



SILOAM SPIRIT

SPRING 2026



Young At Heart, Dreams Come True Music Studio & Community of Faith Musical Theatre raise money for I Am Resolve Foundation

Upcoming Events

- APRIL 18: *MATILDA JR., DREAMS COME TRUE MUSIC STUDIO*
- APRIL 25: *HAM & SCALLOPED POTATO DINNER*
- APRIL 26: *BE OUR GUEST: A DISNEY CELEBRATION, FCS*
- MAY 2: *YARD SALE*
- JUNE 6: *CHICKEN BBQ*
- JUNE 7: *THE BORN AGAIN IDENTITY, COMMUNITY OF FAITH*
- JUNE 20: *H.E.A.T. DINNER & THEATRE EVENT*

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From the Minister's Desk

“Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him, ‘Rabbouni!’”

John 20:16

Dear Friends in Faith,

As we enter the season of Easter, we are invited again into the mystery of resurrection, a time that holds both the weight of what has been and the quiet promise of new life unfolding. It is a season that does not rush us, but meets us where we are, reminding us that even in places of uncertainty or weariness, God is at work bringing renewal.

I hope this finds you well, whether you are currently navigating a season of frantic busyness or a rare moment of stillness. Many of us arrive here carrying more than we expected, feeling the weight of unfinished tasks alongside the subtle energy of new beginnings. Yet even amidst the complexities of our schedules and the heaviness some days may bring, the season continues its steady turn. If we pause long enough to stand still in these early days of spring, we can feel the earth softening beneath our boots - a quiet testament to the persistent life that returns in its own time.

We often spend our lives waiting for resurrection to arrive with the clarity of a thunderclap, expecting a sudden burst of certainty to wash away our doubts. However, the reality of the Gospel suggests that resurrection more often begins in the dark - in the confusion of grief and in the simple, faithful act of caring for what we believe has been lost. When Mary Magdalene walked toward the tomb, she was not searching for a miracle; she was simply going to tend to an ending.

In our own lives, we may find that resurrection unfolds in ways we do not immediately recognize, revealing itself not through grand explanations but through something deeply personal ... a voice, a name spoken, a moment of recognition that meets us where we are. It is profound to remember that when Christ returned, he did not come to undo the cross or erase its memory; rather, he came bearing its marks, showing us that the story of faith does not skip over loss but moves directly through it.

From the Minister's Desk

Death is a reality we all face, yet the Gospel assures us it does not have the final word. We are invited to seek the risen Christ not only in the spectacular, but in the gardens of our ordinary lives - in the courage required to begin again and the tenderness we offer one another when answers are nowhere to be found. This is how we learn to live together in community: not by achieving perfection, but by remaining faithful to one another along the way.

As this season unfolds, let us focus on gathering, listening, and making space for one another, trusting that God is at work even in the hidden places we cannot yet see. May you begin to notice the steady signs of life returning in your ordinary moments and find the courage to meet each day with hope.

My prayer for you this Easter is that it unfolds gently, allowing you to witness the small signs of life rising again. May you rest in the knowledge that, in Christ, even now, love holds you fast, and life is held in God's eternity.

Rev. Christina Crawford



A Message from the Voluntary Associate Minister

As you may recall, I served as Siloam's Voluntary Associate Minister, alongside Rev. Ann Corbet when she was our Interim Minister. This position must be re-considered every time there is a change in Pastoral Relations. With Pastor Christina's encouragement and a recommendation from Church Council, the Pastoral Relations Committee of the Antler River Watershed Region approved the request that I once again fill the role of Voluntary Associate Minister for this Community of Faith. In this capacity, I will be sharing in worship leadership with Pastor Christina, offering pulpit supply when she is on Vacation/Study Leave, presiding at the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism, officiating weddings with my license from the Province of Ontario, providing pastoral care, and facilitating occasional studies. Even though I retired from the churches I was serving, I still feel a strong call to ministry and I am truly blessed to serve my church family in this way.

