Sharon-Hope This Week –November 20th, 2026
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Black Friday: What Is the Real Bargain?

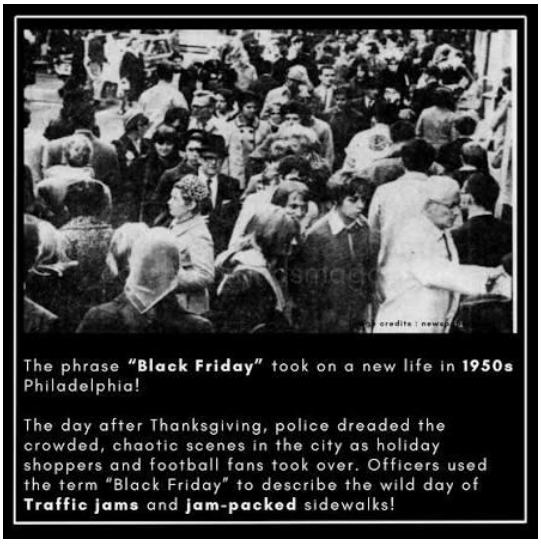


Rev Sadekie

"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions" — Luke 12:15

It is that time of year again! The advertisements are everywhere. The emails are arriving. The countdowns have begun. Prices are being slashed, deals are being advertised, and shoppers are being encouraged to act quickly before they miss out.

Yes, Black Friday is here!



But have you ever wondered how Black Friday got its name?
Interestingly, the original meaning was not nearly as attractive as the sales we associate with it today. The term was used by Philadelphia police in the 1950s and 1960s to describe the chaos that followed Thanksgiving: enormous crowds, traffic congestion, overcrowded stores, exhausted police officers, and shoppers rushing to get their bargains. Retailers later popularized a more positive explanation—that it was the day businesses

moved from being financially “in the red” to “in the black,” meaning they were turning a profit.

Quite a transformation! A day originally associated with disorder became a celebrated shopping event. And perhaps there is a lesson in that transformation. Black Friday has become more than a shopping day. It has become a cultural event, one that encourages us to buy, upgrade, replace, stock up, and sometimes purchase things we didn't even know we needed until someone announced a 50% discount!

Have you ever noticed how quickly something becomes a necessity when it goes on sale? We can be perfectly content with what we have until an advertisement convinces us that our happiness is incomplete without the latest version!



Now, there is nothing inherently wrong with finding a good bargain. Saving money is sensible, and Christmas shopping can be an opportunity to show love and thoughtfulness. But perhaps we need to ask ourselves: **Are we shopping because we need something, or because we have been persuaded/fed the idea that we need something?**
Jesus offers a timely reminder in Luke 12:15: “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”Jesus is not condemning possessions or suggesting that we should never enjoy the things we work hard to acquire. He is reminding us not to confuse what we own with who we are, or what we accumulate with what makes life meaningful.

There are some things in life that no Black Friday sale can offer.
You cannot put a discount on genuine friendship. You cannot purchase peace of mind, manufacture lasting joy, or find a clearance price on forgiveness. Love, compassion, patience, kindness, and faithfulness are not available with free shipping!
And perhaps this is where Black Friday offers us an opportunity to reconsider our priorities.

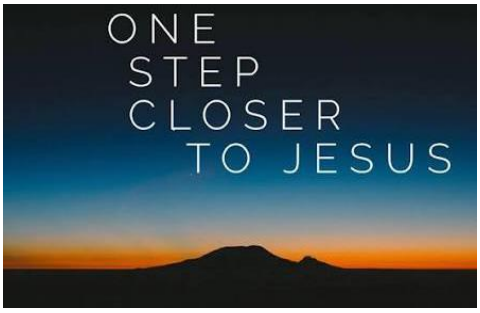


As we approach Christmas, we will be encouraged to spend more, give more, decorate more, and perhaps do more than we can comfortably manage. **But what if this year we focused on giving what matters most? Giving where there is a need?** Perhaps the greatest bargain is discovering that some of life's most valuable gifts cost us nothing financially but require something far more precious: our attention, our generosity, and our willingness to care. So, by all means, enjoy the sales. Find a good deal. But don't get so caught up in what is marked down that you overlook what is truly valuable.

