



"FOR PETE'S SAKE"

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February 2026 Newsletter

Upcoming Important Dates

Sunday, February 1 - Sanctuary - Holy Communion - Food Basket - Recorded Service

Sunday, February 8 - Sanctuary - Blessing of Secret Cupid Gifts - Kids' Club
(Theme: Love - Leader - Pam Deichert)

Sunday, Feb. 15 - Sanctuary - Transfiguration - Holy Communion

Tuesday, Feb. 17 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:00-7:00 pm - Parish Hall

Wednesday, Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday Devotion - Parish Hall - 10:00 am

Sunday, February 22 - Parish Hall - Holy Communion - Lunch provided - AGM to follow lunch.

Tuesday, Feb 24 - Exeter Villa 10:00 am

Wednesday., Feb 25 - BWRH - Holy Communion 11:00 am

Save the Dates

February 8, 2026 - Secret Cupid gifts for women who receive support through Blessings in Zurich should be at the church. These gifts can be brought on the Sundays leading up to February 8th.

February 17, 2026 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - 5:00-7:00 pm



February 22, 2026 - Annual General Meeting Day. First course will be provided. Desserts are potluck.



The Final Act – Written with love by Bev Thiel

As of the end of February 2026, after the annual meeting, my chairperson's six-year commitment to church council will be complete. This is somewhat bittersweet for both myself and Hub, since we will miss everyone and have devoted lots of time, love and commitment to this church. We will be staying in Meaford more often and eventually moving there permanently, when our house is sold. We will return for visits to our family and friends and attend church when available.

Hub has been involved in this church since he was a child and St. Peter's is very important to him. He has been on council previously, numerous committees, ushering team, organizer of the men's supper and lends a helping hand whenever needed. Together, Hub and I created the historical room, along with Henry, which we are both proud of. I have enjoyed being a lector, communion assistant, usher, coffee hour

participant and council member. One of my highlights was the fact that I love being an usher and welcoming everyone into the church.

My time as chairperson has been rewarding in so many ways, especially being part of this wonderful church community. It kept my secretarial and organizational skills sharpened, my desire to be part of decision making and leading meetings at the forefront and at times, my psychology education and non-violent crisis intervention skills. You want to understand so many different personalities, be fair to everyone in having them speak and listen to their concerns and maintain overall respect. The other important avenue is following through on your commitments and if a concern is brought to your attention; follow the guidelines with precision, but also compassion.

My love of writing stories was an added touch that I was able to share in our newsletters. I am hoping that it brought joy and happiness when reading the story, laughter at my many daredevilish stunts, memories brought forward in your minds of certain treasures and childhood and along the way lessons learnt.

In life, there are stepping stones that allow you to travel on the pathway that you have chosen for that time period. To be thankful for all the people that you have met along the way and cherish their existence in your life. From the wisdom and admiration of the elderly, the companionship, knowledge and teamwork of ones around my age and for the children and young adults that bring enlightenment, fun and innocence. There is nothing that compares to hearing laughter from a little one. To never forget the people that we have lost and have gratitude for knowing them. For all the lessons learnt and fun times from so many people and carefully place them in your memory box.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being kind and giving me a gift of togetherness and love. I will not say farewell, but “see you later alligator and in a while crocodile”.

