

From Tolmie: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

News of our work together in Christ

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

Pulpit Supply –John Gilbert, March 8<sup>th</sup>, Carolyn Keyes, March 15<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Mark Steinacher, March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Jan Hazlett, April 5<sup>th</sup>

*From the Treasurer* - Your continued regular support of the church through weekly givings by offering envelope, e-transfer to [tolmiechurch@gmail.com](mailto: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 formally accepting a private offer to purchase the manse property. It is anticipated that the sale will close towards the end of April.

Please join us for lunch following the AGM today (provided by the Board of Managers) in the downstairs hall.

At the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Session, Kelley Davies was appointed Clerk of Session and Heather Beaty Secretary of Session. We are very grateful to Lesley Weiler for many dedicated years of service as the Clerk of Session and wish her well as she steps back from this role. We also wish to thank Marlene Smith for her support of Lesley as the Co-Clerk of Session in recent years. Lesley and Marlene will continue as Elders at Tolmie.

“Prayer of Dedication” has been sung as the departing blessing at Tolmie for many years. At the January meeting, Session decided it is time to change things up and try out other departing blessings. For the past few weeks, we have sung “May God’s Sheltering Wings” from “More Voices”. During Lent we will be singing Hymn 225 “A new commandment” as the departing blessing. The Elders are requesting your feedback as we try out these new songs - Do you have a new favorite? DO you have other suggestions? Are there a few blessings that we should use in rotation?

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](mailto:smithmarlene846@gmail.com)-

Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> - 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 10<sup>th</sup> – Board of Managers meeting at 1 pm

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

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Session ZOOM meeting at 2pm

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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 at ~11 am.

**The back table in the Church Hall has containers and plates, please check to see if one belongs to you. They will be recycled if not taken home. Thanks.**

**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](mailto: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.**

**Coldest Night of the Year walk was held yesterday afternoon in Saugeen Shores. Nine walkers from Tolmie & Knox braved the elements as part of the “Purposeful Presbyterians” team raising a total of \$3,495. Currently we are fourth among 29 teams. You can still donate to the team or individual team members until the end of March!! The goal for Saugeen Shores this year is \$60,000!! All proceeds stay local going to United Way Bruce Grey – Saugeen Shores. For more information check out <https://cnoy.org>**

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