

BULLETIN NOTATIONS

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"Of all man's works of art, a cathedral is greatest. A vast and majestic tree is greater than that." - Henry Ward Beecher

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: HWC 19

**We worship and adore You,
Bowing down before You,
Songs of praises singing,
Hallelujahs ringing.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(responsively)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. *(From Hebrews 10:19–25)*

Let us worship. **Let us pray.**

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GATHERING PRAYER: *(in unison)*

O God, make the door of this House wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back evil's power. God, make the door of this House the gateway to your eternal kingdom. We pray in the strong Name of Jesus, Amen.

(Bishop Thomas Ken 1637-1711)

***HYMN OF PRAISE VU 410:** "This Day God Gives Me"

TIME OF REFLECTION and CONFESSION:

Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners, we confess that too often our words and actions are not consistent with our beliefs. In spite of our best efforts, we miss the mark. Our thoughts have not always been kind. Our words have lacked grace. Our actions less than generous.

Silent Reflection

RESPONSE: HWC 427 (vs. 1)

**1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper rev'rence, praise.**

Set us free now to hear Your Word and serve You.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 1 – VU pg. 724 *LAY READER: Sheila Laundry*

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 12: 1-21

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Thanks be to God.

MUSIC MINISTRY: "Christ, Be Our Light" – B. Farrell
Soloist: William Outred

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.**

***OFFERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)*

**Gracious God,
You have taught us that it is better to give than to receive.
You have blessed us with abundance
and we can never out-give you.
Receive these offerings that come from our hearts
as well as our hands.
May Your blessing magnify their benefits.
We pray in the Name of Jesus who gives us all things. 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 603:** "In Loving Partnership We Come"

MESSAGE: "The Sequoia Church"

***CLOSING HYMN VU pg. 884:** "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

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

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

FONTHILL UNITED CHURCH will hold a congregational Brunch after the worship service today, Sunday September 8. Everyone is invited to join us!

THE UCW will meet on Wednesday September 11 at 1:30 pm in the Friendship Room. All women are invited.

FOOD DRIVE FOR PELHAM CARES will be held in the Fonthill United Church parking lot on Saturday September 21 from 10 am - 12 pm. Food items, as well as cleaning and personal care items, will be gratefully accepted. If making a donation by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Fonthill United Church. E-transfers will also be accepted to fonthilu@vaxxine.com. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a visit with your friends at Fonthill United.

FUNDRAISER: THE HUNTINGTON SOCIETY OF CANADA is selling Amaryllis kits again for \$17. If you are interested in purchasing them, please contact Gail DeKoning. The kits will be delivered at the end of October.

CHURCH DRIVEWAY: You will notice three red traffic pylons have been installed in the parking lot east of the Fonthill church building. While this is our property, there is a general perception that it is a public road. Over the past few months we have been informed that several instances have occurred where cars, using that area as a shortcut, have come close to causing an accident when exiting onto Canboro Road. The pylons were installed, after discussions with the Town, in an attempt to stop this area being used by the public. People going to the church can still park in this area when at the church. Hopefully with no public traffic, it will make it safer when opening car doors, etc. – *The Fonthill United Property Committee*

FALL MUM SALE: Pumpkin, spice, and everything nice!
The 3rd Fonthill Scouting Group is selling locally grown MUMS to help with your colourful Fall decor. Orders are due by September 9. Pick-up will be September 13 between 4 pm - 7:30 pm in the parking lot of the Lions Hall on Highway 20 and Hurricane Road. Delivery is available.

Purchases can be made through their website at:
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/3fb9adf8-6528-405b-8e4c-574fd02056d8>

Or visit their Facebook page at:
www.facebook.com/3rdFonthillScouting

CONTACT NAMES: Accidents or sudden illness can and do happen at church. The Fonthill Council felt it was a good idea to keep a list in the office of persons to contact in case of emergency. This is entirely voluntary, but if you wish, please send a contact name and phone number to Patrice to keep on the office list for Fonthill.

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FONTHILL UNITED

Monday Sept 9	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	4:00 pm	Music Lessons
Tuesday Sept 10	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	6:00 pm	A Cappella Niagara Practice
Wednesday Sept 11	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	1:30 pm	UCW Meeting
	2:30 pm	Music Lessons
	5:00 pm	Music Lessons (Friendship Room)
	6:00 pm	Cubs
Thursday Sept 12	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	2:00 pm	Service at Lookout Ridge
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	3:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday Sept 13	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	12:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Saturday Sept 14	11:00 am	Music Lessons
	12:00 pm	Parking Lot being used by Town
Sunday Sept 15	9:30 am	Worship Service
	2:00 pm	Memorial Service for Sybil Daboll at Pleasantview Mem. Gardens

**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!

Fonthill United Church

September 8, 2024

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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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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