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**Sunday Morning Worship Information**

Greetings First Church Friends! With new COVID protocols in place, we will continue to follow Southwest Public Health guidelines, so First United will continue to offer in person Worship in our sanctuary for those wishing to attend. You may also join online (link provided below).

If you do 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

Central United Church will remain closed to in-person worship for the month of January.

There is no Sunday School in January; however, our families with youth/children, you are invited to join Rev. Daryl from 10:15 till 10:25 a.m. at the Kid’s Corner before the service on Google Meet: [**https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax**](https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax%20)

The Google Meet will remain open throughout the service and everyone is invited to “come” for coffee on the same link following worship.

‘Activities for the Young and Young at Heart’ will be posted to the church websites. Notification will be given when we return to in person youth programming.

A separate link for the streaming of the service is always included in your Weekly Update! We also stream live on our Facebook page! The link for the Sunday, January 23rd is:

[**www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEs5jU2Aer4**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEs5jU2Aer4)

Rev. Matthew Penny will be preaching this Sunday, January 23rd. Rev. Daryl Webber will be preaching on the 30th. Music is being coordinated between Jody McDonald-Groulx and Rosemary Fife for the month. We will review our plan February 2nd and will let you know of any changes going forward.

Thanks for being a part of our church community!

**Happy birthday to:**

**Ever Sopoco**

**Marilyn Beechey**

**Ben Turvey**

**Wayne Smith**

**Happy anniversary to:**

**Jim & June Harris**

**This Sunday, January 23rd**

**You are welcome to attend**

**in-person at First at 10:30am!**

**Please enter through the Accessibility door**

**in the parking lot.**

**THIS WEEK: Rev Matthew Penny will be out Guest Preacher live at First United.**

**The Band will be live at First!**

**If you’d prefer, here are the ways to join us ONLINE for Worship:**

**Streaming Link for January 23rd :**

**[www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEs5jU2Aer4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEs5jU2Aer4)**

**LIVE on our Facebook page!**

[**www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch**](file:///C:\Users\first\Documents\My%20files\bulletins\2022\www.facebook.com\firstunitedchurch)

**This Sunday, join Rev. Daryl on Google Meets for the service and a ‘coffee & a chat’ afterwards. Link to join:** [**https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax**](https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax)

***Monday, January 24th***

**This week is a little different from the regular, but this video offers an hour filled with great music, poetry and reflections on the work of Ministry. You will definitely want to taste the sweet music! Something for everyone. When we think about Ministry, we don't often think about partnering with United Church Regions, but here is an example of life that comes from such partnerships in the Toronto United Church Council! Have you ever thought of church life like this? Certainly not your average Sunday Morning!**

### **UCC's 13th Annual Heart & Vision Awards Concert Premiered on October 18th**

**On October 18th, 2021, TUCC’s Heart & Vision Awards Concert premiered live on YouTube. Award recipients Ekua Asabea Blair and Lawrence Hill were honoured for their community and literary work, which addresses the roots and contemporary reality of systemic racism in Canada and offers us all an alternative vision of love and hope. We celebrated them with music from Jackie Richardson, Billy Newton-Davis, and Julie Michels, and a special appearance by Poet Laureate George Elliot Clarke. You can view the concert recording at:** [**https://youtu.be/x7R1tMrF8PQ**](https://youtu.be/x7R1tMrF8PQ)

**Grab a cup of coffee and fill your next hour with some good soul food! Join us Monday for Coffee and Curious Conversation.**

**Link to join:** [**https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax**](https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax)

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***Coming Thursday Nights in February! All are invited.***

***Central and First communities as well as anyone you know, are invited to online gatherings Thursday evenings for the month of February.***

***We will boldly, and gladly be pushed along by joy, learn each other's names during four lighthearted and team facilitated hour long sessions. We might even learn some new fun facts about people whose names we have known for a while!***

***Stay tuned for more, but until then book off Thursday nights from 7-8pm for some lighthearted time of friendship building!***

***All ages are welcome.***

***If it is dinner time, you can eat in front of us! That's what friends do, right?!***

**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**](mailto:sjohnstone1959@gmail.com)