



# Weekly Update from First – March 17/22

## Sunday Worship Service

This Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

You are welcome to attend in-person at First at 10:30am!

Please enter through the Accessibility door in the parking lot.

If you plan on attending in person, you must:

- wear a mask, hand sanitize and socially distance
- provide contact information for tracing
- ensure that you are feeling well, and have not been in contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID in the last 14 days

**THIS WEEK:** Rev. Matthew Penny will be sharing the Message from Central (streamed to First). Rev. Daryl is off. As always the Band will be here at First!!

If you'd prefer, here are the ways to join us ONLINE for Worship: Streaming Link for March 20th:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9iZNN89D3WI>

LIVE on our Facebook page! [www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch](http://www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch)

No Google Meets this week!

## About Church School!!

Come join the fun each Sunday (at First) as we learn about Jesus & his journey with his disciples through stories, prayer, games & crafts!

Everyone must wear a mask & be socially distant.

Families will worship together in the sanctuary & children will leave for church school following the children's time.

We hope you can join us!

## Happy Birthday

*Rick West*

*Abigail Visser*

*Ryan Buchanan*



## Happy Anniversary

*Ken &*

*Marlene Lunn*





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## Coffee and Curious Spirituality

Monday Mornings at 10:30am



Link to join:

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

Join us for Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am for Coffee and Curious Spirituality as we continue to consider churches that have engaged in a process to become more inclusive through the Affirming Process.

This week we will have special guests who lived through the very divisive period of church history in the mid 80s and into the 90s around Human Sexuality, the Ordination of Gays and Lesbians, affirming the LGBTQ2 community and becoming safe communities for folks traditionally marginalized by religious communities.

Come reflect with clergy around what it was like to be in congregations and to be part of the denomination during that decade or two. Consider together what it is like to look back on it now 38 years later. How far have we come? How have their communities moved to become inclusive and welcoming. Rev. Matthew Penny, Rev. Warren McDougall, Rev. John Brown bring a wealth of insight and history to the conversation.

I am curious what you will bring to the conversation besides a coffee and your curiosity!

## Bible Study

### *Lesser Evils: Daily Reflections on Seeking Wisdom*



Weekly Study: Wednesday at 1pm starting March 9<sup>th</sup> (Central United Church Fellowship Hall) or evening online meetings can be arranged. Contact Kathryn Fletcher at 519-633-1902 or [fletcherfamily@rogers.com](mailto:fletcherfamily@rogers.com).

One Hardcover book available: \$16.50. Ebooks are available for \$7.95 at [www.ucrdstore.ca](http://www.ucrdstore.ca)

**Youth Group will meet AT FIRST**  
On Wednesday from 7:00-8:15pm

We will be talking about the Ten Commandments.

All Youth are welcome!

Youth Group Leaders:  
Chris Ross & Jean Fletcher





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# COMING APRIL 2022

## First United Blind Auction

### Fundraiser #3



(Organized by Sherry Johnstone)

We hope to raise some money for the general fund & have fun too!!  
We're looking for donations for the auction - NEW or Like NEW items  
in excellent condition.

#### Suggestions:

Baking \* Dinner for 2 or a family of 4 \* Movie night gift basket \* Wine  
tour/tasting \* Beer tour/tasting \* Time/talent \* Spring cleaning of  
vehicle (in & out) \* Afternoon of cornhole toss with snacks \* Coffee gift  
basket \* Gardening time \* Bird lovers gift basket \* Garden lovers  
basket \* Pet lovers basket \* Chocolate lovers basket \* Teacher  
appreciation basket \*

If you are interested in donating an item to the auction, please  
contact Sherry Johnstone by phone at 519-933-5033 or email her at  
sjohnstone1959@gmail.com

**SEE BELOW FOR EXAMPLES OF SOME OF THE AMAZING ITEMS THAT  
HAVE BEEN DONATED ALREADY!**



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR





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### Here are a couple of items received for the First United Blind Auction Fundraiser #3 Coming in April 2022

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Central and First United Churches  
are invited to join in the fun for a  
**RECREATIONAL SKATE!!**

Where? Joe Thornton Community Centre

When? Sunday, March 27 from 2:45 to 3:45 pm

Stay tuned for more details regarding any specific COVID restrictions, noting restrictions are likely to change between now and then.



