

On -The -Horizon Newsletter

Kemble-Sarawak,
Zion-Keppel
United Churches

March 12th, 2026

OTH Returns Weekly

Back, by popular demand, is the weekly On-the-Horizon Newsletter! As an experiment the OTH was being sent out monthly for January and February 2026 however, many requests were received to return the newsletter back to a weekly format. So, with a few extra hours added to the position description, the Chief Editor is now better able to craft a weekly OTH and send it out every Thursday morning. Please have your announcements in to kszkunited@gmail.com by Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

The newsletter can also be viewed online at kszkunited.com.
Join us weekly for the news and events of the Kemble-Sarawak, Zion-Keppel United Churches.

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

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Rev. Heather McCarrel
Hours: Sun. – Thurs.
Pastoral Emergency?
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The OTH
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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.

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

A Note From The Minister

Sunday March 8th arrived an hour earlier this week. This early hour didn't deter folks from gathering for worship at the Kemble-Sarawak United Church. Worship began with us congratulating Colleen Danard, the latest Scripture Sleuther (photo in this week's OTH) and sharing an invitation for all to stay after worship for the AGM and a potluck meal. Carol MacDonnell led us through the Lenten Candle Liturgy followed by the choir who shared a beautiful Lenten Anthem (see photo in this week's OTH). Aunalea Cruckshank shared the scriptures and following the reflection, prayer and hymn we began our meeting. Please find Highlights in this week's OTH.

Big "Thank you" to everyone who brought goodies to add to the potluck and to the Fellowship Team for setting up and putting on the coffee and tea. The conversation and laughter carried on well into the afternoon.

Our Lenten journey continued this week despite fluctuating weather patterns. Just as we happily went about without jackets the winter breeze would return later in the day reminding us that spring had not yet arrived. Weeks like this remind me of a quote from Ernest Hemingway, "In those day, though, the spring always came finally but it was frightening that it had nearly failed."

Worship will begin this week at 8:25 a.m. on CFOS (89.3 FM), followed by the 10:30 a.m. service at the Kemble-Sarawak United Church and ending with the 1:00 p.m. service at the Zion-Keppel United Church. All three services will be reflecting on different scriptures and singing different hymns so consider joining us for all three services!

Monday morning the Lenten Bible Study will meet at 10:30; all are welcome. Scripture readers are needed for the April 3rd Good Friday service. If you are able to help out with this, please contact us at kszkunited@gmail.com.

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

Joys & Sorrows



Please hold in your prayers:

Keith & Lola while Lola remains in hospital recuperating from illness.

Bill & Pam as they travel weekly to London so Bill can receive treatments.

All Those Traveling: May they return home safely.

Congratulations
to March's
Scripture
Sleuther:
Colleen
Danard!

Colleen has
chosen the
Alzheimer's
Society of Grey-
Bruce to be this
month's
recipient.



Attention
Knitters &
Crocheters
Prayer Shawls Are
Needed!

The supply of Prayer Shawls at Kemble-Sarawak United Church is running low!
Donations of shawls are welcome!



Annual Meeting Highlights

On Sunday March 1st Zion-Keppel United had their AGM and on Sunday March 8th Kemble-Sarawak United had their AGM. Here are a few highlights from each meeting.

