



Weekly Update from First – November 11/21



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT



You are welcome to attend
in-person at First Church
Sundays at 10:30am!

Please enter through the Accessibility door
in the parking lot.

THIS WEEK: Lauri Ladd (from Central United) will be sharing her Message with us and doing the Family Time. She will be live at Central United and it will be streamed at First.

Also, the Band will be here at First to lead us in song! We can sing with our masks on!

Thank you for your patience as we experiment with the format and the technology. The service will be tweaked as we learn and grow. This is in preparation for sharing Ministry staff with Central UC.

We are so excited to share all of this with you!! See you Sunday!

Here is the link to join online for this Sunday, November 14:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9naqjyXcgZo>



There will be a **Congregational Meeting** held **THIS Sunday, November 14** following worship to vote on the updated **Community of Faith Profile** to submit to **Regional Council** for approval. Please join us in person at the Church or online at; <https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax>

***Motions for the Meeting**

Motion: to approve the Community of Faith profile as recommended by the Official Board.

Motion: To recommend that we proceed to share ministry and resources with Central United including establishing a Joint Search Committee.

Motion: To jointly hire the equivalent of two full time ministers to serve First (and Central) United Church.





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Coffee & Curious Spirituality



'Coffee & Curious Spirituality'
Join us Monday, November 15th
@ 10:30am

We continue to explore Core Values. Today they get lived out in Spiritual Direction relationships and a conversation about owning your own rather than living out someone else's.

Listening for Spiritual Core values

<https://neighboringmovement.org/discerning-your-calling-to-spiritual-direction/>

Listening to and discovering a process of core values

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iu3J4wrbKI4&t=489s>

I'd also recommend listening to more Green Renaissance videos. They are such a great way of meditating and praying over our lives!

I'm also including this link to Brene Brown's Value Exercise. Check it out.

<http://jillcowie.snappages.com/blog/2019/08/21/brene-browns-value-exercise>

See you Monday!
Rev Daryl

All who can get connected are welcome to join us Monday mornings at 10:30am online.

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

Join us for a Bike Ride!

We meet at Central on Mondays at 4:20pm leaving at 4:30pm. Please wear warm reflective clothing and have lights installed on your bike or you (Weather permitting).

All ages are welcome!

This is brought to you by the Ministry of Joyful Gatherings!



start each
day with
a grateful
heart

Youth Group meets
at First Church on
Wednesday evenings
from 7-8:15pm.

All Youth are welcome!

Youth Group Leaders:
Chris Ross & Jean Fletcher





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Hello First Church Friends!
It's that time of year again!

Our Secret Santa Outreach Project!

Unwrapped Gifts for children (up to age 12) or Monetary Donations would be GREATLY appreciated! You can donate directly to Christmas Care through this link:

<https://christmascaresthomas.com>

or you can bring your donation to the Church – payable to Christmas Care (please include your name & mailing address for receipt purposes)

and we'll make sure they receive it. (You don't need to have a "Santa Bag" to participate. Feel free to buy more than one of the same gift.)

Our gifts will be included in the Christmas Care Packages given to those in need this holiday season.

ALSO, again this year we are collecting **SOCKS for Grace Café**. There is a huge need for Men's, Women's and children's socks! **Please bag these separate from your Secret Santa Gifts.**

Please have your Secret Santa Gifts & Socks for Grace Café **back to the church BY Sunday, December 5th!** They will be picked up by Christmas Care on Mon., Dec. 6th.



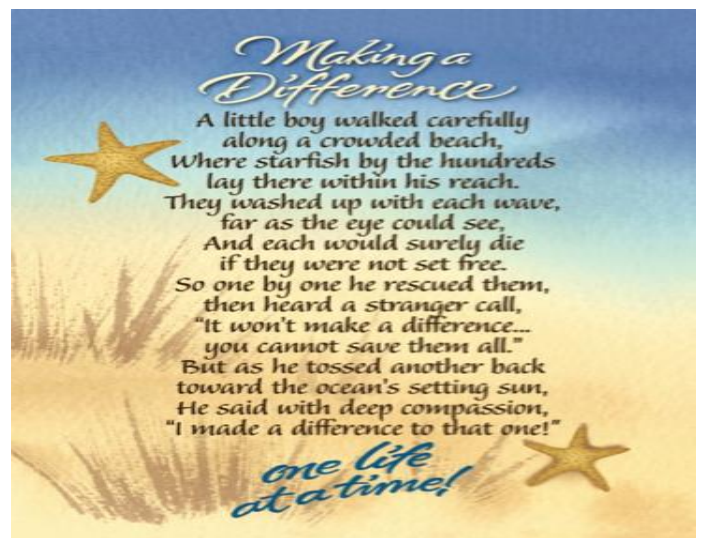
Happy birthday to:

Henry MacMenamin
Myles West
Rob MacMenamin



Happy anniversary to:

Bill & Lois Beamish





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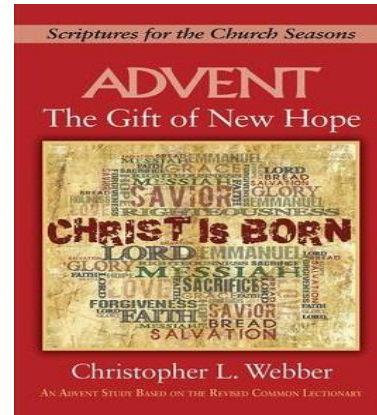
ADVENT - The Gift of New Hope

Come and take part in a 5 week study of commentary and reflection based on readings from the Old Testament, the Gospels, and the Epistles.

Afternoon session starts
Wednesday November 24th 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Central United Church

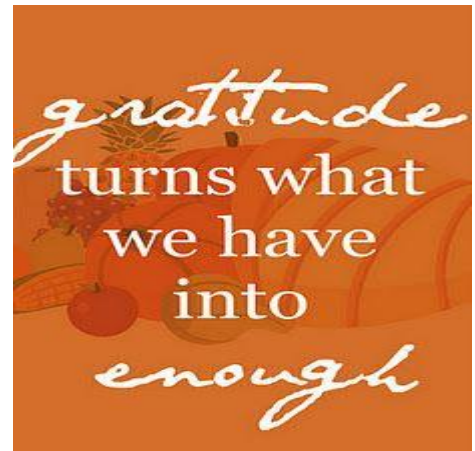
For more information or to choose an evening session please contact Kathryn Fletcher at 519-633-1902 or

fletcherfamily@rogers.com



The **Gifts With Vision 2021** catalogues have arrived. The print copies of the catalogue are available to you on the bulletin board by the coat hooks on the sanctuary level at the Church. You can also access the catalogue online at www.giftswithvision.ca

These suggested gifts that help people in our country and in the world make an awesome gift for loved ones at Christmas.



Lori will be on vacation from Friday, November 26 to Sunday, December 5th inclusive. **Any announcements that need to be included in the Weekly Update going out on Thursday, December 2nd (for the week of December 5-11) need to be submitted to the Church office by noon on Wednesday, November 24th.** Thank you!



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