**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH – June 21, 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.

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

**We appreciate your ongoing support!**

**Happy Father’s Day to all the dads!**

**Happy birthday to**: Dave Luftenegger, Brian Groulx, Murray Medhurst, Rosemary Underhill, Natalie Catt, Erin Buchanan, Jon Auckland.

**Happy anniversary to:** Lynn & Wayne Lalonde, Dave & Nancy Luftenegger.

**MONDAY: Coffee & Conversation with Rev. Daryl – online at 10:30am.** This weekwe will explore a great 45 minute documentary called Stay Woke. It offers a history and the passion of the #BlackLivesMatter movement. It was made in 2016 and wrestles with many of the exact storylines that current protests are highlighting. Plan to join in by previewing the documentary and sharing, "What stands out for you?". I found the piece around the rebirth but separation from the 1960's leadership perspective very fascinating. Everything evolves, even with a 100plus year civil rights movement!   It feels like we cannot be the church without being part of this conversation. Join in with us, Monday at 10:30am. Link to the video is in the weekly email or on our website!

**Other First Happenings:**

Another email was sent out on Thursday about our **Online Blind Auction Fundraiser!** We hope everyone will participate in this fun event, by donating & shopping – let’s help raise money for the General Fund! This is open to everyone. Some items donated so far: Babysitting, Math tutoring, Selenite Crystal Lamp, Homemade desserts, Lasagna, Smores Kit, Yard Yahtzee, Birdhouse, Thirty-one products, Keg gift card, Purely Wicked gift certificate, baked goods every month for a year, hand painted heron patio stone, watering can with hens/chicks

**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.