



Union United Church

Lenten Newsletter

2017

From the Desk of Rev. Dave

It seems that the older I become, the faster time goes by. It's now well into the season of Lent, and it feels like Barb and I have just packed away the Christmas decorations! Where does the time go?

With all my busyness, I'm thinking it's a good thing Lent is here right now. It provides a season for me – for us – to take some time to get away from life's chaos and clutter, and be intentional and deliberate about where our journeys in life are taking us; about where we are right now; about which roads we wish to travel, and which roads we intend to pass by.

And speaking of intentionality – if you were at the March 12th worship service at Union, you might remember that Barb and I are being more intentional about spending more quality time with Mom (which usually includes a lunch at some nearby eatery!). And it seems to be working well! We usually take Sammi, our dog, with us when we see Mom. She loves how affectionate and goofy our dog is! We got Sammi as a puppy, intending to train her to be a therapy dog, but she was way too hyper. But now it seems, as a “senior” canine, Sammi has

significantly slowed down, and Mom really enjoys the times that she and Sammi spend together – and the love they me give and receive from each other.

On our way back from the restaurant to Mom's house, she suggested that we make a detour to see the Tundra swans at the police college, near Aylmer. There were hundreds – all of them shouting out to the world with such joyous energy that made it difficult to talk at times! Mom loved it! She beamed the whole time!

Saying our “goodbyes” to Mom, we drove back home in relative silence. I think both Barb and I were re-living those parts of the day that we particularly enjoyed. And what a great day it was! Even Sammi's dog breath, wafting from the back seat, didn't seem to smell that bad.

I hope that in this Lenten season, you might be surprised where life's journeys take you! And may they include those whom you love. May your journeys be filled with unexpected surprises; with acts of love and blessings. And may the One who lights our way continue to guide us on the road of life, now and always. Amen.

Blessings,

Rev. Dave

Up Coming Special Worship Services

- April 9 Palm Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.
- April 13 Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.
- April 14 Good Friday Service 9:30 a.m.
- April 16 Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.
At Sparta Cemetery with
breakfast following at Sparta
Church Museum.
- April 16 Easter Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.
at Union Church
- May 7 Communion
- May 14 Mother's Day / Family Day
- May 28 Conference Sunday
- June 18 Communion
- July 2 Canada Day Celebration



Books, Blooms and Baking Sale

May 13 9—12 a.m.

Union United Church.

Come stock up on books for your summer reading and plants for your garden . Take some baking home and let your family think you spent the morning in the kitchen, just for them.



Games Night

Friday, April 7
7:00 p.m.

Union Church

Come play euchre, cribbage , crokinole,
broad games.

Potluck lunch of finger food to follow



Cruise Nights at Union Church

Cruise Nights are coming again this summer.

They will be the last Monday of June, July
and August. Get you car or truck ready and

come join us. For details,

contact Morley Winter

519-782-4363



Union Group



- April 7 Games Night, 7:00 p.m.
Potluck lunch of finger food to follow
- April 25 Easter Gathering of Faith
7:00 p.m.
- May 13 Books, Blooms and Baking Sale
9—12 Vendors welcome
- June 6 Elgin Manor
- June Dinner Gathering for whole church
at Union Church
- June 26 Car Cruise Night
- July 31 Car Cruise Night
- August 1 Elgin Manor
- August 28 Car Cruise Night
- Sept 5 Mystery Tour Gathering
- Oct 21 Fall Bazaar/bake sale

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Unified Board Meeting dates

April 19	7:00 p.m.
June 21	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 20	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 15	7:00 p.m.

Walk in the woods in the springtime,
all the beauty of nature is there,
Tread lightly lest you would disturb them,
the blithe little creatures so fair.
You must know the secret of silence if you would
find hope on your way,
Alone in the woods you'll find magic to bless the
most heavenly day.

Walk in the woods in the summer neath
heaven's soft winsome sky.
You shall feel close to your Master and thrill to the
clouds drifting by.
Free from the worries of living,
nothing of trouble or fear,
Part of the wonders of nature,
this magical time of the year.
Walk in the woods when 'tis autumn,
colours aflame on the trail,
Leaves mounting high on the pathway
caught by the wind in a gale.
Si much of the beauty to treasure,
autumn aglow in your heart.
Forest trees proud of their beauty
and the joys only autumn impart.
Walk in the woods in the winter,
snow deep and white all about,
Naked trees dressed in white splendor,
beauty without any doubt.
Springtime, the summer, autumn or winter—
when chilling winds blow,
If you would meet your Creator—
walk in the woods—then you'll know

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- March 28 Elgin Manor Marion & Monica
- April 19 Tour Elgin County Museum &
lunch 1:30 p.m.
- May 17 Tour of Pt Stanley Fish Hatchery
and lunch 10 a.m. to start
- June 21 Tour of Water Treatment Plant &
Pot luck lunch in Pt. Bruce 1:30
- July 25 Elgin Manor Marie & Debra
- Aug 23 5:30 p.m. Port Stanley Festival
Theatre, (Midnight Madness)
- Sept 20 10 a.m. Tour of Fresh Water
Shrimp Plant, Aylmer
- Oct 19 7:30 p.m. Budapest with
John Martyn at Sparta Church
Museum