



Weekly Update from First – March 16/23

The Shamrock Shuffle
 in support of The Inn, is back!!
**Saturday, March 18th
 at 9am!!**
 The 2 km walk, 5 km walk,
 and 5 km run leave from and return to
 Central United. Treats provided.
 If you can't participate consider
 donating to a participant to help
 The Inn reach it's goal of
\$30,000!

Pre-register at: <https://raceroster.com/events/2023/71234/the-shamrock-shuffle-2023>



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Join Us For
Worship

<p><i>Sunday, March</i> 19th <i>10:30am</i></p>	<p>Rev Paul will be at First!</p> <p>Learning Time: Faith Permanence</p> <p>Sermon: Rev. Paul Faith Permanence - The Power of Risk</p>
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Scripture Reading(s): Selections from
 Ecclesiastes 3 & Ephesians 2

ALL ARE WELCOME

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**URGENT NEED:
SINGLE SERVE DRINKS**

Help Us to Help Others

Drink Box DRIVE

Supporting the Elgin St. Thomas
Food Providers Network

There is a real need within our community for drink boxes or single serving drinks (including Boost). Please consider those within our community who are without shelter and rely on local Food Banks and Food Distribution centres. Let's do what we can to support this initiative within St. Thomas!! So, bring in your drink boxes and single serving drinks to the church so we can make a difference within St. Thomas.

For more info visit:
www.1stunitedchurch.ca

(Harvest Hands, The Nameless, Grace Cafe, St Thomas Anglican Church, Holy Angels, etc. make up the Elgin-St Thomas Food Providers Network which provides food & drink to those in need)

Our own Mike Muma's partner, Cheryl, is actively involved in providing meals in the community.

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WEDNESDAYS
7 TO 8:15 PM

YOUTH

group

For Youth in Grades 6-12!

ALL YOUTH WELCOME

Led by Chris Ross & Austin Campbell

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Choir meets on Thursday Evenings!

7:30pm

New voices always
welcome!

Led by our Music Minister
Jody McDonald-Groulx!

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*Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry of First United Church!
Your gifts make a difference in the lives of others!!*



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YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

Free to attend, this personal development and community building retreat for High School students, ages 14-19, is a rare opportunity to visit camp in the winter time.

March 24-26, 2023

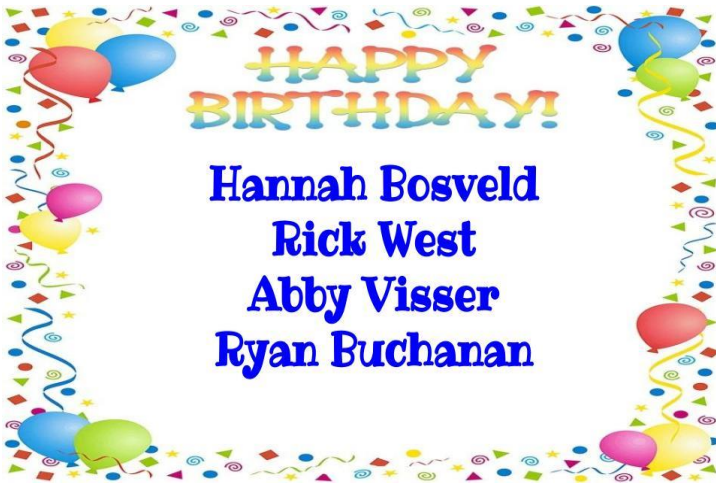
[LEARN MORE](#)

- Where - Pearce Williams Summer Camp - 8009 Iona Road, Fingal, ON
- Cost: Charitable donation (\$20 worth of new socks and/or bottled water and juice boxes to support [Elgin/St. Thomas Food Providers Network](#))
- To Register:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdO4-Wf_qCtqzl1Dg7F91UAwZCvxNwDB00nF3_OrZt0MR9KgQ/viewform
- More Information at: <https://www.campsbetter.com/youth-nights>

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You are invited to
join us for an



**AFTERNOON
SKATE**

Sunday, April 2nd, 2023
From 2:00 - 3:00PM
at Memorial Arena
(80 Wilson Ave, St. Thomas)

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Sunday, April 9th, 2023
 Special Time: 9:30am

JOIN US AT
 FIRST UNITED CHURCH
 FOR OUR

EASTER SUNDAY

WORSHIP SERVICE

He Is Risen!!

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YATS Forum 2023: Surface Pressure

April 28th to April 30th for Ages 18 and Up

REGISTER NOW

YAT FORUM 2023 PRESENTS:
SURFACE PRESSURE

WHO: Adults 18+
 WHEN: 7pm April 28-12pm April 30
 WHERE: Lambton Centre, 6602 Lakeshore Road, Forest Lambton Shores.
 GUEST SPEAKERS: Kenji Marui, Doug Peck, and Marilyn Arthur

Do you love to be **inspired**, challenged to think, **meet new people** & hang out with good friends??? Do you enjoy being in an **open & welcoming community** where you are free to be completely yourself? Faith, fellowship and connection is what YAT Forum is all about.

Register by April 14 at

https://regionalcouncil789.formstack.com/forms/yats_retreat

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THE ENNIS SISTERS

The Princess Playhouse /
Elgin Theatre Presents



Retirees'
Special!

Monday, May 8 @ 2:30pm

The Ennis Sisters, from Newfoundland, are an internationally renowned Celtic group, always of sell-out caliber. They are Juno award winners and have performed with The Chieftains. They also represented the Canadian government in France for the D-Day celebrations.

For tickets (or more information), please contact:
Dave McCormack at the Elgin Theatre (519-719-6885)
Anne Lounsbury at Central United Church (519-631-7185)
Austin Campbell at First United Church (519-631-7570 ext. 23)

Tickets are
\$35

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If you have an Upcoming Date / Event / Meeting
you'd like included in the slides for our



please have it to Lori at First
(office@1stunitedchurch.ca)
by Wednesday at noon. Thank you!

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On Instagram: [@firstunited1834](https://www.instagram.com/firstunited1834)

On Twitter: [@FirstUnitedStT](https://twitter.com/FirstUnitedStT)

On YouTube: [First United Church, St. Thomas](https://www.youtube.com/FirstUnitedChurchStThomas)



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