



Greetings from First United Church

Our Online Auction
Bidding Deadline is
Friday, November 20
at 7pm!



Be sure to check out the Final Bid Status email send out Thursday! If you haven't placed your bids yet – please do so!

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

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>



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!
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First Church People News



Long time First Church Member, **Donna Charlton** has not been well. Please include her in your prayers. If you'd like to give Donna a call, her phone # is 519-207-5975. She'd love to hear from her First Church friends!

Rosemary Underhill's great-niece Hillary has been living with a life-threatening blood disorder. Rosemary would like to remind people to give blood, or if your having a baby to donate the umbilical cord as it is rich in stem cells.

Here is a video about Hillary:
<https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=2077664&jwsource=em>

Happy birthday this week to:
Casey Elford, Jacqui Travis

Happy Anniversary this week to:
Sharron & Avery Ruppel





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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).



We continue our journey on meditation in order
to get in touch with trauma and discover how to
speak of anger in new ways.

Here are two videos: "How to deal with strong
emotions", a 22 minute video; and an 18 minute
Meditation on anger and the beginning of
forgiveness. These are both led by the
contemporary Buddhist teacher and writer Thich
Nhat Hanh. I think you will enjoy both or either
one!

Join us for coffee and conversation about the
ways we find release in the midst of a meditative
way of life.

All are welcome. Bring a friend and a latte!

Video 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJX8WkKbPf8>

Video 2: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q_UZCuBuu0U

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)



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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!



Saturday, November 28 at 7pm!!

Drive-in and see the Lighting of our AWESOME, NEW Christmas Light Display & Hear a Christmas Reading! (The Reading will be broadcast over the newly installed outdoor speakers to our South Parking Lot OR you will be able to tune in over your car radio!)

*If you do wish to get out of your vehicle, please wear a mask and follow physical distancing protocols.

If you are able, please bring a donation for Christmas Care (toys or non-perishable food items)! You can drop off your Secret Santa gifts & Socks for Grace Café this night too!

This event is in loving memory of long time First Church Member, Michael Gormley.
WE MISS YOU MICHAEL!!





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Presented by Central & First United Churches

Sunday, December 6 at 7pm



This concert will be pre-recorded and the screening will be held in the sanctuaries of Central & First. It will also be streamed LIVE on YouTube.

You **MUST** reserve seating in advance, due to numbers allowed by Southwest Public Health,

Proceeds to Pearce Williams Christian Centre.

Freewill donations can be made on First United Church's website (www.1stunitedchurch.ca) under the Concert Announcement on the "Upcoming Events" page!



We're looking for donations of outdoor LED lights or outdoor extension cords to add to our outdoor Christmas light display.

Contact Lori in the office @ First if you can help! Thank you!



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.

Keep an eye out for another email coming from the Church soon!

We have something exciting to planned!!

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.





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Here are some
Community Events
that might
interest you!



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!

Central United Church
is hosting a Virtual Bazaar!

New Items are added weekly!



Online Payment & Curbside Pickup!

Visit centraluc.ca for details!