



Weekly Update

High Country United Church

April 1, 2026

Hello

The Last Week in Lent

The sky grows dim though it is still day.
Silence settles where voices once cried out.

A cross stands against the horizon
holding the weight of all that is broken.

Love does not resist.
Love does not turn away.
Love stays.

In the sorrow, in the letting go, in the final breath
there is a mystery too deep for words: that even here God is present.

And somehow this ending is not the end.

This week's ministry snapshot:

Sunday's Worship Service: About 55 gathered for worship on Sunday morning and has been viewed over 450 times (100 views by the time we left church after lunch on Sunday.)

Sunday Night Prayers: Over 100 views online.

Peer Support for Addictions: 5 gathered.

Volunteer opportunities / Looking For Items

Visit our Wishlist on Amazon: One of our young adults mentioned this is a great way to share the things we're looking for, so we all know exactly what to buy. When something is purchased from the list, it is removed from the list. It includes some office supplies and supplies for young children.

https://www.amazon.ca/hz/wishlist/ls/2QVQN2YN4DYM5?ref_=wl_s...

If you know someone we should send a card to (celebrations, illness, sympathies, etc.), please contact Debbie Baker who will be taking care of cards for the next month or so. Call 519-941-3972 or email dbaker002@sympatico.ca.

Thank you to those I know about in the past week: Susan, Sheila, Bev, Dave & Debbie, Doug & Mary for all they do through the week; Sunday morning helpers: Karen Gillett for reading, Elizabeth & Ray for greeting, our youth group and friends for the Palm Sunday skit, for everyone who shared something for our potluck dessert lunch, musicians: Doug, Donna, Sara and Andrew; and Calum & Silas for AVIT; for our friend who purchased one of the playmats off our Amazon wishlist; for Deb S for distributing palm leaves and those who cleaned them up and the musical instruments; for Karen and Hal who set up and cleaned up Communion; for the lunch & learn set up team; Bev and Sheila for cleaning up after Rev. Jan; Trustees and team for their discussions on the barn project; everyone who's sharing posters and info on the Alex Burnett & Friends concert coming up; Calum for his help; our new cleaner, Adam, who is doing a fabulous job in taking care of our space; for those who are problem solving without asking me (thank you!) and so many others for all the behind the scenes work.

Blessings, Rev. Jan

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A congregational meeting will be called once we receive the engineer's drawings from the architect. Stay tuned.

Do you know:

When we submit our statistics to The United Church's head office each year, it gives them a snapshot on who we are and how we're doing. In the past couple of years they have asked for an estimated total of volunteer hours. In 2024 we estimated about 3850 volunteer hours. In 2025 the total was about 4200 hours put in by volunteers. You may think that's a high number, but it includes how many hours per person in making pies, helping with the strawberry supper, worship services, property maintenance, office help, rental support, offering tours, collecting/recording/delivering donations to community partners, leading/preparing programs, visiting, sending cards, delivering food, and so much more.

Your time spent in helping and serving others goes beyond the event or moment. It extends into a memory and a snapshot of who our church is. Your



Are you new? We're glad you're here!

Let us know if/when you're ready to officially become a member and we'll make it happen during a worship service.

Baptism: The sacrament of Baptism can happen on a Sunday that has special meaning for your family (or at a time when everyone can gather). Talk to Rev. Jan to set a date. Baptism can be offered at any age/stage of life.

Confirmation: The sacrament of Confirmation is usually done in June and is usually done between the ages of 12-18 (though we can do Confirmation for adults too). If interested, talk to Rev. Jan.

positivity, risk-taking, encouragement, hope, and light-sharing love tell the wider community they are welcome, they are accepted, and they are part of us.

Interested in volunteering? We have a greeter, a reader, and help with refreshments after church each Sunday. If you're interested in helping in these areas, see Sheila Orton.

Do you have questions about how to make regular donations (offerings)? See Bev Dawkins.

Looking for pies? See Susan Butler.

Church History Project

Each month a new survey of about 6-8 questions is posted as we gather information for our next history book.

