

# TALBOTVILLE UNITED CHURCH

## SUMMER 2025 NEWSLETTER



Dear friends in faith,

As summer unfolds around us, I hope you are finding time to rest, recharge, and delight in God's creation. Whether you are gardening, travelling, spending time with family, or simply enjoying the long days and warm evenings, may this season offer you moments of peace and joy.

*"He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul." –Psalm 23:2-3*

These words from the Psalms remind us of the sacredness of rest and the deep, restoring presence of God in every season. Summer is often a quieter time in the life of the church—a gentle pause from our usual pace, a time to savour the abundance of creation and God's blessings among us. Many of us find renewal during these months, and we give thanks for that gift.

At the same time, the practical needs of our church community continue. Like many congregations, we are noticing that our givings are not keeping pace with ongoing expenses. I invite you to prayerfully consider how you might support the ministry we share, even during this season of rest. Perhaps this is a time to explore giving through PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)—a simple and consistent way to sustain the church's work year-round. Every gift makes a difference, and we are deeply grateful for your care and commitment.

This is also a season of quiet growth—both in nature and in our spirits. Even as we pause from our routines, God continues to move among us, planting seeds of hope, connection, and renewal.

Here in our community of faith, we remain rooted in prayer and gratitude. We give thanks for all who offer time, leadership, and love—especially during these summer months when some step in to fill gaps, prepare for fall ministries, or tend to the life of the church in quiet ways.

Stay connected as you are able—through worship, in person or online, or simply by dropping by to say hello. And if you are travelling, know that you go with my prayers and blessings.

As we look ahead to the seasons to come, may we carry the light of summer with us: a reminder of God's abundance, generosity, and grace.

*With blessings, gratitude and peace,*

*Rev. Laurie*

## News from the Official Board....

**At the recent Board meeting, it was confirmed that there will be no worship service here on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> so that we will be able to join the Remembrance Day Service at the Keystone Complex in Shedden.**

It was also confirmed that there will be no worship services for the first two Sundays in August being August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The services for Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> will be led by the Elders. This will allow Rev. Laurie her vacation time for the month of August. We wish her a relaxing time with family and friends.



## 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.

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

As an ongoing “**OUTREACH**” for Talbotville United Church, we are scheduled to volunteer our time with **Harvest Hands** in St Thomas from 1pm to 4pm. The dates include:

July 24, August 28<sup>th</sup>, September 25<sup>th</sup>, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and November 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are available to lend a hand to this very worthwhile service to our community, please sign the sheet in the sanctuary or email to [office@talbotvilleunited.com](mailto:office@talbotvilleunited.com) to let Helen know.

## **UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

**4:30 – 7:00pm**

### **CORN ROAST AND PULLED PORK DINNER**

**PRICE:** ADULTS - \$25.00    YOUTH 6-12 - \$15.00    UNDER 6 FREE

**MENU** – Sweet Corn on the Cob, Pulled Pork on a bun, baked beans, coleslaw, apple crisp and beverage.

**Available for sale:** Strawberry jam – \$8.00 ---- we still have a few left to sell.

**CHRISTMAS BAKING SALE - We will start to take orders for Christmas baking as of October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **Selections:**

- **Tarts (pecan, butter with or without raisins, mince)**
- **Pies (apple two crust, apple crumble or mince)**
- **Cookies - variety of Christmas fancy cookies**

**ORDER PICKUPS WILL BE SATURDAY DEC. 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 13<sup>TH</sup> 11AM – 12:30PM**

#### **HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF TALBOTVILLE UNITED CHURCH?**

**Your generosity matters! It is our responsibility as a church family to recognize the need for regular donations, primarily through Sunday offerings, to meet the ongoing operating expenses of our church to ensure income meets expenses. Recently offerings/donations have not met expenses. *Financial support for the Ministry of Talbotville United Church can be sent:***

- **to the office by mail at 10734 Sunset Rd., St Thomas, ON N5P 3T2**
- **etransfer to [office@talbotvilleunited.com](mailto:office@talbotvilleunited.com)**
- **weekly envelope donations**

## 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 Stell


### JULY 2025 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wed	16	9:30	AM	Ukelele Group & Mtn Dulcimer 
Sun	20	10:00	AM	Worship Service Coffee & Conversation hosted by M & W - proceeds support Outreach
Wed	23	9:30	AM	Ukelele Group & Mtn Dulcimer
Sun	27	10:00	AM	Worship Service Coffee & Conversation hosted by the Fundraising Team – proceeds support TUC
Wed	29	9:30	AM	Ukelele Group & Mtn Dulcimer 

## AUGUST 2025 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun	3			<b>NO WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
Wed	6	9:30	AM	Ukelele Group & Mtn Dulcimer
Sun	10			<b>NO WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
Wed	13	9:30	AM	Ukelele Group & Mtn Dulcimer 
Sun	17	10:00	AM	Worship Service with the TUC Elders leading the worship Coffee & Conversation hosted by M & W – proceeds supporting Outreach
Wed	20	9:30	AM	Ukelele Group & Mtn Dulcimer 
Sun	24	10:00	AM	Worship Service with the TUC Elders leading the worship Coffee and Conversation hosted by the Fundraising Team – proceeds supporting TUC
Wed	27	9:30	AM	Ukelele Group & Mtn Dulcimer 
Sun	31	10:00	AM	Worship and Baptism Service – Welcome back Rev. Laurie from vacation

## SEPTEMBER 2025 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tues	2	9:30	AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Tues	2	1:00	PM	Steward's Meeting
Wed	3	9:30	AM	Ukelele Group & Mtn Dulcimer 
Thurs	4	4:30-7:00	PM	<b>CORN ROAST &amp; PULLED PORK DINNER</b>
Sun	7	10:00	AM	Worship Service – <b>Welcome Back</b> Coffee and Conversation hosted by the Elders - proceeds supporting Elgin Food Bank
Tues	9	1:00	PM	Official Board meeting
Wed	10	9:30	AM	Ukelele Group & Mtn Dulcimer
Sun	14	10:00	AM	<b>UCC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>
Sun	28	10:00	AM	Orange Shirt Sunday

Worship Service Sundays at 10:00am in person and live streamed on the  
Talbotville United Church YouTube Channel, Facebook page, and website

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## **STAY IN TOUCH WITH US....**

Website [www.talbotvilleunited.com](http://www.talbotvilleunited.com)

YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@TalbotvilleUnited>

Facebook pages

**Talbotville United Church**

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064495609961>

**Talbotville & United Church of Canada Communications**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1262538947858837>

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday 9:30am - 12:30pm

Thursday 9:30am - 12:30pm

Or by appointment by calling 519-633-7325

In case of emergency, please contact Helen at 226-678-3190.