

November 30th, 2025

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 – Mary Ruth Job (MF), Corrine Bell (W)

Elevator – Carolyn Bye (MF)

Greeters – Alma MacRae, Sharon Wilson (MF)
Corrine Bell & Robert Harris (W)

Fellowship – Fran & Marlin Herriot,
Daphne Rappard (MF)

Volunteers up next – December 7

Lay Reader – Donna Leach (MF), Maxine Holbrough (W)

Elevator – Betty Seminowicz (MF)

Greeters – Diane McLellan, Sandra McMeekin (MF)
Maxine & Don Holbrough (W)

Fellowship – Rhoda Seibert, Dorothy Cook (MF)

Coming Up in Worship

November 30: Advent 1 and Communion

December 7: White Gift

December 14: Sunday School Pageant
(readers needed, speak to Nancy or Mary A)

Christmas Eve: 7 pm Family Service
(jammies welcome!)

10 pm - Communion Service

The 2026 contribution envelopes are available for pickup in the Narthex this morning. Please verify that the address shown on your label is correct as this is the address that will be used to mail your 2025 income tax receipt in February, if you have not provided an email address.

If you are new to our church and would like to sign up for PAR or use contribution envelopes, please call Juliann at the Church Office (519) 323-1910, ext. 1.

This year's Gifts with Vision pamphlet has arrived. It is a much smaller publication this year as they are mindful of the environment. There are lots more gift choices on giftswithvision.ca. A few hard copies of the pamphlet are available in the Narthex.

Get your bids in! The UCW Christmas Silent auction ends today. All bids must be in by 1:00 pm.

Advent Calendar & Devotionals: You are invited to pick up an Advent Calendar in the Narthex. These pages will provide daily prayer ideas for the Advent season, based on our theme "What Do You Fear". For CHILDREN (and interested adults) you can pick up an Advent Coloring Calendar w/instructions. Devotional books will be available shortly featuring art, poetry, prayer and scripture for the season to enrich your worship and prayer life. A suggested \$5 donation can be made (on the Offering Plate) to help cover costs for the booklets. This is OPTIONAL, you are welcome to take one without charge!

Bible Study: Coffee at 10, study at 11. We will begin our Advent Art study on November 27. We will be considering the focus art work each week (November 27, December 4, 11, 18). Drop in as you are able, no need to commit for every session!

Mount Forest United Church Community Christmas Dinner will be held this evening, November 30th at 5:30 pm. Free dinner, donations accepted. Volunteers needed at 3pm today, serving at 5 and dishes afterwards. Ask Janice, Patti or Flora for details.

Women of the Church Christmas Dinner (UCW) will be held on December 2nd, in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited. Appetizers at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 each, and are available now from the UCW.

Interested in becoming a member of the church? Please reach out to Rev. Lori. We are planning a welcome of New Members on January 11, 2026.

The Mitten Tree is up at the Woodland Church! Please hang your donated mittens, hats, neck warmers (not scarves) and socks on our tree until December, 21st. The items collected will be delivered to Victoria Cross Public School, Egremont Community School and St. Mary's School to children who are in need of cold-weather clothing. Thank you for your continued support of this annual project.



Come and join us, for Friday Fibre and Fellowship from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Bring what ever project you are working on whether it is knitting, crochet or any other project, and enjoy an afternoon with other creative individuals. All Welcome!

Our annual Christmas Celebration will be Friday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. Please join us for an evening of festive music and fun featuring the MF United Church Choir and Praise Band and Legacy Vocal Group. A free will offering will be taken for ongoing music ministry.

'Go Sing it on the Mountain' a cantata by Pepper Choplin. Two performance by the Wellington North Community Choir directed by Derek Moore.

Sunday, December 21 at Mount Forest United-2:30 pm & Monday, December 22 at St. John's Roman Catholic Church Arthur – 7:30 pm. Free will offering to support Arthur & Mount Forest Foodbanks.

Occasionally, pictures are taken of congregational activities which may be used on our website, or in our newsletters. If you do not wish your image or your child's image to be used, please contact the church office.

Name Badges - If you would like a name badge Rhoda Seibert will order one for you! The name tags have magnets so your clothes don't get ruined. Wouldn't it be great if everyone wore a name tag! Email rhoda@xplornet.ca or text 519-323-6425.

Check out our website to find the bulletin and announcements along with the church calendar and events. Also, if you are not receiving the Messenger by email, you can sign up through the website under the Messenger tab. Have a browse at www.mountforestunitedchurch.com.

Do you have an announcement or an upcoming committee event/meeting? Send your poster or details of the event to united@wightman.ca. Submissions can be dropped off at the church office, or contact Juliann at 519-323-1910 ext. 1. **All submissions need to be submitted to the office by the Wednesday of the week you wish to have it included in the announcements.**

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 Betty Seminowicz at 519-923-5416,

Email: betvansemi@hotmail.com or Daphne Rappard at 519-323-2505, Email: drappard@wightman.ca.

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



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 for 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 at 519-323-1910 for more information or to register. **If you are on PAR and do not require a box of envelopes or would like to change your contributions to PAR**, please contact the office.

Mount Forest / Woodland Pastoral Charge

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Wednesday - 9:00 am-1:00 pm

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www.mountforestunitedchurch.com

Facebook: Mount Forest & Woodland United Churches

MFUC Treasurer's Report:

Year-to-Date Operating Income & Expenses @ 31Oct25

Income \$177,815.00 / Expenses \$224,690.00

General Operating Funds Balance \$ 58,859.00

UCC M & S Fund Receipts \$ 11,259.00

UCC M & S Fund Budget \$11,667.00

(M&S balances include UCW contributions)

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Woodland UC Treasurer's Report:

Year-to-Date Operating Income & Expenses @ 31Oct25

Income \$ 21,359.00 / Expenses \$ 21,258.00

General Fund Balance \$ 37,522.00

UCC M & S Fund Receipts: \$ 985.00

UCC M&S Fund Budget \$ 1,150.00