In Christ's service,

Mary

Mary Dillon

Voluntary Associate Minister



A Taste of Siloam's Story

As we share this recipe from Siloam's 150th anniversary cookbook, we are reminded that our story has always been shaped not only in worship of God, but around tables and through the everyday acts of community life. This recipe is one small piece of that story, offered with gratitude for those who came before us and for the community we continue to build together.

Siloam's roots reach back to 1857, when a small log church first stood at the corner of Fanshawe Road and Highbury Avenue. In those early years, the congregation was closely connected to the Tolpuddle Martyrs - Methodists who came to Canada seeking a new beginning and helped build a community grounded in faith and resilience.

Over time, the church grew and moved to its present home on Fanshawe Park Road East in 1988, on land generously sold for one dollar - a quiet sign of the spirit of generosity that continues today.

Submitted by Terry Fieldhouse



RECIPE CARD

MAPLE SYRUP MUFFINS

Sue & Sylvia Bullas 

INGREDIENTS

- ¼ cup margarine or butter
- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 ¼ cups flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- ¾ cups rolled oats (not instant)
- ½ cup milk
- ½ cup maple syrup
- Glaze
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- ½ cup icing sugar
- 1 Tbsp. maple syrup

MADE WITH LOVE


DIRECTIONS

Soften butter; add sugar and salt.
 Add flour and baking powder and make crumbly.
 Add oats.
 Blend maple syrup and milk in measuring cup. Pour over dry ingredients to moisten.
 Put into muffin tin sprayed with Pam.
 Bake at 350°F for 20 minutes.
 While warm pour glaze over top (if desired).

Makes 9 large muffins.

NOTES

This is a recipe from the *Come and Cook with Us* cookbook we made in 2007 for our 150th anniversary at Siloam.



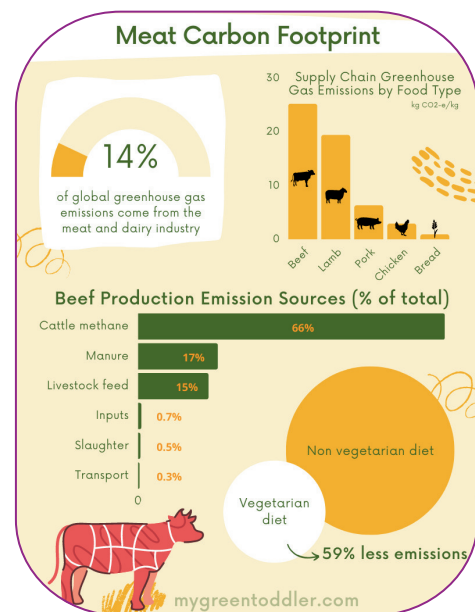
Greener Home

THE FOOD WE EAT

In a previous article, I challenged you to think about, and try to reduce, the amount of food we all waste and throw in the garbage. In this article, I want to look at the environmental impact of where our food comes from. We have a wide variety of food available to us nowadays and all of it comes to us from our “Mother Earth”. But at what cost?

The average person in Ontario eats and drinks about 2 kilograms of food and beverages every day. A lot of that food travels thousands of kilometers before it makes it to our grocery store shelves. Generally, the farther our food has to travel, the more manpower, fossil fuel consumption and carbon emissions that are required to get it to our table.

As well, there are other unseen costs like the carbon emissions from the highly mechanized means of production, and the processing, packaging and retailing of our food products. Another thing to think about is the type of food you are eating. Some foods are responsible for much greater greenhouse gas emissions than others. Fruits, vegetables and grains all produce a fraction of the emissions than meat, particularly beef. A 2019 report from the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario states that “the most effective single action to reduce GHG emissions from the average Ontario diet is to reduce beef consumption.”



Now I’m not a vegetarian, and probably never will be, but I do have a genuine concern for the amount of meat that Canadians consume and I think it is important that we all begin to cut back. I realize that this could be a real challenge to you “meat-lovers” out there, but it doesn’t have to be an unpleasant experience. With a few tricks, some creativity and a little psychology, you’ll hardly notice that you are eating less meat.

