



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.



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).



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!

Happy birthday this week to: **Abigail Visser, Ryan Buchanan.**



Happy 30th Anniversary this week to: **Mike & Cheryl Muma!**





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

During coffee time March 22 we are offered an opportunity to explore the tension between First Nations communities and a group of white folks who represent some of the stereotypical beliefs that are held by many of us- all the way from outright hatefulness to puzzled and curious. We go from watching Neanderthal Man video and Mars landing a couple of weeks ago to something that evokes again how God's creation really is inextricably one! Watch this TVO video from the series "First Contact" and join us for some coffee and conversation as we share what we saw in the video. IT is 45 minutes long, but if you only have time to watch the first 10 minutes it is worth it!

This is a must watch in our days of being church in a polarized and ever growing polarized world. While we won't be solving any problems on Monday we will certainly be given an opportunity to take an inventory and count the judgements we have accumulated.

<https://www.tvo.org/video/documentaries/first-contact-episode-1>

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 in their parking lots on Saturday March 27th from 9:30am – noon.

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

Drive in, drop off your food donations, pick up your palms and go!

It's that simple!

Thank you for helping us to help others!





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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. 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!

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.

