



Talbotville United Church *181st Anniversary Service*



Sunday, October 5, 2025
10:00 AM

*Come join us to celebrate
this milestone.*

Guest speaker: Rev. Joan Golden
Music by our Church Choir

Potluck lunch to follow

11 September 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

As the air turns crisp, the leaves begin to change, and we step into this season of thanksgiving, we are reminded once again of God's steady faithfulness in every season of life. Autumn invites us to pause, reflect, and give thanks for the many ways God has abundantly blessed this community of faith.

On **Sunday, October 5th**, we will celebrate **Anniversary Sunday—181 years of ministry at Talbotville United Church!** This is a time to remember and rejoice in the life and witness of our faith community. We give thanks for those who, with vision and courage, laid the foundations of this congregation, and we look forward with hope, trusting that God continues to call us into new opportunities for worship, service, and witness in our neighbourhood and beyond.

This year we are blessed to welcome **Rev. Joan Golden** as our guest speaker. This day also coincides with **Worldwide Communion Sunday**, when we will gather at Christ's table together. What a meaningful way to celebrate—a time to remember that our story is not only about years counted, but about lives touched, faith nurtured, and love made visible. Each of us is part of this unfolding story. Your presence, your prayers, and your gifts of time and spirit are woven into the fabric of our shared ministry.

As we mark this milestone, may we remember that the same God who guided us in the past is leading us still. Together, let us continue to grow as a community of faith—welcoming all, living out Christ's love, and planting seeds of hope for the future.

Enclosed you will find an **Anniversary Thanks Giving envelope**, should you wish to make a special gift in support of the ongoing ministry of Talbotville United Church.

With gratitude for each of you,

Rev. Laurie O'Leary

OUTREACH:

During the year 2025, we have made outreach donations to:

Harvest Hands, Elgin St Thomas Food Bank, Fresh Start and Canadian Mental Health.

Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to gift knitted or crocheted shawls in comfort or celebration

CHRISTMAS MEMORY TREE

Do you have a special someone or two that you would like to remember at this time of year? Donate \$20—we will add their name, attach to a special Christmas ornament and hang on the tree.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION:

Every Sunday after church, come join us as we enjoy fellowship with coffee/tea and treats.

**1st Sun. donations support Elgin St Thomas Food Bank
3rd Sun. donations support Outreach programs— CMHA, Harvest Hands, Grace Café, The Inn, The Nameless and Fresh Start**

2nd and 4th Sun. donations support our Church ministry

GAMES NIGHT

Planning for another night early 2026. Stay tuned for the date and information.

ROCKING-A-THON:

We had a blast in 2024 but will bring it to the Fundraising Team for possibility in 2026.

CORN ROAST: Thank you Everyone: those who donated, worked to prepare, sold tickets and helped during the event. This again was a huge success!

THANK YOU!!!!

CHRISTMAS BAKING ORDERS: Yes, order forms will be available online and at the church soon.



**Talbotville United Church 10734 Sunset Road, St Thomas N5P3T2
Worship Service and Sunday School 10:00AM**

Rev. Laurie O'Leary

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Celebrating 181 Years of Ministry

As we mark the 181st Anniversary of Talbotville United Church and look toward the close of 2025, we give thanks for God's steadfast presence and for the faithful support of this congregation. Talbotville United Church depends on the generous gifts of its members, and we are deeply grateful for your ongoing commitment. Your offerings sustain worship in the sanctuary, the ministry of our faith community, the music shared on special occasions, and the daily operations of the church.

Together, we continue to reach beyond our walls—supporting the Elgin St. Thomas Food Bank, Harvest Hands, Fresh Start, Canadian Mental Health, The Inn, and Grace Café. This year, our outreach expanded as we began volunteering at Harvest Hands on the last Thursday of each month from 1:00–4:00 p.m. If you would like to take part, please contact the church office to confirm your attendance. Through all of these ministries, we are encouraged by the generosity that keeps God's mission alive in our midst.

At the same time, we must be mindful of our financial realities. Early indications suggest that we may face a year-end operating deficit of approximately \$20,000. While fundraising efforts and rental income help to reduce the shortfall, inflation and rising expenses remain a challenge. Our Fundraising Team is working diligently, but they cannot do it alone.

We invite you to prayerfully consider making a special anniversary offering in thanksgiving for 181 years of ministry. A special Thanks Giving envelope is enclosed for this purpose. Please note that all offerings dated and received before December 31, 2025, will be included on your 2025 tax receipt.

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank you for your continued generosity and faithfulness.

Ways to Give:

- **E-Transfer:** An easy online option through your bank account. Send your e-transfer to office@talbotvilleunited.com
- **Special Anniversary Thanks Giving Envelope:** A special envelope is included in this newsletter package. You may place it on the offering plate at any worship service or mail it directly to the church.

Donations in any form are always welcome, and your ongoing support is deeply appreciated. Your generosity helps us continue the ministry of Talbotville United Church and celebrate 181 years of faith and service together.