Church History Project (Questions - Part 5 - April 2026):

You can use this link over and over again to reply for others in your family/friend circle if you wish: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SS8FKLG>.

Paper copies are available in the lower hall or in the file folders on the desk in the main office. (All questions are in their applicable folders in the office.) Please leave your responses on Rev. Jan's desk.

Good Friday

A solemn service

Music:

VU 144 [Were You There](#)

*VU 950 [Stay with Me](#)

VU 148 [Jesus Remember Me](#)

*VU 138 [Ah Holy Jesus](#)

VU 147 [What Wondrous Love is This](#)

VU 149 [When I Survey the Wondrous Cross](#)

VU 182 [Stay With Us through the Night](#)

**These songs may not be familiar.*

There is no children's program on Good Friday.

Songs on Good Friday and Easter Sunday may only include a verse or two.

Easter Sunday

He's Alive!

Music:

VU 155 [Jesus Christ is Risen Today](#)

VU 173 [Thine Is the Glory](#)

VU 959 [Lord's Prayer](#)

VU 167 [Christ is Risen from the Dead](#)

VU 352 [I Danced in the Morning](#)

VU 157 [Christ the Lord Has Risen](#)

[Thank You, God, for Your Blessings on Me](#)

[In Christ Alone](#)

[Go Now in Peace](#)

Musicians:

Karen Gillett (Flute)

Linda MacGregor (Flute)

Sara May McArthur (Guitar, Vocals)

Andrew McArthur (Guitar, Vocals)

Gladys Meek (Keyboard)

Sunday Morning Helpers:

Greeter: Beverly Dawkins

Refreshments: Darlene Bricker

In Our Prayers: Jamie's in Hamilton now in hopes of improved mobility and health since the accident in Alliston about 10 months ago. Dylan is recovering at home. New members: Shyanne, Sarah, Claude, and Lynn. Tony has passed away and we're thinking of his family and his friends (including Sheila O). Bob & Nancy Dickie. Gord McDonald. Rev. Jan's shoulder impingement and sanity. Kaitlyn's gramma.

Journey with us through Holy Week

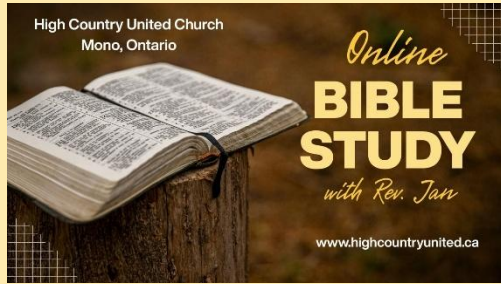
Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday: Online only at 7:30pm, live

Friday, April 3: Good Friday: in person and streaming at 10:30am

Saturday, April 4: Vigil Saturday: Online only at 7:00pm, pre-recorded

If you wish to have loved ones who have passed away and want to include their names in our vigil prayer, please send names to Rev. Jan by April 2nd.

Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday: In person and streaming at 10:30am



We're diving into a summary of each book of the Bible. We're starting with the Old Testament.

The Book of Leviticus:

<https://youtu.be/WmvyrLXoQio?si=h-f1o8FcVQChjUB0>

It's under 8 minutes long.

Visit this link to join the group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2010151272902864>

Construction News

The Barn: We are waiting on drawings and information from the engineer and architects so we can assess the work needed. We'll call a congregational meeting to discuss what to do next.

The Solar Panels: Expected to begin in spring (they are going on the main church building).

If you're interested in contributing to our upgrades/repairs you can make a donation to our church's building fund.

