



# Greetings from First United Church

## "Reach for the Stars!" Fundraising Campaign



**YOU did it!**

We have hit our '**Reach for the Stars**' \$10,000 fundraising goal!!!  
**WELL DONE FIRST CHURCH!!**

**THANK YOU to all who have donated!**  
Your generosity is helping us to keep our beautiful church alive and well during this most difficult time.

**Let's keep it going and see how much we can raise by December 31st!**

Any additional funds we raise will be used to address health & safety issues, to improve building access and update technical infrastructure to improve online worship.

**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.



Due to the lockdown announcement made on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> Family Worship will be postponed until we are able to gather at the church again.

Stay safe & well everyone!

Happy birthday to:  
Dak Johnstone  
Tom Beechey





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

We offer the Worship Service  
Virtually for our own First family, as  
well as friends from Central, St.  
Andrew's & New Vision United  
Churches.

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).

**\*\*Due to the Lockdown  
Announcement made on Monday,  
December 21<sup>st</sup> we are unable to  
host in person worship at this time.**

Stay safe & well everyone!



This week we'll explore a couple of videos that  
consider Jesus traditional and Archeological  
suggested birth places. It is all very interesting and  
a great way to look at Bethlehem today. Join us for  
coffee and conversation in Bethlehem and about  
town!

The First Video explores modern day Bethlehem and  
the project of a church in England to discover what  
it is like to live in Bethlehem today. This is 13  
minutes and quite interesting.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqopH\\_uYM3U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqopH_uYM3U)

The second video looks at the places Jesus grew up  
and what it may have been like. This video is worth  
the 24 minutes it takes to watch!

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

## Lighting of the Lights

Be sure to check out our Christmas Light  
display! Just drive in to the parking lot,  
set your car radio to 87.9FM & watch as the  
lights dance to the music!

Evenings from 5-8pm.



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Youth Group is on a break  
until after January 23rd



Bring all your Christmas Cards to our  
Virtual Worship Service on **January 3,  
2021!**

We will have an opportunity in the  
service to spend some time with the  
community that corresponds with us  
through the holidays. We will honour and  
savour their presence in our lives during  
a time of music and quiet!

Blessings,  
Rev. Daryl



## FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

I am on holidays from Friday, December 18 to Monday, January 4 inclusive.

If you would like to make a **DONATION FOR THE YEAR 2020** – please place it through the Curtis Street mail slot, slip it under the Office Door or mail it to the Church.

The final deposit for 2020 Givings will be made at 3pm on Tuesday, January 5. Donations received after this time will be credited to your 2021 Givings.

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

Best wishes,  
Lori

\*\*After holidays, Lori will be working from home (January 5-24). She can be reached by emailing [office@1stunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@1stunitedchurch.ca) or calling the church office 519-631-7570