



# Greetings from First United Church



## Happy Anniversary this week to:

Carolyn LaPare & Joe Hill (last week),  
Lyle & Dorothy Cameron, Bob & Sharlene  
Scott, Murray & Tracey Medhurst.



### ATTENTION: Church School Families

**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](mailto:27Swifty@gmail.com) or to answer any questions you may have.**

If you want to participate but do not feel comfortable attending in person, please contact Karen, and she will deliver to your home, a packet of materials for your children to complete at home. These activities follow the children's time lesson being offered during our regular virtual service.

Many thanks to Central United for sharing these packets with us!



**We continue to meet online Sundays at 10:30am** for our Joint Worship Service with our own First family, as well as friends from Central, St. Andrew's & New Vision. **We'd love it if you joined us - even if you've never done so before!** This new season is a great time 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).

**Also, our sanctuary is open with 28 spots available.** Please RSVP if you are planning on attending in person (email [office@1stunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@1stunitedchurch.ca) or call 519-631-7570 x21 & leave a message)

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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Coffee & Conversation Time takes a brief pause this week due to the Thanksgiving Monday holiday!

Have a wonderful week everyone!

Links to the videos from previous Coffee Times can be found on our website under the "Upcoming Events" tab. Just look for the Coffee Time announcement.

## Youth Group at First United!

Wednesday, October 14  
from 7 -8pm  
(no Youth Group on the 21<sup>st</sup>)



Youth from all churches are welcome!  
(There is an ONLINE option – for more info, contact Chris Ross)



You are invited, if you are able, to drop off items for the St. Thomas Elgin Food Bank in our Church Parking lot **on Saturday, October 17 from 10:00am-1:00pm** (Safe Porch pickups are also available during this time, if necessary – please message the church)

This is a SAFE, SOCIALLY DISTANCED Food Drive - you drive up, take your groceries out of you car and place them in the designated area. (Volunteers present to supervise)

Thank you for helping us to help stock the shelves at the Food Bank!

Here is their Grocery Item Wish List:

- \*Full-size Juices & Juice boxes
- \*Pudding cups
- \*Peanut-free snacks for children
- \*Snacks bags (baggies)
- \*Pasta Sauce
- \*Canned Pastas (Alpha-getti, Zoodles, Ravioli, etc.)
- \*Canned Soups, Stews & Chili for single clients
- \*Kraft Dinner/Mac'N Cheese/Sidekicks
- \*Fresh potatoes, onions & apples, etc.



For Monetary donations to the Food bank:

- \*via Canada Helps online  
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-thomas-elgin-food-bank/>
- \*Cash
- \*Cheques (St. Thomas -Elgin Food Bank)
- \*Grocery gift cards

(Cash/Cheques/Gift Cards can be put through the Church mail slot - Curtis Street door, south west corner of the church - or brought the Food Drive).



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**Remember!**  
**Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Online Auction is  
Fast Approaching!**

You are invited to start thinking about what you can donate to make this Auction a HUGE Success!

**We hope EVERYONE will participate!**

You can donate items, time, talent or service for this auction.

(The Auction is open to everyone, donations will be accepted from those outside the First Church Family as well!)

Items must be new or  
in like-new condition.

## Donation ideas

- \* Gift Cards
- \* Family Movie Night basket
- \* Snack Basket (granola bars/snacks)
- \* Homemade pie(s)
- \* Homemade Meal delivered to home for family of 4
- \* 1 dozen homemade cookies every month for a year
- \* Jewelry
- \* Garden lovers basket
- \* Lottery ticket arrangement in vase
- \* Coffee or Tea Lovers gift basket

## Auction continued...

- \* Birds lovers basket (seed, bird feeder)
- \* Dog/ Cat lovers basket (treats, toys)
- \* Wine lovers gift pack
- \* Assortment of baked goods
- \* Local brewery Tour/Tasting
- \* Food
- \* Christmas cookie boxes
- \* Squares,
- \* Hand crafts
- \* Christmas crafts

Deadline for submission of donations, at latest, is Friday October 23, 7 pm.

Please email all donation information to Sherry Johnstone

[sjohnstone1959@gmail.com](mailto:sjohnstone1959@gmail.com)

## Coming Soon...



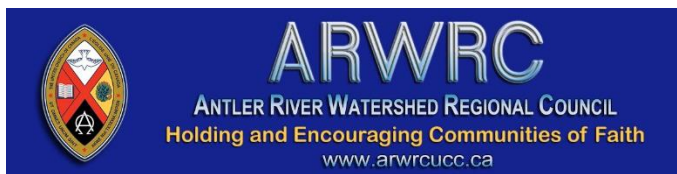
**Confirmation Classes**  
with Rev. Paul (Central)  
assisted by Rev. Daryl (First).

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





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Join your Extended Family of United Church Folks (Antler River Watershed Regional Council) in a Special Virtual Service on Sunday, November 1 at 10am.

Special guest preacher will offer reflection and the Celebration of New Ministries Service will include 1 ordination.

Join in on the Antler River YouTube channel. A link will be included on our webpage and in an upcoming Weekly Update email.

The Churches of St. Thomas will see you there!



Due to Covid-19 we are unsure of when we will be able to host another Rummage Sale. We ask that NO items be brought to the Church as we don't have the space to store them. Thank you.



Our own Jonathan Renaud (son of Don & Jacqueline) has just released his first original song "IDWL" on Spotify as "Cube". He also made a video cover. Congratulations Jonathan! Here's the link:

[CUBE - IDWL](#)



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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## Minute for Mission



Thanksgiving Mission & Service Video:  
[Minute For Mission - click here](#)

## Thanksgiving GRATITUDE GAME

- NAME A PERSON YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR.
- NAME SOMETHING YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR.
- NAME A MEMORY YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR.
- NAME A PLACE YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR.
- NAME A SKILL YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR.
- NAME ANYTHING YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR.

