



# NEWSLETTER

Spring has Sprung! Maybe...

Mother Nature is playing with us! I am writing this at the end of February, and we have just had the warmest day on record for this time of year and today the temperature is dropping fast! Sometimes the season of Lent feels a lot like the weather. Do we give up things we love for 40 days to show repentance, or do we reflect on what we want to get rid of within ourselves to make way for serving others. One day we are hot, the next we are cold. Our personalities can be that way as well. The ebb and flow of life is within all of us. Finding the balance is the best way to handle these days. When we find balance, we can negotiate and look forward to what lies ahead.

We are looking forward to some spring-like events here at the church. The Irish Stew is making a return, the spring yard sale will be here before we know it. And we are currently travelling the Lenten journey awaiting an Easter morning filled with joy! Yes, we have lots to look forward to in the coming days that will put a "spring" in our step and usher in the newness of God's creation. I have noticed that some daffodils and crocuses have started to peak through the ground. I hope they know it is only the first of March and a long way from continuous warm weather!

Some of you have asked about the addition of a Congregation Designated Minister of Pastoral Care. Also known as CDM. This role was created with the permission of our Region to fill-out our ministry in the community. The board approached Joannie Weisshaar and invited her to take on the role. She agreed. The CDM of Pastoral Care will assist the minister in keeping up with, or in touch with our congregation. Some of you may have received a call from Joannie in this new capacity. She will be doing this throughout the year to check-in with folks that we haven't seen in a while or to introduce us to new people who are looking for more information about our church or visited us to see if this is the place for them.

I am delighted to have a CDM added to our staff. Our hope is that we can remain in touch with you in a meaningful way. Please let us know if your phone number has changed or your address or your email has changed. Heather will gladly make the changes to keep us connected.

Happy Spring!

*Rev. Robin*



*Barb Snyder*

*Jack Muma*

*Emily Lanthier*

*Gary Lonnee*

*Nicholas Jirgins*

*Don Snyder*

*Joyce Sayell*

*Doug Webb*

*Marcia Fuglewicz*

*Sophie Jha*

*Deb Holek*

*Lynn Symons*

*Christian Cortese*

*Kelly Gault*

*Peter and Barb Mitchell-Scott*

*John & Teresa Cafe*

*Joyce & Lorraine Sayell*

**MARCH**  
**Anniversaries**

APRIL

Ron McBeth  
Linda Bowen  
Karen DeVries  
Wayne Harris  
Sue Dowhayko  
John McIntosh  
Jill Buckles  
Nancy Morand  
Debora Snyder  
Margaret Lanthier  
Sandee Dunlop  
Iain Bunt  
Ruth Andrew



*Julie Leadbetter & Georgie Wells*



*Ron Brown  
Kaylan Henry  
Gail Precop  
Erynn Weir  
Jeff Hebert*

*Peter & Margaret McBean*

*John & Gail Laken*

*Dana & Christian Cortese*

*Sue & Kirk White*

*Sue & Wally Dowhayko*

*Jason & Tracey Bechard*





**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** Palm Sunday  
Service at 10am.

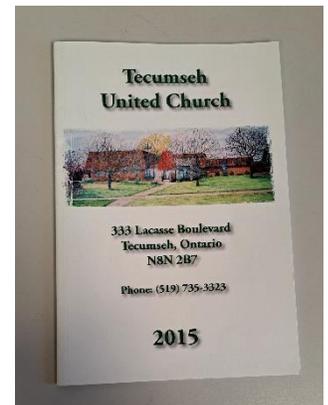
**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** Good Friday  
Service at 10am.

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** Communion  
Easter Service at 10am.

## **NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY**

Stay tuned for details about how to sign up to be included in the updated Tecumseh United Church photo directory, which will take place in early May.

The last time we did one was 2015!



## Irish blessings and proverbs

"May you live as long as you want, and never want as long as you live." — Irish Blessing

"A good friend is like a four-leaf clover, hard to find and lucky to have." — Irish Proverb

"May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back." — Irish Blessing



"May you be in heaven a full half-hour before the devil knows you're dead." — Irish Blessing

"May the lilt of Irish laughter lighten every load. May the mist of Irish magic shorten every road." — Irish Blessing

"May the winds of fortune sail you, may you sail a gentle sea, may it always be the other guy who says, 'This drink's on me.'" — Irish Blessing

**"May you live as long as you want, and never want as long as you live."**

IRISH BLESSING



"For each petal on the shamrock, this brings a wish your way. Good health, good luck, and happiness, for today and every day." — Irish Proverb

"May good luck be your friend in whatever you do, and may trouble be always a stranger to you." — Irish Blessing

"May the roof above us never fall in. And may the friends gathered below it never fall out." — Irish Blessing

"May your troubles be less and your blessings be more. And nothing but happiness come through your door." — Irish Blessing

"May your home always be too small to hold all your friends." — Irish Blessing

"May love and laughter light your days." — Irish Blessing

**"May your home always be too small to hold all your friends."**

IRISH BLESSING



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March 14: National P.I.E. Day (Our P.I.E. service is March 10<sup>th</sup>)



P.I.E. is a special day on or around March 14th each year that we can remind ourselves of the commitment we have made to be Public, Intentional and Explicit in our welcome to 2SLGBTQIA+ folk of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

### RAGTIME IN TECUMSEH with BOB MILNE

Tecumseh United Church is again presenting an evening with Bob Milne, renowned ragtime pianist on Sunday May 5, 2024. More details to come.



*Until next time☺*

*Stay well!*

*Laugh often!*

*Count your Blessings!*