I’ve been rationing meat in my household for years. At first I did it to save money. As time went on I realized that we really didn’t need to eat more meat, and in fact it was better for us and the environment to continue to eat less.

Greener Home



IDEAS TO HELP YOU CUT BACK ON YOUR MEAT CONSUMPTION:

- Eat more one-dish meals. Dishes like spaghetti, lasagna, chili, pizza, stew, soup and many Asian dishes can be nutritious, delicious and feed a whole family with very little meat
- Cut meat into thinner slices and/or smaller pieces. Most people think in terms of quantity rather than looking at the size of the portion.
- Add filler like bread crumbs, mashed potatoes or rice to ground meat
- Occasionally have meat free meals. Try starting a new tradition of meat free Mondays.
- Eat pork, poultry, fish or eggs more often to cut back on beef consumption
- Worried that if you serve less meat people will still be hungry? Serve warm buns or biscuits with dinner or some fresh fruit for dessert

HOW CAN YOU REDUCE “FOOD MILES” AND PRODUCTION COSTS?

- Purchase local products in season
- Freeze or preserve the local produce to be able to use it in winter
- Have a garden and grow your own food
- Be aware of and eat more locally grown food that is still available in the winter like apples, potatoes, carrots, turnips, cabbage, sweet potatoes, maple syrup, cheese, and hot house cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers and lettuce.
- Eat more whole foods and avoid processed foods
- Read labels so you know what you are eating and where it is coming from

If you become more aware of where your food comes from and what it is made of, chances are that not only will our Earth be healthier, so will you.

~ Maria Prohaska



Recently at Siloam ...

LENTEN PROJECT



Our Lenten Project in support of Anova raised a combined total of almost \$4,000 from monetary donations and a bake sale put on by Young at Heart, Dreams Come True Music Studio, and Community of Faith Musical Theatre. We also gratefully received plenty of Easter goodies, essentially needed items and Mine 101 donations. If you're looking to further support Anova, check out Mine 101, a thrift store that specializes in second hand women's clothing, accessories and jewelry. Anova does excellent work and we are happy to partner with them. Thank you to everyone who contributed!



Recently at Siloam ...

EASTER BLESSINGS

As is our custom, a few dedicated crafters gathered to design and create a unique Easter card that is sent to those named on the pastoral list. This year sixty-three cards were signed sealed and delivered letting the folks know they are thought of frequently by their Siloam friends.

Thank you to the Rose Birrell Group for supporting this endeavour.



HOSPITALITY MEAL

On Saturday, January 10th, some of our amazing volunteers served meals at St. John the Evangelist. Some of the folks from St. Jude's shared their expertise at using the bread slicing (thanks Sheila & Andy!) and we had 69 dine-in and 85 take-outs. The meal looked delicious, consisting of chicken casserole, salad, roll, hot and cold beverages and banana and cookies for dessert.

**WELL DONE SILOAM!
YOU MADE US PROUD!**

Looking to the Future

As we engage with the UCC's toward 2035 initiatives, we'll be creating space for a few simple conversations within our life together, some during worship, and one with our Young at Heart group, where we can share what matters most to us, what we're noticing, and what we hope for the future as we look forward to 2035.

Our first conversation will take place on Sunday, April 12, during the Reflecting on the Word time in our worship gathering.

This isn't about making decisions or having all the answers. It's about listening - to one another to our shared experiences, that we may discern what God might be calling us towards next.

As always, you are welcome to participate in whatever way feels right for you - speaking, listening, or simply holding the questions quietly. We trust that God is already at work among us.

Christina Crawford
Minister



HEAT Committee News

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

As you likely know by now, HEAT is an amalgamation of the Healing & Wellness and Adult Education Committees, as well as the Affirming Team.

