



Weekly Update from First – February 8, 2024

First United Church presents...
A Communities of Kindness Project!

**RANDOM
ACTS
of Kindness
CHALLENGE!**

Lets **BE KIND**
and have
some **FUN** in
the process!!

IT'S RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK
FEBRUARY 11-17!!

Let's pick up the pace & reach our goal of 250 by Feb. 17!!!
We're currently sitting at 37, so we've got some work to do – but I know we can do it!!!

LET'S SPREAD SOME KINDNESS FIRST CHURCH FRIENDS!



Once you've spread all the kindness you can think of, submit your 'Act(s) of Kindness' on our website (www.1stunitedchurch.ca) or email them to me in the Church Office (office@1stunitedchurch.ca) and I'll add them to our ever-growing list on the Website!

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Join us for *Worship*



AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Sunday,
February
11th
9:30 am

Rev. Donna Kerrigan
will lead worship.

Richard Auckland will be the
Worship Leader.

The Band will lead the music.

Scripture: Mark 9:2-9

ALL ARE WELCOME

* *Kindness* * *Respect* * *Fairness* *



Wednesdays
7:00-8:15pm
in the Gym at First

YOUTH

group

For Youth in Grades 6-12!

ALL YOUTH WELCOME!

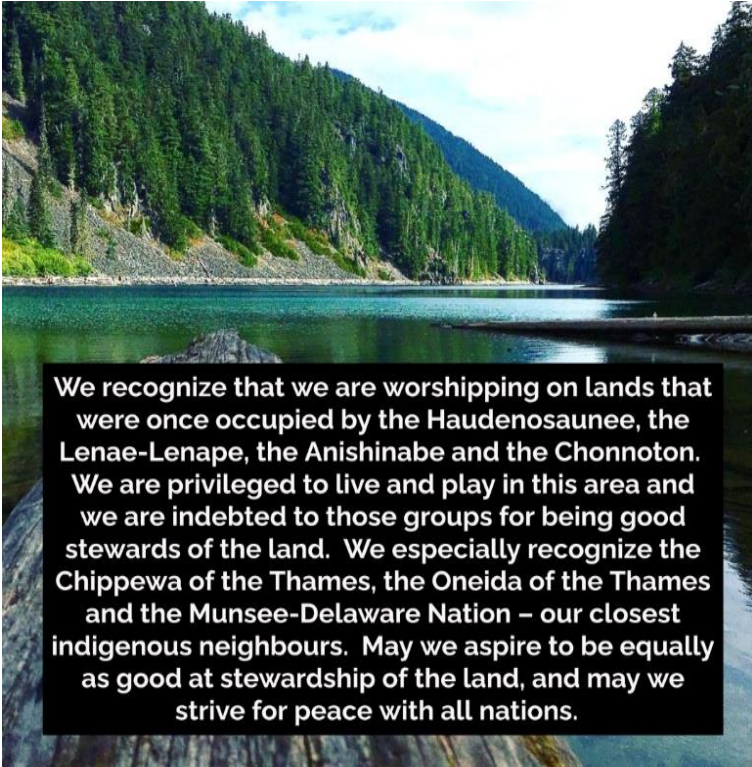
Leaders: Chris Ross & Teah Welch

First & Central United Churches
Communities of Kindness

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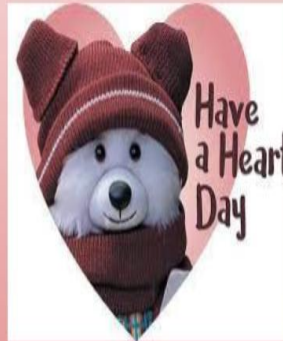
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We recognize that we are worshipping on lands that were once occupied by the Haudenosaunee, the Lenae-Lenape, the Anishinabe and the Chonnoton. We are privileged to live and play in this area and we are indebted to those groups for being good stewards of the land. We especially recognize the Chippewa of the Thames, the Oneida of the Thames and the Munsee-Delaware Nation – our closest indigenous neighbours. May we aspire to be equally as good at stewardship of the land, and may we strive for peace with all nations.



** Kindness * Respect * Fairness **



Have a Heart Day
February 14th, 2024

Have a Heart Day brings together caring Canadians to help ensure First Nations children have the opportunity to grow up safely at home, get a good education, be healthy, and be proud of who they are.