Obituaries

Young, Kenneth Edward Roy: Peacefully with family by his side at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at the age of 88. Loving dad of Laurie (Scott), the late Randy & Linda and the late Kevin. Proud grandpa of Jordan (Nicole), Conner (Kate), Jessie, Curtis and Miranda (Adam) and great-grandpa of Sadie and Wyatt. Stepdad of Tracy Gray (Alan Gorrie) and the late Greg Corbett. Step grandpa of Taylor Gray and Paxton Gray (Mike). Dear brother of Eldon (Diane), Verral (Linda) and Ron. Ken will be greatly missed by his many nieces, nephews, friends and extended family. A Celebration of Life will be held in the Museum Room at the Royal Canadian Legion, 203 William Street, Shelburne on Sunday, April 12, 2026 from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Spring interment at Shelburne Cemetery. If desired, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, Heart & Stroke Foundation or a local charity of your choice would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

Local Funeral Homes listings: (Orangeville, Grand Valley, and Shelburne)

Dods & McNair

Richards, Irv
Secenj, John
Smith, Margaret
Work, Ronald

In Memoriam

Campbell, Thomas
Gore, Earl
Huddleston, Ruth

Jack & Thompson

Young, Ken

THIS WEEK AT HCUC

THURS
APR 02

Shut-In Visits
7:30pm Maundy Thursday Service (online only, live)

FRI
APR 03

10:30am Good Friday Service at the church

SAT
APR 04

7:00pm Vigil Saturday Service (online only, pre-recorded)

SUN
APR 05

Office Hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm
10:30am Worship Service
2:00pm LTC Service at Shelburne Residence
3:30pm LTC Service at Dufferin Oaks
7:55pm Weekly Prayers on YouTube & Facebook

MON
APR 06

7:00pm Support: Living With Addiction
7:00pm Support: Families Support - Addiction

TUES
APR 07

Office Hours: 9:30am to 3:00pm
10:30am Knitting & Puzzles
11:00am Exercises: Arthritis Foundations
2:00pm Health & Wellness: Chronic Pain Week #6

WED
APR 08

Office Hours: 9:30am to 3:00pm
11:00am Exercises: Strength & Stretch


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HIGH COUNTRY UNITED CHURCH APRIL 2026

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

	Mondays at 7:00pm Free peer support group for those of us living with addiction and recovery.
	Mondays at 7:00pm Free peer support group for families and friends who are supporting loved ones living with addiction and recovery.
	Mondays on Facebook Free online Bible Study that starts on Mondays and continues through the week.
	Tuesdays at 10:00am Free social space to gather to help with the community puzzle, or bring your knitting or other handiwork.
	Tuesdays at 11:00am Free exercise class: Arthritis Foundations. Equipment provided.
	Tuesdays at 2:00pm (6 weeks from Mar 3-Apr 7) Free health & wellness program on <i>Living with Chronic Pain</i> led by Central West's Self-Management Team. Register by contacting the church.
	Wednesdays at 11:00am Free exercise class: Strength & Stretch. Equipment provided.
	Fridays at 11:00am Free exercise class: VON SMART Workout. Equipment provided.
	Sundays at 10:30am An hour-long worship service followed by refreshments and fellowship.
	Sundays at 7:55pm Join us on YouTube or Facebook for live prayers each week.
	Daily on Facebook A short prayer is posted at 6:00am. A workout is posted at 7:00am.

MORE PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

03	Friday, April 3 at 6:00pm Alone But Not Lonely potluck dinner & fellowship. 
12	Sunday, Apr 12 from 5:30-7:00pm Youth Group (ages 12-18) with dinner 
13	Monday, Apr 13 from 2:30-4:00pm Free Drop-in Tech Support 
17	Friday, Apr 17 from 6:30-8:00pm Family Night 
18	Saturday, Apr 18 at 2:00pm Concert: Alex Burnett & Friends (\$25) 
19	Sunday, Apr 19 from 7:30-9:00pm Young Adults Group (ages 18-35) via Zoom 
20	Monday, Apr 20 from 10:00-11:30am Free, Moms & Tots Group 
21	Tuesday, Apr 21 from 2:00-3:00pm Living Into Hope: Free Grief Support 
22	Wednesday, Apr 22 from 12:00-1:30pm Free, Book Club Discussion: The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo 
22	Wednesday, Apr 22 from 6:30-7:30pm Free, Living Life Conversations: Why did Jesus die? 
26	Sunday, Apr 26 from 7:00-7:30pm United Generations Online Worship Service 
27	Monday, Apr 27 from 11:00am-1:00pm Free Lunch & Learn (Please register) Presenter: Orangeville Optometrics 
29	Wednesday, Apr 29 from 7:00-8:00pm Paper Airplane Club for all ages 
30	Thursday, Apr 30 at 1:00pm & 5:30pm Free Cancer Support for patients & caregivers 
30	Thursday, Apr 30 from 7:00-8:00pm Let's Talk Suicide: Free support group for anyone affected by suicide. 

