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SIMCOE, FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP****SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

EPIPHANY VI. QUINQUAGESIMA

**8:00am Holy Eucharist**

Traditional (BCP). Said service

**10:30am Holy Eucharist**

Contemporary (BAS) with Music, Choir, &amp; Sunday School

Refreshments &amp; fellowship follow in the Parish Hall

**ASH WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY (Chapel)****10:30 am Holy Eucharist (With Imposition of Ashes)**

Traditional (BCP). Said service.

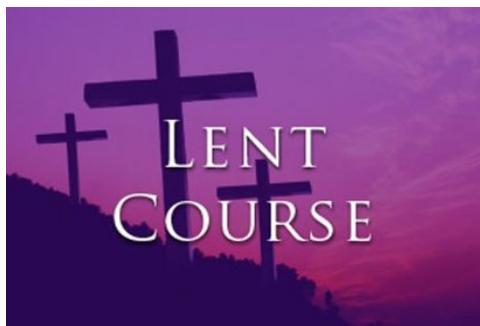
**Light Lenten Lunch and Celtic Spirituality**

If you would like to experience Celtic Worship and learn more about our Celtic Anglican heritage please join us. In the Celtic Tradition, God is understood as speaking through two books: the Bible and creation. Influenced by the wisdom of tradition of the Hebrew Scriptures and the mysticism of the John's Gospel, Celtic spirituality sees creation not simply as a gift, but as a manifestation of the self-giving God

whose image is to be found deep within all living things. This understanding of God and many other core Celtic beliefs will be shared and discussed in an informal way.

All are warmly invited to participate each **Monday during Lent (Feb. 23rd through March 23rd)** for a soul-stirring Celtic Worship experience starting at **11:30am**. Following the service, we will gather in the Parish Hall to share a simple "light" Lenten lunch of hearty soup and fresh rolls. To ensure we have materials and a place at the table ready for you, please RSVP with the Parish Office.

Rick+

**Prayer and Personality**

Are you interested in deepening your prayer life! Find the right prayer fit for your own unique temperament.

We will be discovering our personality types and exploring time tested ways of prayer that suit different tempera-

ments. We'll follow the **Saints: Thomas, Francis, Augustine, Ignatius and more!** Please join us Wednesdays at Noon following the 10:30 service beginning February 25<sup>th</sup> ending April 1<sup>st</sup>. All materials are provided.

**If you plan on participating, please register with the parish office** by telephone or email, so that we have enough resources prepared. Hope you can join us for this relaxed and informative study.

Rick+

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

MON 16 <sup>th</sup> FEB	Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00 pm
TUE 17 <sup>th</sup> FEB	Tai Chi Foundations	9:00am
TUE 17 <sup>th</sup> FEB	SVDP Lunch	11:30am
WED 18 <sup>th</sup> FEB	SVDP Lunch	11:30am
WED 18 <sup>th</sup> FEB	Lynn Valley Voices	4:00pm
THU 19 <sup>th</sup> FEB	SVDP Lunch	11:30am
THU 19 <sup>th</sup> FEB	Choir Practice	4:00pm
FRI 20 <sup>th</sup> FEB	Tai Chi Foundations	9:00am
SUN 22 <sup>nd</sup> FEB	Vestry Sunday	12 noon



Labyrinth walking meditation is an ancient, active, and meditative practice that uses a single, non-branching path to guide participants into a state of quiet reflection, grounding, and, often, spiritual, emotional, or mental clarity. Unlike a maze, which is designed for puzzles, a labyrinth has no dead ends and simply invites a slow, mindful, and intentional journey to the center and back out.

**Waterford United Church (135 Main Street) is holding a Labyrinth Walk**

**GLORIA'S MOMENT OF GLORY**

## NORFOLK COUNTY'S BLACK HISTORY

Norfolk County's Black history is rooted in its role as a destination for those seeking freedom via the **Underground Railroad** and the subsequent establishment of a thriving community in the 19th century. Norfolk County holds a rich and often overlooked Black history with a significant community of approximately 300 Black residents in Simcoe during the mid-19th century. Centered around areas like "Darkeytown" (near Metcalfe and Head Streets) and the BME Church on Chapel Street, early Black residents, including freedom seekers, were integral to the region's development despite facing racism.

**Early Settlement & Community:** In the early 1800s, Black residents, many of whom were formerly enslaved or seeking freedom from the U.S., established themselves on Buttermilk Hill before forming a community near Metcalfe Street in Simcoe by 1825.

**"Darkeytown":** A, now historically recognized, neighborhood in Simcoe that served as a hub for the Black community during the first half of the 19th century.

**Local Resistance to Slavery:** Residents often defended, or "fended off," U.S. slave catchers who roamed the area looking for escaped individuals, as noted by researchers like Scott Gillies.