- Recognizing God's Call:** Both meetings began in the name of Jesus Christ, the one true head of the church. The gatherings were called to order, for worship and for work appropriate to its time.
- Supervisor Present:** We were thankful for the presence of Rev. Kathy Underwood who raced over to Kemble-Sarawak UC following the AGM at First United Church in Owen Sound. Rev. Underwood was present so Rev. Heather McCarrel could step out of the meeting when her weekly hours were being discussed. Rev. Underwood offered guidance through the process and wisdom in the decision making.
- Gratitude Expressed:** Gratitude was expressed for the leadership at both congregations with special mention at Zion-Keppel United to Vi Hill and Lynda Fischer. The Kemble-Sarawak United Church thanked Mike Milne for his many years serving as a Trustee, Aunalea Cruickshank for her many years serving as the one who arranges Pulpit Supply, Kerolyn Moran for her years as an Elder & Board Secretary. Also gratitude was shared for those who were ending their terms on church committees: Bill Moran from Stewards, and Wanda Dailey & Connie Morris as UCW Chairs. Gratitude was shared for Bob Gray's leadership over the year as both the Chair of the Board and the chair of the AGM.
- Welcome Aboard:** A welcome was extended to those who have stepped up to fill the vacancies on the Board: Janice Hurst as Board Secretary, Don Dailey onto the Trustees, Carol MacDonnell on Elders, Kathy Hughes on the Stewards, Lorraine Rutherford & Leanne Sutherland as Chairs of the UCW, and Lorraine Rutherford as the one assuring there is Pulpit Supply when needed.
- Special Mention:** Judah Hoestra was given special mention as a mentor and leader among the Sunday School children at Kemble-Sarawak United Church.
- Minister's Hours:** Both congregations held a vote to increase the Minister's hours from 26.4 hours weekly to 30 hours weekly. The Motion passed unanimously at Zion-Keppel United & the ballot count at Kemble-Sarawak United resulted in 35 in favor and 3 against. Therefore, the Motion passed at Kemble-Sarawak United as well.
- Financial News:** Both congregations ended 2025 with surplus in their budget and both congregations had completed official Financial Reviews of their 2025 finances. Both also passed motions to re-invest funds for the coming year. The amended 2026 Proposed budgets passed, adjusting for the increase in the minister's hours.
- M&S Goal:** The M&S goal was set at \$15,000 for 2026.
- Future Projects:** Zion-Keppel UC hope to have the sanctuary windows repainted and the subpump inspected and replaced if necessary. Kemble-Sarawak United struck an adhoc committee to look into ensuring the sanctuary is accessible including the choir loft.
- New Rental Policy:** Kemble-Sarawak United Church's Board spent much time in 2025 crafting a Revised Rental Policy. John Beckett shared the latest draft and it was decided that this would be referred back to the Board for further work in 2026.
- Optimism Expressed:** Both AGMs ended with much optimism for the year that lies ahead and both shared in a time of Fellowship with much food, conversation, and laughter.



Kemble-Sarawak Ministry of Music

So much gratitude for our
Choir Directory: Mary Ellen Parsons
& our talented Choir!



World Day of Prayer

Thank you to Connie, Virginia, Wanda,
Lorraine, Mary Beth, Elaine, Carol, Janice
(all in photo) and to those missing from
the photo: Cory, Helen, Pennie & Peggy
for leading a wonderful afternoon of
prayers, songs, and Nigerian food dishes.

Kemble-Sarawak United Church

Greeters

MAR. 15, 22 VIRGINIA & ROGER MARTIN
MAR. 29, APR. 5 DOUG & BERNADINE PROWD
APRIL 12, 19 DON & WANDA DAILEY

Scripture Readers

MAR. 1, 8 AUNALEA CRUIKSHANK
MAR. 15, 22 VIRGINIA/ ROGER MARTIN
MAR. 29 SANDY BARFOOT
APR. 5 DON DAILEY

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Saturday April 11th many hands needed to help with the Kemble Maple Tour



March Worship at KSZK United

10:30 A.M. Services at Kemble-Sarawak United

Sun. March 1st: Lent 2 Nicodemus
John 3:1-17

Sun. March 8th: Lent 3 & AGM Sunday
Psalm 95

Sun. March 15th: Lent 4 Light of the World
John 9:1-41

Sun. March 22nd : Lent 5 Lazarus Rise!
John 11:1-45

Sun. March 29th: Palm Sunday:
Matthew 21:1-11

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1:00 p.m. Services
Zion-Keppel United

Sun. March 1st
What Are You Giving Up For Lent?
Philippians 4:4-9

Sun. March 15th:
AGM Sunday
Psalm 95



Beautiful Winter View

Photo sent in by Keith
Davidson



Good Friday
April 3rd, 2026
10:30 a.m.
Kemble-Sarawak United Church



March Bible Study at Kemble-Sarawak United Church

Mondays 10:30 a.m. ~ALL ARE WELCOME

Mar. 2nd: The Clearing the Temple

Mark 11:12-19

- How would you have felt if you witnessed this event?
- Why was Jesus so angry?
- Compare the response of the chief priests & the teachers in the crowd.

Mar. 9th: Teaching at the Mount Of Olives

Matthew 24:1-31

- The disciples asked, "When?" (v3). Why do you think Jesus did not answer them directly?
- What will happen to Jesus' disciples and to others as described in verses 9-13?

Mar. 16th: The Last Supper

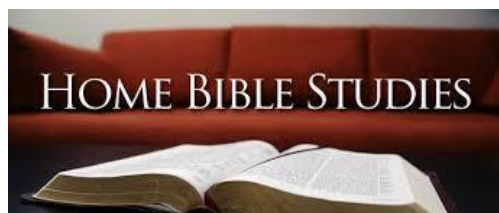
Matthew 26:17-30

- What was the significance of "Passover"?
- Classical art set this scene differently than what happened. With the passage fresh on your mind, how would you describe the setting of this passage?
- How does the Lord's Supper teach us about the meaning of Jesus' death?