High Country United Church is located at 346255 15 Sideroad WHS, Mono, ON L9W 6R9

Our programs are open community programs where anyone can attend.

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High Country United Church, Camilla presents

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country & gospel music

Jeff Scott John Fletcher Ross Beattie Lyman Smith Kim Wood
Kara Shaw Alex Burnett Bruce Woods



Back by Popular Demand!


Sat. April 18, 2026 • 2 pm
High Country United Church
 346255 Side Rd 15, Mono, ON L9W 6R9
 Doors Open 1 pm • Wheel Chair Accessible • Everyone Welcome

Tickets \$25
 Call: Janet 519-941-0972 or Doug 647-625-0006
 This is a fun fundraising event for High Country United Church

You're Invited to

AN AFTERNOON CONCERT

HIGH COUNTRY UNITED CHURCH



SPENCER BRISTOW

AS ELVIS

SAT., MAY 23 AT 2:00PM

For tickets: Call 519-941-0972
 Email highcountryunited@gmail.com,
 Online at <https://www.ticketscene.ca/events/60392/>

\$25

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Are you living with skin cancer or lung cancer?

Your story matters — and it could help shape better support and treatment for others.

What the study involves:

- 2 hour online digital diary completed over 2 weeks
- Optional 2 hour Zoom interview
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Thank-you for your time:

You will receive **CAD 75** for each hour you take part.

Who can join:

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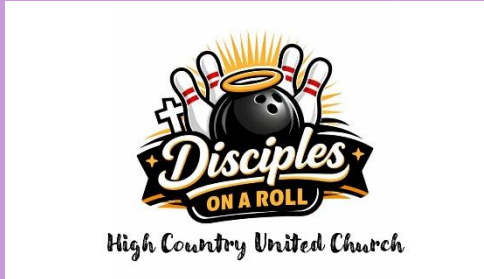
Take our quick 2 minute screening to see if you're eligible - CLICK THE LINK



Living with skin cancer or lung cancer? This research team has reached out to ask if we can share this research opportunity widely. Research is an important part of finding a cure and helping patients have better care.

Be sure to mention you heard about this opportunity from High Country United Church.

<https://ldaresearch.questionpro.eu/t/AB3vBHUZB3wWiJ>



Join our team "Disciples on a Roll" and bowl with us on Friday, April 10th at 6:30pm at the Best Western in Orangeville. We head over to Boston Pizza for dinner or snacks afterwards.

To make a donation to our team online, [click here](#)

To register online: <https://www.canadahelps.org/s/jBG4W9>.

To register without going online: Contact Sheila Orton.

Creative Partners on Stage

May 29 to 31, 2026. Tickets are \$25 per show or \$40 if you're seeing both.

Our Artisan market will feature neurodiverse-led businesses and artists from our community. You have the chance to pursue the market, purchase art pieces, make your own art pieces and meet these incredible members of our community!



PEER SUPPORT GROUPS AT HIGH COUNTRY UNITED CHURCH 346255 15 SIDEROAD WHS IN MONO

FREE

You are not alone.
Together we share stories, experiences,
resources, support, and hope.

Cancer Support

For patients, survivors, loved ones and anyone affected by cancer. (Held on the last Thursday of the month at 1:00pm and 5:30pm.)

Grief Support

Open to anyone living with the loss of a loved one. (Held on the third Tuesday of the month at 2:00pm.)

Addiction & Recovery

For individuals experiencing addiction of any kind or in recovery. Meets Mondays at 7:00pm.

Recovery Allies

For loved ones supporting someone in addiction or recovery. Meets Mondays at 7:00pm, in-person or online.



