

# The Port Dover – Woodhouse Pastoral Charge

## Woodhouse United Church and Grace United Church

### NEWSLETTER

July –August 2022



Greetings!

I'd first like to thank Rev. Kathryn for inviting me to share her pulpit with my "home church". Robyn asked if I would like to write a few words to introduce myself to the two churches.

At first I thought "well, this IS my home church, they already know who I am" and then I realized that I have been away serving the Lord for the past 25 years.

I must say "There is no place like home!". I still feel the unconditional love and support from both churches. I realize just how very blessed I am to come home and it still feeling like "Home". My parents used to tell me that the door is always open and I can come home anytime. There is such comfort in hearing those words, like a safety net under me at all times.

So who am I?

I left as a Sunday school teacher and came home as an ordained minister. I mentioned to Joan Stetson that I needed to discern and next thing I know Pat Tinney is chairing a discernment team for me. After serving as a staff associate in Caledonia, youth minister and soup kitchen co-coordinator in Brantford. I was invited to enroll at the Francis

Sandy Theological center in affiliation with Queen's University;  
Five years later I was ordained at Guelph University.

At my ordination service, I saw so many familiar smiling faces and I heard a voice from Heaven saying "Thou art my beloved daughter in whom I am well pleased. It was one of the great moments and one of the most humbling days of my life.

The very next Sunday I was able to co-lead worship at Grace with Rev. Frank at my side always encouraging and supporting me, along with Margaret of course. I felt that I had come full circle.

On June 26th I served as Padre to the Port Dover Legion and Rev. Frank gifted me with some of his services from when he served as Padre to the Legion, the first service I opened was IDENTICAL, to what I had already prepared. That's what we call a God's wink and a Frank wink.

It is truly my great honour to serve you until Rev. Kathryn is feeling well again. She remains along with Katie and her family in all of our prayers.

Well that's enough about me, I want to hear your stories. God Bless.

**-Rev. Sheena Marini**

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### **A quick note from Robyn in the office:**

Happy Summer! And thank you all for the warm welcome as I returned to my post in the PC Charge Office. I am so grateful for the work Jackie has done over the past 2 years, building on the excellent foundation Linda set for the office. Thank you to all of the hardworking volunteers and committees that help with the day to day running of the Pastoral Charge. Please stop in, Mon-Thurs 9:00-11:30am if you need anything.

2 - **Robyn York, Office Administrator**

# Calendar of Special Days

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July	1	Canada day
July	3	International Day of Cooperatives
July	15	World Youth Skills Day
July	18	Nelson Mandela International Day
July	28	Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval
July	30	International Day of Friendship
August	1	Emancipation Day in Canada
August	1	Civic Holiday
August	9	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
August	12	International Youth Day
August	22	International day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Base on Religion or Belief
August	23	International Day for the remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

## WANTED

Grace needs volunteers to learn to operate the live-stream camera and perhaps a few extra to learn how to run the PowerPoint presentation for the overhead. Contact Jim Dawson or the office if interested in helping.



## Grace United a 175 Year Journey of Faith...

For the 150th Anniversary of Grace United, 1997, Joan Welch researched, compiled and wrote **"150 Years of Grace" - A History of Grace United Church** Port Dover. There are many little stories within the long history of our community. This newsletter and upcoming bulletins and newsletters, will highlight some of the stories, new and old.

### **Our Story Begins....The circuit rider**

Picture him as a lean and weather hardened man. His eyes squinted into the winds, rains, snows, and the burning sun, and his horse obediently followed the blazed trails and forded the unbridged streams at his urging. He called at every settlement he encountered, both large and small, and was welcomed into these humble homes, and invited to share the meagre provisions his hosts possessed. His clerical hat, cloak, and the Bible in his saddle-bag identified him as a "saddle-bag Preacher". He was a Methodist preacher, a circuit rider, a horse-back preach-

er, a missionary to the area. He was most often held in high esteem by the settlers, and he and his clerical brothers made their way into the Long Point and Norfolk regions almost immediately after the first settlers began to erect their pioneer homes in the region. About 1800, the Circuit Riders were calling on settlers in the Long Point area. At this time, there was no settlement in what is now Toronto, nor in Hamilton, yet the natural resources of the Long Point region had attracted white settlers to our area. The name "Methodists" was the name attached to the followers of John Wesley, and, following upon the first Methodist Society founded in old London, Norfolk was to become home to the first Methodist Society in Western Ontario.



