



Weekly Update from First – February 17/22

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Central & First United Churches present...

**SHROVE TUESDAY
TAKE-OUT
PANCAKE SUPPER**

**TUESDAY,
MARCH 1ST**

**Pick-up or delivery 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Delivery: \$4**



**3 PANCAKES, 2
SAUSAGES, BEANS &
MAPLE SYRUP - \$10**

**4 PANCAKES & MAPLE
SYRUP - \$5**

**Get your tickets now! Use the link
below or contact your church
office. <https://forms.gle/rUd8mVYD867ZFMrX8>**

**The link to order is on our website! www.1stunitedchurch.ca/upcoming-events.html
Payment for dinners must be received by FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25th!**

Thursday Evening Friendship Project!

Join us for our third Thursday evening gathering on February 17 at 7pm for a conversation about being a friend in these days of stress and anxiety.

What will it be like to meet friends again face to face in these times? It is always good to be able to listen and give people a chance to go deeper into a thought or feeling, but we meet our "amigdalas" and feel anxious and are unable to listen well.

Let's explore this together, with some of our own stories and reflections. Let's get to know each other a bit better too as we share our insights. Join us again Thursday at 7pm!

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





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Sunday Worship Service

This Sunday, February 20th

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

Please enter through the Accessibility door in the parking lot.

If you plan on attending in person, you must:

- have proof of vaccination
- wear a mask, hand sanitize and socially distance
- provide contact information for tracing
- ensure that you are feeling well, and have not been in contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID in the last 14 days

THIS WEEK: Rev. Daryl will be sharing the Message from First and Sherry Johnstone will be the Worship Leader at First. The Band will be live at First!

If you'd prefer, here are the ways to join us ONLINE for Worship: Streaming Link for February 20th:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Y5veH2Yh6g>

LIVE on our Facebook page! www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch

This Sunday, join Debbie Alward on Google Meets for the service and a 'coffee & a chat' afterwards.
Link to join: <https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax>

About Church School!!

Come join the fun each Sunday (at First) as we learn about Jesus & his journey with his disciples through stories, prayer, games & crafts!

Families will be greeted at the accessibility door for Covid Screening & must show proof of vaccination for people 12+.

Everyone must wear a mask & be socially distant.

Families will worship together in the sanctuary & children will leave for church school following the children's time.

We hope you can join us!

Coffee
and
Curious Spirituality
Monday Mornings at 10:30am




No Coffee Time on
Monday, February 21st.

Enjoy Family Day!!



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Youth Group will meet AT FIRST
on Wednesday from
7:00–8:15pm

We will be talking about the
Ten Commandments.

All Youth are welcome!

Youth Group Leaders:
Chris Ross & Jean Fletcher

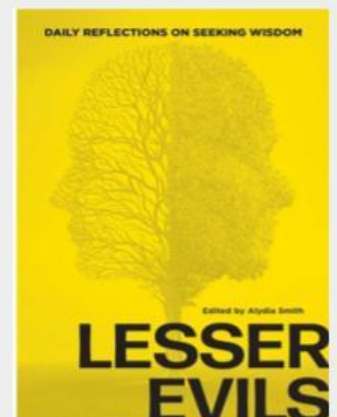


**The Annual Meeting of the
Congregation will be held
on Sunday, March 6
following worship.**

Lesser Evils: Daily Reflections on Seeking Wisdom

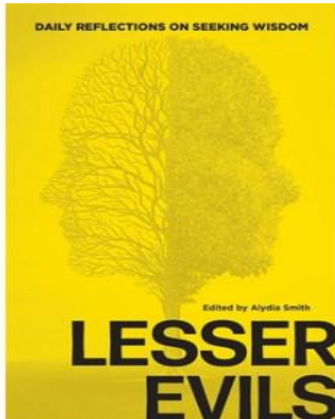
Regardless of how righteous we might feel about our decisions, we choose evils every day, hoping that we are choosing the lesser ones. ***Lesser Evils*** explores everyday dilemmas of seeking the good while choosing the lesser evil from a Christian perspective.

- 40 Lenten devotions (Ash Wednesday through Easter)
- Suitable for individual study and groups of friends (study guide included)
- Soft cover book (about \$16.50) or Ebooks (\$7.95) are available at www.ucrdstore.ca





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Bible Study Lesser Evils: Daily Reflections on Seeking Wisdom

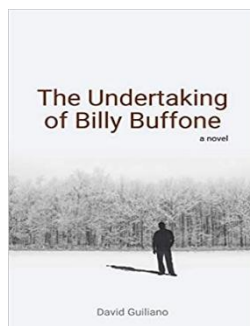
- Tuesday at 1 pm starting March 8th as part of the United Church's United-in-Learning program.
- Wednesday at 1 pm starting March 9th (Central United Church Fellowship Hall).
- Evening on-line meetings can be arranged.
- **Weekly registration currently required due to Covid limits of 10 people (may be lifted by March).** Contact Kathryn Fletcher at 519 633-1902 or fletcherfamily@rogers.com

The United Churches of Essex County & Neighbours are inviting folks to a "Big Read" book study called the Undertaking of Billy Buffone by our former Moderator Rev. David Guiliano. There will be an opportunity to gather with David too. The Undertaking of Billy Buffone is a story about the trauma - immediate and ongoing, personal and collateral - inflicted by Rupert Churley, who preyed on boys in Twenty-Six Mile House, an isolated town in northern Ontario. The suicides, the conspiracy of silence, the secrets and the damage done to the boys, their friends and families, persist long after the murder of Scouter Churle.

One night to discuss the book- 7:30 pm, Tuesday March 8, 2022.
A second night to meet the author Rev. David Guiliano- TBD

Rev. Lexie Chamberlain and Rev. Darrow Woods will host the online discussions.

If you would like to order a copy of the book it is available at the local Cole's store or at chapters.indigo.ca



Happy birthday to:

Marg Epp

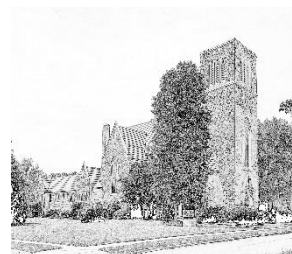
Mary Ann Rayner

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Mike Vecchio



Donate to First Church





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COMING MARCH/APRIL 2022

First United Blind Auction Fundraiser #3



(Organized by Sherry Johnstone)

We hope to raise some money for the general fund and have some fun too!!

We're looking for donations for the auction - NEW or Like NEW items in excellent condition.

Suggestions:

Baking * Dinner for 2 or a family of 4 * Movie night gift basket * Wine tour/tasting * Beer tour/tasting * Time/talent * Spring cleaning of vehicle (in & out) * Afternoon of cornhole toss with snacks * Coffee gift basket * Gardening time * Bird lovers gift basket * Garden lovers basket * Pet lovers basket * Chocolate lovers basket * Teacher appreciation basket *

If you are interested in donating an item to the auction, please contact Sherry Johnstone by phone at 519-933-5033 or email her at sjohnstone1959@gmail.com



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Tax receipts for the year 2021 will be available at Church on Sunday, February 20th and will be put in the mail on Monday, February 21st, 2022.