

On -The -Horizon Newsletter

Kemble-Sarawak,
Zion-Keppel
United Churches

January 2026

Happy New Year!

May 2026 bring joy louder than your worries
and may happiness sneak up on you daily.
And remember to begin January 1st by lifting
your left leg. That way you'll start off the
New Year on the right foot!
May your year be light, bright, and full of fun.

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Monthly newsletter of
Kemble-Sarawak United
announcements in by the
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Church Location:
crossroad of Kemble Rock
Road & Concession 20,
Kemble, ON N0H 1S0

**Worship Every
Sunday 10:30 a.m.**

Website: kszkunited.com

Rev. Heather McCarrel
Hours: Sun. – Thurs.
Pastoral Emergency?
Phone: 519-270-8545

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(See John 2:1-11)

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HEY JESUS, I HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY ... I'M BRINGIN'
LOTS OF WATER

Land Acknowledgement

We formally acknowledge the Territory of the Anishinabek Nation:
The People of the Three Fires known as Ojibway, Odawa, and
Pottawatomie Nations. And further give thanks to the Chippewas of
Saugeen, and the Chippewas of Nawash, known collectively as the
Saugeen Ojibway Nation, as the traditional keepers of this land.

A Note From The Minister

Happy New Year! I hope this OTH finds everyone well as we step into 2026. We gathered as a Faith Community on Christmas Eve to enjoy a musical celebration. We were thrilled with the arrival of close to 80 folks who joined us! Thank you to Mary Ellen Parsons who not only played for the duration of the service but also led the church choir through two beautiful Anthems and accompanied Jennie Hoestra who gifted us with an amazing solo. We also thank Kerolyn Moran and her daughter, granddaughter and daughter-in-law who ensured everyone received a candle and a bulletin. Each of the children also received a "Happy Birthday" party blower, a star shaped glow stick and a special activity bulletin. We also thank the Elders (past & present) for their leadership during the service: Fred Parsons, Kerolyn Moran, and Leanne Sutherland. It was a spirit filled service that ended with the soft glow of the candle lit Silent Night.

Again on Sun. Dec. 28th we gathered for worship. We spent time with Simeon and Anna as they considered the consequences of the birth of Jesus for themselves and the world over 2000 years ago and what it means for us today. Thank you to Jennifer Gonder for greeting everyone and leading us through the scripture readings. I was surprised by how many joined us on this rainy morning and we shortened the service so to get everyone back home before the worse of the freezing rain covered the roadways.

At the end of December, it was announced that the OTH would be changing from a weekly newsletter to a monthly newsletter. There have been a few who have asked for an explanation for this change. I said I would offer some details in the January newsletter. As many of you may recall, I join the ministry of KSZK United on July 1st, 2021 at 26.4 hours weekly. By the spring of 2023 KSZK United found itself without an Office Administrator and I was asked to take on much of the Admin. responsibilities for a short while. Well, by January 2026 I am still doing this work which includes the creation and sending out of the weekly church newsletter, the weekly printing and crafting of the bulletins/worship power point, retrieving the church mail from the post office and distributing it, contacting the Scripture Readers and Greeters weekly as well as the compilation of the Board agenda, reports and the filing of its minutes. Combine these duties to my role as Minister of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care and my hours far exceed the 26.4 hours weekly. I do not mind offering some volunteer hours at KSZK United; however, it had become a bit too much given that I also work two days a week at the local hospice.

So, by creating the OTH monthly instead of weekly I am better able to attend to other aspects of this ministry. If you would like to help with any of the Admin. responsibilities please drop an email to kszkunited@gmail.com or speak with myself or John Beckett, Chair of the Ministry & Personal Committee.

2026 is shaping up to be an exciting year in the ministry of KSZK United! We will be having weekly Bible Study (weather permitting) on Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m., our weekly worship services along with Sunday School for the Children and the very talented Kemble-Sarawak United Church Choir. Mary Ellen Parsons, the Choir Director, is always glad to have new folks join the choir. The United Church Women (UCW) will be meeting the first Wed. of each month, the Kemble Women's Institute will continue to meet monthly, and the Kemble's Lion's Club will be meeting twice a month; each group welcomes new members. The Adhoc Nominations Committee will be busy filling vacancies in the Elders and Stewards; please prayerful consider joining the work of these committees.

The Kemble-Sarawak United Church's Annual General Meeting will be March 8th with March 15th as a snow date. Shrove Tuesday will be Feb. 17th, Maple Syrup Tour will be April 11th and already plans have begun for our Annual Easter Sunday Sunrise Service on the beach at Big Bay on April 5th.

If you would like a pastoral visit, I would be glad to hear from you. I can be reached at 519-270-8545 or revhmccarrel@rogers.com.

