

## This Week in the Life & Work of our Church

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*The Congregation of Kincardine United Church seeks to foster a journey of spiritual growth through hospitality, service, fellowship and study, and, in community, to build up the ministry of every person and together experience God's abundant love and grace.*

### DIGITAL PHOTO ALBUM



At this time of physical separation, the Membership and Mission Committee is offering the opportunity to be part of creating a digital photo album. **Thank you to Lee Cox who is making this possible!** The idea is that we send pictures to Lee's gmail address and, once compiled, a link will be shared for us to view!!! Send pictures of how you have been filling your time, whether by painting, working, knitting, woodworking, gardening or anything else. The pictures will need to speak for themselves. Names or text will not be added. You must understand that your photo(s) will be "online." Therefore, if you participate you need to be comfortable with that public space. Please send your picture(s) to Lee Cox at [pauldouglascox@gmail.com](mailto:pauldouglascox@gmail.com).

### PROGRAMME CALENDAR

**SUNDAY, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**      **9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Worship: Gord Dunbar**

**Meditation: God Wrestlers**

**SUNDAY, August 9<sup>th</sup>**      **10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Worship: Gord Dunbar**

**Meditation: Gathered Up**



Services live streamed on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.  
 Email [kuchurch@bmts.com](mailto:kuchurch@bmts.com) to get on the email list and receive live stream invitations.

Recent services can be found on our Youtube Channel:  
[KUC YouTube Channel](#)

Services will continue to air on Rogers Cable Channel 6 a week later.  
 View the schedule here:  
<https://www.rogerstv.com/schedule?lid=1&rid=75>

You can view some past services online at  
<https://www.rogerstv.com/media?lid=237&rid=75> under Access Programming (no cable tv necessary)

## #HereToHelpGB



A new grassroots campaign launched by the following partners: 211 Central East Ontario, the Owen Sound Police Service, Saugeen Shores Police Service, West Grey Police Service, Hanover Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police, Canadian Mental Health Association Grey Bruce Mental Health and Addiction Services, Bruce Grey Child and Family Services, Women's House Serving Bruce and Grey and The Women's Centre Grey Bruce.

This campaign has been created to reach kids, youth and women who are in abusive situations or feeling scared during this time of isolation. With recent closure of so many public and institutional settings, the caring eyes & ears that usually provide comfort and act as safeguards are not physically present. The goal of the campaign is to let individuals who are in need of support know they are not alone and help is available.



Please help spread the message that we are **#HereToHelpGB**.

Numbers for help:

- 2-1-1 is a 24/7 multilingual helpline to find services in your community
- 9-1-1 is for all emergency situations
- 226-974-0755 is a text support line for women in crisis
- 1-800-668-6868 is Kid's Help Phone

## DONATIONS

During these difficult times, making donations to the church is severely hampered!

We have added a couple of options to make on-line donations to the church. These can be found on our church web site <http://www.kincardineunitedchurch.org>

### E-Transfer:

- From the web-site additional instructions will guide you through the process using your own secure bank on-line software!
- With E-Transfer you can make a contribution directly from your bank account to the church bank account.
- The church receives the full amount as there are “no” fees on our end, unlike many other donation methods that charge us a service fee.
- No password is required and the Envelope Steward receives an auto email to update your donation record.

### PayPal:

- The second option is PayPal. From the website, a pop-up will link to the secure PayPal web site, where you can use your PayPal account OR use your credit card.

### Canada Helps:

- Now there is a third option using Canada Helps. Click on the link and a customized entry form will assist with your donation.

These contributions will be administered by John Phillips – KUC Envelope Steward  
E-mail: [kucesteward@bmts.com](mailto:kucesteward@bmts.com) and get these donations added to your yearly contribution totals.

The screenshot shows a church website layout. On the left, there is a 'Sunday Worship' section with details about live-streamed services. In the center, a large green box contains the hashtag #HeretoHelpGB and information about a helpline for abusive situations. On the right, there are sections for 'Office Coordinator', 'This Week's Worship', 'Announcements', and 'Search Website'. At the bottom left, a 'Make A Donation' section is highlighted with a red border and contains logos for Interac e-Transfer, PayPal, and a 'DONATE NOW' button powered by CanadaHelps.org. Three red arrows point from this section towards a red, cursive-style text overlay that reads: 'Welcome to our spiritual community. Experience God's abundant love and grace.'

## ONE WAY YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



For three-quarters of people around the world, hunger is a painful, daily reality. And it's about to get worse. The latest figures from the United Nations predict that more than 250 million people will suffer from severe hunger by the end of the year because of COVID-19.

That's more than double the number of people who are suffering now.

Usually, hunger is the result of conflict, the effects of climate change, and economic

instability. People living in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean suffer most.

But now COVID-19 has made an already dire situation even more brutal.

That's why in addition to helping with sanitation and personal protective equipment, the United Church is working hard to combat hunger worsened by this crisis.

