



Weekly Update from First – December 9/21



A Candle in the Window!

2021 Advent / Christmas Fundraiser

It's that most wonderful time of the year once again!

It's Christmas Time 2021.

A time to be thankful for that all God has given us.

A time to share our love with each other.

A time to show our thanks to First United for being a magnificent place of worship.

This year, we would like to invite you again to participate in a fundraiser to help sustain our beautiful church throughout the 2022 year and beyond.

This year, we are calling our event “A Candle in the Window”. It is hoped that we can raise enough to purchase new energy efficient windows for our church. This will not only result in cost savings but will continue our work in renewing our building to keep it serving us well into the future... and reduce our carbon footprint as well!

Our goal is to reach \$20,000 by Dec 31st, which should provide us with sufficient funds to replace 20 windows. Each time we raise \$1000, an electric candle will be lit in a window signifying the purchase of a new window.

To contribute to this fundraiser, just designate your donation in some way to “A Candle in the Window”. Your donation can be made by cheque, envelope, bank transfer, PAR or PayPal. Like last year, for anyone opening a new PAR or PayPal account committed to making monthly donations, we will multiply the first month's donation by 12 and add that sum towards reaching our goal.

Let's all pitch in and make Christmas 2021 special!



Lori will be on vacation from Friday, December 17 to Tuesday, January 4th inclusive. Anything that needs to be included in the Weekly Updates / Announcement Slides or posted on the website between Dec. 17 & Jan. 4 needs to be submitted to the Church office by noon on Wednesday, December 15th. Thank you!



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This Sunday is Advent 3 - Joy!

You are welcome to attend
in-person at First at 10:30am!

Please enter through the Accessibility door
in the parking lot.

THIS WEEK: Rev. Daryl will be delivering
the Message at First United and Lauri
Ladd will be delivering the Family Time
from Central United.

The Band will be here at First
to lead us in song!

Thank you for your patience as we
experiment with the format
and the technology. The service will be
tweaked as we learn and grow. This is in
preparation for sharing Ministry
staff with Central UC.

We are so excited to share
all of this with you!! See you Sunday!

Here is the link to join online for this
Sunday, December 12:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qDc4OUWMdY>

NEW! You can also join us LIVE on our
facebook page! The livestream will begin
at 10:25am! Join us!



'Coffee & Curious Spirituality'
Join us Monday, December
13th @ 10:30am

Story Table as Radical Hospitality 4
minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VD5NLfw8DVc>

Story Telling- how to tell the Gospel 5
Minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ejVYzV0-0eY>

Story Telling the genealogy! 2
minutes

<https://biblicalstorytellinglibrary.com/video/matthew-11-17-dennis-dewey/>

Story Telling Mary's visit to
Elizabeth and Zachariah 3 minutes

<https://biblicalstorytellinglibrary.com/video/luke-1-39-57-theresa-eggleston/>

See you Monday at 10:30! All are
welcome to bring curiosity to their
Spirituality and to this Small Group!

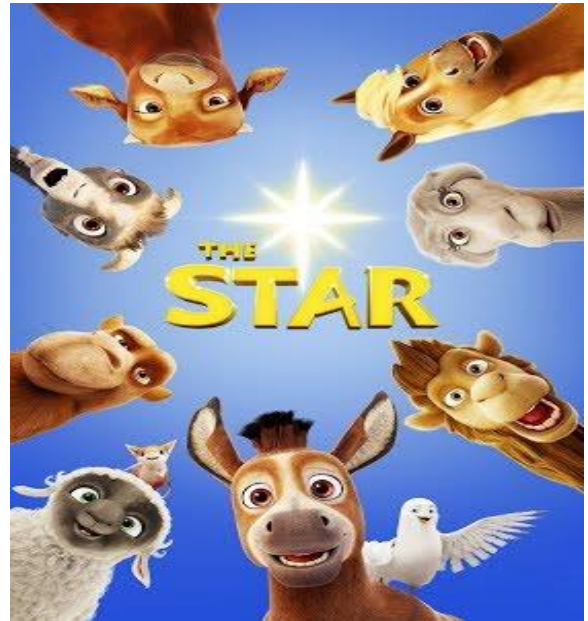
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Happy birthday to:

Janis Bennell
Dave Copeland
Joseph Muma
Carol Gagen
Maureen Turner
Ashley Siniowski



First and Central are hosting a joint service featuring the movie, The Star -The Story of the First Christmas in the Central United Sanctuary.

**Wednesday December 22nd
from 6:45 to 8:30 pm**

Families and those young at heart are invited to attend. Pj's and blankets welcome.

Due Covid restrictions please wear a mask, stay in family bubbles, and do not bring food or drinks.

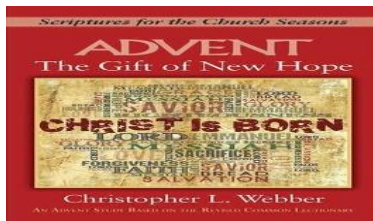


ADVENT - The Gift of New Hope

Come and take part in a 5 week study of commentary and reflection based on readings from the Old Testament, the Gospels, and the Epistles.

Wednesdays until Christmas 1:00 - 2:30 pm at Central United Church.

For more information please contact Kathryn Fletcher at 519- 633-1902 or fletcherfamily@rogers.com



Youth Group meets at First Church on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15pm.

All Youth are welcome!

Youth Group Leaders:
Chris Ross
& Jean Fletcher





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FIRST & CENTRAL

Upcoming Services

Advent 4 - Peace

Christmas Eve Services

Worship at
CENTRAL UNITED

Worship at
FIRST UNITED

**DEC
19**

**DEC
24**

**DEC
26**

**JAN
02**

- Worship
10:30am -

- Central - 6:30 PM -
- First - 8PM -

- NO SERVICE AT FIRST -

- NO SERVICE AT CENTRAL -

We hope you'll join us!

The Gifts With Vision 2021 catalogues have arrived. The print copies of the catalogue are available to you on the bulletin board by the coat hooks on the sanctuary level at the Church. You can also access the catalogue online at www.giftswithvision.ca

These suggested gifts that help people in our country and in the world make an awesome gift for loved ones at Christmas.

We welcome Rev. Matthew Penny as a guest preacher to Central and First UC Sunday services for three weeks in January! We are excited to have him come and share in our Sunday morning gatherings!



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FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Lori will be on holidays from Friday, December 17 to Tuesday, January 4 inclusive.

**If you would like to make a donation for the 2021 year
OR to the “A Candle in the Window” Fundraiser:**

- see Lori in the Office on or before Thursday, December 16
- place it through the Curtis Street mail slot
- slip it under the Office Door
- mail it to the Church
- You may also come in on Wednesday, January 5 to make a final donation, if you prefer.

The final deposit for 2021 Givings will be made at 3pm on Wednesday, January 5. Donations received after this time will be credited to your 2022 Givings.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy & safe Advent / Christmas Season.

**Best wishes,
Lori**



*Thanks to all who contributed
gifts to Christmas Care
and to the Grace Cafe this year.*

*Your generosity makes the
season brighter for so many.*



*Donate to First
Church*



*Your ongoing
support is
appreciated!*