To participate check out:
<https://fncaringsociety.com/have-a-heart>

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**FIRST
WORSHIP**

Band

LOVE TO SING??

NEW VOICES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

**PRACTICES ARE THURSDAY
EVENINGS AT 7:30PM**

JOIN US!!

* *Kindness* * *Respect* * *Fairness* *

St. Thomas 55+ **Dessert**
Chilli **Senior Connection**
Sides **Prizes**

HOT DIGGITY
Hot Dog Lunch & Bingo
 at Central United Church, 135 Wellington St.

\$10 **Saturday, February 17th**
at 12:30pm

RSVP: call/text
 519-614-3249
 or email
 events@centraluc.ca

B I N G O				
2	23	43	54	71
15	26	37	56	61
10	20	FREE	58	74
3	21	40	51	72
4	18	32	53	63

Central United is hosting a “Hot Diggity Dog Lunch & Bingo” for the St. Thomas 55+ Senior Connections group they oversee on Facebook!

Not a members of the Group? You’re welcome to join. It’s a group of St. Thomas residents aged 55+ who might like to chat or get together to share common interests! They have over 1700 members-some from First!

If you’d like to attend the Lunch/Bingo on February 17th, RSVP by email: events@centraluc.ca or text/call: 519-614-3249.

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CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL STUDY

THIS LENTEN DEVOTIONAL INVITES US TO DEEPEN OUR LOVE FOR CREATION AND TAKE ACTION OR FAST FOR A CLIMATE IN CRISIS. INCLUDES A STUDY GUIDE.

WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING
FEBRUARY 21ST



LED BY: KATHRYN FLETCHER

1:00PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

7:30PM | ONLINE - ZOOM

Contact Kathryn Fletcher at fletcherfamily@rogers.com or 519-633-1902 for a softcover book or the Zoom link. Ebooks available at <https://united-church.ca/united-church-bookstore>.

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IN A WORLD
WHERE YOU
CAN BE
ANYTHING

BE KIND

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FIRST & CENTRAL PRESENT...

Table TRIVIA

Fundraiser

ALL AGES!!

MARCH 2, 2024

AT CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH
135 WELLINGTON ST., ST. THOMAS

50/50 DRAW

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM
GAME STARTS AT 7:00PM

WIN TROPHIES, GIFT CARDS & DOOR PRIZES!
FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE – CASH BAR!

\$20 PERSON | \$120 PER TABLE (6)

FOR TICKETS: WWW.1STUNITEDCHURCH.CA OR WWW.CENTRALUC.CA
A COMMUNITIES OF KINDNESS EVENT!

JOINT TABLE TRIVIA FUNDRAISER

HINT: questions are geared for a wide age range so having different ages at your table will be helpful. So bring your friends, children and grandchildren and make up a table.

We've sold 16 of our 60 tickets so far and we'd like to SELL OUT!
(Each Church will receive the money from the tickets they sell!)

Lori & Jody have already bought FULL tables for their family/friends – who else is going?!?! Let's have some FUN First Church!!!!

GET YOURT TICKETS – Sign up through the Church Office!

Kind people have the most fun so let's have a good time.

This is a 'Communities of Kindness' project!

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Our own Kevin Jackson is the General Manager at the Elgin Business Resource Centre and they are hosting an Ennis Sisters Concert at the Princess Playhouse Theatre to Celebrate International Women's Day on March 6! Everyone is invited to attend! Tickets are \$50.

Save the Date!



ELGIN
BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTRE

A Community Futures Development Corporation



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Celebration

Celebrate International Women's Day with the Ennis Sisters, Juno Award Winners.

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

at the Princess Playhouse theatre.

Tickets are \$50 which includes the show, conversation with the band and appetizers by Catering By James Meadows.

Purchase your tickets now on Eventbrite. Cash bar available.

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First Church Friends!

Please save your POP TABS to help a little girl named McKenna ("Smiley"), who has cerebral palsy, get a new wheelchair!



There is a container in the Fellowship (Coffee) Room to collect your donations.

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Rev. Paul's drop in hours at First are Mondays from 9:30am to 2pm. Other times are available by Appointment.

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First United Church, St. Thomas

2023 Tax Receipts will be available for pick up at Church on Sundays, February 11 & 18. They will be put in the mail on Monday, February 19th.

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*Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry of First United Church!
Your gifts make a difference in the lives of others!!*



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