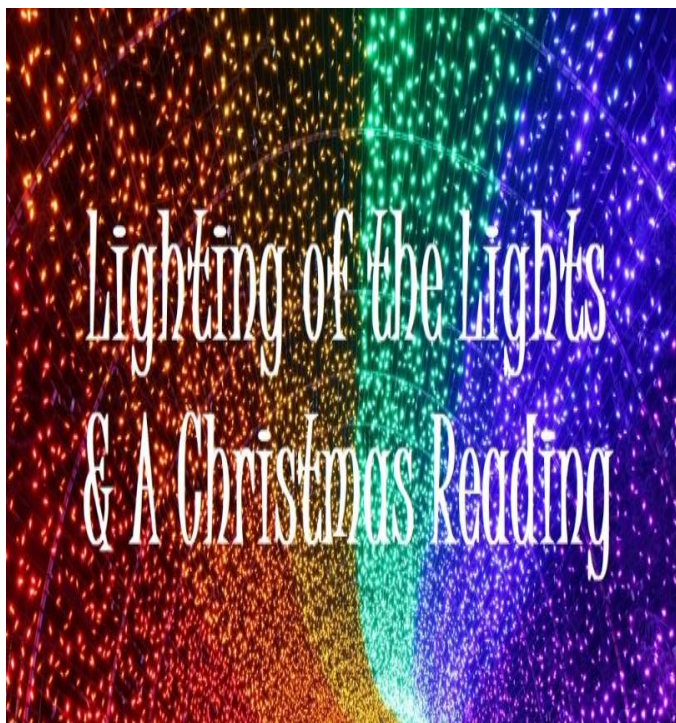




Greetings from First United Church



THANK YOU

to those who participated in our events last weekend!
They were both a HUGE SUCCESS because of you!

As a result of the Curbside Secret Santa Drive
TWO carloads of toys & food, as well as monetary gifts were delivered to
Christmas Care and a HUGE amount of socks were taken to Grace Café!

The Lighting of the Lights & Christmas Reading with Allan Hughson was very
well attended! This event also kicked off our “Reach For The Stars”
Advent Fundraising Campaign (more details below).

In just one week we have raised over \$3,600!!! WELL DONE FIRST CHURCH!
Let's keep lighting those STARS! Only \$1,400 to go til the next one is lit!

YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED!!



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"Reach for the Stars!" Fundraising Campaign



In just ONE WEEK we've raised over \$3,600 toward our goal of \$10,000!!!
WELL DONE!!

Our goal is to reach \$10,000
by December 31st.

We've already reached the \$2,500 goal so the first star on the chimney is lit!! ✓

Only \$1,400 left to raise to reach the \$5,000 goal and two will be lit!

At \$7,500, three stars will be lit

and when we reach our goal of \$10,000... all 4 stars will be lit!

To contribute to this fundraiser, just designate your donation in some way to "REACH FOR THE STARS".

Your donation can be made by Cheque, Cash, E-Transfer, PAR or PayPal.

Let's all pitch in and make this a Christmas to remember by lighting all four stars!!



Families are invited to attend our family worship service Sunday Mornings at 10:15 in the Assembly Hall at First. We will be following all Co-vid guidelines and parents & kids must wear a mask. We are planning to have a lesson/scripture, video/activity, and a craft each week.

Please RSVP by emailing Karen Auckland at 27Swifty@gmail.com or to answer any questions you may have.

See our website for more details!
<http://www.1stunitedchurch.ca/upcoming-events.html>

Happy birthday this week to:

Teah Welch, Wayne Travis,
Noel MacKay, Janis Bennell
& Dave Copeland





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You are invited to Worship with us
Sunday Mornings at 10:30am!

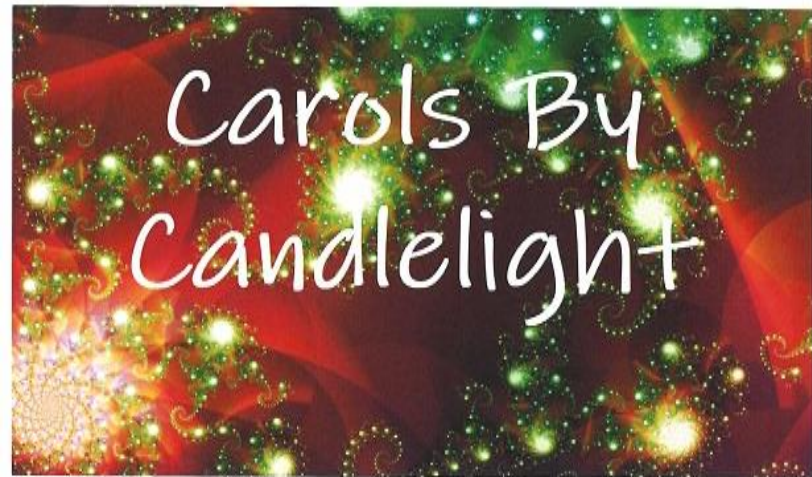
Our sanctuary is open with 28 spots available. Please RSVP if you are planning on attending in person (email office@1stunitedchurch.ca or call 519-631-7570 x21 & leave a message) (Social Distancing protocols are in place and masks are to be worn inside the building)

Throughout Advent the First Band will be playing LIVE at First!! LOTS of special Christmas Music!

We also continue to offer the Worship Service Virtually (also at 10:30am) for our own First family, as well as friends from Central, St. Andrew's & New Vision United Churches.

If you're not comfortable joining us in person we'd love it if you joined us online- even if you've never done so before!

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 included in the weekly email).



Presented by Central & First United Churches

THIS SUNDAY AT 7PM!!!



This concert will be pre-recorded and the screening will be held in the sanctuaries of Central & First. It will also be streamed LIVE on YouTube.

You **MUST** reserve seating in advance, due to numbers allowed by Southwest Public Health,

Proceeds to Pearce Williams Christian Centre.

Freewill donations can be made on First United Church's website (www.1stunitedchurch.ca) under the Concert Announcement on the "Upcoming Events" page!

There will also be a "Donate" link on the YouTube presentation for your convenience!





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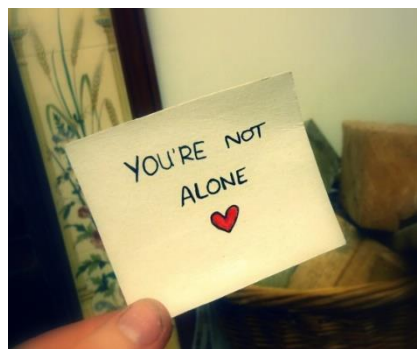
We continue to explore the practice of forgiveness. In this TED Talk video with Sarah Montana we learn a bit more about the process of coming to embrace the work and release of forgiveness. When people say we should forgive there usually is no guidance along that road and we are left to "fake it until we make it". Yet forgiveness is such an important journey so many of us want to take. Montana offers some guideposts that have grown out of her own journey toward forgiveness.

Join us for coffee and conversation on Monday at 10:30. Bring a friend!

Here's the video!

<https://youtu.be/mEK2pIiZ2IO>

We hope everyone is well. 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.



Coming Soon...
Confirmation
with Rev. Paul (Central) assisted by Rev. Daryl (First).
Contact the Church Office or Rev. Daryl if you are interested in participating.

Youth Group at First United!

Wednesdays from 7 -8pm



Youth from all churches are welcome!
(There is an ONLINE option – for more info, contact Chris Ross)