Mar. 23rd: Betrayal & Arrest

Mark 14: 43-72

- Up until this point Jesus regularly withheld his identity but now, he openly confesses his identity as the Christ (v62). Why now?
- How is Judas' betrayal of Jesus different from Peter's?



**For those who prefer to do their Bible Study at home;
March's daily reading plan can be found at the end of the OTH.**

EASTER
SERVICES:
SUN. APRIL
5TH, 2026

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Big Bay

*10:30 a.m. Celebration Service at
Kemble-Sarawak United Church*

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LOST & FOUND

This Brooch was found lying in the parking lot at the
Kemble-Sarawak United Church on Sun. March 8th.
If it is yours or you know who it belongs to please
contact us at kszkunited@gmail.com

The March 2025 Calendar at KSZK United

please contact Kerolyn Moran at kerolynmoran@hotmail.com

- Sun. March 1st: Kemble-Sarawak United's Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Zion-Keppel United's Worship Service: 1:00 p.m.
- Mon. March 2nd: Bible Study 10:30 & Lion's Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Fri. March 6th: World Day of Prayer: 1:00 p.m.
- Sun. March 8th : Kemble-Sarawak's Worship : 10:30 a.m. Annual General Meeting
- Mon. March 9th: Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.
- Tues. March 10th: KWI: 7:00 p.m.
- Sun. March 15th: Kemble-Sarawak's Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Zion-Keppel Worship: 1:00 p.m.
- Mon. March 16th: Bible Study: 10:30 a.m. & Lion's Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Sun. March 22nd: Kemble-Sarawak Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
- Mon. March 23rd: Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.
- Thurs. March 26th: Green Party of Bruce/Grey/ Owen Sound 4:30-6:00 Executive Mtg,
6:00-8:00 pm Public Meet & Greet.
- Sun. March 29th: Kemble-Sarawak United's Worship: Palm Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
& Sunday School fundraising Luncheon
- Mon. March 30th: Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.

Announcements

Pastoral Care: Rev. Heather can be reached at 519-270-8545/revhmccarrel@rogers.com.

Good Friday Service: Fri. April 3rd at 10:30 a.m. at Kemble-Sarawak United Church.
Readers & Greeters are needed for the service. Please email revhmccarrel@rogers.com if you are able to help.

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: March 10th, 2026
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/?tab=rm&ogbl&pli=1#inbox/FMfcgzQfCMrkvcvGmmnBmdTwrPchJBSL>

United Church Rural Ministry Network March 2026
<https://mailchi.mp/ucrmn/may-2023-ucrmn-eneews-13880108?e=4cff10b438>

Western Ontario Waterway Regional Newsletter March 9th, 2026
<https://mailchi.mp/united-church/wow-eneewsletter-march092026?e=2ff8927242>



KEMBLE MAPLE TOUR

APRIL 11, 2026

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

5 DIFFERENT MAPLE PRODUCERS

DELICIOUS MEAL

ARTS & CRAFTS SALE &

FAMILY FUN AT THE KEMBLE ARENA



**ADVANCED MEAL TICKETS PREFERRED
PURCHASE FROM MARCH 6 - APRIL 10 AT:**

BAYSHORE COUNTRY FEEDS
GEORGIAN BLUFFS TOWNSHIP OFFICE
KEMBLE POST OFFICE
BALMY BEACH CONVENIENCE
JOSIE'S FASHIONS, WIARTON

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KembleMaple.com

or call 519-371-9128



The Way of the Cross

March

Daily Reading Plan



- Day 1: Galatians 3:13
- Day 2: Matthew 27:32-44
- Day 3: Galatians 2:20
- Day 4: Galatians 6:14
- Day 5: Galatians 5:24
- Day 6: Matthew 10:38-39
- Day 7: Matthew 16:24
- Day 8: Luke 14:26-27
- Day 9: Mark 10:17-29
- Day 10: John 12:24-25
- Day 11: Matthew 26:39
- Day 12: Luke 23:34
- Day 13: Matt 27:46, Jn 19:28
- Day 14: John 19:30
- Day 15: Luke 23:46
- Day 16: Romans 6:1-14
- Day 17: Romans 4:3, 17
- Day 18: Romans 6:15-23
- Day 19: Romans 7:4, 6
- Day 20: Romans 8:3
- Day 21: 1 Cor 2:2, 4
- Day 22: 2 Cor 13:4-5
- Day 23: 2 Cor 4:10, 12
- Day 24: Hebrews 9:14
- Day 25: Hebrews 10:19-20
- Day 26: Hebrews 12:1-2
- Day 27: Hebrews 13:11-13
- Day 28: 1 Peter 2:24
- Day 29: 1 John 3:16
- Day 30: Rev 14:4
- Day 31: Rev 1:5-6

*May I never boast except in the cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has
been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

Galatians 6:14

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