And remember: **You don't have to buy everything that is on sale, especially when what you already have is worth more than money can measure!**

Take this hope with you this week: *Before you ask, "What can I get for less?" ask, "What can I give that will mean more?" Because the best things in life are rarely found on a clearance shelf. They are found in the love we share, the lives we touch, and the grace we extend.*

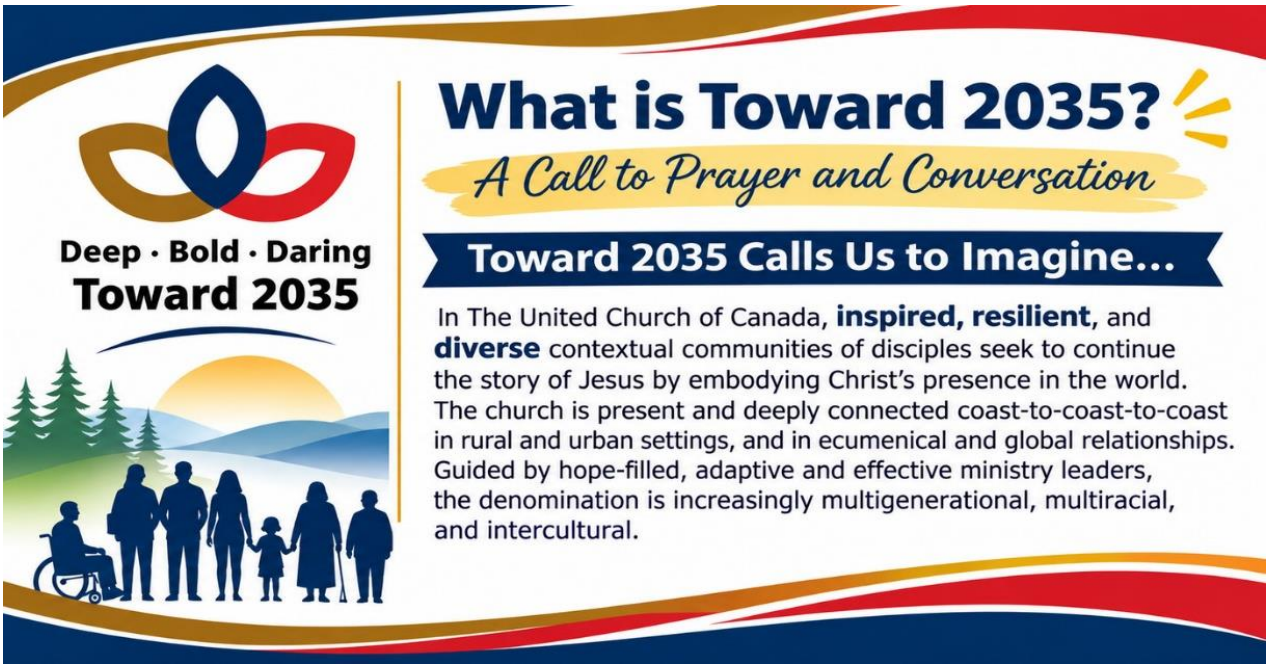
This Sunday Series ends





Step 8: *See Jesus in the People Around You*


Our Advent Theme This Year:...
Unwrapping Christmas
Four Gifts. Four Promises. One Saviour.
"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given..."
Isaiah 9:6
Hope
Discovering the Wonderful Counsellor
Peace
Discovering the Prince of Peace
Joy
Discovering the Everlasting Father
Love
Discovering the Mighty God
Join us this Advent as we journey together in worship, reflection and community, discovering the greatest gift of all — Jesus Christ!
Advent Sundays:
November 29, December 6, December 13 and December 20
Christmas Eve
The Gift Is Unwrapped!
December 24
All are Welcome!


Deep · Bold · Daring
Toward 2035
What is Toward 2035?
A Call to Prayer and Conversation
Toward 2035 Calls Us to Imagine...
In The United Church of Canada, inspired, resilient, and diverse contextual communities of disciples seek to continue the story of Jesus by embodying Christ's presence in the world. The church is present and deeply connected coast-to-coast-to-coast in rural and urban settings, and in ecumenical and global relationships. Guided by hope-filled, adaptive and effective ministry leaders, the denomination is increasingly multigenerational, multiracial, and intercultural.

Prayer CIRCLE

Together in Faith. United in Prayer.



Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month

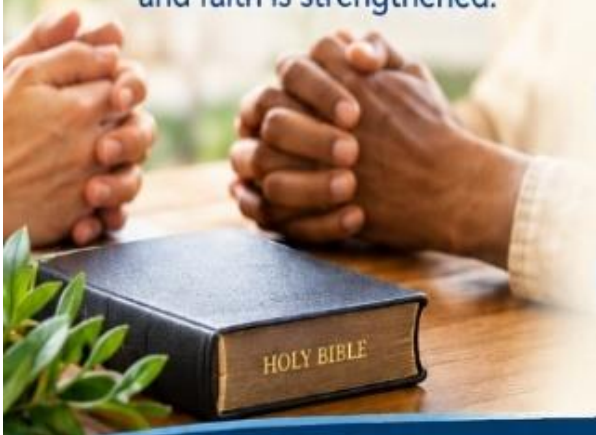
at 1:00 pm —

in the Lounge

at Sharon Hope United Church

All are welcome!

