Weekly Update
High Country United Church

October 21, 2026

What Really Matters

It's not the things we own or earn, But love we give and love returned.
It's not the roads we travel through, But those who walk the road with you.
It's lending a hand, a listening ear, It's showing up and being near.
And in the moments, big and small, God's loving presence holds us all.

This week's ministry snapshot:
Sunday's Worship Service: https://www.youtube.com/live/yFVH-hLv-lA
About 40 gathered on Sunday, and over 200 views online.
Sunday Night Prayers: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5e2GzAX9zg4
Over 210 views online.

Visit our Wishlist on Amazon: When something is purchased from the list, it is removed from the list. It includes some office supplies (we always need paper!) and supplies for safety, young children and more. ***If you submit your receipt, your purchase can be designated as a Gift-In-Kind.*** *Receipts can be put in the offering plate, emailed to Bev Dawkins or the office, or dropped off in the office*
. https://www.amazon.ca/hz/wishlist/ls/2QVQN2YN4DYM5

If you know someone we should send a card to (celebrations, illness, sympathies, etc.), please contact Debbie Baker by phone 519-941-3972 or by email at dbaker002@sympatico.ca

Thank you to all who help around the church. The number of volunteer hours that get put in each week is amazing. **Sunday morning helpers**: Mary McKeen for reading, Karen Gillett for greeting, Karen Gillett and friends for providing refreshments, Calum Boston on AVIT and Brian for IT work, Nancy Noecker for pre-worship help, Sara May and Andrew McAthur on vocals and guitar, Bev D and Debbie Sheardown for taking care of our donations. Throughout the week: Our pie making teams; our rental team, finance team, property team and friends, Susan, Sheila and Bev, who helped to provide coffee and tea for our series at lunch time. Thanks to Doug & Mary McKeen and family, Debbie & Dave Baker, Deb Arenburg & Sherry Hunter, Bev Dawkins & Nancy Noecker and others who **helped with the Barn Dance**. A special **thanks to the UCW** for approving to fund the purchase of some new laptops for the church and for volunteers to use remotely.
Blessings, Rev. Jan

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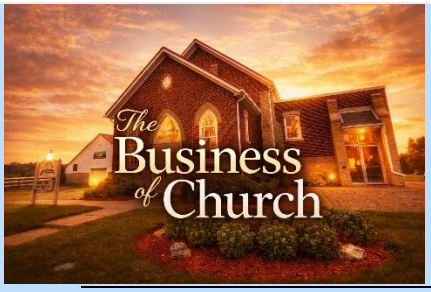


There's always something going on at the church.

If you have questions about how the church does something or would like to participate in any way, please contact the office.

Thank YOU for choosing to change the world with us!
We appreciate your support and partnership.
Looking for regular donation options? You can request offering envelopes, send e-transfers or sign up for PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance). For more information contact Beverly at 519-942-2977 or email beverlyjdawkins24@gmail.com
I was recently asked to do some math to look at our annual expenses and to come up with a financial amount per family in case folks were curious. The numbers below were from our 2025 Annual Report.

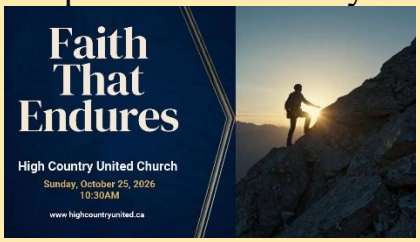
Total # of regular donors: 64
Expenses in 2025: $136,658.05

Per family, that would look like: $178 per month / $2,135 per year.

Are you new? We're glad you're here! If you're coming on a regular basis, please ask for a contact sheet so we can have your information on file. This is not a commitment to join the church, but a way for our minister and others to be in touch if a volunteer opportunity comes available or an outing is being planned. It also gives us direction on how to let you know if church is cancelled due to weather.

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.
Looking for pies? See Susan Butler or call 519-941-6397.

Sunday Morning Worship
10:30AM
Faith That Endures
Scripture: Deuteronomy 34:1-12



Sunday Morning's Hymns

VU 374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre
My God is So Big
VU 371 Open My Eyes That I May See
VU 635 All the Way My Saviour Leads Me
Go Now and Pass It On

Our Music Team

Sunday Morning Helpers
Reader: Debbie Baker
Greeter: Dave & Debbie Baker
Refreshments: Deb Sheardown
Sunday School: TBA

Karen Gillett (Flute)
Linda MacGregor (Flute)
Sara May (Guitar, Vocals)
Andrew McArthur (Guitar, Vocals)
Doug McKeen (Organ)
Gladys Meek (Keyboard)
Donna Rutledge (Piano)

