



Weekly Update from First – May 4/23

# Join Us For Worship



*Sunday, May*

**7th**

**10:30am**

Rev. Donna Kerrigan  
will lead the service.

Family Time: "Shé:kon" ("say-go")

Scripture: John 14: 1-14

Message: "Column A,  
Column B (etc)"

## ALL ARE WELCOME

If you'd prefer, join us ONLINE for Worship,  
here is the Streaming Link for May 7th:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8Gk\\_J9TYBs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8Gk_J9TYBs)

or join us on our Facebook Page:  
[www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch](http://www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch)

TRUST... show RESPECT ... LISTEN ... then SPEAK.





Weekly Update from First – May 4/23

**The Whole Family is invited  
to join us for Worship Sunday  
mornings @ 10:30am!**



**We offer Church School!**



**We also have a Nursery  
available** (supervised by our Youth!)

**\*Kindness\***

**\*Respect\***

**\*Fairness\***

**Mike Hardman will have  
Communion Elements available  
at the back of the church  
during Rachel Gorman's solo  
for those who would like to partake.**



**\*We offer Communion every Sunday**

**TRUST... show RESPECT ... LISTEN ... then SPEAK.**





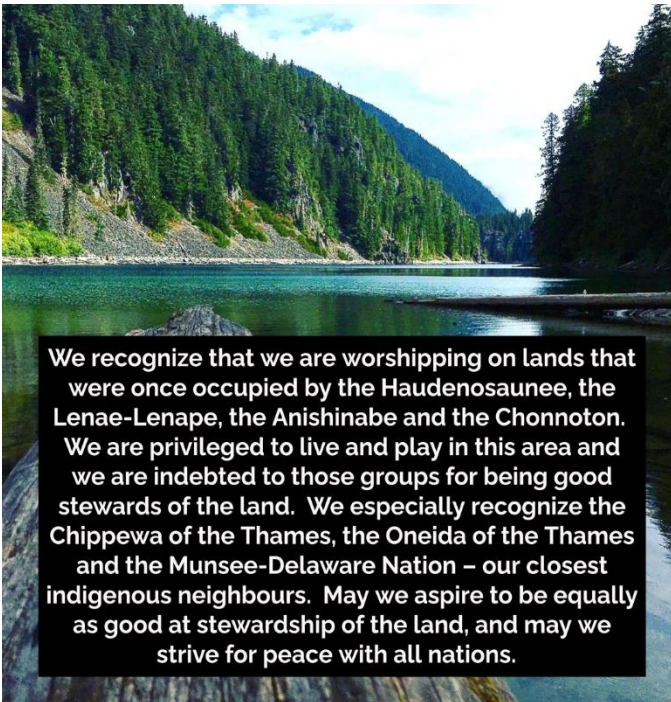
# Weekly Update from First – May 4/23



**\*Kindness\***

**\*Respect\***

**\*Fairness\***



We recognize that we are worshipping on lands that were once occupied by the Haudenosaunee, the Lenae-Lenape, the Anishinabe and the Chonnoton. We are privileged to live and play in this area and we are indebted to those groups for being good stewards of the land. We especially recognize the Chippewa of the Thames, the Oneida of the Thames and the Munsee-Delaware Nation – our closest indigenous neighbours. May we aspire to be equally as good at stewardship of the land, and may we strive for peace with all nations.



Summer Jobs for Students ages 15-19

Climate Motivators- Canada Summer Jobs Program

Closing Date for applications: May 14, 2023

See

<https://united-church.ca/opportunities/climate-motivators-canada-summer-jobs-program> for more information

TRUST... show RESPECT ... LISTEN ... then SPEAK.





Weekly Update from First – May 4/23

WEDNESDAYS  
7 TO 8:15 PM

# YOUTH

*group*

For Youth in Grades 6-12!

ALL YOUTH WELCOME

Led by Chris Ross & Austin Campbell

First & Central United Churches  
Communities of Kindness

\*Kindness\*

\*Respect\*

\*Fairness\*

The First Church  
Worship Band

Practices Thursday  
Evenings at 7:30pm.  
New Members welcome!

TRUST... show RESPECT ... LISTEN ... then SPEAK.

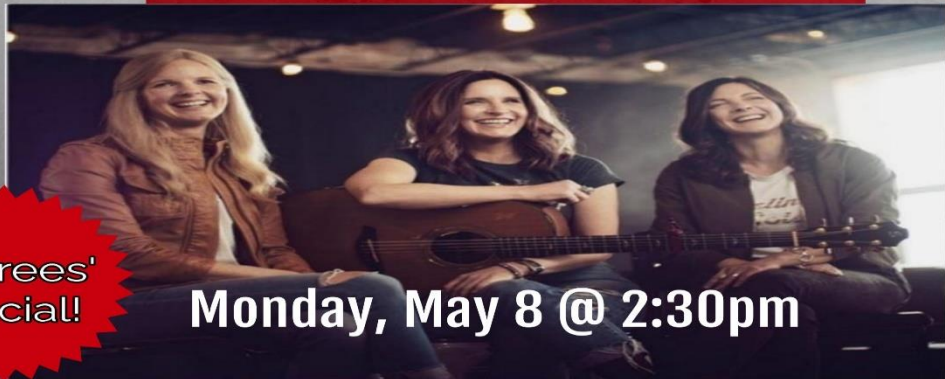




Weekly Update from First – May 4/23

# 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

\*Kindness\*

\*Respect\*

\*Fairness\*

## Quarters in! Paddles up!



JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED EVENING

**WHEN**  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10  
DOORS OPEN: 6:00 pm  
AUCTION STARTS: 7:00 pm

**WHERE**  
CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH  
135 WELLINGTON STREET  
ST THOMAS

**WHAT TO BRING**  
FRIENDS & FAMILY  
QUARTERS FOR  
BIDDING  
(WE WILL HAVE SOME  
QUARTERS AT THE DOOR)

**VENDORS**  
FIFTEEN PLUS  
VENDORS!  
CHECK OUR FACEBOOK  
PAGE FOR VENDOR  
UPDATES  
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/  
CENTRALUCCHURCH](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CENTRALUCCHURCH)

