

BULLETIN NOTATIONS

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Lent, the period leading up to Easter, gives us the opportunity to remember Jesus' life, death and resurrection. To look with wonder and awe at his life on earth and to sit with the discomfort of his sacrifice on the cross, so when it comes to Easter morning, we are ready to rejoice in the Resurrection.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Then Jesus said to his disciples, **"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."**

Take up your cross the Saviour said, (sung) VU 561
If you would my disciples be.
Take up your cross with willing heart
And humbly follow after me.

We extinguish the fourth candle on the cross this morning to remember that taking up our cross in service to Jesus seems to put us in the shadow of His cross that grew darker as events led Him to Calvary.

But we know that His love is more powerful than any cross.

Amazing Love How Can It Be (sung) HWC 203
that thou my God shouldst die for me!

Let us worship. Let us pray.

We come,
trusting in Your mercy and love, longing to know You better and to
learn more about Your ways.

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"Heavenly Father, as we continue through this Lenten season, help us to fast from those things that keep us far from You and feast on the things that draw us closer to You. Grant, we pray, that our penances will purify us to receive the power of Christ's resurrection. We come, to be guided in the ways of Your truth— aware of Your steadfast love helping us to overcome the trials and temptations which can descend on us at any time.
Lead us, O God, to do what is right in your eyes and teach us to follow the humble way of Christ, Your beloved Son, In His Name we pray. Amen .

HYMN: "Praise with Joy" VU 312

TIME OF REFLECTION and CONFESSION

Let us pray together:

Most merciful God,
whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin,
we confess before you that we have sinned;
we have hungered after that which does not satisfy;
we have compromised with evil;
we have doubted your power to protect us.
Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness.
Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in your ways
and delight in doing your will.

Silent reflection

Still the Small Inward Voice to Hear Tune HWC 203
that whispers all my sins forgiven.
Still the atoning blood is near
that quenched the wrath of hostile heaven.
I feel the life His wounds impart.
I feel the Saviour in my heart.
Amazing love how can it be
that thou my God shouldst die for me!

RESPONSIVE READING: VU 838 "Psalm 119" Parts 1 & 2

READER: Joan Wells

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 5:21-34

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?" ' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM:

"Lord, Make us Instruments of Your Peace" ~ David Lantz III

INVITATION TO OFFERING

***SUNG RESPONSE:** VU 540

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.**

Let us pray.

***OFFERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* **Giver of every good and perfect gift, bless and use what we offer, and use us to share the good news, in word and action. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER: *(Lord hear our prayer, and in your love, answer).*

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *(sung – VU 959)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

HYMN: VU 142 "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"

MESSAGE: "The Healing Cross"

***CLOSING HYMN:** HWC 186 "The Old Rugged Cross"

1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

2 O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]

3 In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,

for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]

4 To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]

***BENEDICTION**

Please join us in the Friendship Room after you grab coffee for a look at Paul's Letter to the Philippians. "Finding Hope in a Difficult World" Copies of The Lenten Challenge for 2025 are available if you missed them last week or don't wish to print them off from the email on your computer.

AFTER WORSHIP, everyone is invited to stay for refreshments and fellowship on the lower level.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, HYMNS and RESPONSIVE READINGS are available on the pew as you enter the sanctuary.

PRAYER LIST
As we face life's challenges, we are encouraged by those who surround us with their prayers. If you would like your name to appear on the prayer list, please tell the minister or a member of the Pastoral Care Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Thank you to Dick Hamilton for updating the sign at the corner of our building each week and to Alvin Penner for agreeing to fill in when needed.****

REMINDER: Everyone is asked to please wear your name tags at church on Sundays, to make it easier for newcomers to remember your name.

BIRTHDAYS: If you are new to the congregation and would like to be included in the monthly birthday acknowledgements in the bulletin, please contact Sandra in the office so she can add you to the list.

BIBLE STUDY FOR LENT: Following the worship service. Those interested are invited to gather in the Friendship Room with your coffee at 11 for a look at Philippians. "How to Have Hope in Difficult Times". Continuing to Sunday, April 6th.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: will be held this year at Fenwick United Church with the Fonthill, Fenwick, Central and Wesley combined choirs, on Friday April 18 at 10:00 am. Light refreshments will follow the service.

EASTER CRAFTS AT NOON: Join us! Do you know someone who is new to the community and wants to meet new people? Invite them to join us on Saturday, April 5 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm for Easter crafts, games and pizza at Fenwick United Church, 1050 Church Street. This event is made possible through a generous grant from the Erwin Taylor Charitable Foundation. **Everyone is welcome!**

EUCHRE & GAMES DAY: Continuing on Tuesday, April 1st at 2pm and continuing every Tuesday following. Tea/Coffee served at 3pm. Dominoes, euchre, and more, your choice. Bring your game faces and enjoy the fellowship that playing games inspires.

THE WALKING GROUP: Calling all people! Come walk with us on Thursdays at 10am at the Steve Bauer Trail on Pt. Robinson Rd. (down from Glynn A Green School). In inclement weather join us at the Meridian Centre. To be followed at 10:45am at McDonald's for a coffee and conversation. If you can't come for the walk, come for the talk! We look forward to seeing you there!

