



Weekly Update from First – November 9, 2023

Our Sunday Worship Service starts at **9:30AM**

Join us for

Worship

AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH



*Sunday
November
12th*

9:30 am

Rev. Paul will lead worship.

Richard Auckland will
be the Lay Leader.

The band will lead music!

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27
James 1:2-6 & 3:13-18

ALL ARE WELCOME

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WOW

\$2,342.20 was raised at the Quarter Auction!

Well done First United!
Thank you to Erin for her leadership & to everyone who 'pitched in' & helped make the event a success!

**SECRET SANTA...
& SOCKS!**

NOW til NOVEMBER 26th

We're collecting...
Unwrapped Gifts (to age 12)
Non-perishable food items
& Monetary Donations
for Christmas Care

**AND SOCKS (mens, womens & childrens)
for Grace Cafell**

Please bag socks separately from your Secret Santa Gifts.

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We have a Tree!

Thank you to Hunter Beamish & Beamish Landscape for finding a tree for us this year. They will deliver & set-up the tree the week before our Advent 1 Service!

A Pre-Advent / Christmas Newsletter

is going out on November 19th.

If your group / Committee has something you would like to have included please have it in to Lori by **11:59pm on Sunday, November 12.**

(office@1stunitedchurch.ca)

(No late submissions will be accepted due to the short turnaround time for the Newsletter).

Thank you!



Do you have an electric **GENERATOR**
(the quieter the better as to not drown out the Christmas Music on the float)
that the Church could borrow for the Santa Claus Parade - November 18th - to run our speakers & lights on the float?
-- We're asking our First Friends before we rent one ;) --

Contact Lori in the Church office: office@1stunitedchurch.ca
or Mike Hardman: mhardman766@gmail.com

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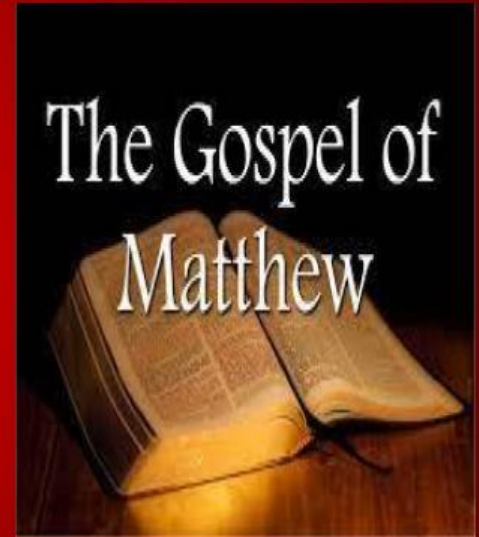
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Central United is hosting a Midweek Bible Study - The Gospel of Matthew

NEW LOCATION: Lower Parlour, Central
United Church

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm.

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



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No Youth Group
Gathering on
Wednesday,
November 15th

YOUTH
group
For Youth in Grades 6-12!
ALL YOUTH WELCOME!

Leader: Chris Ross & Teah Welch

First & Central United Churches
Communities of Kindness

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**The First Church
Worship Band**

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

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING US CONSTRUCT
OUR FLOAT OR PARTICIPATING IN THE

**SANTA CLAUS
PARADE**

(FLOAT CONSTRUCTORS,
PARADE WALKERS / FLOAT RIDERS NEEDED)

ANGEL, SHEPHERD & MAGI COSTUMES PROVIDED!

