



Weekly Update from First – November 30, 2023

# THANK YOU

TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED  
IN OUR SPAGHETTI DINNER!

Thanks to those who Set Up, Cleaned Up,  
Shopped, Baked, Cooked, Served,  
Sold Tickets, Washed Dishes and all those  
who bought tickets and attended!!

We raised just over \$570!

Special THANKS to Mark & Vicki Snowsell for all their work  
organizing this event!

\* Kindness \* Respect \* Fairness \*



## Thank you

to Hunter & his team at  
Beamish Landscape  
Services Inc. for once  
again continuing the  
tradition at First of  
finding, cutting down,  
delivering and helping set  
up the tree!

We are SOOOOOO grateful!

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



Weekly Update from First – November 30, 2023

# Join us for *Worship*



## AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

*Sunday  
December  
3rd*

**9:30 am**

Rev. Paul will lead worship.  
Sherry Johnstone will be the  
Lay Leader.

The band will lead music!

Scripture: Luke 1:5-7, 10-20

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

\* *Kindness* \* *Respect* \* *Fairness* \*

OUR

# Holiday Market

**STARTS THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD  
(ALSO THE 10TH)  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP FROM  
10:30AM TO NOON IN THE LIBRARY**

**GIFTS DECOR BAKERY SILENT AUCTION**

**INVITE YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!!**

IF YOU'D STILL LIKE TO DONATE ITEMS TO OUR HOLIDAY MARKET, CONTACT SHERRY JOHNSTONE OR LOIS WHITEMAN

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



Weekly Update from First – November 30, 2023

THIS SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 3RD AT 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  
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

