



Weekly Update from First – June 24/21



All families are welcome to join us in the Assembly Hall @ 10:15am on Sunday.



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>

Orange Shirts

We were all sickened and saddened by the discovery of 215 children's bodies at the former Kamloops Residential School in BC. Orange Shirt Day memorializes the suffering by those who were scooped up as part of Canada's goal to assimilate the Indigenous population into Canadian Society.

If you would like to order a t-shirt or hoodie, I am placing an order in early July. Just send me what product you would like (t-shirt or hoodie), what size(s) and what quantity at rauck27@gmail.com.

T-shirts are \$20 each and hoodies are \$40. All proceeds from these sales go to the Woodland Cultural Centre which is the site of the former Mohawk Residential School. Orders should arrive in early September.

Richard Auckland



Happy Birthday this week to:

Jack Moore

Jody McDonald-Groulx

Savannah Whiteman



Happy Anniversary this week to:

Sue & Bob Nicol

If you have
the power to
make someone
happy, do it.
The world
needs more
of that.



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Monday Mornings at 10:30am

During our Coffee time we have been speaking about Storytelling as the root of our emerging worship focus once worship is "re-invigorated" after the Pandemic. What if Sunday morning gatherings were simple and based on Jesus' story among us? These three videos offer us some insight into the arts and into the power of story to shape us. What could we let go in "worship" and what new aspect could we embrace. Could we have simple meaningful Sunday morning gatherings based on fellowship and story? All are welcome to the conversation where we will be joined by Susanna Suchak who has been leading churches as an artist in residence.

Saddleback Church Creative Arts Church Conference
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vyvc2t_YCQE

Why do Churches need artists
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGkWDJ7iuhE>

Why Imagination Matters
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xReYEKmq9IY>

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Upcoming Services, Meetings & Events

Sunday, June 27

Family Worship @ 10:15am

Shared Sunday Worship @ 10:30am

Monday, June 28

Monday Coffee & Conversation @ 10:30am

Tuesday, June 29

Shared Transition Team Meeting @ 7pm

Wednesday, June 30

Shared Worship Dream Team @ 7pm

Thanks is extended to all those who were able to assist with the cleaning out of some of our space at the church either in person or vicariously): Richard & Karen Auckland, Justin Chute, Joe Hill & Carolyn LaPare, Lori Hoffman, Sherry Johnstone, Dave Luftenegger, Don Renaud, Mark & Vicki Snowsell, Joan Thomas, Bill Turvey, Lois Whiteman and others whose work was behind the scenes or is yet to come. The dumpster was filled, about 500 pounds of metal in the form of old chairs, tables and metal frames were recycled, some relics were rediscovered including some silverplate and church annual reports from before the United Church was established in 1925, and we have some empty space for the King's Academy to use the building this coming fall. Next on the agenda is a thorough cleaning!

