**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH – August 9, 2020**

**We hope everyone is well this week.**

**If there are any needs you have for groceries or a conversation, please contact the office to let us know**.

We have people who are eager to help.

First’s Church Office:  office@1stunitedchurch.ca
Rev Daryl:        minister@1stunitedchurch.ca

Central’s Church Office: admin@centraluc.ca

**To all those who have been sending in your offering.**

**We appreciate your ongoing support!**

**Lori is on vacation** from Friday, August 7 to Sunday, August 16.  Regular office hours will resume on Monday, August 17.

**Rev. Daryl returns from vacation** tomorrow, Monday, August 9!

**Happy birthday to**: Craig Whiteman, Emily Apfelbeck, Riley Apfelbeck, Carlene MacMenamin, Cameron Scott.

**Happy Anniversary to**: Rob & Bev Fellows

**New!**  We've been streaming our **Sunday Worship Service LIVE on our Facebook** page the past few weeks - so you can check us out that way if you'd prefer! <https://www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch/>

(Give our page a Like while you're there if you haven't already!)

A few notes about Sundays:

**\*If you are having technical difficulties** getting connected Sunday morning in any way, we have a tech group who are willing to walk you through the steps. They have had good success with a number of folks. Contact the office if you need assistance (519-631-7570 or office@1stunitedchurch.ca)!

**\*Those without access to technology can reserve a seat at the church to watch the service on the screen** (so if you know one of our members who doesn't have the internet or access to a way to watch our online worship - please let them know!).  As mentioned last week there are protocols in place by the Ministry of Health and Antler River Watershed Region that we must abide by - STRICT Social Distancing will be practiced. Please contact Richard Auckland at 519-860-0381 or rauck27@gmail.com to sign up in advance.

**\*If you'd like to participate in the worship service** (scripture, lay leader roll, etc) but aren't comfortable doing it "live", Tom Lautebach has offered to help! You can contact Tom at 519-281-1492 or by email tom@lautebach.ca

Check out Tom's Video explaining how it works!

<https://youtu.be/_lM5NbG9Azk>

**Monday Morning Coffee & Conversation with Rev. Daryl is back this week (10:30am)!** We'll be discussing the video of Jann Arden's interview at Hillhurst United Church  (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GtBW9NDqt6k>).  (The interview starts at about the 16:30 point of the video).  This is open to everyone - join us! (Link is in the weekly email)

**A reminder that children and youth can be part of Virtual Camps hosted by the Go Project & Pearce Williams Christian Centre!**

Pearce Williams' Virtual Camp:

<https://www.campisbetter.com/campityourself>

Go Project's Virtual Camp:

<https://thegoproject.ca/virtual-camp>

**We’re still looking for family stories for our timeline**

**Invitation to contribute stories:**  We are inviting members of our congregation and community to contribute to the story that is First United Church.  Perhaps you or your family have a special connection with the church, have an interesting story of your involvement or have a longer history as a member.  We’d ask that you submit your story to Richard Auckland at rauck27@gmail.com.  You may also handwrite your story and submit it (we may retype these to provide an opportunity for people to read them as they will be posted on the wall).  The intent is that your story will become part of a large timeline that will be posted in the hall on the way into the sanctuary by the Fellowship Room.  If you have pictures feel free to include those as well.