



Weekly Update from First – June 3/21



ONLINE QUARTER AUCTION – BIDDING ENDS TONIGHT (Thursday) AT 8PM!!

Some More Quarter Auction Info!

Tickets are \$5 each... Includes Admission and 1 bidding number - (you choose from 1-200) - first come, first served. Extra numbers, \$2 each.

Paddles and 50/50 tickets are on sale NOW!!

Money needs to be in (by etransfer) by **SUNDAY, June 6th** at noon

Live draw: June 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

To participate join the Quarter Auction Group on Facebook!! (the link is also on our Facebook page)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/774205820144315/>

Happy Birthday this week to:

Mary Chute
Karen Rick
Olivia Pay

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary this week to:

Bob & Treana Fellows
Rob & Carlene MacMenamin
Allan & Kim Hughson



CALLING ALL GRADUATES.....GRADE 8, GRADE 12 AND COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY!

Since these graduates are missing out on so many celebrations this year, we would like to share their accomplishments via slideshow at church on Sunday, June 13th during our virtual service.

If you would like your graduate to be included in the slideshow, please email two pictures of them, one as a child (3-5 years old) and the other, a more recent picture. We are not sure if grad photos were taken this year. Please email Karen Auckland at 27Swift@gmail.com with the following information.

1. Your graduate's full name
2. Two photos
3. What school/college/ university they are graduating from
- 4.a) What they will be studying or doing post secondary and where (university, college, trade, working, deferring, apprenticeship, gap year, etc.) OR
- b) What high school they will be attending OR
- c) What they plan to do post University

Please email the photos no later than Friday, June 4th.

Congratulations to the graduate!



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Online Sundays at 10:30am!

We continue to offer the Worship Service Virtually at 10:30am for our own First family, as well as friends from Central & St. Andrew's UC! 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:

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

REGIONAL COUNCIL AFFIRMING MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS

WE ARE ONE, WE ARE MANY



We are One, We are Many: A Celebration of the Affirming Designations of Antler River Watershed, Horseshoe Falls, and Western Ontario Waterways Regional Councils

Save the Date! All are welcome to join virtually via Zoom. **Sunday June 6th, 2-3 pm (EDT)** to celebrate!

Guest Preacher: Rev. Michiko Bown-Kai
Featuring music by David Kai & the Rainbow Chorus

Bring a candle to help light the Christ Candle!

For more information/link to join, please contact: dmatheson@united-church.ca or tsamuel@united-church.ca

Send congratulations to: Antler River Watershed: arwrc@united-church.ca



Monday Mornings at 10:30am

We revisit this video in light of our conversation about Sunday morning gathering. As we explore Meditation and Mindfulness we are introduced to Ignatius of Loyola. This 20 minute documentary of an early founder of Meditation practice known as the Examin which is a simple way of praying over our day. It is a practice that helps us get in touch with God's presence in our lives each day which was the hallmark of Christian life for Ignatius. I think you'll find this 20 minute bio of him very rooted in human life, so influential in Christian Spiritual Formation, and you may understand why people came to love him so deeply.

Here's the link to 20 minute Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lehPjhAky6E>

Here is the actual practice of the Examin. Try it daily or just once before we meet on Monday! You may want to use your settings to reduce speed to .75% it will make the 5 minute video about 8 minutes. Its very good!

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

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

Rev. Daryl is on Study leave.
He returns on Tuesday, June 8th.



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Next Week

Next Sunday, June 13

Rev. Don Parsons &
Rev. Sarah Chapman
will join our Joint Online Worship
Service and talk with Rev. Daryl
about the Eglinton-St. George
United Church Next Generation
Ministry.

We hope you'll join us!

**Do you have "GOOD NEWS" in your family
that you'd like to tell you First Church
Family about?**

**New baby? Student make the Honour
Roll? Extra-Curricular Activity
Achievement? Another fun happening?**

**Let us know and we'll include it in an
upcoming Weekly Update!**

**Send your story to Lori in the office at
office@1stunitedchurch.ca**

GOOD NEWS

DON'T BE
PUSHED BY YOUR
PROBLEMS, BE
LED BY YOUR
dreams.

– RALPH WALDO EMERSON

start each
day with
a grateful
heart

TECH HELP

Are you having problems getting connected to our Joint Online Worship Service, Coffee Time or another meeting/event you'd like to attend?

Send Lori an email (office@1stunitedchurch.ca) and she'll put you in touch with someone who can help! We've already got a few people connected and we'd like to help YOU!