



Weekly Update from First – February 9/23

Join Us For Worship



*Sunday,
February*

12

10:30am

Rev. Donna Kerrigan
will be our Guest.

Family Time:
"On This Path"

Sermon:
"It Get's Complicated"

Worship Leader: Sherry Johnstone

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:21-37

ALL ARE WELCOME

If you'd prefer, join us ONLINE for Worship,
here is the Streaming Link for February 12th:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yI_H26KKUfg

or join us on our Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch

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Happy birthday to:

*Joey Fellows
Sherry Kingswood
Gerdy MacKay*



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Joint Central & First Study Group Making Sense of the Bible (4 part series)

7 to 8:30 Wednesday nights (Feb 1st & 15th at First and
March 1st & 15th at Central)

Bring your questions and insights!

The bible has long been a primary source of Christian inspiration and direction. But how can we trust the bible to be meaningful today:

- when its miracle stories don't fit with science,
- when the bible contains racist and objectional material
- when it contains contradictions
- when it presents Jesus in two differing ways?

1. Miracle stories verses Science - Feb 1st at First

Nature of stories: Difference between facts and truth, history and story

Example of facts leading to untruths: 1 billion spent on political pacs same as amount spent on gum...meant to minimize pacs by comparing it to trivial gum but two different things

Special effects as powerful symbols and attention grabbing

Creation and Evolution

2. Inspirational scripture verses Objectional material - Feb 15th at First

How do we determine what is true and what is false?

Separating cultural norms from Loving norms

Repairing the damage of those beaten up by parts of the bible

3. Contradictions as Differing Points of View - March 1st at Central

Bible debates that continue today

Original Sin verses Original Blessing

Rules verses Justice

4. Two differing presentations of Jesus - March 15th at Central

Mat. Mark, Luke verses John

Jesus as only way verses Love as only way

Jesus moving beyond Tribal racism verses tribalism

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WEDNESDAYS
7 TO 8:15 PM

YOUTH

group

For Youth in Grades 6-12!

ALL YOUTH WELCOME

Led by Chris Ross & Austin Campbell

First & Central United Churches
Communities of Kindness

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*Thank you
for supporting
the ministry of
First United
Church.*



Choir meets on
Thursday Evenings!

7:30pm

New voices always
welcome!

Led by our Music Minister
Jody McDonald-Groulx!

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PANCAKE SUPPER



WHERE?

first united church
(7 Curtis St)

WHEN?

Feb. 21, 2023
5–6:30pm
(or until supplies last)

COST?

\$10 / or \$5
(for kids 12 and
under)

1 ticket = 2 pancakes, 2 sausages, and beans

Tickets will be sold at door!

Everyone welcome!

Bring your friends and your appetite.

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If you have an Upcoming Date / Event / Meeting you'd like included in the slides for our



please have it to Lori at First (office@1stunitedchurch.ca) by Wednesday at noon. Thank you!

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