

From Tolmie: March 15, 2026

News of our work together in Christ

We are so glad to welcome Carolyn Keyes to the pulpit this morning, and we thank her for her message to us today.

Pulpit Supply – Rev. Mark Steinacher, March 22nd & 29th, Rev. Jan Hazlett, April 5th, Rev. Mark Steinacher, April 12th, 19th, 26th

From the Treasurer - Your continued regular support of the church through weekly givings by offering envelope, e-transfer to tolmiechurch@gmail.com or PAR is greatly appreciated as we strive to continue a vibrant ministry in this place.

The Trustees are in the process of formalizing a private offer to purchase the manse property. It is anticipated that the sale will close towards the end of April.

Exciting News!! - The time has arrived for Tolmie and Knox to strike a Search Committee to review and update the congregational profile and seek Presbytery's approval to post the vacancy. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact Kelley Davies or Heather Beaty. Session hopes to identify Tolmie's four (4) committee members at the March 23rd meeting.

Are you being called to serve on the Board of Managers? The Board is responsible for overseeing the budget, maintenance of the church building and grounds. If you are interested in knowing more or serving in this role contact Walt Heathers.

Spring is coming. Anyone down sizing or spring cleaning, Tolmie is having a Garage Sale May 16th. Small appliances, small furniture, books, toys, puzzles, plants. No clothing and No electronics please.

Each week we welcome you to join us for coffee time and treats in the church basement after the service. Volunteers are needed to participate in providing these refreshments. All help is appreciated. Any questions, please contact Marlene Smith at 519-389-5609 or email smithmarlene846@gmail.com

March 17th – Free Community soup & bread lunch 12-3pm. All welcome.

March 18th – Lenten Noontime Reflection, Music & Lunch at Southampton United Church (at noon). This week music is provided by Julian Delf, Annan United Church. No charge – donations welcomed for local food banks.

March 18th - Lenten Book Study at 1:30 pm led by Rev Jan Hazlett. "Learning to Walk in the Dark" by Barbara Brown Taylor, available from Amazon -

<https://www.amazon.ca/Learning-Walk-Barbara-Brown-Taylor/dp/0062024345>

March 23rd – Session ZOOM meeting at 2pm

April 3rd – Ecumenical Good Friday Cross Walk. The walk will start at 10 am at Port Elgin United, stop at St. John's Anglican and finish at Tolmie Memorial where there will be a short worship service at approx. 11 am. A combined choir from all participating congregations will support the music.

April 5th – Knox invites all to their Sunrise Easter Service at Knox Burgoyne at 8:30 am followed by breakfast.

Easter Service at Tolmie at 11am.

We are looking for a volunteer to serve as the “Office Secretary”.

Responsibilities include:

- **Collect and distribute mail from post office**
- **Monitor church email (tolmie@bmts.com) and forward as appropriate**
- **Monitor church phone voice mail and respond/refer as appropriate**
- **Prepare weekly order of service in collaboration with Minister/Pulpit Supply & Music Director**
- **Prepare weekly bulletin notices in collaboration with congregational groups and individuals**
- **Monitor & order office supplies (including visitor offering envelopes)**
- **Order seasonal inserts (Advent/Lent) from PWS&D**

Interested in helping Tolmie in this role? Contact Kelley Davies or Heather Beaty.

Notes from Knox: The Program “Leading To Easter” will be held starting Wednesday March 18 at 10:00 am for children ages 4-12. Then on Wednesdays March 25 and April 1 it will be held after school from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Children will learn about our church's Season of Lent and Holy Week leading to Easter. There will be interactive activities, creative Easter projects plus baking and singing for all ages. Please contact Lois Fotherby 519-708-0784 or Lynn Fryday 519-374-1077 if you have a child who can attend.

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