**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH – July 19, 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!**

**Happy birthday to**: Gavin Kennington, Sherry Johnstone, Dave Irwin, Carolyn Cruickshank, Hazel Siniowski.

**Happy anniversary to**: Don & Carol Gagen, Jean & John Whitehead.

**MONDAY: Coffee & Conversation with Rev. Daryl – online at 10:30am.** Join in with us, Monday at 10:30am. This week we will focus on Netflix show Queer Eye Season 5 episode 1 titled "Preaching out loud". A Gay Lutheran preacher wrestles with coming to confidence and purpose as a Minister and one of the members of the Queer Eye wrestles with stepping back in the church that almost killed him. If you can watch the Netflix episode do that. If not, watch the clips. Let's wonder together about the welcoming church and what difference church makes! Be aware that there is some mature language, but the content is brilliant! Link to the video was sent out in the Weekly email and is posted on First’s website under the “Upcoming Events” tab. This is a Joint congregational group - all are welcome.

**Other Church Happenings/Info:**

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

Go Project's Virtual Camp Info:  [https://thegoproject.ca/virtual-camp](https://thegoproject.ca/virtual-camp/)

Pearce Williams' Virtual Camp Info: <https://www.campisbetter.com/campityourself>

**Also, New Vision United Church is offering an Online Vacation Bible Camp 2020 - Camp-in-a-Box - open to all young people!**

The Christian Education Committee of New Vision United Church St. Thomas invites all young people to register for Vacation Bible Camp. Camp will be online this year from Monday August 24th  to Friday August 28th, from 1:00- 2:30 p.m. An invitation was sent out with the weekly email from First. Each child will receive in advance a (Camp-in-a-box) activity package that will include craft materials and other objects.  The focus for camp this year is inspired by St. Paul- who stayed in fellowship with his churches through the modern medium of his day- letters. This camp will be using the modern medium of our day (computer and internet) to be church.  **Please let Rev. Jim Evans or Margaret McKnight at****margaaret\_mcknight@hotmail.com****or 519-709-2234 know if you plan on participating.** This will let them know who will be attending so that they can arrange the "Camp-in-a-Box" to be delivered to the children. Thank you to New Vision for offering this activity!

**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.

Just a note:  **Many of you have been able to watch our services live.  You may hear something that you want to revisit.  If you want to share the service with someone else too you could just click on this link or copy it into your browser.**

[**http://youtube.com/**](http://youtube.com/)**centralstthomas**

**This will take you to the Central United Church youtube channel where all the joint services will be posted.**