You can help. Make a gift to the United Church's COVID-19 Global Response appeal and help save lives. Every gift will make a difference to those suffering most.

Donate Now

**Online** via our [secure donation page](#).

**Phone** 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 and use your Visa or MasterCard.

**Send a cheque**, money order, or Visa or MasterCard information with donation amount to:

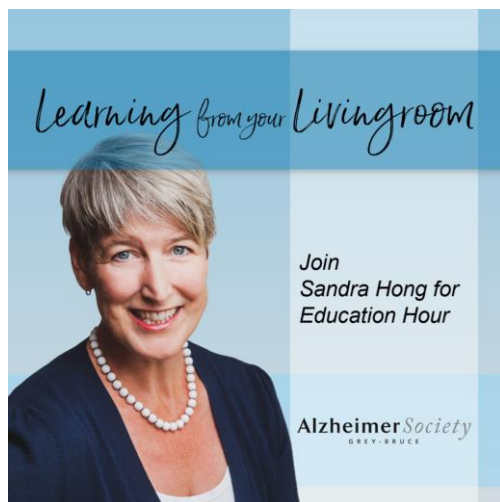
The United Church of Canada  
Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response  
3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200  
Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

Please be sure to note "Emergency Response—COVID-19" on the face of your cheque.

Note: As part of the United Church's Emergency Response Fund, 100% of your donation goes directly to emergency relief with 85% of your donation responding to this designated emergency and 15% responding to future emergencies that do not receive intense media coverage. Donations to Mission & Service enable the United Church to cover all of the costs of emergency response work without deducting any fees from your donation

We work in partnership with proven organizations like ACT Alliance, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and long-time Mission & Service partners to make sure that your support goes directly to those who need it. Thank you for your generosity. Your caring makes a world of difference.

## EDUCATION HOUR



Education Hour is a new series of online learning sessions with a wide variety of topics. Join Alzheimer Society Grey-Bruce Public Education Coordinator Sandra Hong on Zoom to learn about dementia.

REGISTER FOR ONE OR MORE TOPICS AT:

<https://alzheimer.ca/en/greybruce/We-can-help/Education/education-hour>

### FINAL TOPIC

**Planning Ahead - July 28th**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENT INFORMATION DEADLINE**

**Submit information to [kuchurch@bmts.com](mailto:kuchurch@bmts.com) by 4 PM on TUESDAYS**

**Thank you.**

### **MISSION AND SERVICE COMMITMENTS IN THIS TIME OF COVID-19**



Kincardine United Church is a leader in giving generously to Mission and Service. Mission and Service makes commitments on behalf of the United Church of Canada to partners across Canada and internationally. Those commitments provide the foundation for the budgets of the partners with which we work. Please continue offering your generous gifts to Mission and Service – which is the way we reach out to an aching world to make a difference – so that our partners can continue caring for people in the name of Christ. Thank you.

## COVID-19

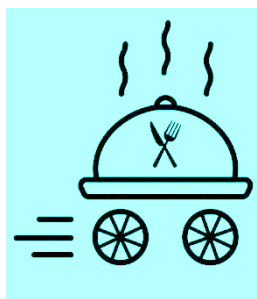
**We are CLOSED until further notice, following the orders from Premier Doug Ford and the recommendations of the Provincial Chief Medical Officer of Health.**

*The Council of Kincardine United Church will continuously monitor the evolving circumstances around COVID-19, keeping the congregation informed regularly about any changes to our practices. Our highest priority is for the safety of everyone – staff, volunteers, congregants and the public – especially the most vulnerable among us.*

- Worship will be broadcast as usual on local TV the week after.
- We are live-streaming worship on Sunday mornings.
- Gord's reflections will continue to be sent out with links to the bulletin & any announcements
- Please contact the church office by phone or by e-mail (email is preferred – kuchurch@bmts.com).

*As a family of faith, many of us rely upon one another for mutual support and for companionship. The Membership and Mission Committee has put into place remote ways of pastoral care. May God bless us as we love one another from a distance. If you wish to be added to this contact list email Melinda Smegal at [glorycangel@yahoo.ca](mailto:glorycangel@yahoo.ca)*

## MEALS ON WHEELS IS EXPANDING DURING THE PANDEMIC



For members in our community experiencing financial constraints, are mobility challenged and/or are in extreme isolation during the current pandemic.

Municipality of Kincardine community members in need are being identified by service contact persons through word of mouth, web or social media pages and as existing clients prior to the pandemic.

Residents that would like to inquire about Meals on Wheels for themselves or a loved one can visit the Grey Bruce Home and Community Support Service (HCSS) Website at <https://hcssgreybruce.com/meals-on-wheels/> or call their Central Intake number at 519-372-2091 Press 1.

