**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH – August 23, 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!**

**Rev. Daryl is on vacation.** He returns September 8. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Lori in the Church office and she will put you in touch with Rev. Paul or Rev. John from Central. Thank you to Rev. Paul & Rev. John for covering while Rev. Daryl is on holidays.

**Happy birthday to**: Emily Scott, Lois Smith, Dorothy Cameron, Maggie Burns, Penny Welch-West.

**Happy Anniversary to**: Alvin & Marg Epp.

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 @ 10:30am!** This is open to everyone - join us! Rev. Daryl is on vacation but Lori will open the (virtual) room so pop in for a chat if you’d like. (Link is in the weekly email)

**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.