PARADE IS
18
NOVEMBER

EMAIL MIKE HARDMAN @
MHARDMAN766@GMAIL.COM

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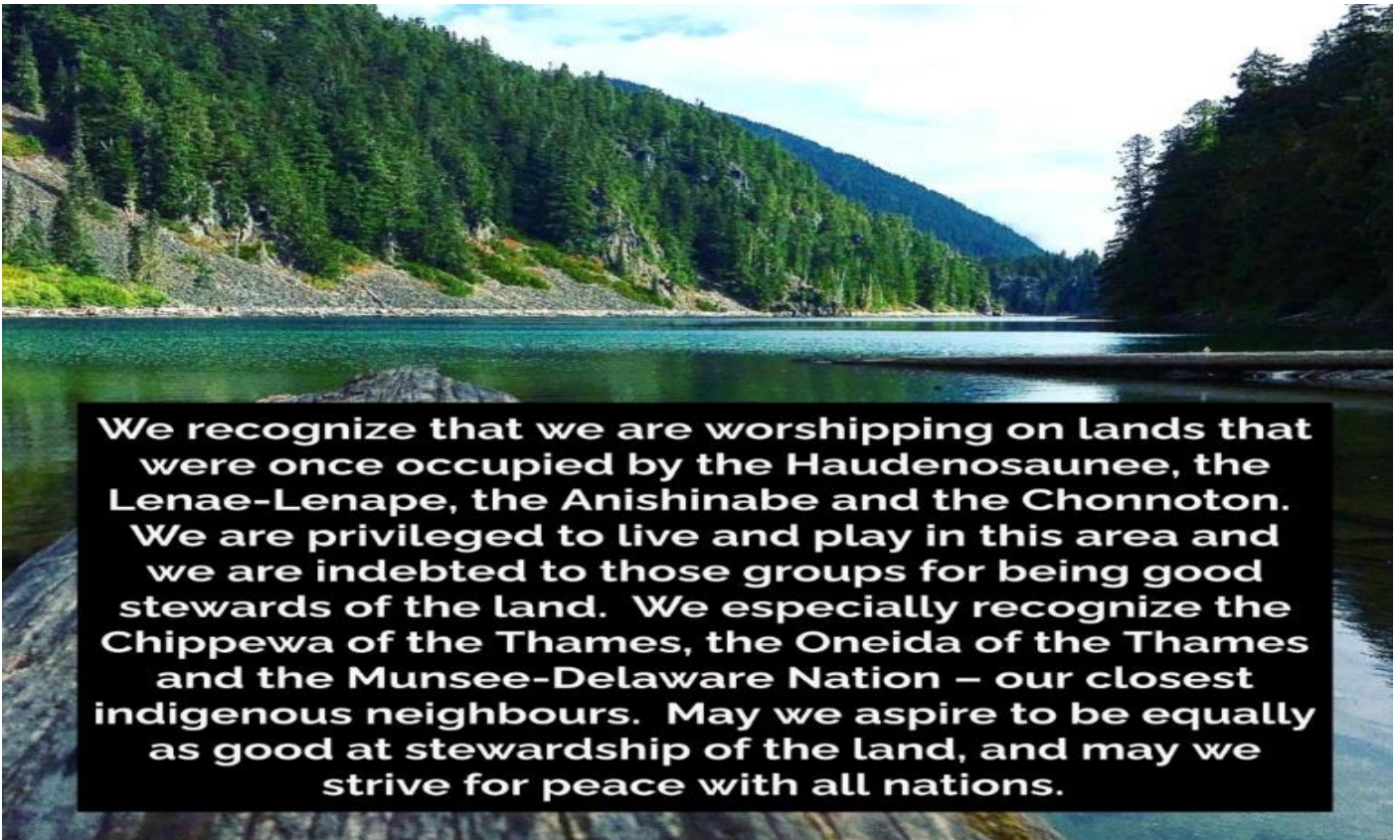
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**HOLD
THE
DATE!**



Tickets will
be available
on Sundays
from now til
the event.

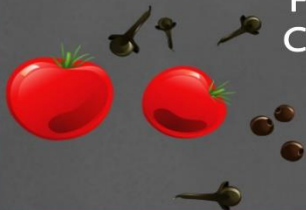
Join us at First United for a
SPAGHETTI DINNER

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH
FROM 5:00 - 7:00PM**

**PRICE: Adults \$15, Children 5-15 \$10
and Children under 5 FREE**

**MENU: Spaghetti, Salad, Rolls,
Drinks & Dessert!**
(Gluten Free & Vegetarian Options Available)

For tickets please contact Lori in the
Church office (519-631-7570 ext. 21
or office@1stunitedchurch.ca)
or email Mark & Vicki Snowsell at
snowsell@rogers.com



**If you'd like to help with the event, please contact Mark &
Vicki Snowsell at snowsell@rogers.com**

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FIRST UNITED
Holiday Market
SUNDAYS DECEMBER 3RD & 10TH
10:30AM TO NOON

GIFTS	DECOR	BAKERY
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IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY!

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This event will NOT be advertised on social media due to the smaller size of the event. But...we are asking the congregation to invite family and friends.

We would also like to ask those who would be able to, to donate items to this Holiday Market.

Market idea items: Children's gift bags, new toys or books, stocking stuffers, crafts, ornaments, home & Christmas décor (new), baking, snack gifts, jams, jellies, cheeseballs, single serving meals, candy.

We would appreciate it if anyone who wants to donate items could contact: Sherry Johnstone at 519-933-5033 or sjohnstone1959@gmail.com OR Lois Whiteman at 519-631-3337 or loisjwhiteman@hotmail.com

Timeline for donations:
Non-food items – by Sunday November 26
Food items – 8:00-9:00 am Sunday Dec.3
or contact Sherry Johnstone
to drop off frozen items prior to Dec.3

Funds raised for "Hug in a Mug" project "Hug in a Mug" Outreach project
(info coming out Nov.12)

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SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 3RD
7:30PM

JOIN US FOR A
Festival
OF LESSONS & CAROLS

NO TICKETS - FREEWILL OFFERING

FIRST UNITED CHURCH, 7 CURTIS STREET, ST. THOMAS

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SAVE YOUR POP TABS



**First Church Friends!
Please save your POP TABS to help a little girl
named McKenna ("Smiley"), who has cerebral
palsy, get a new wheelchair!**

**There is a container in the Fellowship (Coffee)
Room to collect your donations.**

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**First United Church,
St. Thomas**

REMINDER!!

Church
VISITORS

If you are visiting the Church during the week (school days from 8am to 3:30pm – this does NOT include weekends, please enter as normal on Sundays for Church) please enter via the driveway off of St. George Street and park in the parking lot to the right.

If you have accessibility concerns, please call the office before you come and we'll make arrangements for you to get as close to the back door as possible.

THANK YOU!!!!

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*Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry of First United Church!
Your gifts make a difference in the lives of others!!*




If you have anything you'd like included in the Weekly Update/Sunday Slides, please have it in to Lori in the Church office

BY WEDNESDAY at NOON!

THANK YOU!!!

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