



Greetings from First United Church



Families are invited to attend our family worship service **Sunday Mornings at 10:15** in the Assembly Hall at First. We will be following all Co-vid guidelines and **parents & kids must wear a mask**. We are planning to have a lesson/scripture, video/activity, and a craft each week.

Please RSVP by emailing Karen Auckland at 27Swifty@gmail.com or to answer any questions you may have.

We will be hearing from Alan Reeves again this time in person on **Sunday Morning - March 14!** Here is a new video the Bridges out of Poverty network at Bedford House put together.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6lOZl2Eczw&t=9s>

[Moderator Richard Bott invites everyone to join him in celebrating Pie Day 2021!](#)

PIE = Public, Intentional, Explicit. These are the standards we hold ourselves and our welcome to when we become affirming, welcoming, or inclusive communities. March 14 is a chance to serve some pie and roll out the PIE by celebrating the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people in faith communities and beyond across Canada.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dX-w46NSfHO>



Sunday Mornings at 10:30am!

Our sanctuary is open with **28 spots available**.

(Social Distancing protocols are in place and masks are to be worn inside the building)

We also continue to offer the **Worship Service Virtually (also at 10:30am)** for our own First family, as well as friends from Central United!

If you're not comfortable joining us in person we'd love it if you joined us online- even if you've never done so before!

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).

March 11 marks the one-year anniversary of the global coronavirus pandemic being declared by the World Health Organization.

We call to mind the loss, the pain, the grief, the resilience, the compassion and the extraordinary sacrifices that have been hallmarks of the past year related to the pandemic.



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

For Coffee Time on Monday we will host the story tellers from Bridges out of Poverty- stories about scarcity, abundance, generosity and relationship. Join us. Especially if you've been involved in the Inn out of the Cold Project! All are welcome. Here is a preview of the storytellers....

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDQl8p0qynk&feature=emb_title

A catalogue of all of the Monday Morning Coffee and Conversations since April 2019 are available on our First United Church website. You are welcome to catch up on our conversation pieces! If you've wanted some Spiritual Grit in your life get some traction on these! They offered as a way to free our spiritual lives for compassion and discipleship.

Over the next few weeks before the service we will have brief messages from the Shared Ministry Dream Team who share with us opportunities to join in ministry together and share staff persons. Tune in five minutes early for the pre-recorded session where they discuss their work and what they see as our work over the next 5-10 years!

Youth Group at First United!

Wednesdays from 7 -8pm



Youth from all churches are welcome!
(There is an ONLINE option – for more info, contact Chris Ross)

Both First United & Central United will be hosting Food Drives on March 27th from 9:30am – noon.

Palms for Palm Sunday will be distributed during the food drive.

Thank you for helping us to help others!



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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Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday Worship Service
March 28th @ 10:30

Good Friday Worship Service
April 2 @ 10:30am

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
April 4 @ 7am
(Stay tuned for more information)

Easter Sunday Worship Service
April 4 @ 10:30am
online with Communion
served by Rev. John Brown & Rev. Paul Vollick

*Lori is on vacation from Friday, March 12 to Sunday, March 21 inclusive. The office will reopen on Monday, March 22 @ 9am!

Easter Concert

Easter Concert - Sunday April 11

with music from First, Central & Littlewood United Church in London.

We are so glad to have a chance at joining Sue Browning and her congregation on the ever growing online community.

More info to follow!

Happy birthday this week to:

Jen Buchanan, Bob Nicol, Bill Richardson, Jonathan Renaud, Hannah Bosveld.



Happy 50th Anniversary this week to: **Ken & Marlene Lunn**