Hope to see you Sunday,
Rev. Heather McCarrel

Moderator's Christmas Message

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YfUKmKOH5LQ>



Holding In Our Prayers

**Roger & Virginia Martin
as Roger recuperates
at home following an
accident.**

**Holding you in our prayers and trusting
God will surround you with peace and
sustain you with love and care.**

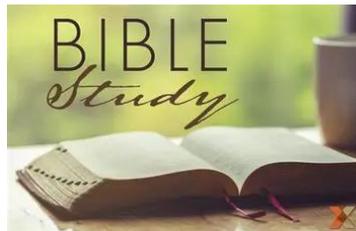
Support the On-Going Ministry of Kemble-Sarawak United Church

1. PAR: Interested in being on PAR? Contact Mary Beth Gray (Treasurer) at kemblemt1@gmail.com
2. E-Transfer Donations: accepted at kemsarunited@gmail.com
3. Envelope Giving: weekly envelopes are available. Contact kszkunited@gmail.com
4. One Time Donation to: Kemble-Sarawak United Church 319940 Kemble Rock Road, Kemble ON N0H 1S0



Bruce-Grey United Way

**\$848.00 was raised at the Christmas Eve Service
for the Bruce Grey United Way Utility Fund
Thank you to all who donated !**



**January Bible Study at Kemble-Sarawak United Church
Mondays 10:30 a.m. ~ ALL ARE WELCOME**

- Jan. 5th: In Praise of Faith Hebrews 11:1-16**
- Often we associate faith with feeling a certain way (for example: confident, bold, certain, doubt-free). What indicates that the people mentioned in this passage based their faith on something beyond emotional feelings?
 - How does your faith in God affect your attitude toward this world?
- Jan. 12th: Faith Under Construction Genesis 12:1-9**
- When Abraham had traveled some distance into Canaan, what additional promise and encouragement did God provide?
 - As he packed up and as he traveled, even when he arrived in Canaan, Abraham may have had doubts or questions about God's future fulfillment of his promises. Still Abraham kept acting in obedience. In what area of your life can you obey God in faith now, despite doubts or questions?
- Jan. 19th: Righteousness by Faith Romans 3: 19-26**
- What relationship do you see in this passage between law, faith, and righteousness?
 - In your own experience, what are some ways you have tried or are tempted to try, to earn God's approval?
- Jan. 26th Faith Without Fireworks 2 Kings 5:1-15**
- How did Elisha, the prophet, involve himself in Naaman's problem?
 - When have you wished that God would do something dramatic in response to your faith?



November's Bible Champ 2025

With the use of a chair, Bob Grey,
Chair of the Board, crowned the
latest Bible Champ, David
Anderson.

Congratulations David!!



KSZK UNITED IS LOOKING FOR A WIZARD!

Help is wanted in creating the weekly
Power Point for worship.

- This could count toward Community Hours
- 90% of the images are cut & pasted
- Special Mug can be arranged!!

Contact kszkunited@gmail.com for details

UCW NEWS

In January the Executive will meet and plan the 2026 programs.
The first UCW meeting will be Wednesday February 4th.

United Church Women

Kemble-Sarawak United Church

Greeters

JAN 4 & 11 KATHIE HUGHES
JAN. 18, 25 PAUL & CONNIE MORRIS
FEB. 1, 8 CARRIE & DAVE ANDERSON

Scripture Readers

JAN. 4 & 11, FRED PARSONS
JAN. 18, 25 PAUL MORRIS
FEB. 1, 8 DAVE ANDERSON

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Jan. 11	Leanne Sutherland	Sandy Barfoot	Mary MacKenzie
Feb. 8	Mavis Beckett	Colleen Danard	Mary Ellen Parsons

Worship for January 2026

Sunday
School
weekly

Sun. Jan. 4th, 2025

Epiphany
John 8:12-20
The Light Has Come:
Where Are Your Sunglasses?

Sun. Jan. 11th

John 3: 22-30
Jesus Who?
~ Fellowship~

Sun. Jan. 18th

Matthew 21:33-46
Sour Grapes or Sweet Jams?

Sun. Jan. 25th

1 Corinthians 15:51-58
House Builders

The January 2025 Calendar at KSZK United

please contact Kerolyn Moran at kerolynmoran@hotmail.com

- Sun. Jan. 4th: Kemble-Sarawak United's Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
 Zion-Keppel United's Worship Service: 1:00 p.m.
- Mon. Jan. 5th: Bible Study 10:30 & Lion's Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Sun. Jan. 11th: Kemble-Sarawak's Worship : 10:30 a.m.
- Mon. Jan. 12th: Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.
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- Mon. Jan. 26th: Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.



2026 Offering Envelopes

Have arrived and are ready for pick up.

They are located inside lobby by parking lot doors.

Announcements

Pastoral Care: Rev. Heather can be reached at [519-270-8545](tel:519-270-8545)/revhmccarrel@rogers.com.

UCW Fundraiser: Tru Earth Orders: is now linked to its sister company Eco-Collective (new link as of June 2025): <https://tru-earth.sjv.io/KSUCW>

Milk Bag Collection: When bringing in your milk bags please ensure that they are placed CLEAN, FLAT and RIGHT SIDE OUT in the box in the basement. Many thanks!!

United Church's E-ssentials Newsletter Dec. 23rd:

<https://mailchi.mp/united-church/e-ssentials-4754986?e=c486cd077b>

If In Doubt, Don't Head Out!

Cancelation of Worship or Any
Church Event will be announced at

Kszkunited.com

An email will be sent out & shared on

Bayshore Broadcasting News



A New Year Blessing from Joyce Rupp

In the coming year, may you know God as your rock, your shelter, your strength, your wing of comfort and support. May your spirit be open and perceptive in discovering the will of God for you. May your prayer be that of wisdom, guidance, and a deeper understanding of God's ways.

May your life this new year be a living legacy to your God.

Based on Psalm 94:18 and Luke 1:26-38