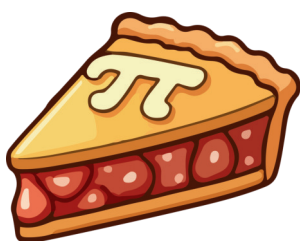
World Day of Prayer is held on the 1st Friday of March, bringing people together around the world, generally at 2:00 p.m., so that we are all praying at the same time. This year's service was prepared by the women of Ethiopia based on Matthew 11:28-29, "Come to me all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." The service in our area was hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church on Oxford at Colborne. Plans are already underway to mark the 100th year of World Day of Prayer in 2027, to be hosted by St. John's the Evangelist Anglican Church at the corner of Wellington and St. James.



PIE DAY

You may recall from your Math or Physics courses that the Greek number π (spelled out as pi) is 3.14159 and refers to the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. The number goes on to infinity, and I'm told that there are no patterns within the stream of numbers. There is even a day to celebrate this, held on March 14 each year.

In more recent years, **National Affirming PIE Day** is celebrated on March 14 (and in churches, on the closest Sunday) each year. P.I.E. stands for **Public, Intentional, Explicit Inclusion** of 2SLGBTQIA people, promoting a welcoming and inclusive community. The day aims to affirm the rights and dignity of 2SLGBTQIA Individuals and encourages communities to celebrate and support their diversity.



We will hold an intergenerational service on June 7th. Pride Sunday is scheduled for June 14th. Watch for more details in the announcements and the e-blast for that Sunday.

HEAT Committee News

HEAT DINNER & THEATRE NIGHT

Lynn McClary, the current Chair of HEAT, has invited all who are interested to buy a ticket for the musical, *42nd Street*, at the Huron Country Playhouse on June 20th.

A potluck supper will be held after the play at Lynn and Pete's nearby cottage. All welcome!



This year's Pride Parade will be held on Sunday, July 19th. Siloam members and friends have joined other London United Churches for many years in walking the parade route or riding on the McClary's trailer. Come join us and show your support for our 2SLGBTQIA community! Details of the parade route and timing will be forthcoming.

We are hoping that people will make more of the knitted/crocheted hearts again to distribute along the parade route. You will find the crochet pattern in this newsletter; we are still looking for a better pattern for the knitted hearts. A tag is added to each heart with the words "God Loves You" as well as letting people know that the hearts are made and being given out by London United Churches. Tagging so many hearts is a huge task, and we'll be looking for helpers this year.

If you're interested in joining our Committee, please speak to one of our members: Lynn McClary (Chair), Heather Vosper, Janet Liefso, Anne Donkervoort, Pastor Mary, or Pastor Christina.

At our June 16th meeting, the HEAT Committee will be making plans for the Fall. Stay tuned!

HEAT Committee News

PRIDE - CROCHETED HEARTS

Crochet hearts for Pride are a vibrant, handmade symbol of love, visibility, and solidarity for the LGBTQ+ community. To make, create a Magic Circle slip stitch to join 3 double crochets, 3 half double crochet, 1 triple crochet, 3 half double crochets, and 3 double crochets. Slip stitch beside 1st slip stitch cut yarn leaving tail. Pull yarn to close Magic Circle but not tight. Sew in tail from last stitch being careful not to sew through Magic Circle yarn. Pull Magic Circle tight and sew in the end.



Sweetie♥KNIT♥Heart

MATERIALS: US size 6 (4 mm) needles
4.5 feet (1.5 m) yarn of choice
GAUGE is not critical to design

FINISHED SIZE: approx 1.125" (3 cms) wide x 1" (2.5 cms) high

SPECTRUM PATTERN SAMPLE: knit with Bernat Handicrafter 100% Cotton yarn.
SPECTRUM COLOUR SEQUENCE: robin egg, variegated blue/green, boston blue, hunter green, hunter, delft blue, country mauve, purple, variegated purples, country rose, country red, hot pink, shell pink, pumpkin, hot yellow, country yellow.

INSTRUCTIONS

CO 15 sts using Knitwise Long-tail Cast On method
(RS) Row 1: k1, p5, s2pp2, p5, k1 = 13 sts
Row 2: p2, k9, p2
Row 3: sl1 kwise, (ssk) 2x, s2kp2, (k2tog) 2x, sl1 pwise = 7 sts

— Cut Yarn —  — Weave in Ends —

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Stewardship at Siloam

MISSION & SERVICES

Becoming a parent or guardian is a life-changing, complex experience that doesn't have a one-size-fits-all answer. As kids, we looked to adults for guidance as we navigated the world with fresh eyes. Now, as adults, we recognize that we're still figuring things out as we go, and there's always an opportunity to grow our skills and minds.