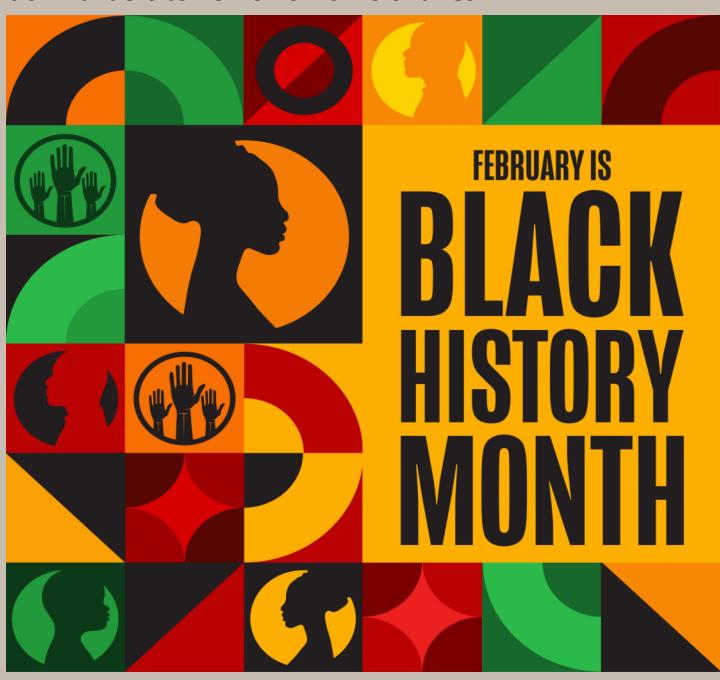
**Education and Faith:** While some areas of Ontario maintained segregated schools until 1965, Simcoe's schools were desegregated much earlier, in 1859. A British Methodist Episcopal (BME) Church operated on Chapel Street in Simcoe until the 1980s.

### Significant Figures

**John Lewis:** A prominent figure in Simcoe's early Black community.

**The Brown Family:** Descendants of Charles Brown, who was brought to Niagara-on-the-Lake in the 1840s before settling in the area, with members like Albert Brown becoming well-known, as [highlighted by the Simcoe Reformer](#) and [the Simcoe Reformer](#).

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the first national declaration of Black History Month in Canada, following a motion introduced by the Honourable Jean Augustine in 1995. The 2026 theme is "30 Years of Black History Month: Honouring Black Brilliance Across Generations — From Nation Builders to Tomorrow's Visionaries"



### Planning for vestry....

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel (in the weeks leading to the Diocese of Huron's church annual Vestry meetings) for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honour and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN (page 676 BAS).

### Prayer for the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for it is from your goodness that we have this day to celebrate on the threshold of the Season of Lent. Tomorrow, we will fast and abstain from meat.

Today, we feast.

We thank you for the abundance of gifts you shower upon us.

We thank you especially for one another.

As we give you thanks, we are mindful of those who have so much less than we do.

As we share these wonderful gifts together, we commit ourselves to greater generosity toward those who need our support.

As our feasting fills us with gratitude, so may our fasting and abstinence hollow out in us a place for deeper desires and an attentiveness to hear the cry of the poor.

May our self-denial turn our hearts to you and give us a new freedom for generous service to others.

We ask you these graces with our hearts full of delight and stirring with readiness for the journey ahead. We ask them with confidence in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Source: Online Ministry of Creighton University via Grace Brubacher

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**Parish Office Hours: Tues-day - Friday**

**9:00am-12:00 noon**

Visitors always welcome.



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*Blessed are those who wear name tags, for they shall be called by their proper names and not 'Hey, you!'*

Let's help Rick, nev

members, and visitors out by wearing our Trinity name tags! Consider it a grace-filled memory booster and a warm 'hello' to our newest members. If you've misplaced yours, or don't have one let the office know.