Suicide Support

Let's Talk Suicide is a support group for anyone affected by suicide, including survivors (Held on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00pm)

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Monday night's Families and Friends group link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84699895330>

For more information about any of our support groups

visit: <https://www.highcountryunited.ca/support-groups.html>

Youth and Young Adults

YOUTH GROUP

Come together in faith,
friendship, and prayer!
Dinner provided.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12
5:30PM TO 7:00PM
(RSVP BY APRIL 10)

High Country United Church
For youth ages 12-18

More Information:
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YOUNG ADULT GROUP
HIGH COUNTRY UNITED CHURCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 19 FROM 7:30PM - 9:00PM
ONLINE VIA ZOOM

- Open to ages 18-35
- Guaranteed laughter.
- Make new friends.
- Explore faithful conversations.
- Networking.

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Young Adults:

Youth: Stay tuned for info on April's meeting. Please RSVP by text at 519-938-0213 or email highcountryunited@gmail.com.

[Click here](#) to join us online on Sunday at 7:30pm.

Collective 2026 is a national gathering for Youth, Young Adults, and their leaders, presented jointly by The United Church of Canada and the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Collective is an opportunity to grow in faith, build community, and reflect on shared experiences—together.

August 12–15, 2026 at Brock University, St. Catharines, ON

Cost: \$450 Registration deadline: June 15, 2026.

Find out more: <https://www.collective-gathering.ca>

Pies available year-round

Contact our Pie Coordinator, Susan
Phone 519-941-6397 or email susanbutler55@icloud.com

Meat Pies: Beef; Ground Beef; Turkey
Fruit Pies: Blueberry; Dark Sweet Cherry; Mixed Berry; Peach; Raisin; Raspberry; Rhubarb; Strawberry-Rhubarb (and Apple when available)

Contact the church office if you're looking for a location to host an event, ongoing program or a meeting. We may have the perfect space for you.

LOOKING FOR: Nienke Randeraand is always looking for yarn or wool - scraps and full balls. You can leave it in Rev. Jan's office and she will deliver.

LOOKING FOR: Deb Arenburg is looking for a good used truck. Please call 519-942-7148. Ideally a 4x4 with an extended cab, but open to any consideration.

FOR SALE: The church has two rectangular window fans that we used in the windows in the sanctuary during the heat of the summer. We will no longer need them. They are currently in the office on a chair. For sale by donation.

FOR SALE: Darlene & Wally K have a face cord of hardwood for sale. Normally costing \$110 plus delivery. They are selling it for \$80. Please contact them directly.

FOR SALE: Gladys has a Honda generator for sale if anyone is interested. Please contact her directly.

FOR SALE: Gladys has a Rototiller for sale if anyone is interested. Please contact her directly.

OnHand Support Services: Rides, cooking, cleaning, and PSW care - "Life without Limits". Contact Sam Bradley (519) 939-0166 [Email: onhandsupp@gmail.com](mailto:onhandsupp@gmail.com)

Sparkle Clean: Exterior Window Washing Services.
Contact Calum Boston (519) 307-0521 Email: 519sparkleclean@gmail.com



BOLTON UNITED CHURCH
"FISH FRY" DINNER

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026
4:30 – 7:00 pm

Continuous seating or Take-out
All Tickets Sold at the Door

Adults \$25 Children 6-12 years \$8
Children 5 and under free

MENU INCLUDES:
Freshly caught & lightly battered
Rainbow Trout from Georgian Bay

Hash Browns, Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Peas,
Carrot Salad, Rolls, Assorted Pies & Beverages

For further information contact Sandra @ 905-857-2615
or office@boltonunitedchurch.com
www.boltonunitedchurch.com

A prayer for the week

God of all, we give thanks for all the unexpected ways we've been challenged and blessed. Help us to nurture and encourage each other each day of our lives. We give thanks for new folks wanting to help in the life of the church. God, be with us if we try things a little differently as new folks bring new skills and talents in our midst. We pray that our church and community is always a place of welcome, growth, and faith. God be with us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Heal, comfort and strengthen the world. Extinguish all evil and kindle the good.

A link to our 365 days of prayer: <https://highcountryunited.ca/blog>

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