

Joint Seagrave/Greenbank Session Meeting - September 17 at 3pm - Seagrave United Church

Attendance:

Greenbank: Barb Ward, Wilma Smith, Carla Puckrin, Patrick Dwyer

Seagrave: Wendy Hudgins, Betty Lou Beacock, Betty Somerville, Minister Ian Wilgus, and Reverend Anne Meredith (Supervisor)

- **Opening:** Call to order and welcome by Barb
- Pat volunteered to take minutes
- Minister Ian Wilgus led us in opening prayer
- **Motion to adopt the minutes from June 25, 2025 meeting** by Carla Puckrin, second by Wilma Smith. Carried.
- Motion to adopt the by Betty Lou Beacock, seconded by Wendy Hudgins. Carried.
- **Old Business/Tabled Items and Updates:**
- Funeral and Wedding Policies for Greenbank Church and Seagrave Church have been approved by both the Local Boards and Unified Board.
- Safety Policy for Children's Ministry for Greenbank is approved by the Local Board and Unified Board.
- **Greenbank Sunday School update (Pat Dwyer):**
 - The Sunday School had a good Rally Sunday with outdoor games and pizza for all who attended. Pat noted that the Sunday School will have Junior Einsteins return for some science workshops throughout the year.
- **Greenbank Summer Camp update (Pat Dwyer):**
 - Summer camp was a success. The camp ran from August 5 to 8. Twenty-four children attended and enjoyed mornings filled with science workshops, games, crafts, and activities. Pat, Katie, and Traci are grateful for the help of the volunteers and the UCW who provided and served snacks all week.
- **Greenbank Affirming update (Pat Dwyer):**
 - The Affirming Committee will be meeting on September 29. While we plan to continue our previous activities, we are hoping to expand our work. There will be a

special guest on November 23 for our Affirming Anniversary Service: Reverend Dr. Cheri DiNovo.

- **Seagrave Church update: Wendy Hudgins**

- The church is redoing the front step to make it safer and more accessible. There has been some pastoral care occurring and more prayer shawls coming soon

- **Minister Ian's Update:**

- **Summer Taize Services:** The Seagrave service did not have any congregants but Greenbank had four attend. It was a small but meaningful service. Minister Ian hopes to do it again next summer.
- **Seagrave Anniversary:** There will be a panel discussion in place of the reflection with three people from the congregation.
- **Healing Services:** Ian is still exploring this option. looking into this option. One per month between the two congregations (e.g. Greenbank Month A, Seagrave month B, etc.) and will rotate. They will start 45 minutes after the Sunday service to ensure privacy.
- **21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act Study Group:** begins on September 28 at Greenbank
 - Dates and locations can be found in the e-blast. Alternating between Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings.
 - copies of the book are available if needed
- **Truth and Reconciliation Orange Shirt Day Service:** - guest speaker from Mississauga of Scugog Island who will have 20 minutes at the service
- **Continuing Education Weeks:** October 22 to 28 and Advent Retreat from December 1 to 7
- Minister Ian will be licensed to complete communion for December service

- **Upcoming Dates:**

- September 21st – Seagrave Church Anniversary and also United Church of Canada 100th Anniversary
 - Seagrave - would like another service with an opportunity to light a candle for someone

- September 28th – Truth and Reconciliation Orange Shirt Day in Greenbank with guest Aqua Nibii Waawaaskone.
- October 5 - world communion Sunday - Mary Margaret will assist
- October 12th – Thanksgiving Sunday in Greenbank
- October 19th- Seagrave service
- October 26th- Greenbank Church Anniversary with Reverend Les Hills. Also a Ham and Scalloped Potato dinner in the evening to celebrate the Anniversary. Tickets for dinner will be available soon.
- November 2nd- Seagrave service
- November 9th – Remembrance Day Service in Greenbank with guest Shona Stone playing bagpipes.
- November 16th – Seagrave service
- November 23rd – Affirming Sunday in Greenbank with guest speaker Reverend Dr. Cheri DiNovo.
- November 30 Service at Seagrave: First Sunday of Lent.
- November 30 Service at Greenbank - Sing Sing Sing - Irwin will play and lead us in singing. The words will be on the screen. Tickets will be \$20.
- December 7 - Les will be preaching
- December 14 - no special plans made
- December 21 - communion - Minister Ian will have license for that date
- December 24 - Seagrave will have usual activities with wagon ride from 4pm to 5pm with service to follow. Greenbank will have Christmas eve service at 7:30pm
- December 28 - Seagrave
- January 4 - Greenbank - Epiphany Sunday
- January 11 - Seagrave

- **Upcoming Events:**

- UCW Event: lunch on October 3 at 11:30 at Haugens in Manchester and 2pm appointment to see the witness blanket in Cannington at Trinity United Church.
- October 31 - will be giving out candy at Greenbank on Halloween. Same with Seagrave
- November 1 - Talent Auction at Greenbank
- November 22 - Seagrave Talent Auction
- November 29 - Seagrave Craft Sale
- December 6 - Believe in the Spirit of Christmas - local talent music, Sunday school kids involved, and puppet show

- **Next Meeting Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2026 - 2pm

- **Closing Prayer by Minister Ian**

- **Motion to adjourn by Betty Sommerville** - carried