

## July 13<sup>th</sup>, 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** – Rick Sinnamon (MF) George Harris (W)

**Elevator** – Mark Walls (MF)

**Greeter(s)** – Diane McLellan, Rhoda Siebert (MF)  
Laurie Doney & Connie Barber (W)

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

### **Volunteers up next – July 20**

**Lay Reader** – Lene MacLean (MF) Claudette Stevens (W)

**Elevator** – Carolyn Bye (MF)

**Greeters** – Dianne Lawless, Denny Brace (MF)  
Claudette Stevens (W)

**Fellowship** – TBA (MF)

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### **Coming Up in Worship**

**July 13<sup>th</sup>** – Hymn Sing                      **July 20<sup>th</sup>** – Norm Eygenraam

**July 27<sup>th</sup>** – Dan & Susan MacArthur

**Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>** - The Green Team

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**Everybody needs a Little Jesus.** Many of our church members have been equipped with a 'Little Jesus' to share their summer adventures! The idea is to take Jesus with you and capture your summer experiences wherever you go! Little Jesus can camp, or ride bike, or bake cookies or go for ice cream... Or stay cool on your windowsill. If you don't have a Little Jesus, you can pop into the church office and grab one. There are 100 in circulation for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church of Canada.



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**Office Hours:** The church office is open, Tuesday's 9 to 4, Wednesday's 9 to 1 & Thursday's 9 to 4.

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### **Mark your calendars for Summer Bible Camp 2025!**

Mornings August 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. "Moving Together with the Spirit" will include songs, crafts and games. We welcome the leadership of theatre and arts educator James Croker of Motus-O for a meaningful series of movement and connection experiences. To register, call the church office 519-323-1910 ext. 1 or email [united@wightman.ca](mailto:united@wightman.ca)

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**There is no Sunday School** over the summer but we have not forgotten the Children! There will continue to be Children's stories and activity bags will be available for the kids to pick up after Wonder Time with activities they can complete in the pews.

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**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.

Shrouds have been used for thousands of years. A shroud is a piece of fabric used to wrap the body and are made of many materials, including cotton, silk, muslin, wool, bamboo and hemp. Shrouds are highly customizable. You can choose the fabric, colour, design and even have pockets for souvenirs. A shroud is also often a more preferred method for green burials as there are typically fewer resources used.

Join me in conscious conversation with Kelly Stern from Compassionate Care Collaborators, who offer custom-made or sew-it-yourself shrouds in various designs for yourself, your loved one, and your pets. These full body shrouds can be used for traditional burial, natural (green) burial, or cremation. This event is hosted by RoseAnne Desmarais. RoseAnne is an End-of Life Doula, Private Palliative PSW and Certified Grief Educator/Companion.

**When:** Wednesday, July 23/25 · 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**Where:** Mount Forest United Church, 175 Queen St. East.

This event is FREE and will be held quarterly.

All participants can pre-register at [eventbrite.ca](https://eventbrite.ca) or by calling RoseAnne Desmarais at (226) 820.4945.

Drop ins welcomed!

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**We know that summer is busy,** we are asking everyone that is on the helper list to check ahead and note your scheduled Sunday. If you are unable to do that date, please switch with someone and let the Church Office know.

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**A BIG "THANK YOU",** to those who volunteered to clean up the church house basement, clean out unused items, and ensured sensitive documents were properly shredded. Your contributions make a big difference! Thank you for your support and teamwork.

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**Reminder to all** user groups and committees who are 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 checked to ensure they are locked and properly latched when your group leaves the building.** Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

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**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 - [www.mountforestunitedchurch.com](http://www.mountforestunitedchurch.com).

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**If you would like** a box of contribution envelopes, there are a few numbers still available, please contact Juliann at 519-323-1910 ext. 1 or email [united@wightman.ca](mailto:united@wightman.ca)

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**Do you have an announcement** or an upcoming committee event/meeting? Send your poster or details of the event to [united@wightman.ca](mailto: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.

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**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](mailto:rhoda@xplornet.ca) or text Rhoda 519-323-6425.

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**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](mailto:betvansemi@hotmail.com) or Daphne Rappard at 519-323-2505, Email: [drappard@wightman.ca](mailto:drappard@wightman.ca).

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

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### Leadership Team

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

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**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.

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### MFUC Treasurer's Report:

Year-to-Date Operating Income & Expenses @ 30Jun25

Income \$ 94,356.00 / Expenses \$156,128.00

General Operating Funds Balance \$ 63,523.00

UCC M & S Fund Receipts \$ 6,864.00

UCC M & S Fund Budget \$ 7,000.00

*(M&S balances include UCW contributions)*

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### Woodland UC Treasurer's Report:

Year-to-Date Operating Income & Expenses @ 30Jun25

Income \$ 11,340.00 / Expenses \$ 13,727.00

General Fund Balance \$ 34,797.00

UCC M & S Fund Receipts: \$ 670.00

UCC M&S Fund Budget \$ 1,000.00

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### Mount Forest / Woodland Pastoral Charge

**Minister:** Rev. Lori Campbell

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Wednesday - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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