

GREENBANK / SEAGRAVE JOINT SESSION MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, January 22 at 2:30PM - hosted at Greenbank United Church

Attendance:

Greenbank: Barb Ward (Clerk), Pat Dwyer, Norm Ferguson, Wilma Smith

Seagrave: Betty Lou Beacock (Co-Clerk), Darlene Hallett

Ministers: Minister Ian Wilgus and Supervisor Reverend Anne Meredith

Regrets: Carla Puckrin, Hillary Balmer, Wendy Hudgins, Linda Buscher, Betty Somerville

Volunteer to take minutes of meeting: Pat

- **Call to order and welcome at 2:39PM by Barb Ward**
- **Opening Prayer by Ian Wilgus**
- ***Motion to adopt Agenda for this meeting by Betty Lou Beacock, seconded by Wilma Smith. Carried.***
- ***Motion to adopt minutes from September 17th 2025 by Betty Lou Beacock, seconded by Wilma Smith. Carried.***
- **Old Business / Tabled Items and Updates:** Emergency List update for Seagrave and Greenbank.
 - Chairs are looking at their respective lists
- **New Business:**
- **Greenbank Sunday School update:** Patrick
 - They had a successful Christmas Performance at the concert on Saturday, December 6
 - We were fortunate to have Junior Einsteins workshops on December 7 for a crystals workshop where children made an ornament for Christmas.
 - Two upcoming workshops are on February 1 (Bath Fizzers) and March 15 (Eggs for Easter)
 - The children's church camp is set for August 4 to 7. The theme is musical theatre, and we're hiring Travelling Stage to come work for two hours per day.
- **Greenbank Affirming update:** Patrick
 - No events recently
 - PIE Day is coming! The Affirming Committee will sell shepherd's pies prepared by the PPHS culinary program. We sell the pies to raise awareness about PIE Day - being Public, Intentional, and Explicit in our support of all people. See the e-blast for details on how to order or contact Pat Dwyer or another member of the Affirming Committee

- The Affirming Committee hopes to start hosting movie nights soon. The movies will be of interest to young families and seniors. More details to follow!
- The Greenbank Walkers are planning to participate in the Coldest Night of the Year Walk on February 28 th . The walk is in support of North House. Please join us for the walk beginning at Port Perry United Church at 5pm.
- The Affirming Committee will be hosting a Plant and Bake Sale will be on May 23 to support Travelling Stage. More information about the sale and ways to donate will be provided closer to the sale date.
- **Seagrave Church update:** Betty Lou or Wendy
 - 21 Things you Didn't Know about the Indian Act at Seagrave with 4 participants
 - Craft sale on November 20
 - Beef Supper on December 13 with a concert afterwards
 - Christmas Eve service was well attended
 - January 3 large funeral for Ken Sturman
- **Greenbank Church update:** Barb
 - Teresa Jordan resigned at end of September. Val Hunter filled in until Kyle Cullen filled in who is now music director from to end of May 2026
 - Busy fall with fundraising, including the Anniversary Dinner and Talent Auction
 - Evening of Singing with Irwin Smith
 - successful December 6 concert with many community members attending
 - Christmas eve service was well attended
- **Ian's update:** Healing Services, Messy Church services, Communion dates for the year, Black History Month, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Easter.
 - A request sent for continuing ed for August 11 to 17 so missing Sunday, August 16
 - Healing Services - talk to Rick and Linda and aiming for early February for Seagrave
 - will be once monthly at each church on a rotation. Occurs after regular service
 - re-visit in September to see if we'd like to continue it
 - communal with uplifting and holding in community and include a blessing if people would like it
- Messy Church - hoping for end of April in Greenbank as the first time
 - rotating basis between the churches

- encourage a meal as part of it
- Sunday evening or during the week
- exploration of a story through more of a hands-on
- most people have it on Friday evening
- once per month
- Black History Month
 - work with Kyle and Linda to look to spirituals to honour that tradition and how spirituals were used Black people
 - Hymn Sing at Seagrave - February 22
 - cutoff for hymn suggestions is February 15
 - still considering what to focus on during the sermon time
- Ash Wednesday to be in the afternoon
 - schedule around the AGM
- Good Friday - have signed for a station with the ministerial to participate in the walk
 - Good Friday evening service at Greenbank
 - Easter - trumpet player hopefully come again
 - service at Seagrave
- Easter Sunrise Service at Cemetery in Greenbank
- Communion Dates - discussion needed
 - one on Easter and one during lent at Greenbank
- Calls to Action from TRC at the beginning of the service
 - occurs during the Land Acknowledgment
- for Palm Sunday, should have some leaves ordered
- **Upcoming Dates:**
- January 18th – Second Sunday after Epiphany – Greenbank
- January 25th – Third Sunday after Epiphany – Seagrave
- February 1st – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany – Greenbank

- February 8th Fifth Sunday after Epiphany- Seagrave
- February 15th – Transfiguration Sunday – Greenbank
 - will acknowledge beginning of Lent during this service
 - Seasonal Introduction to Lent/Leading into Lent
- February 18th – Ash Wednesday – Seagrave
- February 22nd- First Sunday in Lent – Seagrave
 - Hymn Sing
- March 1st – Second Sunday in Lent – Greenbank
 - communion at Greenbank
 - AGM to follow
- March 8th – Third Sunday in Lent – Seagrave
- March 15th – Fourth Sunday in Lent – Greenbank
 - Junior Einsteins Workshop on Eggs
- March 22nd – Fifth Sunday in Lent – Seagrave
 - Affirming Anniversary Service
- March 29th – Palm Sunday – Greenbank
- April 3rd – Good Friday
 - evening service at Greenbank
- Ecumenical Good Friday Walk in Port Perry in morning.
 - have a station on the walk
- April 5th – Resurrection Sunday / Easter – Seagrave
 - will include communion
- Easter Sunrise Service at Bethel Cemetery in Greenbank 6 :30 am meet at Church.
- April 12th – Second Sunday of Easter – Greenbank
 - Holy Humour Sunday
- **Additional Business:**
 - **Updates on Cards from Darlene**

- since our last meeting, Darlene sent four sympathy cards and two get well cards as of January 13
- **E-blast - birthdays and anniversaries**
 - take a look at the list to ensure we're including everyone we should
- **Concern from Betty:**
 - use of pizza boxes with crafts for children at Seagrave
 - Rev. Anne: Brooklin United makes worship bags and modify them seasonally
 - colouring book, crayons, pencil, plain paper, workbooks, and sometimes toys
- **Session Appointments for 2026**
 - Seagrave
 - Linda Buscher would like to be removed
 - Darlene Hallett will continue to 2028
 - Greenbank
 - Hillary Balmer will be resigning from Greenbank Session
 - Barb Ward - will continue as clerk
- **Greenbank Session - Baptism Request**
 - for Barb Ward's Granddaughter, Leia Field
 - Date selected mother's day - Sunday, May 10
 - ***motion for Leia Field to be baptized on May 10 - motioned by Darlene Hallett, seconded by Norma Ferguson. Carried.***
- **Next meeting Date: Thursday, April 23 2pm at Seagrave**
- **Closing Prayer : Minister Ian Wilgus**
- **Motion to adjourn by Darlene Hallett**