## Congregational Picnic

We had a beautiful Joint Congregational Service on Sunday, June 26 on the grounds of Woodhouse United Church. There were approximate 60 people in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful voices of the Choir. They did a wonderful job!! Thank you to Rev. Harold Walton for leading our service today. We all send best wishes to Reverend Kathryn and hope she will be back with us soon! The weather actually co-operated amazingly well. We only had a very brief sprinkle of raindrops.

After our time of fellowship we enjoyed Barbecue Hamburgers and Hot Dogs prepared by our wonderful cooks - Tom Myerscough and Ross Tinney! Thank you to Cheryl DeKoning, Sherry Roberts, and Pat Tinney for their work setting up tables for the amazing array of Salads and Desserts supplied by everyone. There was very little food remaining at the end.

It was a wonderful day to start our CELEBRATION 175 for Grace United Church. Thank you to the Woodhouse Congregation for sharing the day with us.

Marilyn Dixon, Committee Member  
Celebration 175

*Photos from  
Lisa Jo Malcomson*





## What would my Mom think of that?"

In a race, (see picture), athlete Abel Mutai representing Kenya, was just a few feet from the finish line, but he was confused with the signage & stopped thinking he had completed the race. The Spanish athlete, Ivan Fernandez was right behind him & realizing what was happening, he started shouting at the Kenyan for him to continue running; but Mutai didn't know Spanish. He didn't understand. Then the Spanish runner pushed him to victory. A journalist asked Ivan, "Why did you do that?"

Ivan replied, "My dream is that someday we can have a kind of community life". The journalist insisted "But why did you let the Kenyan win?" Ivan replied, "I didn't let him win, he was going to win". The journalist insisted again, "But you could have won!" Ivan looked at him & replied, "But what would be the merit of my victory? What would be the honour of that medal?"

What would my Mom think of that?"

Values are transmitted from generation to generation.

What values are we teaching our children and grandchildren?

Let us not teach our kids the wrong ways & means to WIN.

Let us teach them that community, love, respect are important values.



## Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval—July 28

Two hundred and sixty-seven years ago, a sad chapter began in the history of the Acadian people—the Great Upheaval.

In 1755, about 10,000 Acadians living on their lands in New France (today Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island) were deported by British authorities.

The deportation separated many families, led to the deaths of thousands of Acadians and destroyed most of the villages and homes of Acadian families.

These families were scattered far and wide, notably in Louisiana, American colonies and France. In spite of everything, the Acadian people proudly rose up. Many families returned to Acadia and their descendants still shine today, particularly on the artistic, cultural and sports scenes.

On July 28th, let us pay tribute to these people who, against all odds, rose up through their determination, strength and resilience. Let us honour the memory of the victims of the Great Upheaval while highlighting the history and heritage of the Acadian people.

***Evangeline, A Tale of Acadie*** is an epic poem by the American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and published in 1847. The poem follows an Acadian girl named Evangeline and her search for her lost love Gabriel, set during the time of the Expulsion of the Acadians.

The poem had a powerful effect in defining both Acadian history and identity in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. It represents lost loved ones and heartbreak; but also keeping hope as she did in the poem. More recent scholarship has revealed the historical errors in the poem and the complexity of the Expulsion and those involved, which the poem ignores.

The poem's story begins with the end. The French farmers and fishermen who once inhabited the colony of Acadie in Nova Scotia are gone, the moss covered trees and the ocean are left to tell the tale.