In London, Ontario, Mission and Service partners with the London Community Chaplaincy as they respond to parents and guardians who want to build a network of support, share the parenting journey, and develop new skills as they navigate raising children in a low-income setting. Together, these parents are working hard to build a positive future for their children and families.

Each week, London Community Chaplaincy provides a welcoming and safe social setting for adults to connect and grow as parents. Not only do they learn how to guide a child through critical stages of development, but also how to navigate being a parent or guardian while managing financial stress, food insecurity, housing complications, and more. Gathering with other adults in a similar situation allows participants to share their struggles and triumphs, further building a sense of community.

Your gifts to Mission and Service support partnerships like the London Community Chaplaincy as they help empower parents along the parenting journey. Thank you.



London Community Chaplaincy

**GOD'S MISSION
OUR GIFTS**

Outreach Committee News

ELUCO

ELUCO (East London United Church Outreach) is a collaborative community outreach initiative based in London, Ontario, formed by several local United Church congregations. Its mission focuses on providing essential support to vulnerable community members through various grassroots programs.

Donations to ELUCO of the following non-edible items greatly appreciated:

- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Body Wash
- Diapers
- Toothbrushes



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Home Improvement Project this spring?



Supporting Siloam through everyday shopping has never been easier with *FundScrip*. When you purchase gift cards for your regular shopping needs, a percentage of each purchase goes directly to support Siloam. It's a seamless way to contribute without spending extra money.



Young At Heart



YOUNG AT HEART

Sunday mornings are a making memories time at Siloam because our Young At Heart Family gathers together to celebrate faith, friendship and fun! We are an all ages, all abilities community. All welcome! Come join us in the library at 10 a.m. and you will witness this beautiful group! We explore scripture and then present our learnings to the congregation and beyond.

Outside of our Sunday mornings, we collaborated with Dreams Come True Music Studio, Community Of Faith Musical Theatre and Western University New Horizons Band- London, Ontario for a February 15 Benefit Concert for The I Have Resolve Foundation. Jennine and John visited us to share about this meaningful organization! We were thrilled to raise \$2500 for I Have Resolve Foundation! Thank you to all who came out to witness the power of inclusion and support.

