**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH - April 8, 2018**

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**Friday, June 1st @7 p.m.**

**at First United Church**

*Tickets are $15.00 and are available*

*in the church office during the week,*

*after worship on Sunday mornings by the lift or by calling Esther @ 519-619-5107 or Jody @ 519-495-4819.*

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