## ***Evangeline by Longfellow***

*This the forest primeval. The murmuring pines and the hemlocks,  
Bearded with moss, and in garments green, indistinct in the twilight,*

*Stand like Druids of eld, with voices sad and prophetic,  
Stand like harpers hoar, with beards that rest on their bosoms.  
Loud from its rocky caverns, the deep-voiced neighboring ocean  
Speaks, and in accents disconsolate answers the wail of the forest.*

*This is the forest primeval; but where are the hearts that beneath it*

*Leaped like the roe, when he hears in the woodland the voice of the huntsman?*

*Where is the thatch-roofed village, the home of Acadian farmers,*  
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*Men whose lives glided on like rivers that water the woodlands,  
Darkened by shadows of earth, but reflecting an image of heaven?*

*Waste are those pleasant farms, and the farmers forever departed!*

*Scattered like dust and leaves, when the mighty blasts of October  
Seize them, and whirl them aloft, and sprinkle them far o'er the ocean.*

*Naught but tradition remains of the beautiful village of Grand-Pré.*

*Ye who believe in affection that hopes, and endures, and is patient,*

*Ye who believe in the beauty and strength of woman's devotion,  
List to the mournful tradition still sung by the pines of the forest;  
List to a Tale of Love in Acadie, home of the happy.*

## News and Updates

Church Office :

**Closed—Civic Holiday—August 1st**

Celebrations and Worship Services:

**Decoration Day-Woodhouse Cemetery—August 14th at 10am**

Meetings and other happenings:

- ◆ **175th Anniversary Committee is planning additional events for 2022**, stay tuned for details.
- ◆ **Church Directory** will be updated in 2022.
- ◆ **Church Directory Photo Days**  
Grace Tuesday Aug 2, 1:30-8:30  
Grace Wednesday Aug 3, 10-5  
Grace Thursday Aug 4, 10-5  
Woodhouse Friday Aug 5, 1:30-8:30  
Woodhouse Saturday Aug 6, 9:30-4:30  
Grace Friday Aug 19, 1:30-8:30  
Grace Saturday Aug 20, 9:30-4:30  
Grace Thursday Aug 25, 1:30-8:30  
Grace Friday Aug 26, 10-5  
Grace Saturday Aug 27, 9:30-4:30

**For more info, and to book your time, talk to Lisa Jo 519-428-2827 or Marg 519-583-2783.**

- ◆ For updates and changes check out the Calendar of upcoming events can be found on the church Website [graceunitedportdover.org](http://graceunitedportdover.org)
- You can subscribe to our email distribution by completing the form at <http://eepurl.com/gZrJH1>

## Are We There Yet? How Long Does Change Take?

What does change mean for you? Is it something you embrace, or even run toward? Or do you live by “Why change what’s working?,” considering doing something new only when your current situation has become unworkable, and that plodding along in it is no longer an option.

But we live in a world of constant change, each of us – in the wider world; in our communities; and in work, family, and personal life. Change in and of itself is not directional. We like to think that change always sweeps us in a positive and progressive direction, but sometimes it doesn’t. That ambiguity about change makes it difficult to deal with, sometimes creating a temptation to decide to just keep things “the way they are.”

However, the last two years have forced communities of faith to directly confront changes that were perhaps brewing for a while, but just not needing urgent attention until the pandemic hit. Now that changed communities of faith have reopened, how do they stay open to change and energetic knowing that we’re now in a “new normal” and can’t go back to the way things were?

Change is “feeling work,” which can make it both exhilarating and exhausting. On top of the pandemic, we’re living in a complex cultural moment in which marginalized groups are trying to make progress on multiple fronts. As we struggle with issues of diversity and inclusion, listening and learning, reconciliation and relationship, change isn’t always easy or comfortable. Often there’s grief involved, and perhaps as a society we need to put more thought into the value of letting people “feel their feelings” as part of the process of dealing constructively with change.

