

Upcoming book study: “The Intimate God” by Alan Kraft. For those who long for a closer relationship to Jesus. Starting at 7 pm on January 13 on alternating Mondays for 7 weeks. We hope to have this available on Zoom for those who find evening winter driving challenging. Contact Norm Eygenraam for further details tge89@wightman.ca

Thursday Morning Coffee & Study will resume on Thursday, January 16th at 10 am (coffee), 11 am Study. All welcome to come, come to both or come and go, or attend when you can! MFUC Fellowship Hall.

Are you new to Mount Forest United Church? Would you like to learn more & connect with others? Please indicate your interest to Rev. Lori, hoping to gather for a meal with you (hosted by our Membership & Fellowship Team).

Rev. Lori is seeking volunteers who would be willing to read a Minute for Mission throughout January. M4M supports the Mission & Service Fund and brings us stories of how our M & S givings make a difference around the world and here at home.

Dying to Talk: Conscious Conversations Talking About Death Won't Kill You! Think Death Cafe with a Twist. Dying to Talk is a gathering where people join together to discuss what matters most to them around the issues of life and death. Dying to Talk provides an opportunity to respectfully discuss death as a natural part of our lives. Engaging in conscious conversations can help us get comfortable making decisions about what our end-of-life could look like for us. When we plan for our death, it makes room for us to live each day with meaning and helps lighten the burden for our loved ones after our death. Dying to Talk is not a bereavement/grief support resource. Resources available if needed. Mark your calendar the next event is Wednesday, January 22, 2025 here at Mount Forest United. This event is FREE pre-register at eventbright.ca or by calling RoseAnne Desmarais at 226-820-4945.

Did you know you can find the bulletin and announcements on our website 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 as well as browse previous newsletters. Check it out at www.mountforestunitedchurch.com

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and each month your giving's are automatically withdrawn from your bank account and you can increase or decrease amounts at any time.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 get in touch with Juliann at 519-323-1910 ext. 1.

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@xplor.net or text Rhoda 519-323-6425.

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 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.

Bulletin announcements – If you have something that you wish to have included in the announcements, please submit it to the office by Wednesday afternoon of the week you wish it to be in the announcements. Email your text to the Church Office - united@wightman.ca or drop off a written copy to the office.

Leadership Team

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

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Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm,
Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Website Mount Forest/Woodland: www.mountforestunitedchurch.com

Facebook: Mount Forest & Woodland United Churches

Notes & Reflections

January 12th, 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.

Today's Volunteers:

Lay Reader – Cynthia & James Croker (MF) George Harris (W)

Elevator – Guido Gardin (MF)

Greeter(s) – Harold & Caroline Wollis (MF) Don Harris (W)

Fellowship – Rhoda Seibert & Dorothy Cook (MF)

Volunteers up next – January 19

Lay Reader – Donna McFarlane (MF) Marg Mitchell (W)

Elevator – Mike Burke (MF)

Greeters – Bill & Yvonne Stewart (MF) Helen Long (W)

Fellowship – Janice Benson, Nancy & Ron Harper (MF)

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**Announcements: Starting today** announcements will be presented starting at 10:45 am, followed by the Praise Band as we move into our time of worship. This will allow more time to share community news, and allow us all to be graced by the music ministry preparing us and leading us into worship promptly at 11:00 am. Recognizing this will change the routine for our lay readers, any concerns, please speak to a member of the Worship Committee or Rev. Lori.  
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Nominations 2025 (MFUC): Please consider the Nominations Board placed in the Narthex as you leave today. Sign up for yourself, or nominate a friend (with their permission). Committee descriptions are on the Board, Leadership Team descriptions by request through Office. Nominations will close January 26 after worship. Rev. Lori will provide further direction during Worship January 12 & 19.
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**Please note the deadline** for submissions for committee/group reports for the Annual Report was on **January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. If you have not submitted your report, please do so ASAP. If you have photos of 2024 events or photos that will enhance your narrative report, please send them along with your report. Send all reports and photos to Juliann at [united@wightman.ca](mailto:united@wightman.ca).