



Weekly Update from First – November 16, 2023

FIRST & CENTRAL UNITED HAVE A FLOAT IN THE

**SANTA CLAUS**

**PARADE**

**THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH.**



**PARADE  
BEGINS AT  
6PM**

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR  
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS  
AND LETTERS FOR SANTA!**

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



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

Join us for

*Worship*

**AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH**



*Sunday  
November  
19th*

**9:30 am**

Rev. Paul will lead worship.

Mike Hardman will  
be the Lay Leader.

The band will lead music!

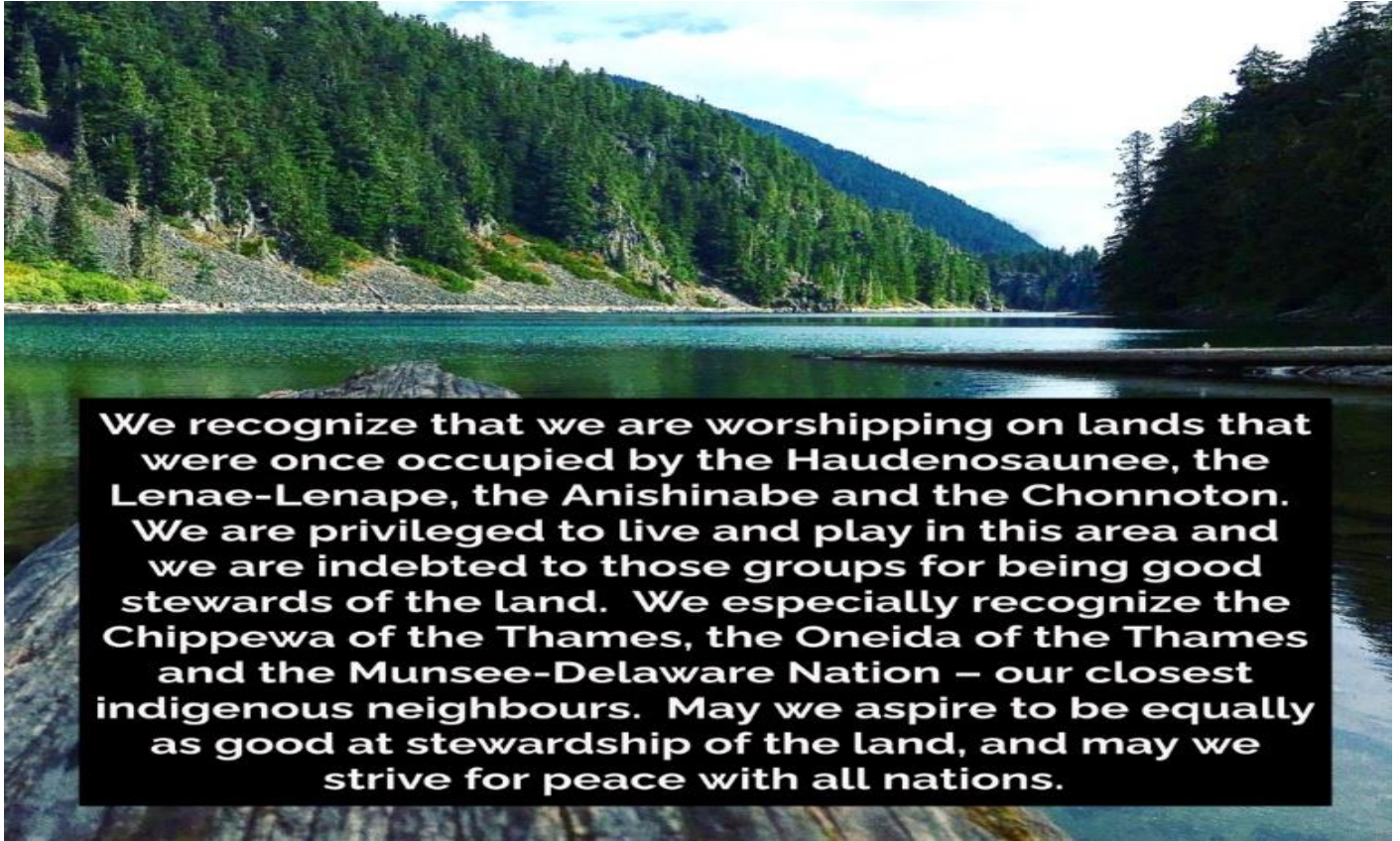
Scripture: Matthew 5:33-37

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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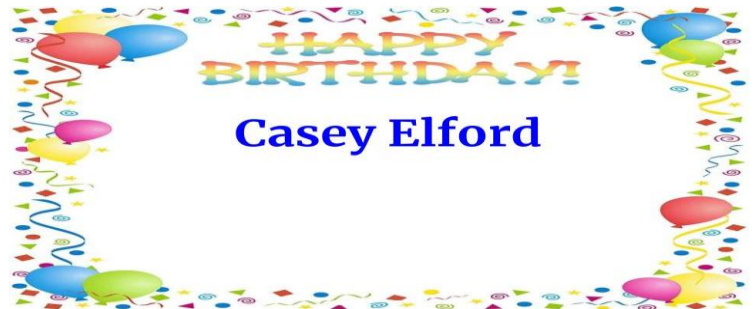


We recognize that we are worshipping on lands that were once occupied by the Haudenosaunee, the Lenae-Lenape, the Anishinabe and the Chonnoton. We are privileged to live and play in this area and we are indebted to those groups for being good stewards of the land. We especially recognize the Chippewa 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.

*\*Kindness\**

*\*Respect\**

*\*Fairness\**



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Wednesdays  
7:00-8:15pm  
in the Gym at First

# YOUTH

*group*

For Youth in Grades 6-12!

**ALL YOUTH WELCOME!**

Leaders: Chris Ross & Teah Welch

First & Central United Churches  
Communities of Kindness

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*\*Respect\**

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**The First Church  
Worship Band**

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

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**HOLD  
THE  
DATE!**



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

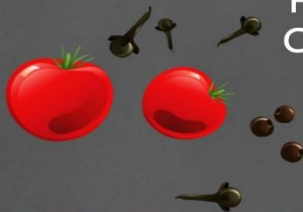
Join us at First United for a  
**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**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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# SECRET SANTA... & SOCKS!

RETURN DATE: NEXT SUNDAY,  