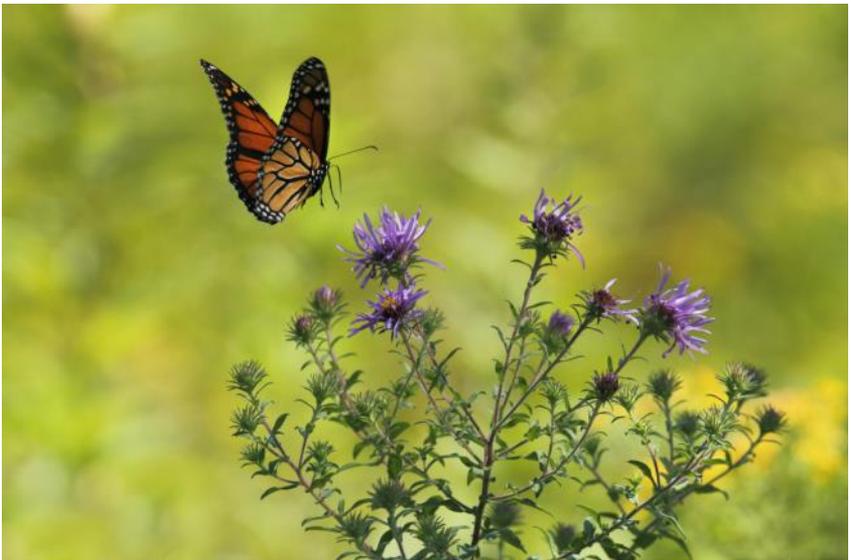
Part of that may be realizing as well that change does not have to be grand and sweeping for everyone. Incremental change can make a significant difference over an extended period, and what might seem

like small and unimportant change on which to focus for one person may be life-changing for another person.

What if the most important question about change is: “What’s the best way to adapt and respond to change?” Because if change is indeed constant, we will never “get there” – but if we can figure out how to work with it, we can use change as a tool to make great things happen... together!

~ *adapted from Embracing the Spirit*

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# Christian Jokes

**Pastor said he needs a little more money in the offering.**

**Whoever gives the most money can pick out three of their favorite hymns.**

**Someone donated \$1000!!!**

**Pastor asked who donated such a gracious gift? An elderly lady shyly said, it was me...Pastor said please**

**come down to the front of the church to pick out your three hymns. The elderly woman looked at three attractive men sitting up close and said....**

**I'll take him, him, and him!!!**

## **A Man was asked to Paint a boat....**

A man was asked to paint a boat. He brought his paint and brushes and began to paint the boat a bright red, as the owner asked him. While painting, he noticed a small hole in the hull, and quietly repaired it. When he finished painting, he received his money and left.

The next day, the owner of the boat came to the painter and presented him with a nice check, much higher than the payment for painting.

The painter was surprised and said "You've already paid me for painting the boat Sir!"

"But this is not for the paint job. It's for repairing the hole in the boat."

"Ah! But it was such a small service... certainly it's not worth paying me such a high amount for something so insignificant."

"My dear friend, you do not understand. Let me tell you what happened:

"When I asked you to paint the boat, I forgot to mention the hole.

"When the boat dried, my kids took the boat and went on a fishing trip.

"They did not know that there was a hole. I was not at home at that time.

"When I returned and noticed they had taken the boat, I was desperate because I remembered that the boat had a hole.

"Imagine my relief and joy when I saw them returning from fishing.

"Then, I examined the boat and found that you had repaired the hole!

"You see, now, what you did? You saved the life of my children! I do not have enough money to pay your 'small' good deed."

So no matter who, when or how, continue to help, sustain, wipe tears, listen attentively, and carefully repair all the 'leaks' you find. You never know when one is in need of us, or when God holds a pleasant surprise for us to be helpful and important to someone.

Along the way, you may have repaired numerous 'boat holes' for several people without realizing how many lives you've save.

Make a difference....be the best you...

Have a blessed day

Too often we  
underestimate the power of  
a touch, a smile, a kind word,  
a listening ear, an honest  
compliment, or the smallest act  
of caring, all of which have the  
potential to turn a life  
around.

-Leo Buscaglia



## "I'M FALLING APART. CAN YOU PUT ME BACK TOGETHER?"

### An imaginary conversation with God

Me: Hey God.

God: Hello.....

Me: I'm falling apart. Can you put me back together?

God: I would rather not.

Me: Why?

God: Because you aren't a puzzle.

Me: What about all of the pieces of my life that are falling down onto the ground?

God: Let them stay there for a while. They fell off for a reason. Take some time and decide if you need any of those pieces back.

Me: You don't understand! I'm breaking down!