Allison O'Connor





COMMUNITY OF FAITH MUSICAL THEATRE

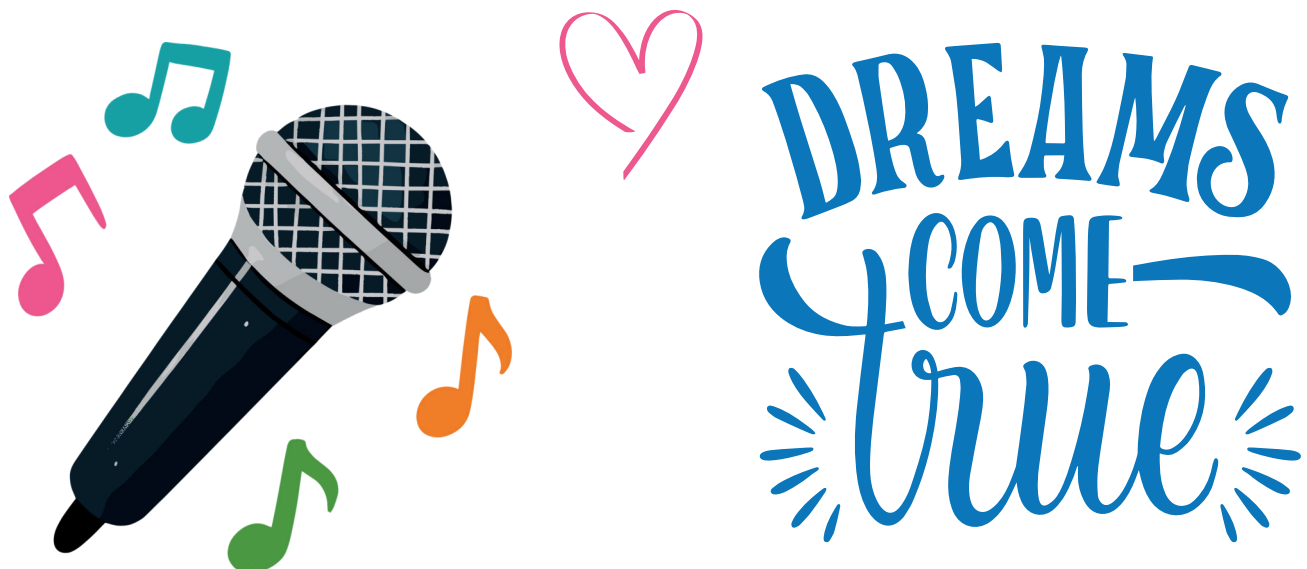
Community Of Faith Musical Theatre is grateful to Siloam for providing rehearsal and performance space. This all ages, all abilities organization was created as an extension of Dreams Come True Music Studio. We perform faith based musicals and are presently rehearsing the musical, ***The Born Again Identity*** which will be showcased on June 7 at 2:00 p.m. at Siloam. Come see musical theatre in action as we share God's message through Music together! #inclusion #faith #music

DREAMS COME TRUE MUSIC STUDIO

Dreams Come True Music Studio is grateful to Siloam for providing rehearsal and performance space for our DCT Family! We are deep into rehearsals for our upcoming musical, ***Matilda Jr.*** Get your tickets for April 18 and come witness what true, meaningful inclusion looks like. We have been busy performing in the community and look forward to continuing to share our passion for inclusion.

It's Possible. Anything's Possible. #inclusion #abilitiesfirst #singyoursong

And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.



Upcoming Events

HAM & SCALLOPED POTATO DINNER

Ham & Scalloped Potato Dinner

with homemade pie for dessert

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
6 PM**

**SILOAM UNITED CHURCH
1240 FANSHAWE PARK RD. E., LONDON, ON N5X 3Z8**

\$25 per person

Advance Ticket Sales Only

**Tickets available at the church office:
Call: 519.455.9201 or email office@silouamunitedchurch.org**



Upcoming Events

HEAT DINNER AND THEATRE NIGHT

HEAT PRESENTS

THEATRE AND DINNER NIGHT

Join us for food, friendship, and **42nd Street!**

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

*1pm Show at Huron Country Playhouse
5pm Potluck Dinner at McClary's Cottage*

If you are coming, kindly let Lynn know
by email arvalynn@gmail.com or phone 519.859.4982



TICKETS

Online @ Huron Country Playhouse
Phone @ 1.855.372.9866
1:00 PM Show

HURON COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE

70689 B Line, Grand Bend, ON N0M 1T0

MCCCLARY'S COTTAGE

71319 Elm St, Bluewater, ON N0M 1N0

Upcoming Events

FOREST CITY SINGERS

Forest City Singers
invite you to
Be Our Guest:
A Disney Celebration

Sunday, April 26 at 2:30 PM
Siloam United Church
1240 Fanshawe Park Rd E
519 455-9201

Advance Tickets \$20
at Church or Long & McQuade North
Children 12 and under FREE
Tickets may be available at the door

forestcitysingers@outlook.com
<https://forestcitysingers.ca>



Upcoming Events

YARD SALE

Time to get ready for our annual spring yard sale on **Saturday, May 2nd!!** Take advantage of your spring cleaning to find some gems you no longer use. Don't skip your linen closet! Do you have a neighbour getting ready to downsize? Why not offer to take their "gems" off their hands?

Sign up sheets will soon be available for volunteers!



