October 25, 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 – Betty Seminowicz (MF), Marian Howes (W)
Elevator – Marion Officer (MF)
Greeters – John & Cheryll Vandepas (MF), Marian Howes (W)
Fellowship – Sue Lawson, Ellen & Jack Watkins (MF)

Volunteers up next – November 1

Lay Reader – Cheryl Hincks (MF), Marian Howes (W)
Elevator – Rhoda Seibert (MF)
Greeters – Cynthia & James Croker (MF), Marian Howes (W)
Fellowship – Donna & Bob McFarlane, Mary Ruth & Vern Job (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.

Memory Garden

Please join us, immediately following our morning worship service, for a special gathering in the Memory Garden. Together, we will dedicate five new Memory Stones to our garden space, honouring the lasting legacy and cherished memories of those they represent. All are welcome to join us for this meaningful time of reflection and community.

Bible Study and Coffee & Chat

Reminder that Bible Study and Coffee & Chat will be 1:00 pm this week as Rev. Lori is on a course in the morning. All are welcome, and drop in from week to week if you cannot make every Thursday in October! **Please note: October 22 we also will be meeting at 1 pm.**

MFUC Christmas Music Celebration

Rehearsals have begun on Thursday's, from 7:00 till 7:45 p.m. Singers are welcome to join the choir for this special occasion! This year's celebration will on **Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 p.m.** Please join us for an afternoon of festive music and fun. There will be a freewill offering.

The Community Christmas Cantata

If you are interested in joining the choir, rehearsals begin Sunday, Nov.1 at Grace Anglican Church in Arthur at 2:00 pm (rehearsals will be each Sunday at 2:00pm leading up to the performances). The Community Cantata will be held here on Sunday, December 20 at 2:30 pm and at St John's R.C. on Monday, December 21 at 7:30pm. All proceeds to support our local food banks.

Trunk or Treat

Mark your calendars! Saturday, October 31st from 2:00 – 4:00 pm, will be our annual Halloween Trunk or Treat. This year's success will be possible with your support. We are looking for people and vehicles to participate. Let your creativity go wild in decorating your vehicle. If you do not have a vehicle, donations of treats would be greatly appreciated. The more cars, the more fun. Anyone interested in decorating and bringing a vehicle, sign up by contacting the church office 519-323-1910**. If you are volunteering, please come for 1:00 for set up.**



It's Budget Time!

Exciting Right! 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. Please carefully review your budgets and projections other than just repeating your previous year budget(s).

Crashing Someone Else's Party

Join Greg Smith-Young, Growth & Stewardship Animator with the United Church, on Sunday, November 1st, from 1:00–3:30 p.m. (gathering at 12:30) for an afternoon of fun and learning. Discover practical ways to create a welcoming church where newcomers feel comfortable and included. **Please RSVP by October 29th** to the church office at 519-323-1910 or united@wightman.ca.

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed for 2027

Mary Ruth Job is preparing the 2027 Coffee Hour volunteer schedule. We have enjoyed fellowship together after Sunday services for many years, but we are currently short of volunteers. Each team is asked to serve approximately three times a year, although some couples have been filling in and taking on extra shifts. Without more volunteers, there may be some Sundays in 2027 when Coffee Hour cannot be offered.

The new schedule will be published around December 1. If you are able to help, please consider adding your name to the list. Your support will help us continue this valued time of fellowship after worship. To volunteer, please contact Mary Ruth Job at **519-509-3491** or **jobnet1@wightman.ca**. Thank you for your support!

Auxiliary to Louise Marshall Hospital
Fall Bazaar and Luncheon

The Auxiliary to Louise Marshall Hospital invites you to its annual Fall Bazaar and Luncheon on **Saturday, November 14, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Mount Forest and District Sports Complex, 850 Princess Street, Mount Forest. Enjoy a hot lunch for $20, along with cookies by the dozen sale, bake sale, gift shop items, draws, door prizes and a silent auction. Everyone is welcome!

Rural Rec Room

All are welcome to join on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 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. This fun afternoon is organized by the Rural Wellington Peer Support Services, connected with Mount Forest Family Health Team. A Peer worker is present and has lots of games available.

Art in the Afternoon:

The Friday afternoon art gathering has begun again from 1-3 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. Stay tuned for the start of a fall art adventure coming soon to this time slot for those who would like to explore faith & art (no experience needed... if you can make a mark with a crayon or pen or paint, you are welcome!).

Buy Soup. Give Soup. Help our Community

Your donation buys delicious, nutritious soup from The Raw Carrot. The soup is then donated to our local food bank and Rural Wellington Community Team, helping get nutritious food to people and families who need it most.

See our poster on the bulletin board for more details.

Transportation Volunteers Needed – Palmerston & Harriston Area

VON Canada is seeking volunteers to help seniors and adults with disabilities get to medical appointments, grocery stores, banking, and other essential activities. Choose when and where you wish to drive, from local trips to longer distances. Volunteers are reimbursed for mileage monthly. Interested? Contact Cathy Higdon at 226-449-8680, email cathy.higdon@von.ca, or visit www.von.ca/en/volunteer.

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.

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.

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 @ 30Sept26
Income $158,938.00 / Expenses $207,498.00
General Operating Funds Balance $ 11,196.00
UCC M & S Fund Receipts $ 10,523.00
UCC M & S Fund Budget $ 10,500.00

(M&S balances include UCW contributions)

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Woodland UC Treasurer's Report:

Year-to-Date Operating Income & Expenses @ 30Sept26
Income $ 20,410.00 / Expenses $ 19,796.00
General Fund Balance $ 38,379.00
UCC M & S Fund Receipts $ 1325.00
UCC M&S Fund Budget $ 1500.00

Leadership Team

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