



Leadership Team Update

Greetings Everyone,

Rev. Laurie's time with us was celebrated on Sunday September 4. We expressed our gratitude for her leadership and wished her all the best as she begins a new stage in her ministry.

Pulpit supply is in place for worship services from September 11 through to the end of December. Worship leaders are David Burghardt, Kate Monk, Paul Vollick, Trish McGregor and Heather MacKecknie. See the included worship schedule for who is leading each service.

Our Ministry & Personnel (M&P) Team has initiated work to update our Community of Faith profile. This is the first step in the process where we confirm what we need before moving forward to search for a new minister. See the M&P update for more details.

A small team of volunteers completed clean-up of basement rooms and storage areas over the summer. Special thanks to Joanne Bowen, Barb Tideman, Barb Wein, and Dianne Shapton for co-ordinating this effort.

Work has been initiated on our two approved capital projects - replacement of the James St. doors and installation of a new universal washroom. These projects are required to enable our facilities to be used in the future – by us and the community groups who make our church building their home. See the Capital Projects update for more details.

The South Huron Art Centre (SHAC) is well on its way in getting established. Banners have been affixed to the outside of the building on Andrew Street and the parking lot. A countertop and sink have been installed in the social hall. Registration for fall programs started in August with sessions scheduled from September through to December. There will be a grand opening on Saturday September 24 at 11:00 am. Check out the SHAC website southhuronartscentre.ca for the list of classes being offered. It's very exciting!

Change is the law of life – we will learn from the past, live in the present, but look with hope focusing our energy on building the future.

Blessings, Shirley Hayes, Ann Johns, Alice MacLean, Stephen Platts, Larry Wein

Ministry & Personnel Update

The M&P Team currently involves Janice Brock, Cheryl Masson and myself. Feedback and suggestions about the future of Exeter United Church are the next very important steps for this small but enthusiastic trio.

While we are currently random calling about 45 households, we invite and welcome ALL members of our church family to provide input. Our goal is to do the best job for all as we look forward to a successful transition and exciting future. Please don't wait for our call. Call us or email us to tell us that you would like to chat. We will do our best to contact you in a timely fashion.

The answers to the questions that we are asking should help our committee to update our Community of Faith Profile and decide what our current needs are. Additionally how do we prepare for a successful future? We are trying to find out how you as a member of our church might feel if we found it necessary to go to a part time ministry or a shared ministry. Because of the COVID pandemic, many parts of our 'in church and outreach programs' have not been possible. What is most important to bring back? Also to carry on? And to bring many of you who have not been able to come to church, back to regular services. This is all part of the process for searching for a future minister.

While this process will continue for a while, sometime this Fall, we will report our summarized findings to the Leadership Team and to Regional Council. Lastly, hopefully in late November or December, we will provide a final report to the congregation

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Submitted by Lois Godbolt.

General Operating Budget Update - As of end of July 2022

Our year-to-date expenses exceed our income by approximately \$9,300. Additional giving's are needed to avoid an end of year expense gap.

Total Income (Jan-Jul)	\$91,274.65
Total Expenses (Jan-Jul)	<u>\$100,594.78</u>
Excess Income/Expenses	\$(9,320.13)

There are many ways to donate.

By e-transfer to exeterunitedchurch@gmail.com

Mail a cheque to the office (42 James Street Box 561 Exeter, ON N0M 1S6).

Drop off a cheque at the office any Monday morning.

Call Lynn Alderdice at 226-378-5322 to arrange a drop off time

PAR (call or email the office to setup)

Canada Helps <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/exeter-united-church/>

Capital Projects Update

James St. Doors

Both sets of external doors on James St. need to be replaced due to damaged hinges and misaligned frames. Quotes for replacement have been requested.

Universal Washroom / Washrooms

For our church building to continue to be used, a universal washroom must be in place by 2025. Alan Avis Architects has been contracted to complete a review of our physical structure and determine the optimum use of space and associated changes needed. A schematic design has been received, reviewed and approved. This includes the creation of a janitor's closet, universal washroom, minor changes to the men's washroom and an upgrade to the women's washroom. A full design for all changes is now being developed. Once this design is received and approved, estimates for construction will be obtained.

Questions about these projects can be directed to Ken Coates.

South Huron Arts Centre Partnership

The South Huron Arts Centre will make its home at Exeter United Church.

This is a natural fit with our vision of “Open Arms, Open Hearts, and Open Spirit” and will lead to our building once again becoming a vibrant facility in our community.

Minor facility renovations will be allowed with costs borne by the Arts Centre. Approval has been given for installation of a kiln, counter, and sink in the Social Hall.

Storage space will be provided. Approval has been given to designate some space and rooms in the basement for use by the Arts Centre. This has resulted in items being relocated to other areas and rooms.

The Arts Centre will carry their own insurance.

The Arts Centre will be a long-term tenant with low rent. No rent/utilities will be charged for the first 12 months of operation. A previously received United Church of Canada Spirit Grant has been approved for use to offset increased first year utility costs.

A United Church of Canada Innovation Grant was applied for and received to support Art Centre start-up costs.

Questions about this partnership can be directed to Ann Johns.

Outreach and Learning Team



We will be serving a “**WELCOME BACK**” *Pancake Breakfast* after a service sometime this fall.

Stay tuned for details!



FARMERS' MARKET 2022 UPDATE:

The UCW will be participating in both the September 16th and the October 21st Farmers' Markets and will need items to sell. The list includes preserves (only those approved by the Huron Perth Health Unit) home baking, craft items, knitting, etc-items similar to what are usually sold at the Christmas Bazaar.

This year the Farmers' Market will be located in the parking lot adjacent to the
Olde Town Hall, on Exeter's Main Street.

It would be appreciated if all items to be sold could be dropped off at the UCW booth between 1:30-2:30 on the day of the sale. Baked goods should be wrapped and labelled.

As mandated by the Huron Perth Public Health Unit guidelines for Farmers' Markets, a contact list of those who donate food items will be kept and made available upon request to the Health Unit.

Please contact Barb Tiedeman 519-235-1375 if you have items to donate.

Thank you for supporting your UCW!!!



WORSHIP SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2022

Dates and Times	Pulpit Supply
Sunday, September 11, 2022 @ 10:30 am	David Burghardt
Sunday, September 18, 2022 @ 10:30 am	Kate Monk
Sunday, September 25, 2022 @10:30 am	Paul Vollick
Sunday, October 2, 2022 @ 10:30 am - COMMUNION	Paul Vollick
Sunday, October 9, 2022 @ 10:30 am - THANKSGIVING	David Burghardt
Sunday, October 16, 2022 @ 10:30 am	David Burghardt
Sunday, October 23, 2022 @ 10:30 am	Heather MacKechnie
Sunday, October 30, 2022 @ 10:30 am	Heather MacKechnie
Sunday, November 6, 2022 @ 10:30 am – REMEMBRANCE	David Burghardt
Sunday, November 13, 2022 @ 10:30 am	David Burghardt
Sunday, November 20, 2022 @ 10:30am	Trish MacGregor
Sunday, November 27, 2022 @ 10:30 am – ADVENT	Heather MacKechnie
Sunday, December 4, 2022 @ 10:30 am - ADVENT	Heather MacKechnie
Sunday, December 11, 2022 @ 10:30 am – ADVENT	Heather MacKechnie
Sunday, December 18, 2022 @ 10:30 am – ADVENT	Heather MacKechnie
Saturday, December 24, 2022 @ 5:00 pm – CHRISTMAS EVE	TBD
Sunday, December 25, 2022 - NO SERVICE	N/A
Sunday, January 1, 2023 – NO SERVICE	N/A