

TALBOTVILLE UNITED CHURCH

SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Spring has a way of preaching its own quiet sermon. After months of winter's cold and stillness, the earth begins to stir again. Snow melts, the days lengthen, and small signs of life appear where everything once seemed dormant. Buds form on branches that looked lifeless only weeks ago. Crocuses push their way through the soil. Creation itself seems to whisper a familiar promise: life will return.

This is the season in which we celebrate Easter.

The story of Easter begins in a place that felt very much like winter. The disciples were grieving, afraid, and uncertain about the future after the death of Jesus. The hopes they had carried seemed buried along with him. Yet the Easter morning story tells us that the tomb was not the end of the story. In the quiet of the early morning, God was already at work bringing new life out of what appeared to be loss and despair. Resurrection is at the heart of our faith, but it is not only something that happened long ago. Easter reminds us that God is always at work bringing renewal where we least expect it. Resurrection shows up whenever hope emerges in the midst of discouragement, whenever reconciliation replaces division, and whenever love proves stronger than fear.

Like the first disciples, we also live in a world where it can sometimes feel as though uncertainty and hardship have the final word.

News headlines, personal struggles, and the challenges facing our communities can leave us wondering where hope can be found. Yet the message of Easter speaks directly into those moments. The risen Christ reminds us that God's story is always bigger than the moment we are living in.

Easter tells us that endings are not always endings. Sometimes they are the beginning of something new.

In our congregation and community, we see signs of resurrection in many ways—through acts of kindness, through neighbours caring for one another, through the faithful work of people who continue to share compassion and justice in the world. These small moments may not seem dramatic, but they are signs that the life of Christ is still at work among us.

As we move through this spring season, may we take time to notice these signs of new life. May we allow the hope of Easter to shape the way we live—with courage, generosity, and trust in God's goodness.

And may we remember that the risen Christ continues to walk with us, calling us to be people who carry light and hope into the world.

Grace and peace to you this Easter season.

Blessings
Rev. Laurie

News from the Official Board....

The Board met on March 10, 2026 and confirmed that we will move forward in exploring collaborative ministry with Dunwich United Church and New Melbourne United Church. Representing our congregation on the exploration team are Janice Fisher, Myrna Stoss, and Pete Brennan. We are grateful for their willingness to serve in this role. Please stay tuned for updates as this conversation unfolds!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ Thursday, March 26th - **Chili take-out dinner** - see attached flyer
- ✓ Rev. Laurie is on Vacation Monday, April 6th to Tuesday, April 14th
- ✓ Sunday, April 12th - Worship service will be led by Richard Auckland
- ✓ Saturday, May 9th - **Spring tea and Fashion Show** - doors open at 1pm for shopping and fellowship and fashion show “Unique Boutique with Vicki” will start at 2pm. Bring your Mom, sister, aunt, neighbour and/or best friend and enjoy an afternoon of unique designs, shopping and sipping tea with dessert.
- ✓ Sunday, April 19th - Rural Life Sunday



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.



**Talbotville United Church
Announcements**



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| Sunday, March 22 | 5 th Sunday of Lent
Worship 10am
Coffee & Conversation supports Talbotville UC |
| Tuesday, March 24 | Lent Study 2:15 pm |
| Thursday, March 26 | Chili Take out Dinner
Dinner pick-up 5 – 6 pm |
| Sunday, March 29 | Palm Sunday,
Worship @ 10 am |

Looking Ahead ...

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| Thursday, April 2 – | Holy Thursday, worship @ 5 pm |
| Friday, April 3 – | Good Friday, worship @ 11 am |
| Sunday, April 5 – | Easter Sunday, Sunrise worship @ 7 am,
regular worship @ 10 am |

PLEASE JOIN US AT TALBOTVILLE UNITED CHURCH

Chili Take-out Dinner

Fundraiser

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

PICK-UP 5:00-6:00 PM

At the Church

10734 Sunset Rd, St Thomas - Talbotville

Purchase (pre-order only) tickets online at www.talbotvilleunited.com

➔ **Tickets \$20**

TICKET INCLUDES: HEARTY BOWL OF CHILI, ROLL AND DESSERT (VEGETARIAN AVAILABLE ON REQUEST)

Supporting our Outreach programs and Church Ministry

For questions or more information please contact Helen 519-633-7325

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. Please visit the website talbotvilleunited.com for more information!



"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."

How would you like to be a part of any of our church groups - do you have something that inspires you and you would like to talk about? We are here to listen as we continue to do the Ministry of Talbotville United Church.

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