

November 2nd, 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. Large print bulletins are available weekly in the Narthex.

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

Lay Reader – Bruce Chapman (MF)
Marian Howes (W)

Elevator – Rhoda Seibert (MF)

Greeters – Fran & Marlin Herriot (MF)
Marian Howes (W)

Fellowship – Patty & Rick Sinnamon,
Michelle Matheson(MF)

Volunteers up next – November 9

Lay Reader – John Dale (MF)
Marg Mitchell (W)

Elevator – Bill Stewart (MF)

Greeters – Dorothy Cook, Ann Allen (MF)
Marg Mitchell (W)

Fellowship – N/A

To Our Presbyterian Friends,

Welcome to Mount Forest United Church, it is a joy to have you coming to worship with us.

We want to recognize the grief of closing your church. That is a difficult experience. Please know that our minister, and our Pastoral Care Team, are available to you if you would like to talk about your loss or what's next. If you would like to share your contact information, Juliann, the church administrator will happily receive it so that you will receive newsletters (email) and other communication. We encourage members to use PAR for offerings, and if that interests you, Juliann can walk you through it! We are currently updating our directory and would love to include you. United@wightman.ca or 519-323-1910.

Again, a warm welcome, whether a place to rest your wings, or to build a nest. We are glad you are here.

Bible Study, join us on Thursday mornings for a time of fellowship and study. Coffee & Fellowship at 10:00 am, Study at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come for one or both! All Welcome.

It's time to order the 2026 Canadian Church calendars. The 2026 calendar contains a small collection of favorite Bible passages, along with colourful photos of United Churches from across Canada, special days and church seasons, liturgical seasons and colours, significant United Church days, and lectionary dates. The cost this year will be \$12 per calendar which includes shipping costs. If you would like a copy of this beautiful calendar, call the church office at (519-323-1910 or email (united@wightman.ca) before November 14th.

It's Budget Time! Committee chairs, please watch your email for budget work sheet and financial history for your Committee, which will be emailed out in the next few weeks. We ask that you carefully review all attachments of history of your actual expenditures and projections since 2021 which will be provided to help assist you to prepare a more realistic budget projection other than just repeating your previous year budget(s).

Our annual Christmas Celebration will be Friday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. Rehearsals for the choir will begin Thursday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to join in the Christmas Choir, all singers are welcome! Please talk to Derek for more information.

Gospel Music Festival - Sunday November 2nd at 2:00 pm at the First Baptist Church. This event is in support of Cancer Patient Services, featuring music groups from the Mount Forest Community and Local Churches. Free Admission. Donations can be made to Cancer Patient Services.

Louise Marshall Hospital Auxiliary are hosting their Fall Bazaar on November 15th from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Mount Forest Sports Complex located at 850 Princess St, Mount Forest. Lunch is \$20.00/person.

Contemplative Worship – Taize at St. James Anglican Church Fergus, the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Taize worship is rooted in the traditions of the Taize Community of France and is a multi-denominational. All Welcome.

Naomi Bristow Country Christmas Show. The best way to spread Christmas Cheer, is singing loud for all to hear! Join us at Arthur United Church 101 Tucker St. on Friday, November 21st at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 and available at the door or call 519-848-3501.

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.

We're updating our membership list. Forms are on the table in the Narthex—please take one, fill it out, and return it to the office or email it in to united@wightman.ca. We are planning to email tax receipts this year so please make sure you include an updated email. Thanks for helping us keep everything up to date!

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.

Leadership Team

Laurie Aitken, Bob McFarlane, Rick Sinnamon, Al Leach, Bill Kreps, Mary Allen, Norm Eygenraam, Lene MacLean, Ruth Mundy, George Harris.



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 ext. 1 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

Minister: Rev. Lori Campbell

Minister's email: mfunitedrev@outlook.com

Minister Office Phone: 519-323-1910 Ext. 2

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Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday - 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Wednesday - 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Music Director: Derek Moore

Website Mount Forest/Woodland:

www.mountforestunitedchurch.com

Facebook: Mount Forest & Woodland United Churches

MFUC Treasurer's Report:

Year-to-Date Operating Income & Expenses @ 30Sep25

Income \$160,889.00 / Expenses \$204,576.00

General Operating Funds Balance \$ 62,047.00

UCC M & S Fund Receipts \$ 10,141.00

UCC M & S Fund Budget \$14,000.00

(M&S balances include UCW contributions)

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Woodland UC Treasurer's Report:

Year-to-Date Operating Income & Expenses @ 30Sep25

Income \$ 19,910.00 / Expenses \$ 19,845.00

General Fund Balance \$ 37,248.00

UCC M & S Fund Receipts: \$ 905.00

UCC M&S Fund Budget \$ 1,500.00