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## The Rev. Canon Dr. Lorne Mitchell

Greetings everyone,

My wife, Karen, and I are delighted to be spending the next 10 months doing ministry with you in New Hamburg. There will be plenty of opportunities to get to know us, but for the meantime, here is some basic information.

I did my seminary training at Trinity College in Toronto. After doing five years of ministry in eastern Ontario, I started further studies at the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary in Waterloo. While doing my Doctorate in pastor counseling, I did ministry at both St. John the Evangelist Church in Kitchener and the Kitchener Interfaith Pastoral Counselling Center. For 19 years I was Rector of St. James Anglican Church, Stratford and retired in 2022.

Some of my strong interests are history, music, Celtic spirituality, and the Christian contemplative prayer tradition. As a hobby I enjoy doing woodworking projects. Karen and I were married in 2019 and live out in the country near Fullerton, which is about 35 minutes away. Together, we enjoy raising chickens, producing granola and doing ministry. I have two adult daughters who live with their partners in Ottawa.



## Karen Hunt Mitchell

Hello St George's, New Hamburg! I am Karen Hunt Mitchell and I am really looking forward to making new friends here at St. George's, as well as growing in faith and sharing God's love with you. Lorne and I will celebrate our sixth anniversary on October 26 this year! We live in a rented home on a peaceful country property near Fullarton.

Since my beginnings as a Preacher's Kid in the parishes of Bervie, Kinlough, and Kingarf (near Kincardine) I have been a little church mouse with special affection for rural and small town churches.

I have three children, all living in London, Ontario with their spouses and my seven grandchildren, ranging in age from 9 to 20 years old.

In my retirement years, I produce a product called, Farmhouse Granola, which sells in local market stores.

It's going to be fun getting to know each other!

## Opening doors, minds, and hearts