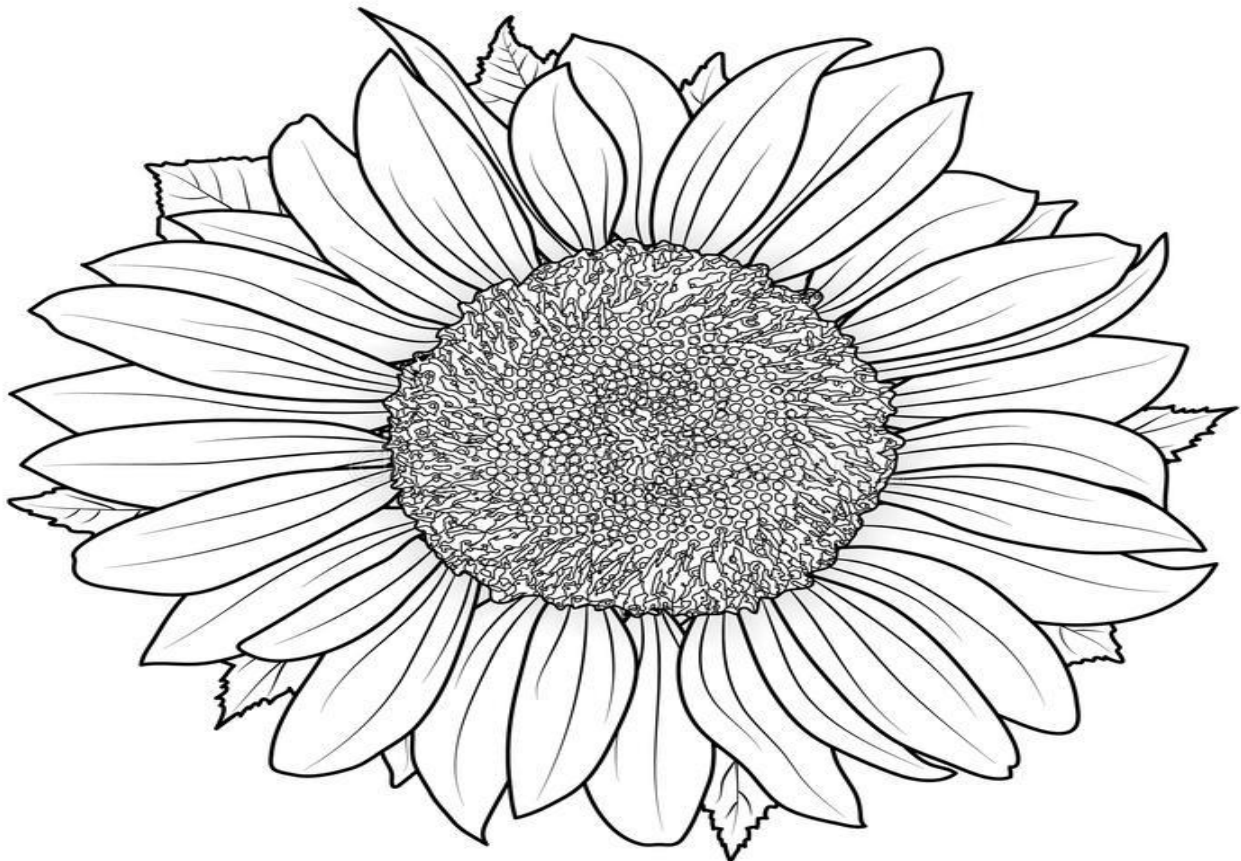
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**Let's put Sunflowers up on our church walls!**

**You can help!**

**There are lots of designs to choose from on the internet - you can colour one, make one out of construction paper, cloth, wood, or any other Materials you'd like. Be creative!**

**Please share your sunflowers with us!**







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### Youth Forum 2022



Are you a young person aged 16-19 and looking for a summer opportunity to engage in the life and work of the United Church AND have summer employment?!

Email [thea@theproject.ca](mailto:thea@theproject.ca) to find out more!

### YAT Forum: Community Retreat for Ages 19 & up

**Date: Friday, April 29 - Sunday, May 1**

Long walks to the dining hall ... Gracefully launching yourself down the rolling hills ...

Desperately trying to shake that catchy worship tune ... Running into the arms of people you haven't seen in years ... or ever ... or yesterday!

... Sounds awe-inspiring, fairytale-esque, a utopian dream!



But hold up!!! This is not a drill! YAT Forum (Young Adults Together) is coming to a Pearce Williams Christian Center near you (actually it's located in Iona Station)!! Never been to adult overnight camp? Desperate for arts and crafts? Need space to connect with the divine, nature or yourself!?

For those who are 19+, come be Re-United in worship, fellowship and the quietness of creation from Friday, April 29 - Sunday, May 1. Covid-19 guidelines will be followed during the weekend. Register now at <https://arwrcucc.ca/yat-forum-2022/>  
Cost \$150 - \$200 - \$300