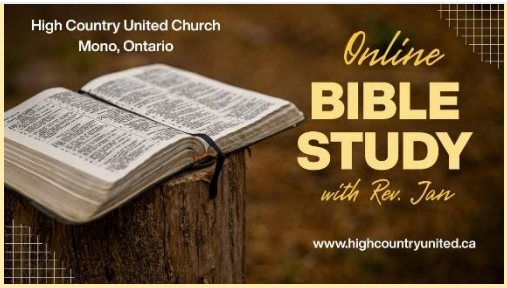
In Our Prayers: Mary Phillips who had a fall; Mary Ewen on the passing of her brother Alec; friends who are having procedures and treatments done this week; Base Wainwright and our military families after the tragic fire this weekend; municipal elections; Alberta vote results in them staying with Canada;

Barn Dance

Even though it was a cooler night, we enjoyed a great time being back in the barn as a community. Thanks to everyone who supported getting the barn up and running again. From donations of money, time, prayers, and love. Thank you!

Thank you!

Thank you for the food and finances brought in for the Orangeville Food Bank. You can bring items in this Sunday if you missed the food drive.



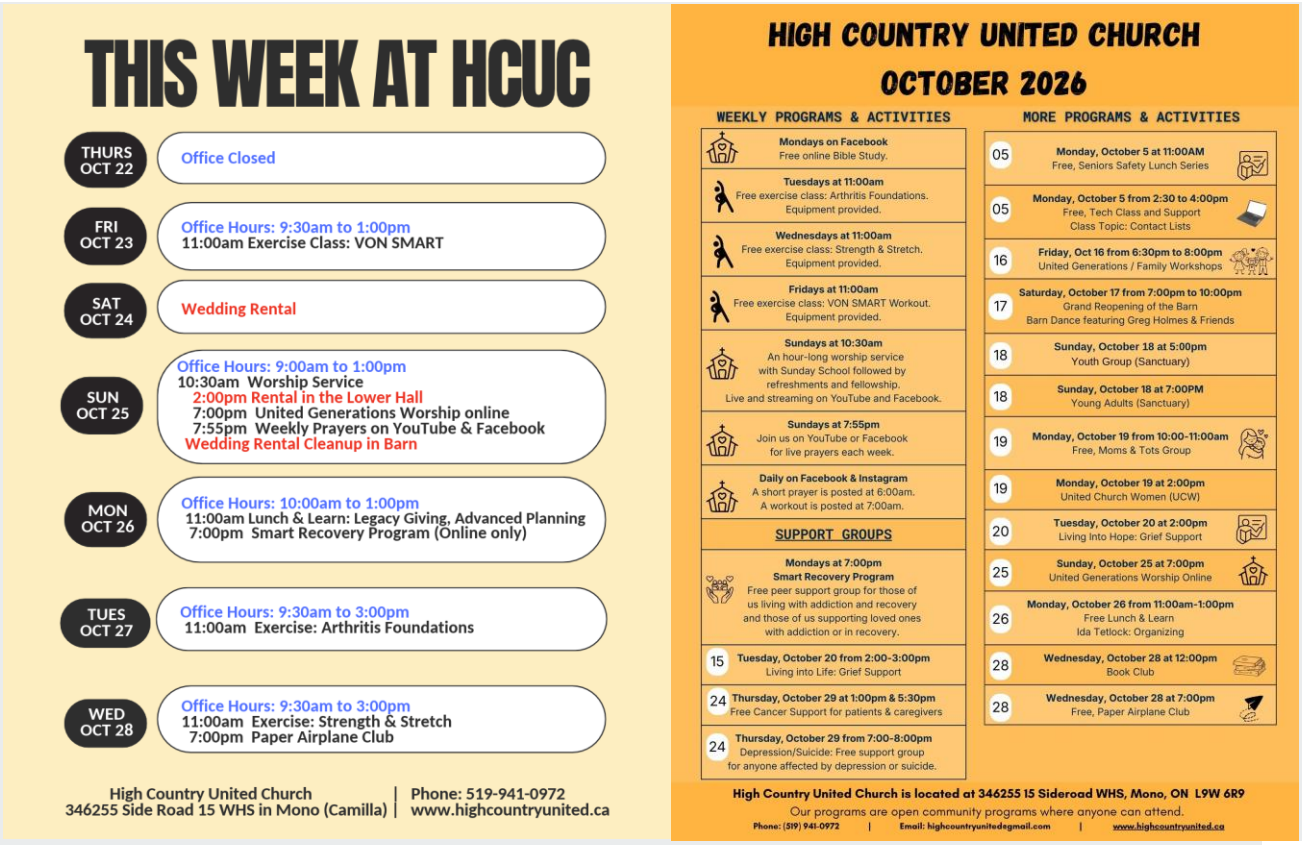
This week's Book of the Bible: Jeremiah
https://youtu.be/RSK36cHbrk0?si=re0uF8WD2vVLaUI1
Is there anything that sticks out for you?