\* *Kindness* \* *Respect* \* *Fairness* \*

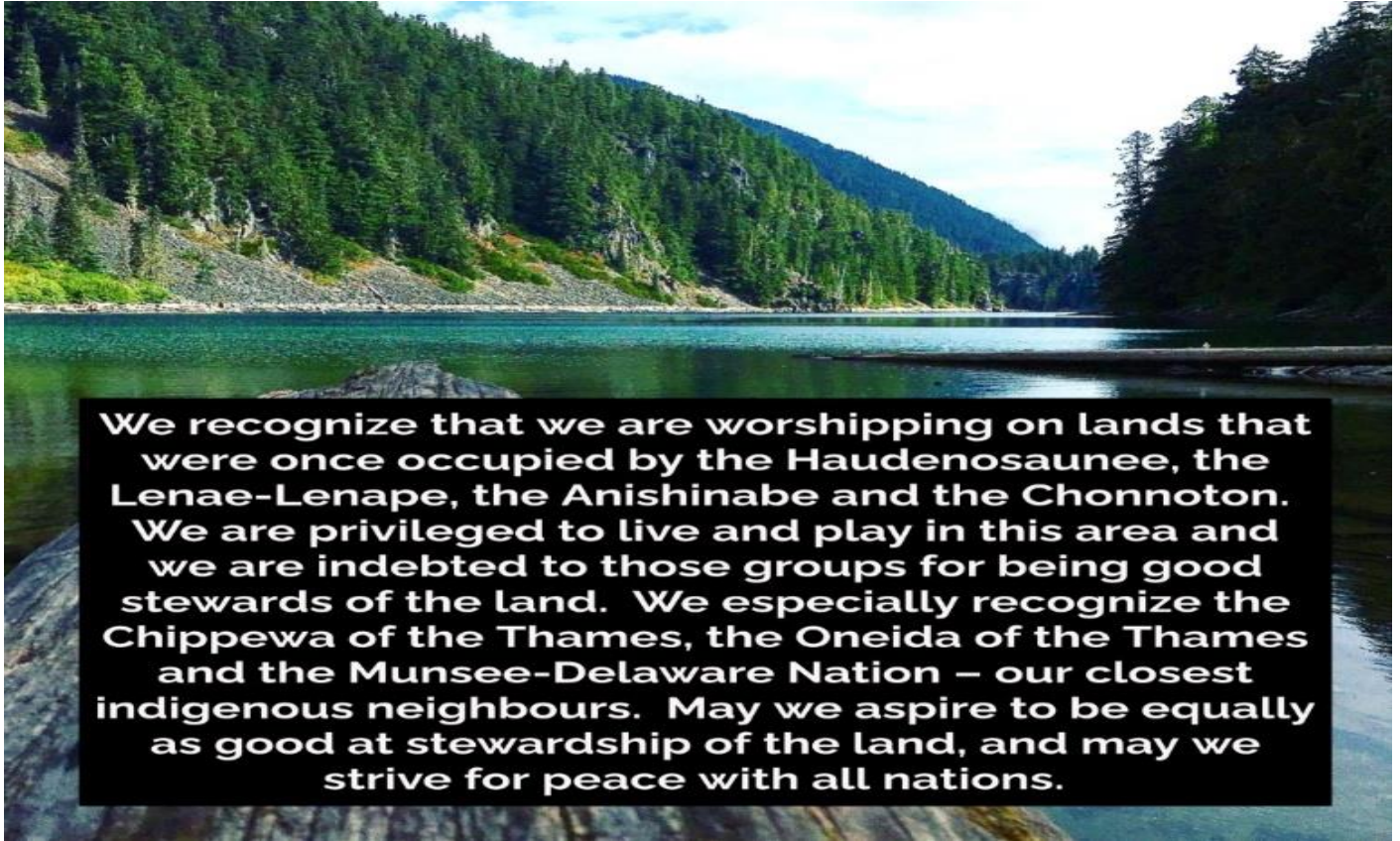
Advent 1

Hope

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



Weekly Update from First – November 30, 2023



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\**

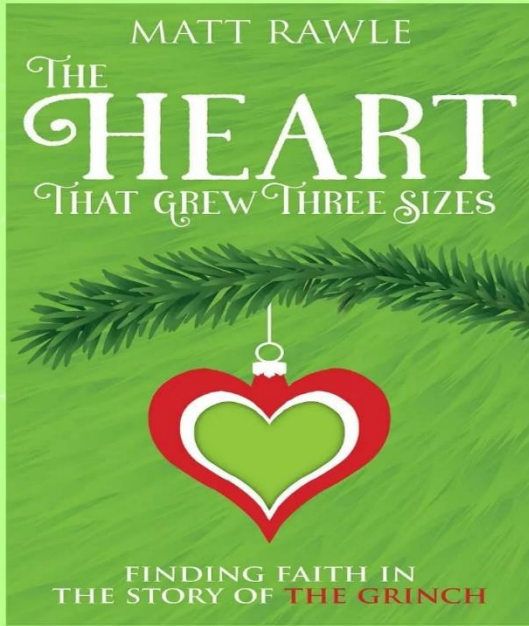
*\*Fairness\**



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



Weekly Update from First – November 30, 2023



# Advent Book Study

Wednesdays beginning  
November 29th

**AT CENTRAL:** 1pm in the Fellowship Hall  
(Led by Kathryn Fletcher)

**AT FIRST:** 7pm in the Fellowship Room  
(Led by Mike Hardman)

For more information contact:  
Mike at 519-631-7570 ext. 23 or mhardman766@gmail.com  
OR  
Kathryn at 519-633-1902 or fletcherfamily@rogers.com

*\*Kindness\**

*\*Respect\**

*\*Fairness\**

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

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



Weekly Update from First – November 30, 2023

**The First Church  
Worship Band**

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

\* *Kindness* \* *Respect* \* *Fairness* \*

## Looking Ahead... Year End Giving

**Lori will be on holidays  
from Friday, December 15th  
to Monday, January 8th inclusive.**

**If you would like to make a donation for the 2023 year:**

- See Lori in the Office before December 15th
- place it through the Curtis Street mail slot
- slip it under the Office Door when you are at Church
- mail it to the Church – Attention: Lori Hoffman
- You may also come in on Tuesday, January 9th to make a final donation.

**The final deposit for 2023 will be made at 3pm on Tuesday, January 9th.  
Donations received after this time will be credited to your 2024 Givings.**

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



Weekly Update from First – November 30, 2023

# 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

\* *Kindness* \* *Respect* \* *Fairness* \*

Central United Church  
Presents Christmas Music  
by the Senior Choir and  
Guest Musicians directed  
by Phil Hallman

*Carols by  
Candlelight*

Sunday, December 17, 7:00 pm

135 Wellington Street, St Thomas

Freewill Donation

All donations to the

Anita May Music & Mental Health Foundation

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



Weekly Update from First – November 30, 2023

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)

\* Kindness \* Respect \* Fairness \*

# Christmas MOVIE NIGHT

ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29TH,  
 CENTRAL UNITED IS HOSTING  
 AN INTERGENERATIONAL MOVIE  
 NIGHT STARTING AT 6:30 PM.

BRING A FRIEND AND ENJOY  
 THIS FUN MOVIE. PAJAMAS  
 AND PILLOWS ENCOURAGED

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





## Weekly Update from First – November 30, 2023



We have some antique windows from the original installation in 1950 at the church.

All are clear glass but maybe you have a home for them or are crafty and can think of a use.

Available for the taking. All we ask is a donation to the church in return.

*\* Kindness \* Respect \* Fairness \**

**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.**

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



# Weekly Update from First – November 30, 2023

*First United Church*  
7 Curtis Street, St. Thomas, ON N5P 1H3

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

---

**Rev. Paul Browning**  
Phone: 519-631-7570 ext. 22 (office)  
519-681-3521 (home)  
Email: [paul@sharedministry.ca](mailto:paul@sharedministry.ca)

[firstunitedchurch](https://www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch)

---

[@firstunited1834](https://www.instagram.com/firstunited1834)

---

[@FirstUnitedStT](https://twitter.com/FirstUnitedStT)

---

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

**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!!!!**

*\*Kindness\**

*\*Respect\**

*\*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!!!**

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