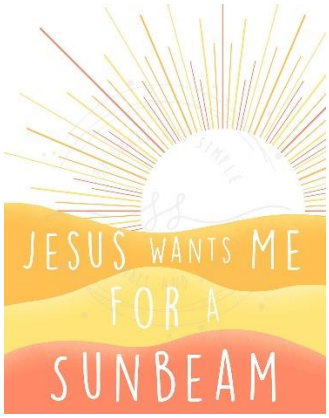
Sharon-Hope This Week –November 6th, 2026
Sharon-Hope United Church
A vibrant community of faith, hope and love …
come and see!

A Sunbeam?... But I Want to Be a Truck Driver!





Rev Sadekie

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." ~ Scripture: Proverbs 3:5–6

On Sunday, as part of our All Saints Day reflection, I shared a Sunday School song many of us remember: "*Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam.*" It brought back memories of childhood, Sunday School, and those songs that somehow managed to stay with us long after we had forgotten the rest of the lesson. After the service, my mother shared a little story connected to that song.



The story is told of a little boy who attended church for the very first time. A week later, as Sunday approached, his mother asked him whether he was getting ready to go to church again. His response was emphatic: **"NO! I am not going back!"** His mother, rather surprised, asked, "Why not?" The little boy replied, "I'm not going back because Jesus wants me to be a SUNBEAN, and I want to be a TRUCK DRIVER!"

Now, you have to appreciate the child's logic! He had heard the song, understood the assignment, considered the career implications, and decided that this whole church business was not for him!

But I wonder how often we are a little like that boy. We hear what God is calling us to do, but we have already decided what we want to do. We want to be the truck driver, while God seems to be asking us to be the sunbeam. Sometimes God calls us to be patient when we want to take control. To forgive when we would rather hold on to the hurt. To serve when we would prefer to be served. To step out in faith when we would much rather have a detailed map, a guaranteed outcome, and perhaps a GPS telling us exactly where to turn! And **sometimes, we resist because we misunderstand what God is asking of us**.



Being a sunbeam does not mean we all have to become preachers, missionaries, or Sunday School teachers. It means allowing the light of Christ to shine through the ordinary places of our lives, in our homes, workplaces, friendships, communities, and relationships. That is part of what All Saints Day reminds us of. The saints were not simply people who occupied church pews or had their names written in history books. **They were ordinary people who allowed God's love to shine through them in extraordinary and sometimes very ordinary ways.** Some were caregivers. Some were teachers. Some were parents and grandparents. Some served quietly, sang with gusto, prayed faithfully, encouraged others, and made life a little brighter for the people around them. They were not all doing the same thing, but they were reflecting the same light.

Proverbs 3:5–6 reminds us to trust God with all our hearts and not rely entirely on our own understanding. Perhaps that is the challenge: learning that God's plans may not always look like our plans, but God's invitation is always worth considering. So, maybe we should ask ourselves:



- Where am I resisting God's invitation because I have already decided what I want to be?
- Where is God asking me to shine a little brighter?
- And am I so busy pursuing my own destination that I am missing the opportunity to be a blessing along the way?

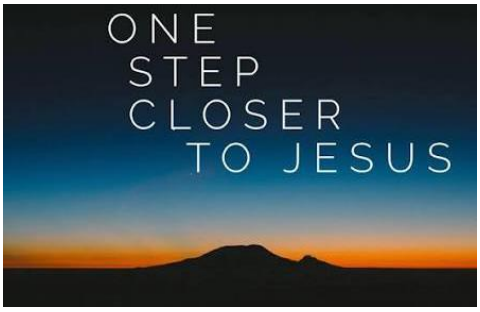
Now, there is absolutely nothing wrong with wanting to be a truck driver! The world needs truck drivers, teachers, doctors, artists, caregivers, and people in all kinds of professions, even retired ones. The point is not that we must abandon our dreams. It is that wherever life takes us, we can carry the light of Christ with us.

The little boy may have decided he wasn't going back to church, but I hope he eventually discovered that he could be both a truck driver and a sunbeam!

Take this hope with you this week: You do not have to become someone else to shine for God. You simply have to allow God's light to shine through who you already are. So, whether you are driving a truck, running a household, working in an office, caring for someone, retiring, retired or simply going about your day, remember: Jesus still wants you for a sunbeam!

And the good news? **There is room for truck drivers, too!**

This Sunday Series begins



Step 6: *Don't Let Your Faith Fall Asleep*





Due to Susan's Celebration of Life on Tuesday, November 10th at 10am to 2pm.

Our monthly Prayer Circle is CANCELLED.

Prayer CIRCLE

Together in Faith. United in Prayer.



Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month

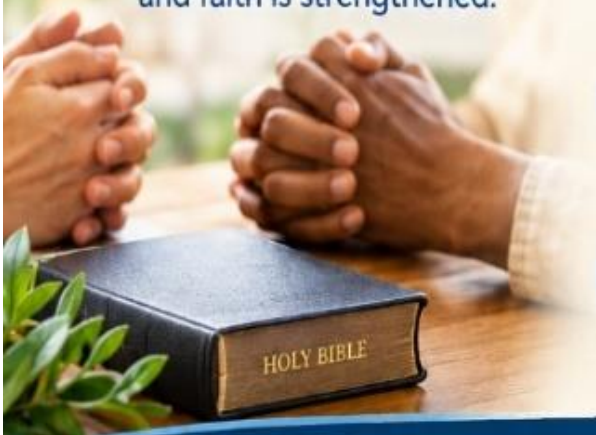
at 1:00 pm —

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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UNITED CHURCH
Rooted in Faith. Growing in Love.

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A MOMENT OF Hope

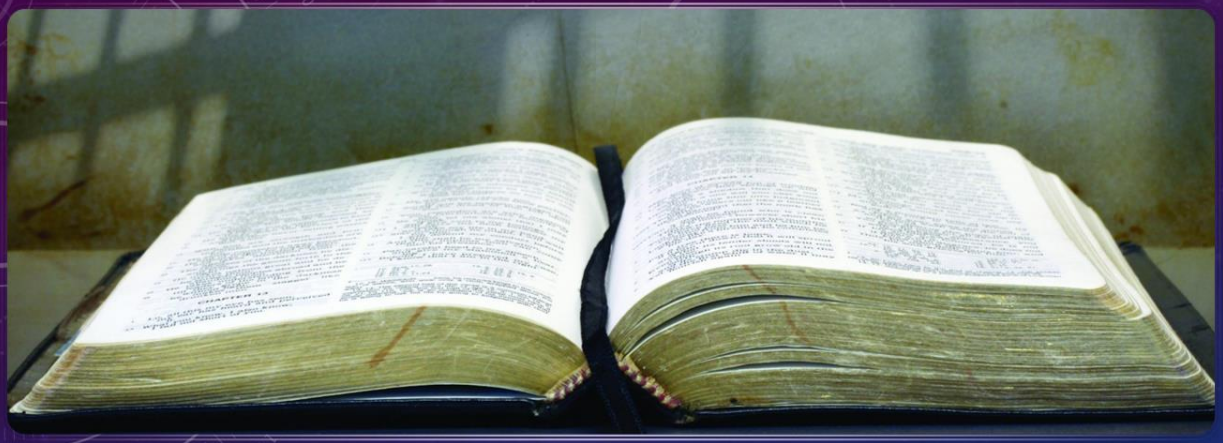
Weekly Online Devotional



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 8TH VOLUNTEERS!!

Greeter Ed & Betty	**All** Julia	**Scripture** Imran
Collection ushers	**Coffee Time** Melanie	**AV team** Jim & Vicki

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 8th…
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13



October 2026 Council Update

Hope you have been enjoying the lovely fall weather we are being blessed with.

Meeting Overview
Council approved the agenda, the minutes from the September meeting, and the September team reports before reviewing ongoing action items. As mentioned last month, the insurer had approved with limitations. The final coverage and scope issues have been resolved. A summary of the recommendations from the Property team and endorsed by Trustees will be provided for your review prior to the November 15, 2026 Congregational Meeting. Watch your eBlasts for the details.

Capital Project Planning
The ad hoc Capital Project Planning team presented a very through list of short-term and long-term fundraising and possible expense reduction ideas. The 5-year capital expense plan along with suggestions will be shared at the November 15, 2026 Congregational meeting.

Team Communications
The ministry teams have started to share what they have accountability for in the weekly eBlast. You would have heard from Finance, Trustees, Pastoral Care and Property to date. If you are interested helping on a team but uncertain where your talents would best align, please reach out to anyone on the team, Vicki or Rev Sadekie.

Upcoming Events
Council reviewed the calendar for the coming year. *Please note these key dates*:

- November 6 – King Davis Band Concert; tickets are available
- November 14 and 15 – Take-out Chili Dinner; tickets are available
- December 4 and 5 – Apple Pies!
- December 20 – Musical Christmas celebration
- February 9 – Tentative Pancake Tuesday; volunteers are needed to lead the event. If you and a group of friends are available, please let Council know.
- February 10 – Ash Wednesday

Looking Ahead
Council will continue following up on the insurance claim, developing the capital-project plan, and strengthening community visibility and participation in alignment with the "Towards 2035" vision. Our next Council meeting is December 9, 2026.
Questions, comments, or suggestions? Please reach out to anyone on Council — we'd be happy to hear from you.



We welcome Neill Kernohan who will be leading Ministry of Music on Nov 8th and Nov 15th .



THERE WILL BE NO CHOIR PRACTICE ON THURSDAY NOV 12 AND THURSDAY NOV 19.

Choir will sing on all Sundays.

Be Calm & Carry On:
Wellness Workshop in support of Sharon-Hope

A self-care spa workshop that combines gentle movement from sitting and standing (Yoga & Qigong), guided meditations, breathing exercises, and other calming techniques.