A community of prayer where hearts connect and faith is strengthened.



ALL PRAYERS WELCOME

Every prayer matters.

COME IF YOU NEED PRAYER

You are not alone.

COME IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO PRAY ABOUT

We're here for you.

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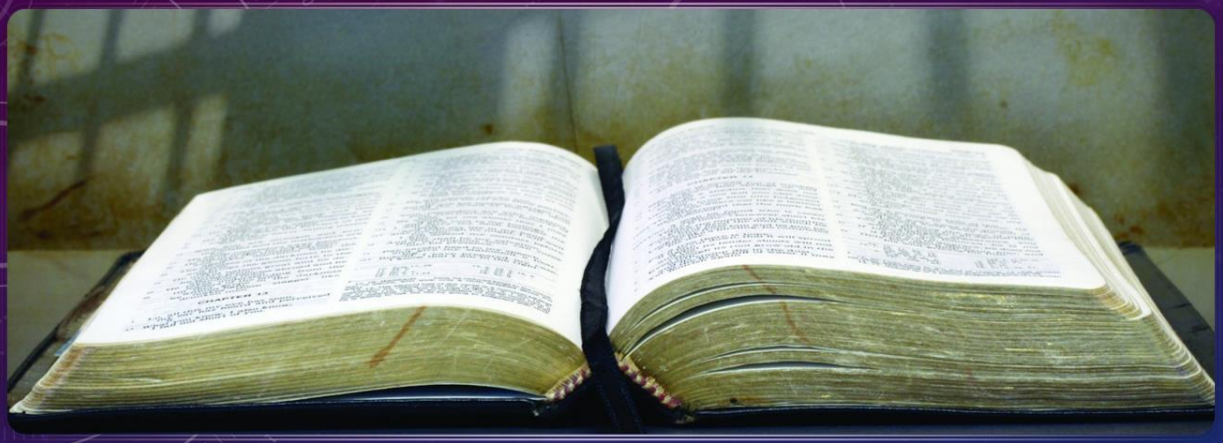
Weekly Online Devotional



New Videos are Available Every Monday at 6am
on Facebook & Youtube. Click Here to see last week's Devotional video

As WE follow
after Christ, we
all can lead one

eachONE
REACHone



LECTIONARY READINGS 2026

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN READING THE ONLINE VERSION?

WOULD YOU PREFER TO PRINT YOUR OWN COPY AT HOME?

Click Here to Access the Full Series for 2026.

THANK YOU TO OUR NOVEMBER 22ND VOLUNTEERS!!

Greeter Ed & Betty	**All** Wanda	**Scripture** Julia
Collection ushers	**Coffee Time** Grace	**AV team** Mary Jane & Tom

Remember to signup outside the kitchen or click here



Missed a Service? Look for it on Sharon-Hope's YouTube channel
Watch where you want when you want!



Did you know … You can find the weekly readings for 2026 here

Readings for November 22nd…
OT: Psalm 100
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

PANCAKE TUESDAY: TEAM LEAD NEEDED!!
ARE YOU INTERESTED TO “FLIP INTO ACTION”?

We are looking for an energetic and organized **Team Lead** to oversee our upcoming Pancake Tuesday (Shrove Tuesday) event on **Tuesday, February 9, 2027**!

What You’ll Do

- Lead the Kitchen & Harmony Hall
- Coordinate Volunteers

•**Ready to stack up success?** If you want to lead the team for Pancake Tuesday, reach out to anyone on council today!



Mission, Service & Outreach

What is Mission and Service?

Mission & Service seeks to promote justice, dignity, and equality both globally and within our local communities. This important work is sustained through national, regional assessments, & generosity of congregations around the country.

At Sharon-Hope, we support the work of Mission and Service by sharing the monthly *Minute for Mission*, *which highlights inspiring stories of outreach*, monthly donations of food & clothing, contributing to Fill a Purse for a Sister, as well as providing grocery gift cards for those in need.

Through our Benevolent Fund, we assist community organizations providing essential services including food, shelter, clothing, etc. These are donated to places such as; Blue Door, Rose of Sharon & Newmarket Food Pantry, to name a few. Through these partnerships, Sharon-Hope extends God's love and care beyond our church walls, helping to meet the needs of individuals and families throughout our community.