## Calling on all Offertory Envelope users!

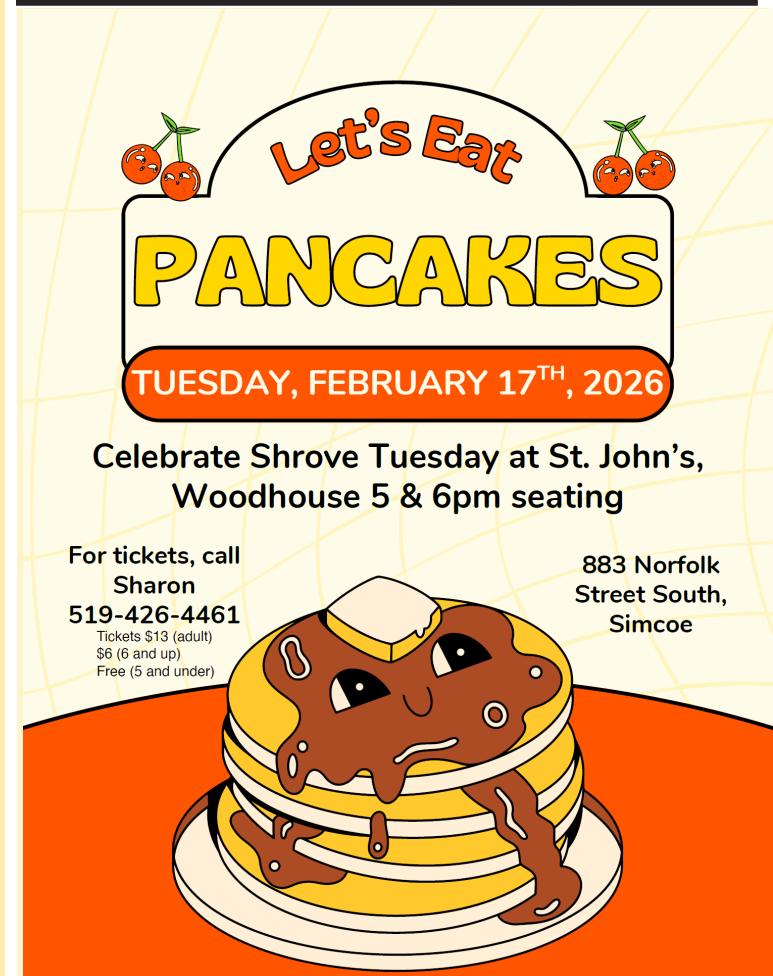
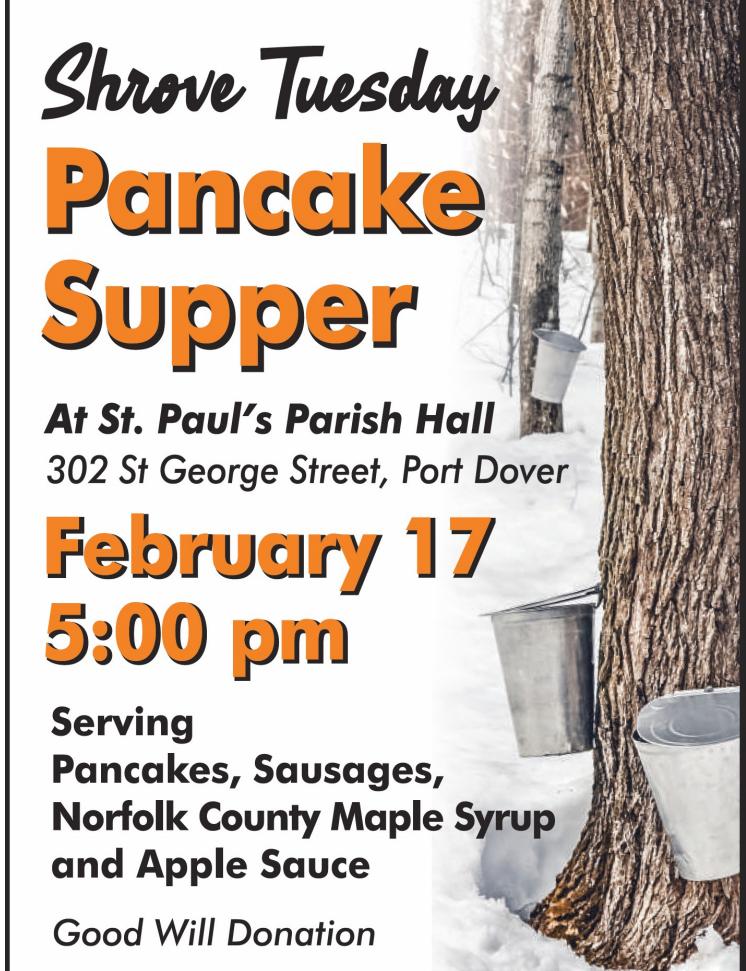
## **Now may be a good time to consider switching to Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)**

## Benefits of PAG

- Provides better information for Wardens & Parish Council for budgeting income & planning for project expenditures etc. (e.g. Ministry/Mission work or Building expenses)
- Less work for counters.
- Reduces the cost of envelopes for the church.
- Convenient for Parishioners; do not have to remember weekly envelope.
- You can change your offering at any time, more or less, or cancel it at any time.
- You can still give special offering at Easter, Thanksgiving & Christmas via special envelopes.

## How to apply for PAG

- Contact the Church office at 519-426-0501, Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 12 noon to arrange pick up of a PAG form or arrange to have it mailed to you.
- Complete the Pre Authorized Giving Form Using a VOID cheque or credit card.
- If you use a credit card with points you still collect the points, however need to notify the Office when you get a new credit card, i.e. new expiry date.
- Plan your contributions – Direct Withdrawals are done on the 10th and 25th each month; Credit Card withdrawals on the 15th of each month.
- The process is in compliance with the Dioceses of Huron Privacy Standards Policy.



On February 8, 2026, Christ's Church Cathedral in Hamilton held a special **150th-anniversary service** marking its designation as the Cathedral of the Anglican Diocese of Niagara.

*From Left to Right: The Very Reverend Tim Dobbins, The Right Reverend Michael Bird, Lt. Gov. Edith Dumont, Bishop Susan Bell, Mayor Andrea Horvath, The Venerable Bill Mous and Bishop Ralph Spence.*

