



Weekly Update from First – February 24/22

Thursday Evening Friendship Project - TONIGHT!

Welcome to each of you to our Friendship evenings! It is a time to gather and get to know each other more and think about the friends in our lives that build us up!

TONIGHT Rev. John and Rev. Daryl and the Evening Team will lead our final hour or so together. We have some great conversation starters around the elements of a lasting friendship, and the stories you have of friendships that have lent you value and place. We have some great short videos from "Green Renaissance" to help encourage discussion and with good company like ours we will "toast" old and new friendships! Here is a little song to get you warmed up for our night together TONIGHT (Thursday, February 24) at 7pm. Good People - Great Big Sea

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-7EJzo6LCo>

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

Sunday Worship Service

This Sunday, February 27th

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. Pegi Ridout will be sharing the Message from Central 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 27th:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AX1JQu--UXs>

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.

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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!

SHROVE TUESDAY
TAKE-OUT
PANCAKE SUPPER

TUESDAY,
MARCH 1ST

Pick-up or delivery 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Remember to pick up your Pancake Supper Orders on Tuesday!



Coffee and Curious Spirituality

Monday Mornings at 10:30am



The Story of the Black settlement in Priceville on the Old Durham Road has all but disappeared as too with communities in Kingsville and other small towns in Southern Ontario. In this documentary the uncovering of the Cemetery in Priceville is an uncovering of many lives. This video is 50 minutes long but it is very good and great for your youth to watch.

Speakers for the dead documentary by National Film Board

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2sGitCFl8Jc>

Mary Ann Shad is a Black woman who settled in Southern Ontario and was very active in the Underground railroad, in journalism, teaching and activism. When her historic home in St. Catherines is destroyed long after she is dead, her personal letters are discovered in the attic of the home. This is a great 27 minute video to watch.

<http://activehistory.ca/2016/03/film-mary-ann-shadd-revisited-echoes-from-an-old-house/>


Watching even a little of each video would give enough food for thought and discussion during our Monday Coffee.

Join us Monday at 10:30am on Google Meets: <https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax>

Tax receipts for the year 2021 have been mailed.



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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

World Day of Prayer 2022
Friday, March 4th, 2022
Theme: I know the plans I have for you

Rogers Cable at 8:30 am and 5:00 pm
 Eastlink at 8:30 am and 4:00 pm
 or anytime at: <https://wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer-2022-service-video/>



Written by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. Children's service and activities also available on the website.



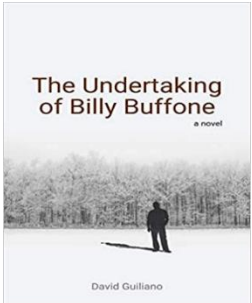
The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held NEXT Sunday, March 6 following worship.

Book Study: The Undertaking of Billy Buffone, by our former Moderator Rev. David Guiliano.
Tuesday March 8 at 7:30pm

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.

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





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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 & have 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

**SEE A FEW OF THE AWESOME ITEMS THAT HAVE
ALREADY BEEN DONATED TO THE AUCTION BELOW!!**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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Here are a couple of items received for the First United Blind Auction Fundraiser #3 Coming in March or April 2022

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31" x 23"



18" x 18" each

Bible Study

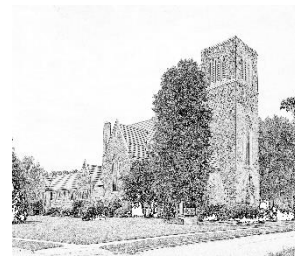
Lesser Evils: Daily Reflections on Seeking Wisdom



Weekly Study: Wednesday at 1pm starting March 9th (Central United Church Fellowship Hall) or evening online meetings can be arranged. Contact Kathryn Fletcher at 519-633-1902 or fletcherfamily@rogers.com.

One Hardcover book available: \$16.50. Ebooks are available for \$7.95 at www.ucrdstore.ca

Donate to First Church



Camp is back!

Pearce Williams is planning on welcoming back campers in the summer of 2022.

Check out their website (www.campisbetter.com) where you can find lots of information on the camps being offered and the different payment options.

Contact the camp directly if you have questions.