Needed by November 8th
Someone to act as contact person to Sheila Cook (daughter of Rob & Laurie)

Any Questions?
Please contact Melanie





Support Women and Girls in our Community by providing them with New or Gently Used Purses filled with necessities.

Check out the poster on the Mission & Service bulletin board for all the info.

We are collecting donations **<u>until November 15th.</u>**
All items can be deposited in the pink bin in the hallway.


Upcoming
Events


PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!

SHARON-HOPE UNITED CHURCH

IS EXCITED TO

Welcome!

THE KING DAVIS Band



An amazing cover band that excels in performing songs from:

STEVIE WONDER • DAVID BOWIE

THE BEATLES • MICHAEL JACKSON

and many more!

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 6TH
2026

STARTS AT
7:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:20 PM

TICKETS
$35
PER PERSON



GET YOUR TICKETS *Here!!*

https://forms.gle/iiuyyExaNRrpeFoX8

Refreshments will be served
DURING INTERMISSION.



Place Your Take Out Order by November 10

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!

A Message from Finance

September: A Month of Celebration, Community, and Progress

September marked a wonderful return to regular worship following the summer holidays. It was a busy and exciting month, with the launch of a new kindergarten-age program operated by our tenant, Ignited Learning Centre Inc. The program runs Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We also celebrated 159 years of faithfulness as a community of faith. It was a wonderful worship service and anniversary celebration, filled with gratitude for the many blessings we have received as members of Sharon-Hope United Church. Many people expressed their thankfulness through generous financial gifts. What a wonderful and resilient community of Christians we are!

Celebrating 159 Years Through Generosity

People shared their joy in being part of our church community by contributing to our special 159th Anniversary donation. We are deeply grateful to everyone who chose to mark this milestone through their generosity.

A very special thank-you goes to one individual who shared exceptionally generously from their financial blessings, contributing nearly half of the $9,000 received on Anniversary Sunday. This remarkable gift made an extraordinary difference to our September finances and our overall financial position for the year.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make this anniversary celebration so meaningful. Your generosity is a wonderful expression of the faith, commitment, and caring spirit that make Sharon-Hope United Church such a special community.

September Financial Update: Moving in the Right Direction

September ended with a surplus of $6,600! Even more encouraging, our accumulated deficit since January decreased from $28,874 to $22,250. While we still have work to do, these results show that we are moving in the right direction. Every donation, fundraising effort, and act of generosity helps strengthen our financial position and supports the ongoing ministry of our church.

Spreading the Word and Supporting Our Fundraisers

Please continue to share the good news about what is happening at Sharon-Hope United Church with your friends, neighbours, and everyone you meet.

There are many ways to help spread the word about our fundraising events, including sharing posters by email, posting them on Facebook and Instagram, placing them on community mailboxes where permitted, and talking about upcoming events with others.

Our fundraisers are an important part of our plan to support our ministries and reduce the operating deficit. Every effort, no matter how small, makes a difference.

Thank you for your continued generosity, enthusiasm, and support. Together, we can build on this positive momentum and continue the wonderful work of Sharon-Hope United Church!

With gratitude and blessings,
Your Finance Team

	Year-to-date September		
Sharon-Hope United Church	**2026**		**2025**
Income & expense summary	**Actual**	**Budget**	**Actual**
Income	$	$	$
Donations	79,848	76,296	79,680
All other sources	73,339	72,620	77,245
Total income	153,187	148,916	156,925
Expense			
Total expense	175,437	186,894	176,218
Operating deficit before the following	**(22,250)**	(37,977)	(19,293)
Count Me In Special Gifts	-	-	15,504
Operating DEFICIT	(22,250)	(37,977)	(3,789)
OPERATING SURPLUS, DECEMBER 31, 2025	18,921		
OPERATING DEFICIT, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026	(3,329)		
	$	$	$
MISSION & SERVICE	6,761	7,500	6,673



SIGN UP FOR COFFEE TIME!!

Sign Up Sheet located outside the Kitchen.





CARING CRAFTERS

Check Out Our Library!!

Thank you for your donations.

Please remember the book sale is for **Novels Only**.

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

Week at a Glance – November 8th to November 14th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 8	Nov 9	Nov 10	Nov 11	Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 14
		Rev Sadekie in Office		**Rev Sadekie in Office**	**Rev Sadekie in Office**	Take Out Chili Dinner Pick Up 2pm-4:30pm
				Lectionary 11am Lounge		
SHUC Worship 10 - 11am Sanctuary or Click for ZOOM	Kindergarten Class 8:30am-3:30pm Outside / Nursery **(MONDAY-FRIDAY)**	Celebration of Life Susan Brown-Krueger 10am Visitation 11am Service		KITCHEN BLOCKED OFF 11am-4pm	KITCHEN BLOCKED OFF 11am-4pm	
Sharon Village Bible Church 1 - 5pm Building	Hope & Healing 1:15pm – 3:15pm Lounge			SHUC Celebration Choir 7pm-9:30pm Sanctuary		
	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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