A pink rectangular graphic with rounded corners. In the top left corner is a circular icon of a white dove with a cross on its chest, set against a purple and blue background. The text "Yard Sale Donations" is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline, centered on a teal, cloud-like background. Below this, in smaller purple text, it says "Gratefully accepting used items in good condition. Small furniture only, no heavy exercise equipment, electronics in good working order, no encyclopedias." At the bottom, it says "Drop Off Monday, April 27 - Wednesday, April 29 9am - 4pm" in yellow text with a black outline. There are also several small white stars and a green wavy line on the right side of the graphic.

Upcoming Events

CHICKEN BBQ



Save the date! The annual chicken barbecue will be held on **Saturday, June 6th**. Siloam has been hosting this fundraiser for over 50 years and as always, **we need lots of volunteers** working together to ensure the success of this event.

Tickets will be available in early May and more information to come as we get closer to the date.

**CHICKEN
BBQ**

SAT. JUNE 6

5PM - 7PM

**TICKETS
AVAILABLE IN MAY**

SAVE THE DATE

**SILOAM UNITED CHURCH
1240 FANSHAWE PARK RD. E.,
LONDON, ON N5X 3Z8**

Upcoming Events

MATILDA JR.

Dreams Come True Music Studio presents *Matilda Jr.* at Siloam on **Saturday, April 18th** at 1pm and 7pm. Get your tickets by scanning the QR code below or visiting the website. Thank you for your ongoing support!

EST. 2018
DREAMS COME TRUE MUSIC STUDIO

BOOK BY DENNIS KELLY
MUSIC & LYRICS TIM MINCHIN

DIRECTED BY ALLISON O'CONNOR
STAGE MANAGER MELINA DICARLO

ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda JR.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH, 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
TICKETS - \$25/PERSON

ON SALE - FEBRUARY 1ST, 12:00 PM
WWW.DREAMSCOMETRUEMUSICSTUDIO.CA

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COMMUNITY OF FAITH MUSICAL THEATRE
PROUDLY PRESENTS

THE BORN AGAIN IDENTITY

THE MYSTERIOUS ENCOUNTER BETWEEN NICODEMUS AND JESUS
CREATED BY ROB HOWARD · DAVID GUTHRIE

PERFORMANCE JUNE 7TH, 2:00 PM
SILOAM UNITED CHURCH

ADMISSION - \$10/PER PERSON AT THE DOOR

THE BORN AGAIN IDENTITY

Community of Faith Musical Theatre presents *The Born Again Identity*, at Siloam. The performance is on **Saturday, June 7th** at 2pm.

Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Upcoming Women's Events

ANTLER RIVER UCW (UNITED CHURCH WOMEN)

MARY DILLON, PRESIDENT

One of the hats I wear is that of President of the UCW (United Church Women) for the Antler River Watershed Region. Although Siloam does not have a UCW group, per se, we do have several women who are active in the Rose Birrell group and in our congregation. The events listed here are open to ALL women, and I do hope you will consider attending one (or more) of them.

The London/Middlesex UCW Annual Meeting will be held at Lambeth United Church on **Wednesday, April 22nd** from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Our guest speaker will be Nelia Amaral from Anova. There is no cost to attend and you do not need to pre-register. If you wish to donate something to Anova, Nelia says they are always in need, and appreciate receiving unscented laundry detergent, dish soap, toiletries, toilet paper, diapers, wipes, women's/children's PJ's, and hand soap.

Antler River UCW Annual Meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 18th** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Church, 60 West Street, St. Thomas. Our guest speaker is Paula Jesty from M I Understanding on the theme of "The Importance of Community and Early Intervention in Children's Mental Health." Musical entertainment by Jerome Thomas. The registration fee of \$35.00 includes lunch.

FUN IN THE SUN DAY

"Fun in the Sun Day" at Camp Kee-Mo-Kee will be held on **Monday, June 8th**. Enjoy a day out in nature (or indoors if it happens to be cool/rainy). There is no need to pre-register and your \$6.00 can be paid when you arrive. Bring a cold potluck dish to share (we do not have access to a stove/microwave), and your own dishes and cutlery. The day will include singing, fun and fellowship, workshops, a nature walk for those inclined to explore the trails and sharing in communion to close the day. A copy of the Camp's Wish List for 2026 is on the bulletin board. If you would like to donate something, but cannot attend the event on June 8th, Mary Dillon will deliver your item(s) for you.

