TALBOTVILLE UNITED CHURCH SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

My Friends in Christ,
As the days grow longer and signs of spring emerge (and we hope soon!), we are reminded of the renewing power of God's creation.
Just as nature awakens from winter, our hearts are invited to renewal during this Lenten season—a time of reflection, and drawing closer to Christ.

Lent calls us to journey with Christ, to examine our hearts, and to seek His grace in deeper ways. It is a season of preparation, leading us to the greatest celebration of all: Easter morning, when we proclaim with joy that **Christ is risen!** Death has been defeated, and we are given new life in Him.

This Easter, let us embrace the hope of the resurrection with renewed faith. May the love of Christ fill our hearts, our homes, and our church family, drawing us ever closer to Him and to one another. May God bless you in this holy season of reflection and rejoicing. In Christ's Love,

- Rev. Laurie

MARCH/APRIL 2025

Sunday March 9
Worship 10am - 1st Sunday of Lent/
Communion

Sunday March 16 Worship 10am

Thursday, March 20 4 - 6pm Chili Take-out Dinner (Flyer attached)
Drive through pickup - pre-order on website or call office 519-633-7325

Sunday March 23 Worship 10am

Sunday March 30

Worship 10am – we will welcome new members to our church family today

Sunday April 6 Worship 10am

<u>Sunday April 13 - Palm Sunday</u> Worship 10am with music by Choir

Maundy Thursday April 17 Worship 6:30 pm

<u>Good Friday</u> April 18 Worship 11 am

Easter Sunrise April 20

Outdoor Worship 7:30 am Special music ministry Continental Breakfast to follow

Easter Sunday April 20

Worship 10 am Special music ministry

Talbotville United Church Mission Statement

Love God, Love People!

We are people of God, centered in the love of Jesus. We put our faith into action by loving God with all that we are, and all that we have, and loving others as God has loved us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ Rev. Laurie is on Vacation Monday, April 21 to Tuesday, April 29th
- ✓ Sunday, April 27th Worship will be led by the Elders.
- ✓ Sunday, June 8 Pentecost. We will celebrate Communion.
- ✓ Saturday, June 14th Yard Sale who wouldn't like to do some purging? Do you have items that no longer have a place in your home? Box them up for the yard sale store them until the week of the sale and then bring them to the church.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF TALBOTVILLE UNITED CHURCH?

Your generosity matters! Financial support for the ministry of Talbotville United Church can be sent to the office by mail or by e-transfer to office@talbotvilleunited.com. Please visit the website - Talbotville United Church for more information!

Attached are some photos from our Games Night that was held in February. What a fun night with lots of activities, snacks and great fellowship.

I know this has been circulated before, but always a good thought particularly in these uncertain times.

It's Everybody's Job

The story is told about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have!

- SOURCE UNKNOWN

This whimsical tale has a very practical moral: when it comes to making decisions and getting the job done it is important to be clear, to step up, to take initiative, and to be responsible.

Our unspoken assumptions usually cause the anger and frustration that can sour our relationships and create dissonance rather than harmony at work, at home, or wherever we interact with others. When we feel certain about what must be done, when we feel strongly about how to do it, and when we are certain who is responsible for accomplishing the task, we tend to assume that others think as we do and that they agree with the way we see things. No matter how confident we are about what must be done, communicating our expectations of others as well as what we are willing to do ourselves is essential for good cooperation.

When we function as a member of a team, a department, a family, or any other group, there is always ample opportunity to blame others when something does not get done. But if Nobody blamed Anybody, and if Everybody helped Somebody, think how much more pleasant it would be to be around those with whom we interact - and how much more pleasant it would be for them to be around us!

I once saw a sign that read, "Everyone brings joy to this office, some when they come and others when they leave." We bring joy when instead of blaming, complaining, or waiting for others to act, we communicate clearly and do our part - cheerfully - to get the job done.

From CPR for the Soul: Reviving a Sense of the Sacred in Everyday Life By Tom Stella

may the road

rise to meet you,

may the wind

always be at your back,

may the sun

shine warm upon your face,

may the rains

fall softly upon your fields...

(Irish blessing)

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Talbotville United Church

TAKE OUT

Bowl of Chili, Bu<u>n & Dessert</u>

> \$15.00 per person

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THURSDAY MARCH 20, 2025

PRE-ORDER ONLY
PICK UP AT CHURCH - BACK DOOR
DRIVETHRU OPEN
BETWEEN 4PM AND 6PM

Enjoy a warm meal at home with family or with a friend.

Vegetarian Options available

Purchase Tickets on the website or call/email:

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