**Even during COVID-19, Emergency Departments are operating as usual.** It is okay to go to the ER. If you or a loved one are suffering from symptoms of a stroke, heart attack, or other new serious health issues, do not delay. Call 9-1-1 or to the nearest emergency department for assessment right away. 🛡️ 🚑



Even during COVID-19, it is okay to go to the E.R. Continue to seek medical attention for urgent health issues.

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[www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/COVID-19](http://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/COVID-19)

## Symptoms of COVID-19?

**Isolate within your home and use the self-assessment tool.**

Do you have symptoms of COVID-19 and are having trouble managing at home?

➔ Visit an assessment centre.

Do you have new or worsening symptoms AND are in the priority testing group?

➔ Visit an assessment centre.

The Grey Bruce Health Unit also has a help line at 1-800-263-3456 Ext 3000 if you need help.  
Note: Do not call 911 unless it is an emergency.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>

[Link to Grey-Bruce Assessment Centre List](#)

[Link to Priority Testing Details](#)



[www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/COVID-19](http://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/COVID-19)

[www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/covid-19](http://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/covid-19)

## COVID-19 and MENTAL HEALTH

**“Apart But Not Alone”**  
 Offered by CAMH (Centre for Addiction and Mental Health)  
<https://action.camh.ca/apart-not-alone>  
**Sign up to learn concrete ways to manage your stress and uncertainty during this difficult time — and receive regular support and encouragement right in your inbox along the way.**

**Anxious and stressed out? Help is at hand!**  
 Check out the new Wellness Together Canada portal which provides free online courses like Taking Control of Stress and resources like Moving Beyond Anxiety. <https://ca.portal.gs/>



**More Resources:** If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed or in crisis, there are supports available. Canadian Mental Health Association of Grey Bruce has lots of information on their social media sites and website at <http://cmhagb.org/>

Mental Health Crisis Line of Grey & Bruce (24 hours) For ages 16+  
 Phone: 1-877-470-5200

Grey Bruce Health Services Crisis Team (24 hours) Phone: 519-376-2121 (Ask for Crisis Team)

Kids Help Phone is a free, anonymous and confidential phone and on-line professional counselling service for children and youth. Big or small concerns! Open 24/7 365 days/yr.

Website: [www.kidshelpphone.ca](http://www.kidshelpphone.ca) – for on-line chat as well as resources and information  
 Phone: 1-800-668-6868 By Text – Text “TALK” to 686868

Download the “Always There” app to Chat

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Information below is taken from <https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/infosheet/covid-19-and-anxiety>.

Anxiety is a normal reaction to uncertainty and things that may harm us. For many of us, the coronavirus and the COVID-19 illness make for a very uncertain future.

**Take action ...** Taking reasonable action can help you take back control and reduce anxiety. Look to trusted organizations and agencies like the Government of Canada, and World Health Organization for information about steps you can take to reduce your risk of getting sick or passing the illness on to others.

- Government of Canada—[www.canada.ca/coronavirus](http://www.canada.ca/coronavirus) and the COVID-19 Information Line at 1-833-784-4397
- World Health Organization—[www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus](http://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus)
- [Ontario Public Health](http://Ontario Public Health)
- Fact Sheets: [How to self-monitor - COVID-19](#), [How to self-isolate - COVID-19](#)  
[Cleaning and Disinfection for Public Settings - COVID-19](#)  
[Self-isolation: Guide for caregivers, household members and close contacts - COVID-19](#)

**Explore self-management strategies**

Explore self-management strategies like mindfulness, yoga, meditation, art, or exercise to manage anxious thoughts. You can find self-management strategies for anxiety from Anxiety Canada at [www.anxietycanada.com](http://www.anxietycanada.com). You can also take the Bounce Back Online, a self-directed course from the Canadian Mental Health Association to help people manage low mood, stress, and anxiety. The online version is free, no referral needed. Visit [online.bouncebackonline.ca](http://online.bouncebackonline.ca).



## **WIDENING THE WELCOME**

The United Church of Christ USA is a full communion partner of The United Church of Canada. Every few years, it organizes a national conference called Widening the Welcome (WtW) jointly hosted by its Disabilities Ministries and Mental Health Network. The conference is one way for the church to become more accessible. The event is packed with speakers, worship, workshops, and networking opportunities.

For the WtW conference in November 2018, The United Church of Canada sent a small delegation of people with disabilities, and their allies. They were all committed to the United Church's desire to become a more open, accessible, and barrier-free church where people with disabilities can fully participate in all areas of the church's life.

The United Church of Canada offered financial support for people to attend the conference, which was possible through Mission & Service. Some delegates would not have been able to attend without this support.

The delegates found the conference an amazing learning experience and came back from it transformed and even more passionate about disability ministries. One of them said, "I came back with strong enthusiasm to share this knowledge with my church and promote accessibility in The United Church of Canada." Moved by the conference, other delegates have created and led worship and offered educational sessions in their own ministry contexts. Through Mission & Service, people of The United Church of Canada have been inspired to make the church even more open, accessible, and barrier-free for all!

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.