

From Tolmie: March 8, 2026

News of our work together in Christ

We are so glad to welcome John Gilbert to the pulpit this morning, and we thank him for his message to us today.

Pulpit Supply – Carolyn Keyes, March 15th, 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.

We also welcome Shona Dykstra from Youth for Christ to speak to us about her work with the Youth for Christ organization.

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.

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.

“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-

March 10th – Board of Managers meeting at 1 pm

March 11th – Lenten Noontime Reflection, Music & Lunch at Southampton United Church (at noon). This week music is provided by Anne Little.
No charge – donations welcomed for local food banks.

March 11th - 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 17th – Free Community soup & bread lunch 12-3pm. All welcome.

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 at ~11 am.

**April 5th – 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.

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