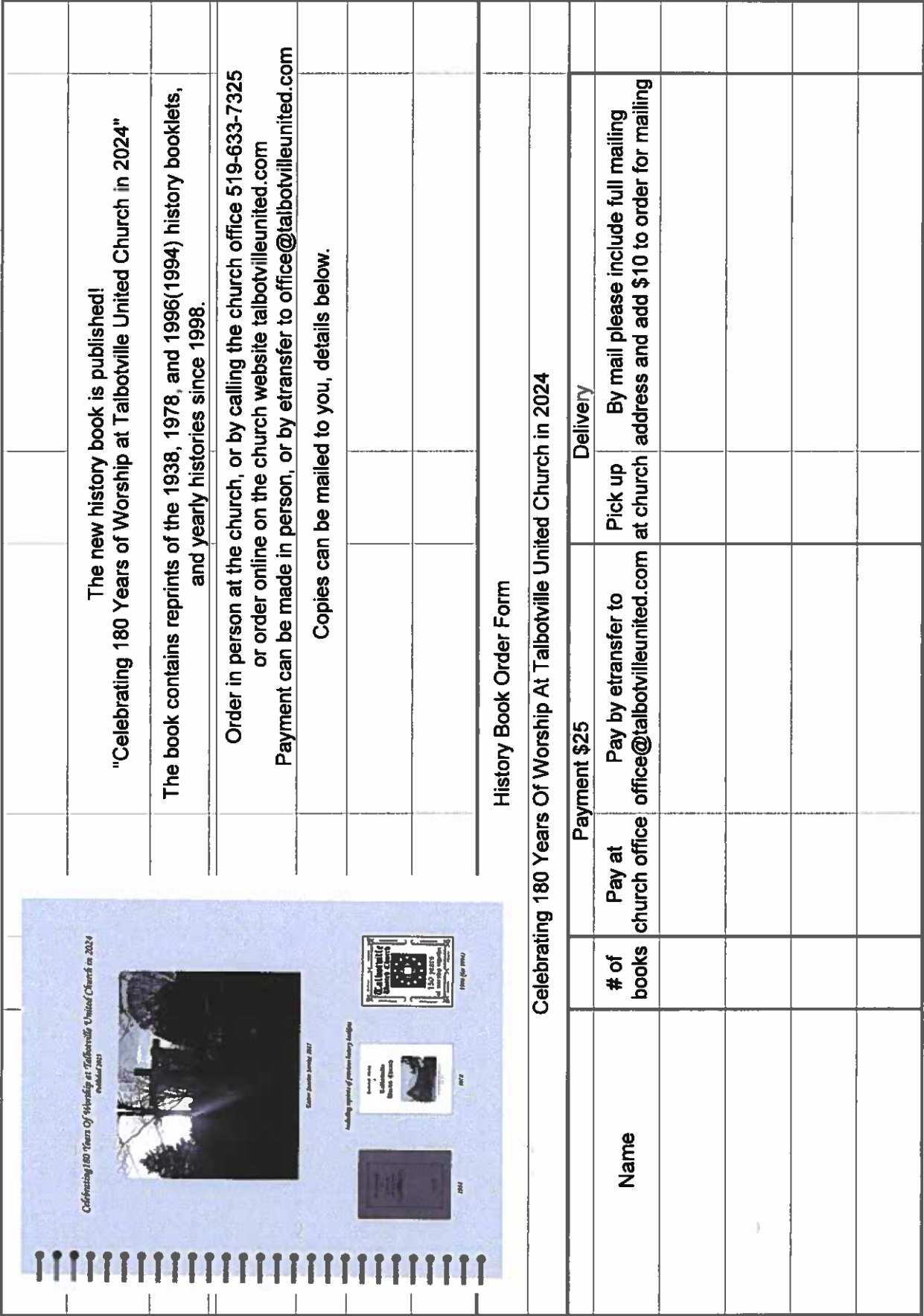
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TALBOTVILLE UNITED CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAKING

DEADLINE TO ORDER: NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025

NAME:		PHONE #	
<u>TARTS</u>	<u>\$25.00/DOZEN</u>	HOW MANY	TOTAL
PECAN			
BUTTER PLAIN			
BUTTER WITH RAISINS			
MINCEMEAT			
<u>CHRISTMAS COOKIES:</u>			
SMALL - 1 DOZEN MIXED COOKIES - \$15.00			
LARGE - 2 DOZEN MIXED COOKIES - \$25.00			
<u>CHRISTMAS CAKE - 1 LB APPROX. \$ 20.00</u>			
LIGHT			
DARK			
<u>MINCEMEAT: \$20.00</u>			
1 L JAR OF HOMEMADE MINCEMEAT			
<u>JAM: \$7.00</u>			
250 ML JAR OF STRAWBERRY JAM (ltd. supply)			
FINAL TOTAL			
ETRANSFER TOTAL TO : office@talbotvilleunited.com			
CHOOSE PICK-UP DATE SAT DEC 6TH OR SAT DEC 13TH - 11AM - 12:30PM			

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