## November 22, 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** – Flora Burke (MF), Corinne Bell (W)
**Elevator** – Bill Kreps (MF)
**Greeters** – Randy & Caroline Bye (MF)
Robert Harris & Corinne Bell (W)
**Fellowship** – Daphne Rappard,
Fran & Marlin Herriot (MF)

**Volunteers up next – November 29**

**Lay Reader** – Jack Watkin (MF), Corinne Bell (W)
**Elevator** – Carolyn Bye (MF)
**Greeters** – Alma MacRae, Sandra McMeekin (MF)
Robert Harris & Corinne Bell (W)
**Fellowship** – Rhoda Seibert, Dorothy Cook (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.

### Worship Services in Advent & Christmas

**November 29:** Worship Team leads Advent 1 (Hope)
**December 6:** Advent 2 (Peace)
**December 13:** All Ages Pageant & Service, White Gift
**December 20:** Advent 4 (Peace)
**Christmas Eve:** 7:00 pm Family Service;
10:00 pm Communion Service
**December 27**: Carol Sing
(Mount Forest & Woodland Together in MF)
**January 3:** Agape (Love) Feast Mission Service
(Held in Fellowship Hall MF), Woodland Invited
**January 10:** Epiphany & Star Words

### The Messenger

If you do not receive The Messenger and would like to be on our email list, please contact the office or email united@wightman.ca and request to be added.

### Deadline is Tomorrow

**UCW Christmas Dinner** will be held on December 1st, in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited. Appetizers at 6:00 pm. Tickets are $25.00 each. To reserve your seat, contact Annabelle at 519-323-6227, **deadline is November 23!**

### White Gifts

We will be collecting White Gifts on Sunday, December 6. Gifts of food will be shared with the Community Sharing Shelf at the Family Health Team office.
Please do not wrap ~ reusable grocery bags are best.
Thank You!

### Community Christmas Dinner

The Community Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 13 at 5:30 pm at Mount Forest United. Volunteers are needed for the prep on Saturday morning (Dec. 12) from 9 to 12 and help on the day of the dinner. Contact Janice Benson at (519) 314-7579

### Budgets

Committee Chairs, budget worksheets and financial history for your committee have been emailed out. If you did not receive the email for your committee contact the office.
**The due date for budget submissions is December 8th.**

### Special Offering Envelopes

Are you part of the PAR program and interested in receiving special offering envelopes for Easter, Anniversary, and Christmas?

If so, please let the church office know. If there is enough interest, we will arrange to have special envelope sets printed for you to use throughout the year.

### Volunteer Transportation Assistance Needed

We are looking for volunteers who may be willing to provide transportation for someone in our community for family visitations. If you are able to help and would like more information, contact Janice Benson at 519-314-7579 or by email janicebenson70@gmail.com. Your kindness and willingness to help would be greatly appreciated!

### Bible Study and Coffee & Chat

Bible Study and Coffee & Chat will be held again on December 3, 10 & 17 starting at 10:00 am for Coffee & Chat at 10:00 am, Study at 11:00 am for one hour. Come when you can, for whatever portion you wish. All are welcome!

### Festive Elves Program – Spreading Christmas Cheer!

The Strathcona Family Council is seeking support for its Festive Elves Program, helping ensure that residents who may not receive gifts or visitors still experience the joy and spirit of Christmas.

Twelve residents have been identified as being at risk of increased social isolation during the holiday season.

If you would like to help make Christmas special for one of these seniors, you can purchase a gift or contribute towards gifts. Contact **Kelley Eves** by phone or text at **519-820-7187**.

Every act of kindness makes a difference!

### MFUC – A Christmas Celebration

Featuring the Mount Forest United Church Choir and Praise Band will be held on **Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 p.m.** Join us for an afternoon of festive music and fun. There will be a freewill offering.

**Wellington North Community Choir**
**Presents – A New Birth, A New Beginning**
Sunday, December 20th
at the Mount Forest United Church at 2:30 pm
and
Monday, December 21
at the St John's R.C. in Arthur at 7:30 pm

A free will cash offering will take place with proceeds for Mount Forest and Arthur Food Banks.

**Rural Rec Room**

All are welcome to join on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 – 3:00 pm 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.

**Art in the Afternoon:**

The Friday afternoon art gathering has begun again from 1:00 – 3:00 pm 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.

**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.

**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
- Daphne Rappard – 519-323-2505 drappard@wightman.ca



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

**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**

**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. 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.

**MFUC Treasurer's Report:**

Year-to-Date Operating Income & Expenses @ 31Oct26
Income $177,619.00 / Expenses $229,678.00
General Operating Funds Balance $ 3483.00
UCC M & S Fund Receipts $ 11,790.00
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 @ 31Oct26
Income $ 21,702.00 / Expenses $ 22,236.00
General Fund Balance $ 37,848.00
UCC M & S Fund Receipts $ 1365.00
UCC M&S Fund Budget $ 1667.00

**Leadership Team**

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

**Mount Forest / Woodland Pastoral Charge**

**Minister:** Rev. Lori Campbell
**Minister's Email:** mfunitedrev@outlook.com
**Minister Office Phone:** 519-323-1910

**Office/Finance Email & Announcements:**
united@wightman.ca
**Office/Finance Phone:** 519-323-1910
**Office Hours:** Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Music Director:** Derek Moore (MF)
**Organist:** Lois Donald (W)

**Website Mount Forest/Woodland:**
www.mountforestunitedchurch.com

**Facebook:** Mount Forest & Woodland United Churches