

Seagrave Greenbank Session
August 27, 2026 - Greenbank UC

In Attendance: Chair Barb Ward, Darlene Hallett, Betty Lou Beacock, Eleanor Sturman, Betty Somerville, Carla Puckrin, Norma Ferguson, Wilma Smith, minister Ian Wilgus and Supervisor Rev Karen Croxall

Regrets: Wendy Hudgins, Patrick Dwyer

Barb welcomed everyone and Ian gave the opening prayer.

A motion to accept Agenda by Carla Puckrin, seconded by Eleanor Sturman. Carried
A motion to Adopt Minutes by Norma Ferguson, seconded by Darlene Hallett. Carried

Barb read a report from Patrick on a very successful church camp, with 28 kids attending with Travelling Stage providing the musical program. The children performed a short version of Moana at the end of the week. Many thanks to all the volunteers.

The SS Rally is September 13 with Deb Ward hosting a sewing workshop for the children. Please register before hand on the church website.

The Affirming Committee and Sunday School are hosting a Travelling Stage Program this fall starting September 20th, 1:00-3:00 pm. This is musical theatre for children ages 4-12. Please register children with the link on the church website. The program is partially funded by the Spring Plant Sale.

Affirming Committee - we are working on some new initiatives . We are looking for volunteers to help with movie nights if we can secure funding. The Affirming anniversary service is November 22 with speaker Brent Hawkes. Rev Hawkes is a gay rights activist and Clergyman at the Metropolitan Community Church

Food bank report from Deb Watson - It has been very busy. Lots of food has been donated. Short of cash as a full cart at Food Basics is \$330-\$350. Deb met a few people that came to the food bank and asked what kind of things they were interested in. People are thankful! She wishes we could be open all winter but need more funding for that.

Seagrave church update - Betty Lou Beacock

Betty Lou and Eleanor have been shopping and are putting out a container of things that kids could do during the service.

Greenbank church - Barb Ward

Kyle Cullen is returning to the piano/choir which we are all thrilled about.

Minister Ian Wilgus - ordination is 24th October in Brampton, 6:30 pm. All welcome!

Holidays Oct 26 - November 1. Continuing Ed Dec 25-Dec 31st

Messy Church - will continue to look into this further. It celebrates faith through creativity and hospitality. It is biblically based for all generations - church that is fun!

Communion - switch to gluten free rice crackers instead of bread. Try this and see how it goes.

Darlene Hallett brought up about the "boring" land acknowledgement. How about changing it up to stories about Indigenous individuals/groups? A discussion followed. Opinions varied. It is left up to Ian.

Wilma suggested that we stay seated during offering as sometimes we are singing before and after, and it is too long to stand for some of our seniors.

Ian Wilgus gave a closing prayer.

Next meeting - Thursday, November 5th, 2:00 at Seagrave

Adjournment at 3:21 by Betty Lou Beacock. Carried.

Dates to remember:

August 30 - Greenbank

September 6 - Seagrave

September 13 - Greenbank Rally Sunday

September 20 - Seagrave

September 27 - Greenbank Truth & Reconciliation Orange Shirt Day

October 4 - Seagrave World communion

October 11 - Greenbank Thanksgiving

October 18 - Seagrave Anniversary

October 25 - Greenbank Anniversary service; evening Dinner

November 1 - Seagrave All Saints Day

November 1 - Seven Hills Fiddle Concert at 2:00, Greenbank

November 7 - Seagrave Talent Auction

November 8 - Greenbank Remembrance Day

November 14 - Greenbank Talent auction

November 29 - Greenbank Sing Sing Sing with Irwin Smith, 2:00 pm

December 4 - Greenbank Christmas Concert

December 12 - Seagrave Christmas Delight - Dinner & Concert

