



Weekly Update from First – December 23/21



A Candle in the Window!
Our 2021 Advent / Christmas Fundraiser is in full swing!

We're well on our way to our \$20,000 goal!! Let's finish strong!

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY DONATED!!

We invite you again this year to participate in our Advent / Christmas fundraiser to help sustain our beautiful church throughout the 2022 year and beyond.

Our 2021 Fundraiser is: "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. (See Lori's announcement re: Holidays for how donations can be brought / sent to the church).

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





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*Join us Christmas Eve at 8pm
in our Church Sanctuary!*

*If you'd like to join us online Christmas Eve:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=83FnoJ10PIM>
or live on our Facebook page
(stream starts at 7:55pm)*

Coffee
and
Curious Spirituality
Monday Mornings at 10:30am



*Coffee & Curious Spirituality is
taking a brief pause until
Monday, January 10th.*

*Have a Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!*

See you in 2022!



Sunday, December 26th

**Everyone is invited to join us
ONLINE this Sunday at
10:30am**

(First's building will be closed)

**Here is the link to join online for this
Sunday, December 26:**

http://youtube.com/channel/UC_8miBHhwtp2qy19zQzXCvA/live

Happy birthday to:

Tom Beechey





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No Youth Group
Wednesday, December 29th
but we will resume
Wednesday, January 5th!

See you in 2022!!

Youth Group Leaders:
Chris Ross & Jean Fletcher

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Lori is on holidays until Wednesday, January 5th.

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

- 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.**

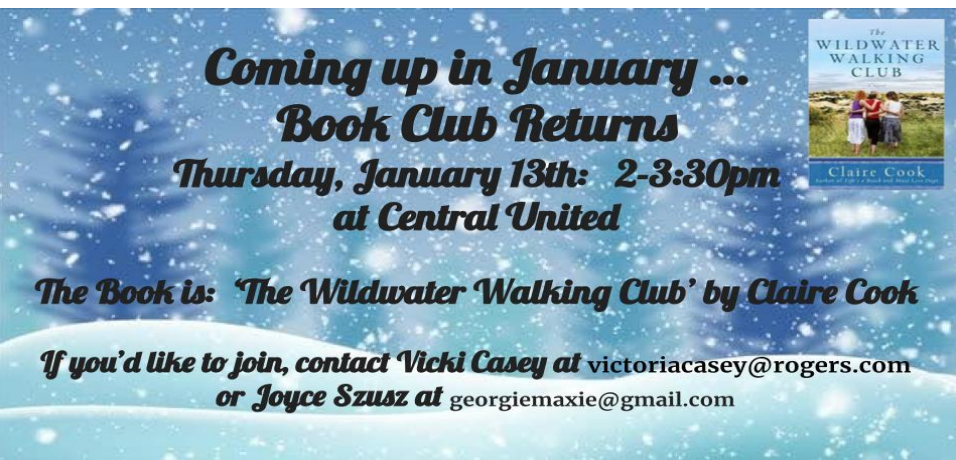
The final deposit for 2021 Givings will be made at 3pm on Wednesday, January 5. Donations received after this time will be credited to your 2022 Givings.



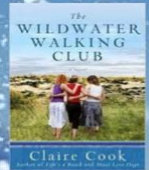
Next Sunday, January 2nd
Worship will be held at
First Church at 10:30am

We welcome our friends from Central
United to worship with us!
(Central's building will be closed)

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!



Coming up in January ...
Book Club Returns
Thursday, January 13th: 2-3:30pm
at Central United



The Book is: 'The Wildwater Walking Club' by Claire Cook

If you'd like to join, contact Vicki Casey at victoriacasey@rogers.com
or Joyce Szusz at georgiemaxie@gmail.com



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