

TALBOTVILLE UNITED CHURCH

SUMMER 2026 NEWSLETTER



Dear friends in faith,

As summer unfolds around us, the days seem to invite us to slow down. The fields grow green, gardens begin to flourish, and many of us spend a little more time outdoors, enjoying God's beautiful creation. While summer often brings vacations and family gatherings, it can also remind us that rest is not simply about taking time away—it is a gift from God.

Jesus offers these words in Matthew 11:28–30:

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me... For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

These words speak to every season of life. Many of us carry burdens that others cannot see—worries about loved ones, concerns about health, financial pressures, grief, or simply the busyness of everyday life. Jesus does not promise that life will be free from challenges. Instead, he invites us to bring our whole selves to him, trusting that we do not have to carry our burdens alone.

Rest in the way of Jesus is more than putting our feet up at the end of the day. It is finding peace in God's presence. It is remembering that our worth is not measured by how much we accomplish but by the love God has for each one of us. It is allowing ourselves to pause, breathe deeply, and notice the many signs of God's grace that surround us.

Whether you are travelling, spending time with family, working in your garden, or simply enjoying a quieter pace, I hope you will find moments to reconnect with God through prayer, scripture, creation, and worship.

Thank you for the many ways you continue to care for one another and support the ministry of Talbotville United Church throughout the year. Your kindness, generosity, and faithful presence are gifts that strengthen our community.

May this summer be a season of renewal. May you discover moments of quiet in the midst of busy days, joy in simple pleasures, and strength in knowing that Christ walks beside you, gently carrying the burdens that weigh upon your heart.

Blessings
Rev. Laurie

News from the Official Board...

It was confirmed that there will be no worship services for the first two Sundays in August being August 2nd and 9th. The services for Sunday, August 16th and 23rd 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 3pm. The dates include:

July 9th and August 6th. 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 to let Helen know.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2026 4:30 – 6:30pm

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.



ALSO - Available for sale: Strawberry freezer jam (250ml) – \$7.00 each or 3/\$20.00 ----
AND Strawberry or strawberry/rhubarb pies available to order – cost is \$15.00. Made with love and church spirit. Call the church at 519-633-7325 or email office@talbotvilleunited.com.

**CHRISTMAS BAKING SALE - We will start to take orders for
Christmas baking as of October 15th...watch the website.**

Selections:

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

ORDER PICKUP WILL BE SATURDAY DEC. 5TH 11AM – 12:30PM (or before if pre-arranged)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND, 2026 ‘THE CHAPELAIRES’

2:00PM in the church SANCTUARY

The Chapelaires are a Canadian Southern Gospel mixed quartet based near London, Ontario. Founded by Dave and Sheila Jackson in 1970, the current group lineup typically consists of Dave Jackson (bass), Sheila Jackson, and frequent members Myrna Hand and Phil Pugh.



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**
- **weekly envelope donations**

JULY 2026 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wed	15	9:30	AM	Ukelele Group & Mtn Dulcimer 
Sun	19	10:00	AM	Worship Service Coffee & Conversation hosted by M & W - proceeds support Outreach
Wed	22	9:30	AM	Ukelele Group & Mtn Dulcimer
Sun	26	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 2026 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun	2			NO WORSHIP SERVICE
Wed	5	9:30	AM	Ukelele Group & Mtn Dulcimer
Thurs	6	1-3	PM	Harvest Hands Outreach volunteering
Sun	9			NO WORSHIP SERVICE
Wed	12	9:30	AM	Ukelele Group & Mtn Dulcimer 
Sun	16	10:00	AM	Worship Service with the TUC Elders leading the worship Coffee & Conversation hosted by M & W – proceeds supporting Outreach
Wed	19	9:30	AM	Ukelele Group & Mtn Dulcimer 

Sun	23	10:00	AM	Worship Service with the TUC Elders leading the worship Coffee and Conversation hosted by the Fundraising Team – proceeds supporting TUC
Wed	26	9:30	AM	Ukelele Group & Mtn Dulcimer 
Sun	30	10:00	AM	Worship - Welcome back Rev. Laurie from vacation Coffee and Conversation hosted by the Elders

SEPTEMBER 2026 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tues	1	9:30	AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Tues	1	1:00	PM	Steward's Meeting
Wed	2	9:30	AM	Ukelele Group & Mtn Dulcimer 
Sun	6	10:100	AM	Worship Service Coffee and Conversation hosted by the Elders - proceeds supporting Elgin Food Bank
Tues	8	1:00	PM	Official Board meeting
Thurs	10	4:30 – 6:30	PM	CORN ROAST & PULLED PORK DINNER
Sun	13	10:00	AM	Worship Service Coffee and Conversation hosted by M & W – donations to Outreach
Wed	16	9:30	AM	Ukelele Group & Mtn Dulcimer
Sun	20	10:00	AM	Worship Service Coffee and Conversation hosted by the Fundraising Team supporting TUC
Wed	23	9:30	AM	Ukelele Group & Mtn Dulcimer
Sun	27	10:00	AM	Orange Shirt Sunday
Wed	30	9:30	AM	Ukelele Group & Mtn Dulcimer

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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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.