SHARON HOPE: 55+ GROUP

1pm November 24th Lounge



HEALTH WATCHERS

1:30pm

NOVEMBER 24TH


Upcoming
Events


PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!

Sharon-Hope United Church

18648 Leslie Street, Sharon, ON
905-478-2231 | https://sharonhopeunitedchurch.ca



Apple Pie FUNDRAISER

We will be making our beautiful homemade apple pies December 4th & 5th!

They're great as a gift or for your own enjoyment.

Farm Boy grocer generously donated 2 wonderful $50 gift baskets.

Tickets will be sold with your pie purchase at 2 for $5 or 5 for $10.

One ticket will be drawn on Friday and one on Saturday.

9-inch pie
$16

6-inch oatmeal apple crumble pies
3 for $25

Our pies are ready for the freezer or to bake within 24 hours.
Instructions for either method are included.

Place your order ASAP!

We make a limited # of pies. Don't miss out!

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER:

1. **Online orders:** Complete the form on our website at: https://forms.gle/31UnnePrrFnueUZN9 and follow the payment instructions there. **Please pay shortly** after placing your order.

2. **Manual order forms:** Pick one up at the church or request one by emailing the church office at sharonhopeuc@gmail.com. If paying by **e-transfer** please indicate **"for pies"** in the message, and either email or drop off your order form. If paying **by cheque**, put it and your order form in an envelope, seal it, and drop it off to your church contact person or at the church office Tuesdays & Fridays between 10:00 and 2:30 or Thursdays between 10:00 and 1:30. Make cheques payable to **Sharon-Hope United Church** and write **"for pies"** on the memo line or back of the cheque.

PICK-UP:

Arrive at the church during the pick-up window you selected on your order form. All we need is the name used for the order and someone will bring your pies to you. If you're the lucky winner of one of the Farm Boy gift baskets, it will be included with your order.

SCAN HERE FOR ONLINE ORDER FORM

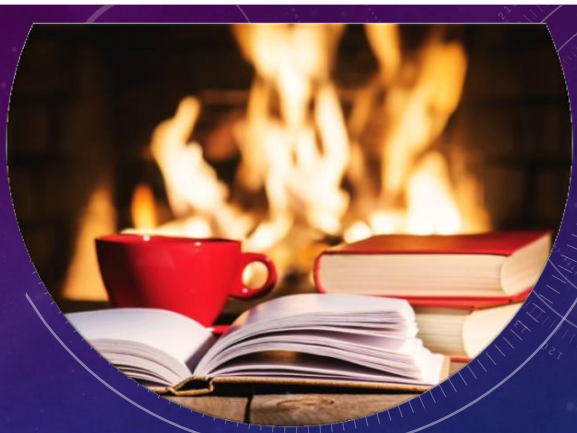
Thank you for supporting this major fundraiser - bon appetite!



SIGN UP FOR COFFEE TIME!!

Sign Up Sheet located outside the Kitchen.





CARING CRAFTERS BOOK SALE

Check Us Out for Your Holiday Reading!!

The Week at a Glance (See website calendar for other details)

Week at a Glance – November 22nd to November 28th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28
		Rev Sadekie in Office		**Rev Sadekie in Office**	**Rev Sadekie in Office**	
		55+ 1pm-3pm Lounge		Lectionary 11am Lounge		
SHUC Worship 10 - 11am Sanctuary or Click for ZOOM	Kindergarten Class 8:30am-3:30pm Outside / Nursery **(MONDAY-FRIDAY)**	Health Watches 1:30pm Outside				Piano Recital 9:30am-11:30am Sanctuary / Hall
Sharon Village Bible Church 1 - 5pm Building	Quilters 1pm-4pm HH / Kitchen			SHUC Celebration Choir 7pm-9:30pm Sanctuary		Private Event 12pm-4pm Hall / Kitchen
x	Canadian Tai Chi 7pm-8:30pm Harmony Hall	York Harmony Chorus 6:30pm-10pm (Hall)	A Cappella York 6:30pm-10pm Harmony Hall	Church of Christ 7:15pm-9:15pm Hall / Lounge		Church of Christ 5pm – 9pm Hall / Lounge



Do you need to speak with the Minister? Here's how…



1) Leave a confidential voicemail for Rev Sadekie on her private number 905-589-0889.

2) Email/Call the church office, leave your name & phone number and the office will direct the message. 905-478-2231

3) Let your phone tree caller know and they will redirect a message.

You Are Not Alone!

Community Notices

CHATs, Community Programs

United Church of Canada, Events and Webinars and e-Newletters

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Shining Waters Regional Council, Events and News (including the Current)

Toronto United Church Council, Events and Workshops

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