

BULLETIN NOTATIONS

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PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING HYMN:** MV 79 “Spirit, Open My Heart”

Refrain:

Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that’s kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. (Refrain)

Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. (Refrain)

May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. (Refrain)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come to worship, knowing God is faithful,
inviting each of us into active faith.

**We trust in God who is the fountain of love,
who renews us each day through our living,
who calls us to follow the Way of Jesus.**

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Come to celebrate new life in the risen Christ,
our hope and our abiding gift.

**We rejoice and dance in the assurance of forgiving mercy, the
place where justice and peace meet, the hope of joy in our
discipleship.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

GATHERING PRAYER:

**We come, O God, to listen.
We come, O Christ, to follow
We come, O Spirit, to dare.
Each day you take us as we are, restoring our passion and our
courage that we might yield your harvest.
Work within us, we pray, that our very lives may speak good news,
that we might always turn our hearts to you.
You give all of us what is good.
May we take your gifts and do what is good, changing lives,
nurturing souls, healing hurts—all in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

WE LISTEN

RESPONSIVE READING: VU pg. 732 “Psalm 8”

READER: Keith Rae

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 16:1–13

16 Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was
accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked
him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your
management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

³ “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is
taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to
beg— ⁴ I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people
will welcome me into their houses.’

⁵ “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first,
‘How much do you owe my master?’

⁶ “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

⁷ “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

⁸ “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

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

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

MESSAGE: “Finding Meaning in Mystery”

We Respond

***HYMN: VU 506** “Take My Life and Let It Be”

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:

Holy One, you have called us friends and named us partners in your work of Creation. Accept the gifts we bring and bless them for your use, that they may reveal to others the depth of your love for all people and for Creation itself. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER: *(spoken)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN: VU 227** “For the Fruit of All Creation”

***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
in the Lower Hall 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.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sept 28 – 9:30 am Worship Service
 Oct 5 – 9:30 am Worship with Communion
 Oct 12 – 9:30 am Worship Service
 Oct 19 – 9:30 am Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A recent article in the Toronto Star suggested various ways donors might consider to make annual, or additional one-time contributions to organizations they may support. We have mentioned the “gifting of shares” previously but I thought this was a good recap of how it works and decided to pass it on as an FYI:

“One of the most powerful strategies for charitable giving is to donate securities – It works like this: instead of selling appreciated publicly traded securities and then donating the cash, you can donate these securities directly to a charity. This approach allows you to avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciation of the securities, while simultaneously receiving a tax receipt for the full fair market value of the donated assets. This is a win-win scenario that amplifies your impact and reduces your tax burden.”

There was another financial question in the same article and while I believe it is self explanatory, I thought I would include it simply as an FYI: **“Using your RRIF money for donations** – You can’t donate directly from a Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF) in Canada. However, if you withdraw funds from your RRIF, report the income, and then donate that amount (or less), you may receive a charitable tax credit that helps offset the tax payable on the withdrawal. While this doesn’t eliminate tax at source, it can reduce your overall tax bill depending on your income and donation size. In this way, a taxable withdrawal can be transformed into a philanthropic act with meaningful tax relief.” ~ Thanks, Jim Bradley.

60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!: Bill and Elaine Champagne are celebrating! Please drop by to help celebrate! At Fonthill United on Sept 27th from 1-4pm. Best wishes only!

SEPTEMBER 28 – ORANGE SHIRT SUNDAY: Next Sunday you are invited to wear an orange shirt to recognize The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a reminder of the ongoing effects of the Canadian residential school system. If you do not have an orange shirt, I encourage you to wear what you have - a pin, ribbon, tie, etc. - and if you can’t find anything simply come as you are.

FENWICK UNITED’S MOVIE NIGHT: Are you new to the area and looking to connect with other members of the community? Join us Friday, September 26th at 7:00 PM for our Throwback Movie Night! Enjoy pizza, popcorn and Toy Story! Bring Your own blankets and enjoy a classic family movie. All are welcome! *This event is made possible through the Erwin Taylor Charitable Foundation.

GAMES IN THE AFTERNOON: Commencing Tuesday, Oct 7th (and weekly afterwards) at 2pm in the Friendship room. Come out and join the fun!

BOOK CLUB: meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Friendship Room at the church. The September meeting is Thursday, September 25 at 1:30 pm. We are reading "West With Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge. October's book is "Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrell, October 23 at 1:30 pm. All are welcome!

OCTOBER 5 – LUNCH AFTER CHURCH: The Outreach Committee will be hosting a luncheon after Church to continue with the theme of Breaking Bread Together on World Communion Sunday. Please join us for soup, bread, pie, tea, coffee, and friendship.

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!

Church Office Hours for this week:

Mon-Fri - 8-12pm

Please call before coming in to ensure your needs can be met



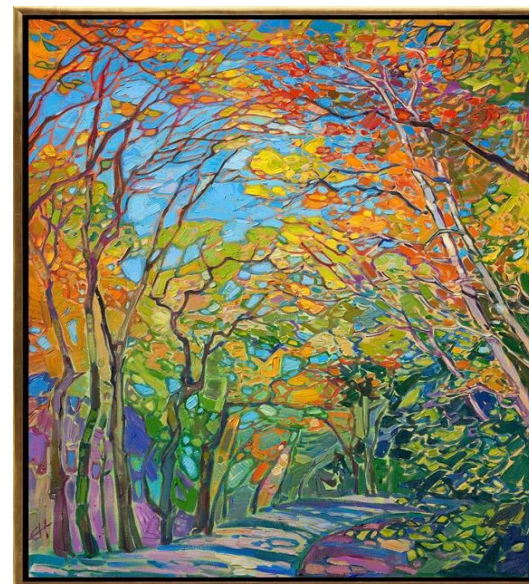
THE WEEK AHEAD AT FONTHILL UNITED

Monday Sept 22	8:00 am	Montessori School
	4:00 pm	Music Lessons
	6:00 pm	Garden Club
Tuesday Sept 23	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
Wednesday Sept 24	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	1:30 pm	Pickle Ball
	2:00 pm	M&P Meeting
	2:30 pm	Music Lessons
	3:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:00 pm	A Cappella Practice
	6:00 pm	Cubs
Thursday Sept 25	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	10:00 am	Walking Group
	1:30 pm	Book Club
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	3:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday Sept 26	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	12:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Saturday Sept 27	11:00 am	Music Lessons
	1:00 pm	Champagne Anniversary
Sunday Sept 28	9:30 am	Sunday Service

Fonthill United Church

September 21, 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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