



Greetings from First United Church



Family Worship has been postponed until we are able to gather together again at the church.



Online Sundays at 10:30am!

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

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:

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



We continue with Online "Coffee & Conversation" Time Monday Mornings at 10:30am

This week we are invited into the spiritual practice of contemplation through the Labyrinth.

Our first video is about 6 minutes and an introduction to the labyrinth

<https://www.graceglenellyn.org/praying-the-labyrinth.html>

The second video is 20 minutes and is the actual building of the Labyrinth at Grace Church San Francisco. <https://vimeo.com/154457944>

It is a beautiful old practice of embodied prayer.

I invite you to enjoy.

Bring a coffee and bring your reflections Monday morning at 10:30am!

Youth Group at First United has been postponed until we can gather together again at the church.



Happy birthday to:

Kade Kewley
Rachael Muma



Happy anniversary to:

Jerome & Joan Thomas
Alison & Aaron Apfelbeck



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Workshop

Please save the date for a virtual session with Pegi Ridout (Interim Minister at Central United) who will continue the conversation started on February 20 with the Official Board / Council from both Central and First.

At that session, one of the activities was to explore the expected roles of a minister and the lay people in the church.

This Saturday, May 8th @ 9:30am session is open to all members of both congregations.

Please spread the word and we hope you will take the time to join us to help determine our future direction as a church. YOUR input is valued and needed so that we have a more informed basis on which to make judgements.



It's almost Mother's Day and we need your help!

We'd like you to participate in celebrating our mother's – whether here or gone.

Each person who would like to participate (all welcome – kids and adults) will be given a random letter from a certain phrase (which will be a surprise until the Mother's Day Service on May 9th).

Then we'd like you to create this letter by drawing it on a piece of paper (be creative and make it fun and colourful), printing the letter off the computer, finding one of these letters in your home – anything.

Then take a picture of yourself holding the letter you were given and email the picture to Erin Chute at erinchute@hotmail.com.

Please email Erin as soon as possible if you'd like to participate. Submissions will need to be in by Friday, May 7th at the very latest.

The Central and First Shared Ministry Team has been brainstorming ideas around what Ministry Outreach opportunities there are and thinking about staffing the Shared Ministry Position(s) between the two congregations. This is not a conversation about Amalgamation, but as you will see in these less than three minute videos, it is some dreaming and creative thoughts about what it might be like to Share staff position(s) over the next 5,10 and 15 years. If you missed these on Sunday morning just prior to the service here is a chance to catch up. Join in the conversations after church during the coffee time! Enjoy! Daryl, Paul and the Shared Ministry Dream Team.

Dream Team Video# 1: <https://youtu.be/9vz2cOt2raA>

Dream Team Video #2:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MxEOY3grdRg&list=PLmvPUglueRxUYk7raEhMjUwOATGOjU426&index=4&t=18s>

Dream Team Video #3: https://youtu.be/L6holC-u9_4

Dream Team Video #4: <https://youtu.be/eG0hyk2DCZE>

Dream Team Video #5: <https://youtu.be/NfDyB9Y6bKM>

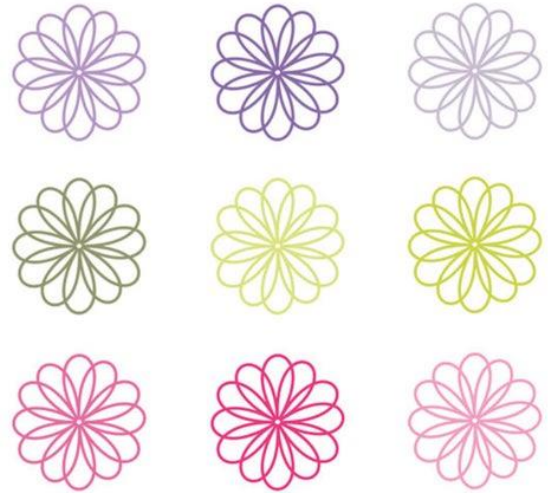


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The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held online this year on Sunday, May 16th following worship (approx 11:40am)

The link to join is the same as Sunday worship.



UPCOMING EVENT!
ONLINE QUARTER AUCTION!

Some Quarter Auction Info!

Tickets are \$5 each...

Includes Admission and 1 bidding number - (you choose from 1-200) - first come, first served.

Extra numbers, \$2 each.

Paddles, including golden paddle and 50/50 tickets go on sale on: May 28, 2021

Items go up for bidding on: May 31, 2021 at noon

Bidding remains open from: May 31-June 4, 2021

Money collected: June 6, 2021 at noon

Live draw: June 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

More details to come!

