**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH – July 5, 2020**

Dearest First Church Friends,
**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.

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

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

**We appreciate your ongoing support!**

**Happy birthday to**: Joe Hill.

**Happy anniversary to:** Ryan & Jen Buchanan, John & Lillian Anderson, Tom & Marilyn Beechey.

**Congratulations to:** Carl & Kathryn Fletcher who became grandparents on June 29th when son Mark and his wife Tiffany became parents of daughter, Evelyn Archie Fletcher.  All are well.

**MONDAY: Coffee & Conversation with Rev. Daryl – online at 10:30am.** Join in with us, Monday at 10:30am. This week we will take a look at a video called Reserve 107. Here is the link. <https://www.reserve107thefilm.com/>
What might happen if living into the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission meant having to revisit land ownership? A small community in Saskatchewan enters into the dialogue with the First Nations inhabitants that predated the establishment of their town. Heartbreaking, delicate and courageous, the dialogue helps offer a way to conversation and deeper community. What part do you think the church plays as news of a land claim emerges? Watch with us and share what stood out for you! This is a Joint congregational group - all are welcome.

**Other Church Happenings/Info:**

The Go Project (which our own Clare Beamish is involved in!) is offering **Virtual Summer Camp for Children & Youth!** More information, including dates & costs is posted on our website under the “Upcoming Events” tab! Check it out!

**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.  Below are a couple of sample submissions, but you may have your own thoughts.  If you have pictures feel free to include those as well.

**Lori will be on vacation** from Thursday, July 9 to Sunday, July 19 inclusive. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Daryl by phone or email (905-484-3318 or minister@1stunitedchurch.ca)