

June 28, 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 – Laurie Aitken (MF), Gerry Wilkinson (W)

Elevator – Bill Kreps (MF)

Greeters – John Dale, Barb Waite (MF)
Gerry Wilkinson (W)

Fellowship – Flora & Mike Burke,
Heather & Shawn McLeod (MF)
Linda, Donna, Helen (W)

Next Sunday

On July 5, let's explore our faith together in a way that's honest, engaging, and maybe even a little surprising. What does it really mean to prepare our hearts for worship? How well do we know the stories we cherish? More importantly, what does it look like to move beyond simply watching our faith and begin living it? Join us for an interactive morning of conversation, reflection, and discovery as we seek to follow the light of Christ together.

P.S. 😊 Derek will still be there to lead us in the music we love.

July – Pastoral Care

Rev. Lori will be on vacation for the month of July. Should a pastoral care need arise during this time, Rev. Gord Dunbar of Arthur United Church will be available and can be reached at 519-382-2203 or gord@arthurunitedchurch.com.

Members of our Pastoral Care Team are also available for support. Please contact Betty or Daphne using the contact information provided in the announcements in the next column.

Office Information for July

The church office will have limited in-person hours during the month of July and will be open:

- Thursday, July 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Phone messages and emails will be monitored daily throughout July. If you need assistance, please call the church office at 519-323-1910 or email united@wightman.ca. Messages and inquiries will be responded to promptly as possible.

Sunday School is on summer break, but our children and youth are not forgotten. The Christian Education Committee have assembled activity bags that the Children/Youth can use to explore during services.

August Summer Series

Beginning on August 2 our worship time together will be exploring a series of summer themes:

Sunflowers, String Beans, Mosquitos, and Fireflies!

Rev. Lori is seeking a few gardeners to answer a 'Gardener Interview' for the service August 9 ~ please email mfunitedrev@outlook.com and she will send you the questions. **Please answer by August 2.**

Calling all artists and decorators!

Our August services will be focusing on some summer favourites.

If you have art, decor, books, quilts, or any items on theme, (or want to make something) please bring them to worship on the specific Sundays so we can set up our worship space on the themes!

Creativity is encouraged.

August 9: Sunflowers: Pronouncing Blessings

August 16: String Beans: Taking Up the Offerings

August 23: Mosquitoes: Praying in Hard Times

September 6: Fireflies: Praying for Others

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.



(Woodland Closed for July)

July 5: Summer Fellowship with Norm E. at MFUC

July 12: Road Trip to Arthur United – **If you wish to carpool, meet at MFUC parking lot before 10 so we can depart at or shortly after 10:00 am** (10:30 am Service in Arthur, refreshments following the service)

July 19 & 26: Churches Closed

August 2nd regular services resume

August 30: Woodland Anniversary, no service at MFUC

September 13: Rally Back & Backpack Blessings

While our churches are closed in July, our faith keeps on! You are encouraged to attend another church, sleep in, livestream at home from another church, visit a loved one, go out for breakfast with a friend... details will be provided in June!

CAMP SPARROW! - VBC 2026

YOU MATTER TO THE MAKER!

August 4th to 7th - Ages 5 to 12 - from 8:45–11:45 am

Anyone interested in helping, please contact Nancy Harper at nharper1@hotmail.com. **Registration is now open, please pre-register** at the church office 519-323-1910 or by email united@wightman.ca

Your Leadership Team met on Tuesday, June 16.

Highlights and information include:

- Still seeking a Recording Secretary
- Final items in Church House to be taken to Thrift Store, if anyone would like the fridge or stove, please let the office know (free)
- July holidays are coming up, check the bulletin for the July Office Hours
- A small group has met with a sound technician and plan to proceed with a new Sound Board which will improve the acoustics for everyone at MFUC
- The Team participated in an activity to explore the concept of 'doing more with less', and discussed a Fall workshop led by Regional staff about welcoming & inclusion, all will be invited!
- A report from Norm E was received with thanks regarding the annual meeting of the Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council, as he is our Regional representative.
- Summer Bible Camp planning is underway, and numerous fall activities are in planning stages, including spirituality of aging, Bible Study, a Blessing of the Animals & more
- The Leadership Team wishes everyone a blessed and safe summer!

They will meet again on August 18th, all are welcome to attend!

Leadership Team

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

Memory Garden Bricks

Honour the memory of a loved one with an engraved granite brick in the Memory Garden pathway. Granite bricks include name and birth/death years and are available for \$250, including inscription and placement.



To order, contact the church office: 519-323-1910 or united@wightman.ca.

Order deadline: August 25th

Summer is the perfect season for spiritual growth. While your routine might change over the next few weeks, let's keep our faith a priority. Whether you're relaxing at the cottage, traveling, or enjoying a quiet morning at home, may every sunrise remind us of His endless grace. *"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."* – 2 Peter 3:18

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.

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

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. If you're already on PAR and don't need envelopes, please let the office know.

MFUC Treasurer's Report:

Year-to-Date Operating Income & Expenses @ 31May26
 Income \$ 97,433.00 / Expenses \$118,710.00
 General Operating Funds Balance \$ 34,265.00
 UCC M & S Fund Receipts \$ 5882.00
 UCC M & S Fund Budget \$ 5833.00
 (M&S balances include UCW contributions)

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Woodland UC Treasurer's Report:

Year-to-Date Operating Income & Expenses @ 31May26
 Income \$10,798.00 / Expenses \$12,468.00
 General Fund Balance \$ 38,248.00
 UCC M & S Fund Receipts \$ 715.00
 UCC M&S Fund Budget \$ 833.00