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

Property News

The Barn: The barn is currently accepting rentals for the 2027 season (May-October). For information and to view the rental agreement: https://www.highcountryunited.ca/rentalsweddings.html

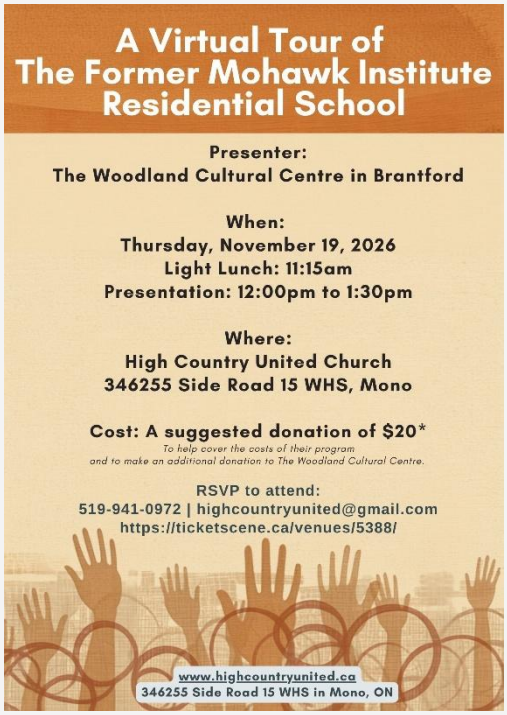
The Solar Panels: So far we have accumulated about $560 in credits to be used to help offset hydro bills. Our hydro bill was about $70 this month (last year at this time it was about $340).

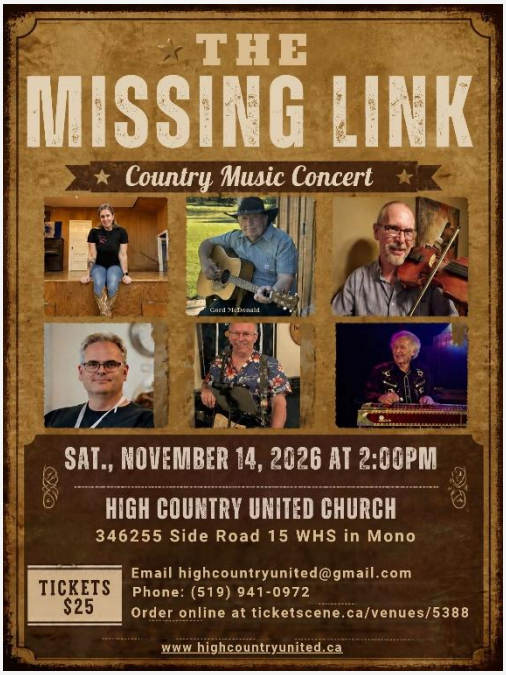


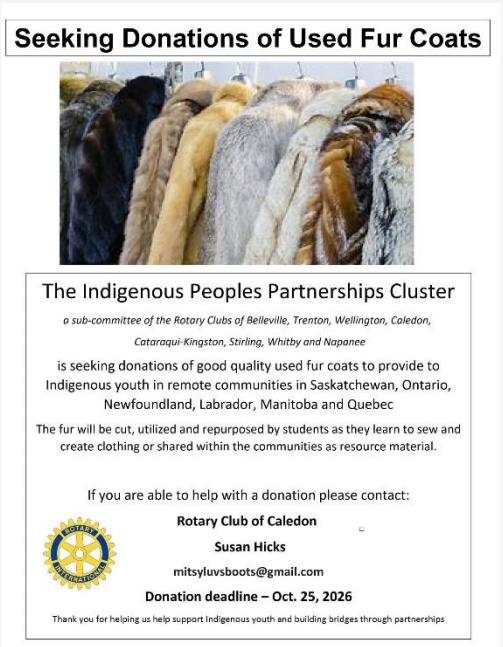
Senior Stockings Program

We know it's early, but the program coordinator has to get things together early this year. Please see the list below and start bringing in items to donate. They must be received by **no later than November 22, 2026.**

Truth & Reconciliation
Are you interested in learning more? Let the office know and we'll add you to the list when we run info programs.
How can we be good allies? Here's one practical way. Read more and consider writing a letter of support via the "start writing" at the following link: https://honourthetreaty.ca/en







DECLUTTERING? Rev. Jan is having a Diabetes pickup on Tuesday, October 29. If you'd like to add to the pickup pile, please message Jan to coordinate.

SERVICE AVAILABLE - WINDOWS: Sparkle Clean offers exterior window washing services. Contact Calum Boston (519) 307-0521
Email: 519sparkleclean@gmail.com

A prayer for the week

Generous God, guide us to highlight what really matters in our lives. Keep us close to you, doing and saying what you call us to do. Remove the hardness in our hearts and infuse us with abundant compassion and kindness. Be in our friends in Wainwright as they mourn and recover from the fire and may they feel our support around them. 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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