operating Income & Expenses @ 31Aug26  
Income \$18,744.00 / Expenses \$18,747.00  
General Fund Balance \$38,379.00  
UCC M & S Fund Receipts \$1190.00  
UCC M&S Fund Budget \$1333.00

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### Leadership Team

Patty Sinnamon, Laurie Aitken, Al Leach, Kelley Eves,  
Bill Kreps, Mary Allen, Norm Eygenraam, Lene MacLean,  
Janice Benson, Ruth Mundy, George Harris

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