



Truth & Reconciliation: May this be a day that you turn to the Spirit for courage, humility and grace to open to truth that your Indigenous neighbours wish to share, and to move meaningfully toward reconciliation. The reflection at this link is thought provoking, especially if you struggle with embracing Right Relations.

<https://united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/get-over-it-or-confront-it>. Your response & input is welcome, please reach out to Rev. Lori to build the conversation. Hotlink available at our Facebook Page: Mount Forest & Woodland United Churches.

Coffee & Scripture: Thursday morning coffee has been a rich time of fellowship and caring for one another. For the month of October, we are going to try doing the first hour (10-11) for connecting, and the second hour (11-12) for exploring the readings for the following week. You are welcome to come to all, or some. To continue community time when the study begins. We will continue to meet and do what is "good between you and the Holy Spirit". October 3 in the Church House kitchen, location for October 10, 17, 24 to be decided!



Rev. Lori is hoping to plan a series of sermons using the "Big Stories" of our faith, spread out over the year. What scripture stories helped shape your faith earlier in your life? What stories still guide your life today? What readings do you feel are important to share with our children & grandchildren? What story would you like to explore again? If you have a song associated with the story, share that, too! Submit suggestions to Lori at [mfunitedrev@outlook.com](mailto:mfunitedrev@outlook.com), or make a little note and pass it to Lori (whose memory may not be enough on a Sunday morning!)

Christian Education is seeking Sunday School leaders to take one Sunday every 2 months. The lessons will be available ahead of time, with support from the CE team!

Do you want to take something off the to do list on Sunday mornings? With PAR, you don't have to worry about writing a cheque or forgetting to donate. Signing up on the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) program, is easy and each month your giving's are automatically withdrawn from your bank account and you can increase or decrease amounts at any time. Contact Juliann at the Church office for more information or to register.

**Mark your calendars!** Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 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, you can sign up by contacting Nancy Harper at at 519-323-2437 or Juliann at the church office 519-323-1910 ext.1. More details to follow.



We are into the fall season and that means that our facility user groups and committees are busy with their activities and meetings. This is a good time to remind everyone who is using the Church and/or Church House facilities for meetings, practices, and other events, when you are leaving to, **please make sure that all lights are turned off and all doors are locked when your group leaves the building.** Your help with this is greatly appreciated.



If you'd like the Pastoral Care Team to pray for you, someone you know or aware of any hospitalizations, sickness or special occasions, contact one Betty Seminowicz at 519-923-5416, or by Email: [betvansemi@hotmail.com](mailto:betvansemi@hotmail.com) or Daphne Rappard at 519-323-2505, Email: [drappard@wightman.ca](mailto:drappard@wightman.ca). All requests are shared only with the Pastoral Care Team and are kept confidential.

**Leadership Team**

Bob McFarlane, Laurie Aitken, Al Leach, Betty Seminowicz, Norm Eygenraam, Gerry Wilkinson, Lene MacLean, Rick Sinnamon, Patty Sinnamon, Diane Johnson, Daphne Rappard Armstrong

**MFUC Treasurer’s Report:**

Year-to-Date Operating Income & Expenses @ 31August24

Income \$160,829.93 / Expenses \$137,909.50

General Operating Funds Balance \$97,513.73

UCC M&S Fund Receipts \$ 9,249.66 / UCC M&S Fund Budget \$ 9,333.36

*(M&S balances include UCW contributions)*

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**Woodland UC Treasurer’s Report:**

Year-to-Date Operating Income & Expenses @ 31Aug24

Income \$ 20,109.98 / Expenses \$ 17,002.68

General Fund Balance \$ 31,047.92

UCC M&S Fund Receipts: \$ 980.00 / UCC M&S Fund Budget \$ 1333.36

**September 29, 2024**

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.

**Today’s Volunteers:**

**Lay Reader** – Yvonne Stewart (MF), Dianne Johnson (W)

**Elevator** – Dan MacArthur (MF)

**Greeters** – Alva Smith (MF), Dianne Johnson (W)

**Fellowship** – Flora & Mike Burke, Mary Ruth & Vern Job (MF)

**Volunteers up next – October 6**

**Lay Reader** – Bruce Chapman (MF), Dianne Johnson (W)

**Elevator** – Guido Gardin (MF)

**Greeter(s)** – Fran & Marlin Herriot (MF), Dianne Johnson(W)

**Fellowship** – Rhoda Seibert, Dorothy Cook, Mary Sivill (MF)

This week’s Community of Faith to remember in prayer is:

**Brucefield Community United Church**

As a church, we are called to pray for each other and for our mission in the world.

Our bulletins today have been dedicated by Gerry Wilkinson, Pauline & Dave LeBlanc and family and Debbie Hunter and family in Loving Memory of Robert Wilkinson (September 30, 1985). Dear son, brother, uncle and great uncle. Also in Loving Memory of Wally Wilkinson (July 12, 2022). Dear husband, father, grandpa and great grandpa.