ACN ANNUAL SPRING SHOW: The annual spring show put on by the A Cappella Niagara Chorus is on Saturday, May 10th starting at 2:00 pm

in the sanctuary. For tickets (\$15 each) contact John Donald or Bob Laing.

TAIZÉ: services will be held at Fenwick United Church during Lent on March 27, April 3, 10, 17. All services will begin at 6:30 and last about 30 minutes. Taizé services are quiet, contemplative services of music, scripture and prayer. Everyone is invited to attend.

FREE EVENT – NAVIGATING THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM WITH A LONG-TERM ILLNESS: 7 keys for more choice and control. Join Dr. Sammy Winemaker and Dr. Hsien Seow for a FREE event to learn the 7 keys to take charge so you can be hopeful and prepared every step of the way. Designed to help individuals and their caregivers navigate the healthcare system for those living with a long-term illness. Ask questions and gain valuable insights. Held at Club Italia Event Centre, 2525 Montrose Rd, Niagara Falls. Thursday, April 10th 4-8pm. 4-6pm, the chance to check out other booths with other providers and organizations will be available to speak with and ask questions as well as offering pizza for dinner. Speakers start at 6-7pm, Book signing at 7-7:30pm. Register at: waitingroomrevolution.com/events.

“MAYBE ONE?”: A play by Scott Douglas (adapted by Cathie Ellarby, new ending by Diane Walker) presented by Central United Church (located at 30 Delhi St., Port Colborne) on Saturday, April 5th at 2pm. “Where we came from – how we got here”. Part of the 100th Anniversary celebration. Light refreshments to follow.

SENSIBLE WAY TO WELLNESS: This event is taking place on April 3rd at 10:30am & at 7pm. The sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. Please sign up if you are interested in attending.

WESLEY UNITED CHURCH: presents a musical and spiritual reflection on the meaning of Easter, performing the music of Haydn, *The Seven Last Words of Christ* as performed by a string quartet and will also provide the narrative for each of the movements of the piece. On April 17 at 7pm located at 244 First Ave., Welland. Accepting a goodwill offering. Contact (905) 735-5912 or wesleyunited@bellnet.ca for more information.

FENWICK UNITED: invites you to Afternoon Tea on Saturday, April 12 from 1-3pm (doors open at 12:30pm) at 1050 Church St, Fenwick. Join us for a 3 course afternoon tea (including sandwiches, scones, clotted cream, jam and desserts. Gluten free options are available but must be indicated at the time of booking. \$35/pp. no tickets at the door, no refunds. Please call Julie at (289) 820-9657 or email: gvalleyjean@gmail.com and payment can be made by e-transfer. All proceeds go to the Fenwick United Church Women’s Outreach.

FEDERAL ELECTION HAS BEEN CALLED: As with the recent Provincial Election, Fonthill United Church will be a polling station for the upcoming Federal Election to be held on Monday, April 28th. Election officials will set up the upper hall early that morning and the polls will probably be open from 9:00 A.M to 8:00 P.M. We would expect a heavy turnout. Elections Canada is asking for, as they need, workers during the election to contact Robert Ciarlo either by email: 35068.35072_Robert.ciarlo@elections.ca or by phone: (289) 237 0324 if interested. If you have any questions on this short term rental please do not hesitate to give me a call. Thanks, Jim Bradley.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

- Mar 30 – 9:30 am Sunday Service
- Apr 6 – 9:30 am Sunday Service
- Apr 13 – 9:30 am Sunday Service

**TO MAKE A DONATION TO FONTHILL UNITED CHURCH,
YOU ARE WELCOME TO:**

- 1) Mail a cheque to the church at: Fonthill United Church, Box 926, Fonthill ON L0S 1E0.
- 2) Drop your cheque donation, anytime, through the mail slot in the exterior office door at the church.
- 3) Bring cash donations into the office when the church office is open.
- 4) Send an e-transfer to: fonthilu@vaxxine.com.
- 5) Sign up for the pre-authorized remittance program (PAR). Contact the church office to register.

Donations on Sundays may be placed in the offering plate at the entrance to the sanctuary. We thank you for your support!

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FONTHILL UNITED

Monday Mar 31	8:00 am	Pre-School
	4:00 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Tuesday Apr 1	8:00 am	Pre-School
	9:00 am	Badminton
	10:00 am	Worship Mtg
	10:00 am	Outreach Mtg
	2:00 pm	Games & Social
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
Wednesday Apr 2	8:00 am	Pre-School
	1:30 pm	Pickle Ball
	2:30 pm	Music Lessons
	3:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:00 pm	Cubs
	6:00 pm	A Cappella Practice
	8:00 am	Pre-School
Thursday Apr 3	9:00 am	Badminton
	10:30 am	Sensible Way to Wellness
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	3:00 pm	Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	Sensible Way to Wellness
	8:00 am	Pre-School
Friday Apr 4	10:30 am	Trustees & Prop Mtg
	12:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Saturday Apr 5	11:00 am	Music Lessons
Sunday Apr 6	9:30 am	Sunday Service – Lent 5

Please note that these rentals while happening in the church, are not to be attended by the congregation (as they are not put on by the church) unless there is an express invite.

Fonthill United Church

March 30, 2025

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MISSION STATEMENT

Words inspire us. Music uplifts us.
United in God's love,
we strive to be an inclusive community,
learning together and supporting others with compassion.

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