



Greetings from First United Church



Due to lockdown [Family Worship](#) will be postponed until we are able to gather at the church again.

Stay safe & well everyone!



You are invited to Worship with us **ONLINE Sunday Mornings at 10:30am!**

We offer the Worship Service Virtually for our own First family, as well as friends from Central, St. Andrew's & New Vision United Churches.

This is a great opportunity to connect with your faith community and our friends from other United Churches in St. Thomas! (link to join is included in the weekly email).

****Due to lockdown we are unable to host in person worship at this time.**

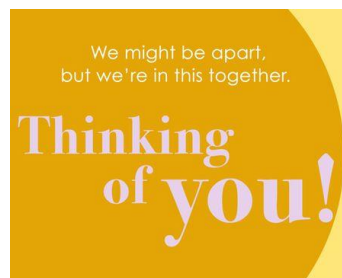
Stay safe & well everyone!

Happy birthday to:
Dean Traichevich
Abby West



Committee Chairs & Group Leaders are asked to have their Annual Reports emailed in to the Church Office by Monday, January 25th .

We hope everyone is well. If there are any needs you have for groceries or a conversation, please contact the office to let us know. We have people who are eager to help.





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We continue with
Coffee & Conversation Time
Monday Mornings at 10:30am
(link to join is in the weekly email).

For Monday, January 11 at 10:30am

Given the state of the States right now, I thought it would be interesting to watch an interview between Peter Mansbridge and Tony Blair in 2016. They discuss the polarization of people and the desperate need for the Center of the population to ask the question "what do we really believe". I found it good to watch 4 years ago and when I revisited it this week I found it interesting to note what rings true. These great leaders help us think about what it means to be a human civilization

Here is the link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OIpeu_hYSUY

Coffee & Conversation Continued...

For next week, Monday, January 18, I thought it would be good to listen to one of our leading authors Marilynne Robinson who wrote the trilogy *Gilead*, *Lilah* and *Home*. She is such a great theologian and imaginative writer. If you get a chance to explore her novels they are a great read, and offers great compassion for her characters. This is an interview between her and the Principal at Wheaton Theological College where she speaks to students about "call" and about what it means to live the "good life" and wonders about what it means to be part of the life to come. - the new heaven and earth! Can you pick out the ideas she suggests and see yourself in them! It is worth watching, and worth exploring other interviews and especially her public readings on Youtube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COPJOFA2-eU>

Join us for coffee and bring your conversation!

