



Greetings from First United Church

Happy birthday this week to:
Henry MacMenamin, Myles West,
Rob MacMenamin.

Happy Anniversary this week to:
Bill & Lois Beamish.



You are invited to Worship with us
Sunday Mornings at 10:30am!

Our sanctuary is open with 28 spots
available. Please RSVP if you are
planning on attending in person
(email office@1stunitedchurch.ca or call
519-631-7570 x21 & leave a message)
(Social Distancing protocols are in place and
masks are to be worn inside the building)

We also continue to offer the Worship
Service Virtually (also at 10:30am)
for our own First family, as well as
friends from Central, St. Andrew's &
New Vision United Churches.

If you're not comfortable joining us
in person we'd love it if you joined
us online- even if you've never
done so before!

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 included in
the weekly email).



Families are invited to attend our family
worship service Sunday Mornings at 10:15
in the Assembly Hall at First. We will be
following all Co-vid guidelines and parents
& kids must wear a mask. We are planning
to have a lesson/scripture, video/activity,
and a craft each week.

Please RSVP by emailing Karen Auckland
at 27Swifty@gmail.com or to answer any
questions you may have.

See our website for more details!
[http://www.1stunitedchurch.ca/upcoming-
events.html](http://www.1stunitedchurch.ca/upcoming-events.html)



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Join us Monday @ 10:30am

We have been discussing prayerfulness and mindfulness as Spiritual Practice. There are other forms of Spiritual Practice too, including Social Justice work. This short video is of a man who is engaged in Civil Disobedience and Social Justice work. It is a riveting story of one man who finds Spiritual Formation in his work especially with people on death row. When has your faith caused you to stretch your compassion? Join in on our conversation & coffee time on Monday at 10:30am.

Coffee Cheers!
Daryl

Here's the video!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFHE36Z613I&feature=emb_logo&ab_channel=Inte



Youth Group at First United!

Wednesdays from 7 -8pm



Youth from all churches are welcome!

(There is an ONLINE option – for more info, contact Chris Ross)



We hope everyone is well.

If there are any needs you have for groceries or a conversation, please contact the office to let us know.

We have people who are eager to help.





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Our 2nd Online Blind Auction is in FULL swing!

The bidding deadline is Friday, November 20 @ 7pm!

Check your Auction Email (sent Tuesday, November 10) for all the details and to see photos of all the AMAZING items that have been donated!

REMEMBER – Everyone is welcome to participate in our Auction so feel free to forward you email to your family & friends!

NEW THIS TIME: There will be a bid status report of each item with where the bids are at...but no bidder names. The first report will be emailed on Monday, November 16th and the second will be included in the Weekly Update email on Thursday, November 19th!

TO BID (or if you have Auction questions) please email Sherry Johnstone sjohnstone1959@gmail.com

More info, including the bidding instructions & item photos are our website! <http://www.1stunitedchurch.ca/upcoming-events.html>



Hello First Church Friends!

2020 has been a crazy year!

Usually we would be putting out the Secret Santa bags for Christmas Care this week!

Unfortunately, that is not going to work this year...but the need in our community is still great.

So instead we have decided to have a **Curbside Secret Santa Gift Drop Off at First for Christmas Care on Saturday, November 28 between 10:00am - 1:00pm.** **if you need a pickup of your gifts, please email Lori in the Church Office and something will be arranged!*

Unwrapped Gifts or Monetary Donations would be GREATLY appreciated!

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.** The SOCKS can also be dropped off on Saturday, November 28!



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Coming Soon...

Confirmation

with Rev. Paul (Central)
assisted by Rev. Daryl (First).

Contact the Church Office or Rev. Daryl
if you are interested in participating.



We're still looking for
donations of
outdoor LED lights or
outdoor extension
cords for an outdoor
Christmas light display.



Contact Lori in the
Church Office if you
can help! Thank you!



If you would like to sign up to help with
worship leadership please send an
email to your church office.

We are in great need of volunteers to
read scripture or offer as worship host.



Pearce Williams Christian Centre
will be hosting an online art auction!

The Pearce Williams Watercolour Collection
will be auctioned off from
November 16-27 2020.

The paintings are available for preview
NOW on Pearce Williams website -
www.campisbetter.com

This art collection includes
12 original paintings of Pearce Williams
by First's own Kim Hughson!