Upcoming Women's Events

SUMMER EVENT

Summer Event, the annual women's retreat day for women (and their friends) from the Antler River Watershed Region, will be held at Siloam on **Saturday, July 18th**. Registration begins at 8:30 with the program starting at 9:00 a.m. This year's theme is "Sisters in Spirit: Sharing Our Faith Stories" with a woman from each of the three Abrahamic faiths to share their stories of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. Rev. Jennifer Prince, whom you will remember from her time here at Siloam, will speak on behalf of the Christian faith tradition. The volunteers in the Siloam kitchen always do a wonderful job of preparing a cold plate buffet lunch with a variety of salads including their very popular popcorn salad, meat, and desserts. The cost for the day is \$35.00 including your registration and lunch. Registration forms will be available soon.

Please speak with Pastor Mary Dillon for any additional information about any of these events, or to obtain registration forms.

Mary Dillon
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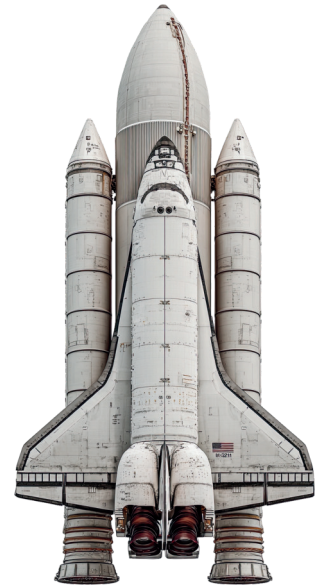
Londoner Goes To Space



JEREMY HANSEN, ASTRONAUT

On April 1, 2026, Jeremy Hansen launched as a crew member of the Artemis II mission, which is planned to conduct a lunar flyby. He became the **first non-American astronaut** to travel beyond low Earth orbit and, if the mission continues to be successful, the first to travel to the vicinity of the Moon.

Hansen was born in London, Ontario, and raised on a farm near Ailsa Craig, until moving to Ingersoll for his high school education. After graduating from Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute, Hansen attended the Royal Military College in Kingston, where he completed a Bachelor of Science (Honours) degree in space science in 1999 with First Class Honours. Hansen later completed a Master of Science degree in physics at the Royal Military College in 2000, with a research focus on the wide field of view satellite tracking.

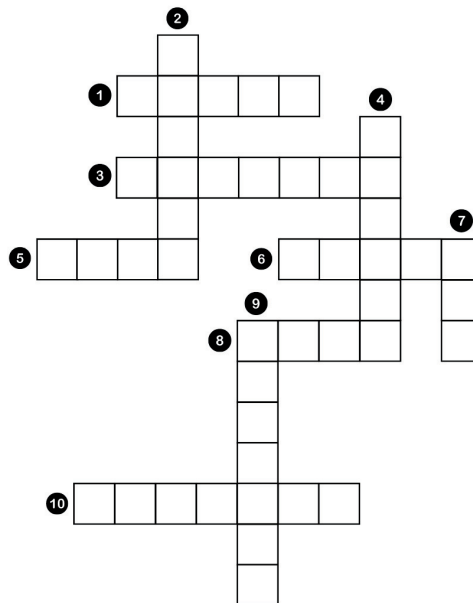


PLANETS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Look at the clues and write the correct words

- 1 It is the third planet.
- 2 It has bright rings.
- 3 It is the biggest planet.
- 4 It is the coldest planet.
- 5 It is a natural satellite. The Earth has one.
- 6 It is the hottest planet.
- 7 It is a star. The planets orbit it.
- 8 It is the rocky red planet
- 9 It is the smallest planet.
- 10 It is the farthest planet from the sun.



1. Earth 2. Saturn 3. Jupiter 4. Uranus 5. Moon 6. Venus 7. Sun 8. Mars 9. Mercury 10. Neptune