



Greetings from First United Church

Workshop

THIS SATURDAY - MAY 8th

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.

Here is the Zoom link and information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84467715285?pwd=alIzSXhQZ2hTYXArV0l2OVlVYnkVUT09>

Meeting ID: 844 6771 5285
Passcode: 700775

Phone in: 1 647 374 4685 or 1 647 558 0588



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>



Happy birthday to:
Anika Renaud, Myles Nicol,
Rosemarie Johnson-Clarke,
Andre Smith, Rachel Gorman.



Happy anniversary to:
Justin & Erin Chate
Michael & Sherry Kingswood



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**“Coffee & Conversation” Time
Monday Mornings at 10:30am**

Last week we deepened our awareness of the beauty, awe and sacredness of the Labyrinth and its mysterious way of showing us how we do and can walk in life.

This week we watch a video from Kate Humble in Wales from the series "Off the Beaten Track" Season 2, Episode 1, about the final journey of this life. (Watch from 18:37-28:00)

In Wales there is an eternal forest, a place people go to become part of the earth in their death. This is a gentle look at our relationship with the natural journey of nature's way through death into new life.

I think you will enjoy the funeral in the forest, and find beauty and awe in the midst of God's great geometry there.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sARASHnzNCQ>

Bring a coffee and join us Monday morning at 10:30am!

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



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.

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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**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

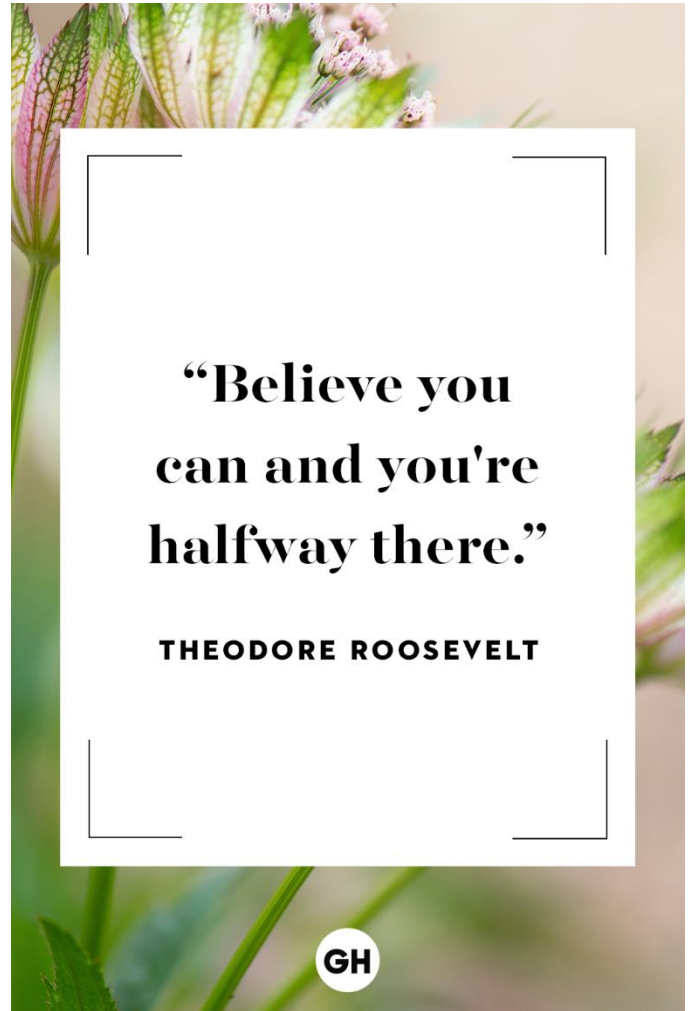
Items go up for bidding on: May 31, 2021 at noon

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.

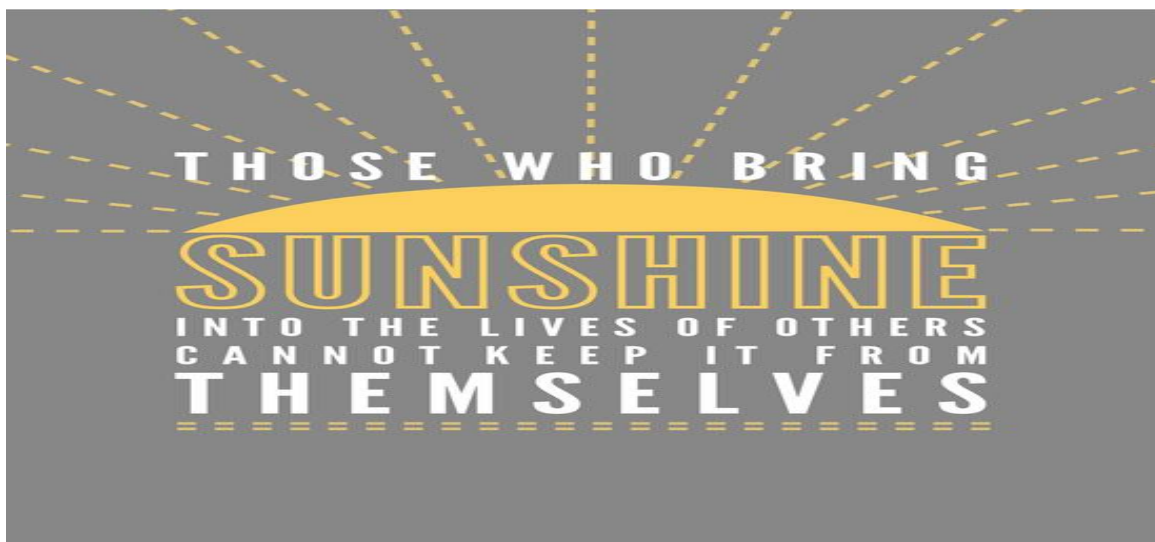
More details to come!



**“Believe you
can and you're
halfway there.”**

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

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**THOSE WHO BRING
SUNSHINE
INTO THE LIVES OF OTHERS
CANNOT KEEP IT FROM
THEMSELVES**