God: No - you don't understand. You are breaking through. What you are feeling are just growing pains. You are shedding the things and the people in your life that are holding you back. You aren't falling apart. You are falling into place. Relax. Take some deep breaths and allow those things you don't need anymore to fall off of you.

Quit holding onto the pieces that don't fit you anymore. Let them fall off. Let them go.

Me: Once I start doing that, what will be left of me?

God: Only the very best pieces of you.

Me: I'm scared of changing.

God: I keep telling you - YOU AREN'T CHANGING!! YOU ARE BECOMING!

Me: Becoming who?

God: Becoming who I created you to be! A person of light and love and charity and hope and courage and joy and mercy and grace and compassion. I made you for more than the shallow pieces you have decided to adorn yourself with that you cling to with such greed and fear.

Let those things fall off of you. I love you! Don't change! ... Become! Become! Become who I made you to be. I'm going to keep telling you this until you remember it.

Me: There goes another piece.

God: Yep. Let it be.

Me: So ... I'm not broken?

God: Of course Not! - but you are breaking like the dawn. It's a new day. Become!!!



### **Woodhouse: Memorial Candle lighting**

**August-** We remember:

Catherine Mary Judd	August 31 2019
Arthur Grenville Robertson	August 30 2017

### **Grace: Memorial Candle lighting**

**July-** We remember:

Max William Chambers	July 28 2020
Rebecca Maureen McGee	July 30 2019
Derwyn Edward Douglas Powell	July 22 2021
Leslie Joan Roberts	July 7 2021
Kenneth Allan Simpson	July 18 2018

**August-** We remember:

Peter Fowler Barrett	August 21 2019
Dee Brown	August 28 2019
Grant Dougherty	August 21 2017
Elsie Irene Lawrence	August 27 2019
Shirley Irene Long	August 21 2021
Ora Albert Mason	August 22 2018
Margaret Eileen Matthews	August 12 2021
Marguerite Isabel Underhill	August 25 2017
Marie Hazel Wear	August 29 2017



*Choir at Congregational Picnic—Photo from Lisa Jo Malcomson*

# Scriptures For July/August 2022

## **Proper 9/Fourth after Pentecost**

*July 3 B2124*

2 Kings 5:1–14 or Isaiah 66:10–14  
Psalm 30 or Psalm 66:1–9  
Galatians 6:(1–6), 7–16  
Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

## **Proper 10/Fifth after Pentecost**

*July 10*

Amos 7:7–17 or Deuteronomy 30:9–14  
Psalm 82 or Psalm 25:1–10  
Colossians 1:1–14  
Luke 10:25–37

## **Proper 11/Sixth after Pentecost**

*July 17*

Amos 8:1–12 or Genesis 18:1–10a  
Psalm 52 or Psalm 15  
Colossians 1:15–28  
Luke 10:38–42

## **Proper 12/Seventh after Pentecost**

*July 24*

Hosea 1:2–10 or Genesis 18:20–32  
Psalm 85 or Psalm 138  
Colossians 2:6–15, (16–19)  
Luke 11:1–13

## **Proper 13/Eighth after Pentecost**

*July 31*

Hosea 11:1–11 or Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23  
Psalm 107:1–9, 43 or Psalm 49:1–12  
Colossians 3:1–11  
Luke 12:13–21

## **Proper 14/Ninth after Pentecost**

*August 7 B2128*

Isaiah 1:1, 10–20 or Genesis 15:1–6  
Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23 or Psalm 33:12–22  
Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16  
Luke 12:32–40

## **Proper 15/Tenth after Pentecost**

*August 14*

Isaiah 5:1–7 or Jeremiah 23:23–29  
Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19 or Psalm 82  
Hebrews 11:29–12:2  
Luke 12:49–56

## **Proper 16/Eleventh after Pentecost**

*August 21*

Jeremiah 1:4–10 or Isaiah 58:9b–14  
Psalm 71:1–6 or Psalm 103:1–8  
Hebrews 12:18–29  
Luke 13:10–17

## **Proper 17/Twelfth after Pentecost**

*August 28*

Jeremiah 2:4–13 or Sirach 10:12–18  
or Proverbs 25:6–7  
Psalm 81:1, 10–16 or Psalm 112  
Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16  
Luke 14:1, 7–14