**PLUS**  
50/50 DRAW  
RAFFLE TABLE  
SNACKS & SOFT  
DRINKS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE FOR  
PURCHASE

**ADMISSION \$5**  
INCLS ONE PADDLE  
EXTRA PADDLES \$2  
EACH

**BENEFITING**  
PROCEEDS TO LOCAL  
COMMUNITY CHARITABLE  
ORGANIZATIONS BY THE  
CENTRAL UNITED  
OUTREACH TEAM

TRUST... show RESPECT ... LISTEN ... then SPEAK.





Weekly Update from First – May 4/23

**The Antler River Watershed Regional Council  
invites you to the  
Annual Celebration of Ministries Service  
being held at First United Church  
on Saturday, May 13th at 4:30.**



**ARWRC**  
ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**This is a special opportunity to be a part of an  
inspirational service of music, preaching and  
communion as we welcome 4 new members into the  
Order of Ministry and a new President of our Region.**

**\*Kindness\***

**\*Respect\***

**\*Fairness\***

**You are invited to join us  
Mother's Day Sunday – May 14!**

**We invite everyone to bring an object  
that reminds them of their mother to worship with them.**

**Flowers will be given to all mothers and caregivers  
who provide mothering support to someone.**



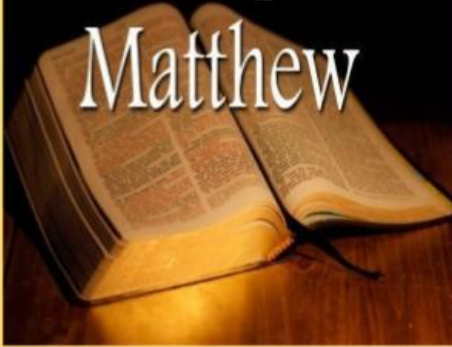
**TRUST... show RESPECT ... LISTEN ... then SPEAK.**





Weekly Update from First – May 4/23

## The Gospel of Matthew



### Midweek Bible Study – The Gospel of Matthew

Central invites everyone to join them (no need to sign up) at Pinafore Park (near the main Pavilion) on Wednesday afternoons at 1pm beginning May 17th!

Contact Kathryn Fletcher at 519-633-1902 or [fletcherfamily@rogers.com](mailto:fletcherfamily@rogers.com) for more information or for a Zoom link to the evening session.

**\*Kindness\***

**\*Respect\***

**\*Fairness\***

### Heroes United: Find Your Super Powers

June 9 (7pm) – June 11 (11am), 2023 @ Camp Bimini (near Stratford)



Kids Across the Regions is a fun, faith-filled weekend for children in grades 4-8.

Also looking for youth/young adults to lead.

- Voluntary Three – Tier Pricing System. Participants can choose the tier that is most suitable for their family: \$70 – \$85 – \$100

Contact Kathryn Fletcher at [fletcherfamily@rogers.com](mailto:fletcherfamily@rogers.com) or Austin Campbell at [austin@sharedministry.ca](mailto:austin@sharedministry.ca) for more information or to inquire about high school/young adult leadership opportunities.

Registration (deadline is May 26<sup>th</sup>):

[https://regionalcouncil789.formstack.com/forms/kids\\_across\\_the\\_regions](https://regionalcouncil789.formstack.com/forms/kids_across_the_regions)

TRUST... show RESPECT ... LISTEN ... then SPEAK.



Weekly Update from First – May 4/23

# ***First United Church***

7 Curtis St., St. Thomas, ON N5P 1H3

## ***Rev. Paul Browning, Minister***

Phone: 519-631-7570 ext 22 (office)  
519-681-3521 (home)

Email: paul@sharedministry.ca

Drop-in Hours: Tuesdays from noon-5pm

## ***Austin Campbell, Community Engagement Co-ordinator***

Phone: 519-631-7570 ext 23 (office)  
519-617-3975 (cell)

Email: austin@sharedministry.ca

## ***Lori Hoffman, Secretary/Treasurer***

Phone: 519-631-7570 ext 21 (church office)  
Email: office@1stunitedchurch.ca

**\*Kindness\***

**\*Respect\***

**\*Fairness\***



Check out our Website & follow us on all our Social Media platforms!

Website: [www.1stunitedchurch.ca](http://www.1stunitedchurch.ca)

On Facebook: [firstunitedchurch](https://www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch)

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/channel/UC...)

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

**weekly**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**please have it to Lori at First (office@1stunitedchurch.ca)**

**by Wednesday at noon. Thank you!**

TRUST... show RESPECT ... LISTEN ... then SPEAK.

