



Weekly Update from First – March 24/22

Sunday Worship Service

This Sunday, March 27th

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, please consider the following precautions:

- * wear a mask if you wish to do so
- * use the hand sanitizers available at the accessibility entrance and the hallway leading into the sanctuary
- * pews will remain marked with green tape and yellow tape - please use pews marked with green tape as a simple way to continue social distancing and help prevent the spread of COVID-19
- * ensure that you are feeling well and have not been in contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 in the last 5 days
- * visitors will be encouraged to sign in at the entrance, to help us follow up in the event of a confirmed or suspected COVID case traced back to Sunday service

THIS WEEK: Rev. Pegi Ridout will be sharing the Message live from First (streamed to Central). Erin Chute will be the Worship Leader at First. 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 27th:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pK6EUYadsZs>

LIVE on our Facebook page! www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch

This Sunday, join us on Google Meets for the service and a 'coffee & a chat' afterwards.
Link to join: <https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax>

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!

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

Rev. Daryl

Katie Auckland



Dorothy and Lyle Cameron have moved. They would love to see you or hear from you. If you would like their new contact information, please contact Lori in the office.



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THIS SUNDAY from 2:45-3:45pm!!



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

Where? Joe Thornton Community Centre

Children are encouraged to wear helmets.
ALL ARE WELCOME!!

(No masks or proof of vaccination required)

Coffee
and
Curious Spirituality
Monday Mornings at 10:30am



This week for our Coffee & Curious Spirituality time we continue to expand on what it means to be an inclusive people. Last week we recounted what it was like to live through "The Issue of Ordaining Gays and Lesbians" and what it was like for ministers to be present through that time. We thank Warren McDougall, Matthew Penny and John Brown for being our clergy guests and adding their wisdom and recollections. It was such a good conversation.

This week we welcome Rev. Emma Pipes who was a member at First and now serves in a joint Ministry between Caledon East UC and Knox UC near Brampton, Ontario! Emma, thankfully, is going to join us and help deepen our conversation about inclusivity through the lens of her process with Affirm United. Join her in a conversation about subversive Bible stories, the root "need" that drives every call for inclusion, and what "an ally session" of the Affirm process is like!

Come to say hi to First's candidate for ministry in 2018 and listen in on what she has been up to.
Rev Emma Pipes welcomes all!

Bring a cup of java, your curiosity and as is always required, your spirituality!

Link to join:

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



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Bible Study

Lesser Evils: Daily Reflections on Seeking Wisdom



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

One Hardcover book available: \$16.50. Ebooks are available for \$7.95 at 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**

First United Blind Auction Fundraiser #3 (Organized by Sherry Johnstone)



Auction Launch Date; Sunday, April 24th
Deadline for Auction Item Donations: Sunday, April 17th

We hope to raise some money for the general fund and have some 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 519-933-5033 or sjohnstone1959@gmail.com



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Here are some of the **24 items** that have already been received for the **First United Blind Auction Fundraiser #3** (Organized by Sherry Johnstone)

If you are interested in donating an item to the auction, Please contact Sherry Johnstone 519-933-5033 or sjohnstone1959@gmail.com



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



Who do you
say I am?

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@thegoproject.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