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 Cafe!!

Please bag socks separately from your Secret Santa Gifts.

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"HUG IN A MUG"  
Assembly  
following worship on  
Sunday, November 26th  
in the Fellowship Room



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**FIRST UNITED**

*Holiday Market*

**SUNDAYS DECEMBER 3RD & 10TH**  
**10:30AM TO NOON**

<b>GIFTS</b>	<b>DECOR</b>	<b>BAKERY</b>
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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](mailto:sjohnstone1959@gmail.com) OR Lois Whiteman at 519-631-3337 or [loisjwhiteman@hotmail.com](mailto: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

PARTICIPATING CHOIRS:

BELMONT COMMUNITY CHOIR  
CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH CHOIR  
FIRST UNITED CHURCH BAND  
PORT STANLEY COMMUNITY CHOIR  
PORT STANLEY UNITED CHURCH CHOIR  
ST. ANDREW'S WESTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH CHOIR  
ST. HILDA'S / ST. LUKE'S CHOIR  
STRING ENSEMBLE

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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# CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT COSTUMES

will be available on Sundays,  
December 10th & 17th  
in the Music Room

Join us for Christmas Eve Worship  
Sunday, December 24th at 7:30pm

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You are invited to join us for our  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Worship Service

Sunday,  
December  
24th

Service  
starts at  
7:30pm

First United Church

7 Curtis Street, St Thomas

Check out our other upcoming events on our website:

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

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[First United Church, St. Thomas](https://www.youtube.com/FirstUnitedChurchStThomas)

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**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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*\*Fairness\**

*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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