



Greetings from First United Church



Family Worship has been postponed until we are able to gather together again at the church.



Online Sundays at 10:30am!

We continue to offer the Worship Service Virtually at 10:30am for our own First family, as well as friends from Central United!

This is a great opportunity to connect with your faith community and our friends from other United Churches in St. Thomas!

Link to join is:
<https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax>



We continue with Online "Coffee & Conversation" Time Monday Mornings at 10:30am

We had *drama* last week telling the story of Spiritual Direction and this week we have *music* sharing the story of the Spirituality and story of Jesus on the moment of the cross. The Biblical Storytellers Conference wrapped up last week. From the closing day we are offered an opportunity to hear Steve Bell, a great Canadian Christian Musician. He tells the story of Jesus Spirituality and his love in "real time". Bell tells the story of a man who gave himself for a different response in life, that people may have life. watch the whole two hours of this conference wrap up, or just the part with Steve Bell located between 13:00-26:49.

Enjoy and see you with coffee Monday am!

Link for the Video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-1BqNeARoU&t=2723s>

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Happy birthday to: Richard Routhier, Teresa Turvey, Emily Beamish, Ryan Turvey, Kyle Turvey, Joan Thomas, Lois Beamish Taylor



Happy Anniversary to: Joy & Patrick Dawdy and Jody & Brian Groulx!





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Youth Group at First United has been postponed until we can gather together again at the church.



Workshop

Please save the date for a virtual session with Pegi Ridout (Interim Minister at Central United) who will continue the conversation started on February 20 with the Official Board / Council from both Central and First.

At that session, one of the activities was to explore the expected roles of a minister and the lay people in the church.

This May 8th @ 9:30am session is open to all members of both congregations. Please spread the word and we hope you will take the time to join us to help determine our future direction as a church. YOUR input is valued and needed so that we have a more informed basis on which to make judgements.

More details will follow closer to the date.
Richard Auckland

It's almost Mother's Day and we need your help!



We'd like you to participate in celebrating our mother's - whether here or gone.

Each person who would like to participate (all welcome - kids and adults) will be given a random letter from a certain phrase (which will be a surprise until the Mother's Day Service on May 9th).

Then we'd like you to create this letter by drawing it on a piece of paper (be creative and make it fun and colourful), printing the letter off the computer, finding one of these letters in your home - anything.

Then take a picture of yourself holding the letter you were given and email the picture to Erin Chute at erinchute@hotmail.com.

Please email Erin as soon as possible if you'd like to participate. Submissions will need to be in by Friday, May 7th at the very latest.

"Bloom where you are planted."





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UPCOMING EVENT!
ONLINE QUARTER AUCTION!

Some Quarter Auction Info!

Tickets are \$5 each...

Includes Admission and 1 bidding number - (you choose from 1-200) - first come, first served.

Extra numbers, \$2 each.

Paddles, including golden paddle and 50/50 tickets go on sale on: May 28, 2021

Items go up for bidding on: May 31, 2021 at noon

Bidding remains open from: May 31-June 4, 2021

Money collected: June 6, 2021 at noon

Live draw: June 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

More details to come!

The Central and First Shared Ministry Team has been brainstorming ideas around what Ministry Outreach opportunities there are and thinking about staffing the Shared Ministry Position(s) between the two congregations. This is not a conversation about Amalgamation, but as you will see in these five less than three minute videos, it is some dreaming and creative thoughts about what it might be like to Share staff position(s) over the next 5, 10 and 15 years.

If you missed these on Sunday morning just prior to the service here is a chance to catch up. Join in the conversations after church during the coffee time! Enjoy!

Daryl, Paul and the Shared Ministry Dream Team.

Dream Team Video # 1:

<https://youtu.be/9vz2cOf2raA>

Dream Team Video #2:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MxEOY3grdRg&list=PLmvPUglueRxUYk7raEhMjUw0ATGOjU426&index=4&t=18s>

Dream Team Video #3:

https://youtu.be/L6hoLC-u9_4

Dream Team Video #4:

<https://youtu.be/eG0hyk2DCZE>

Dream Team Video #5:

<https://youtu.be/NfDyB9Y6bKM>

