



Weekly Update from First – October 28/21



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT



You are welcome to attend
in-person at First Church
Sundays at 10:30am!

Please enter through the Accessibility door
in the parking lot.

THIS WEEK: Rev. Paul will be preaching live
at First and Rev. Daryl will be doing the
Family Story Time live at Central.

Rev. Paul is retiring in November so there
are only a few more opportunities to hear
him preach – join us!

Also, the Band will be here at First to lead
us in song! We can sing with our masks on!

Thank you for your patience as we
experiment with the format
and the technology. The service will be
tweaked as we learn and grow. This is in
preparation for sharing Ministry
staff with Central UC.

We are so excited to share
all of this with you!! See you Sunday!

Here is the link to join online for this
Sunday, October 24:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-VQGIMjuWYU>

Happy birthday to:

Brooke Kewley
Lois Whiteman
Bill Turvey



To our Friends at First...

It is with gratitude and thanks for the
support and prayers that we want to
update Alvin's health situation. After
5 days in the hospital, he is now at
home and continues his recovery. He
initially had undergone a successful
pacemaker implant in mid
September. However about 2 weeks
later he was feeling poorly, and he
was admitted to the hospital with
pneumonia and congestive heart
failure.

He is feeling much better and
continues to get stronger every day.

We give thanks for doctors who acted
quickly and to you for your prayers
and support.

Alvin & Marg Epp





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Coffee & Curious Spirituality



'Coffee & Curious Spirituality'
Join us Monday, November 1st
@ 10:30am

We continue to consider the values that give us energy and direction in our lives and in our world. These videos help us reflect on those elements that make up our lives.

It was said in our coffee group last week that these would be good little clips to watch as a before bed meditation. They are peaceful, somehow and grounding.

Enjoy these videos and join us this Monday at 10:30 for Coffee and Curious Spirituality!

Join in on Monday, or watch the videos on your own. This would be great watching with your 'tweens or people who struggle with Mental Health.

Doing what you love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sekzkcHJm0>

Itchy fingers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWqzZtOvQx0&list=RDCMUCcPPUszZ4-7yzZNgAAYwJjg&index=46>

Shine on- a journey through grief. Never give up.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZSM9QvPBjAk&list=RDCMUCcPPUszZ4-7yzZNgAAYwJjg&index=48>

The Perfect Child

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRVLITB_DQM&list=RDCMUCcPPUszZ4-7yzZNgAAYwJjg&index=48

All who can get connected are welcome to join us Monday mornings at 10:30am online.

<https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax>

Join the **Shared Biker Gang** – and invite your friends!

Mondays at 5:50pm in Central's parking lot (off Moore Street).

This is brought to you by the Ministry of Joyful Gatherings!



Youth Group meets at First Church on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15pm.

All Youth are welcome!

Youth Group Leaders:
Chris Ross & Jean Fletcher





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A Game of Chess anyone?

Contact Terry Lanning 519-637-0988 or e-mail Terry at terry_lanning@sympatico.ca

All are welcome young, old, beginners and masters.



*Proof of Vaccination required



The Gifts With Vision 2021 catalogues have arrived. The print copies of the catalogue are available to you on the bulletin board by the coat hooks on the sanctuary level at the Church. You can also access the catalogue online at www.giftswithvision.ca

These suggested gifts that help people in our country and in the world make an awesome gift for loved ones at Christmas.

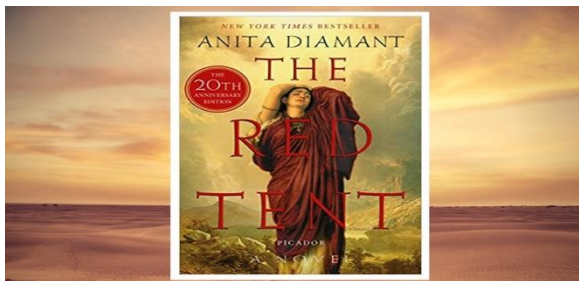


Want to be part of a Small Group Ministry?



Come Join Us!

Discussion on "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant



Thursday, November 4th, 2 pm - 3:30 pm

Central United Church, Fellowship Hall
(Public Health Protocol in effect)

To reserve your spot contact via email
Vicki Casey victoriacasey@rogers.com
Joyce Szusz..... georgiemaxie@gmail.com





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Edible Holiday House Competition

Enter to WIN!

Make an entirely edible holiday house out of gingerbread, cookies, cake - anything edible and enter it in the BBBS Bake for Kids Sake. Everyone is eligible to participate. Cash prizes to be won. Enter as a professional, community (individual family/team), youth or child. \$25 per entry. Details on the BBBS website.

Houses will be displayed for judging & public viewing **November 13th** at a Holiday Open House and Bake Sale at the CASO Station, St. Thomas



Holiday House Edition
BAKE
FOR KIDS SAKE

Register before **November 7th**
details are on our website
www.bbbselgin.org
or call Carolyn Johnson 519-833-3830 ext 204



Our own Carolyn Johnson is involved with this event through BBBS of St. Thomas-Elgin!

Edible Holiday House Competition

This contest is for everyone!!

We're asking all holiday loving decorators, as well as, all professional bakers to get creative and design a festive holiday edible home. Whether this is an ordinary house, fairy grotto or grand fortress, we'd love to see your most inventive ideas! The only requirements are that the design be original and made entirely of edible pieces. Your structure can be a gingerbread home, a cookie house or a cake designed to look like a house. The only requirement is that it is entirely made of treats you can eat.

The winning designers in each of 4 categories will be awarded a cash prize, along with the accolade of having their holiday house featured on the BBBS website. A panel of judges, along with a public vote, will select the winners on November 13th at the CASO Station. All entries will be displayed that day from 10am-1pm at a public Holiday Open House and Bake Sale.

There are 4 categories for submission.

- 1) Professional (Bakeries, Restaurants, Cake Designers, Culinary Art Students, and Chefs.)
- 2) Community (Adults 18 years and older, Individuals, Families, or teams.)
- 3) Youth 12-17 years.
- 4) Child 6-11 years (Please note that the work on the holiday house must be done primarily by the child, with minimal help from adults.)

The theme is **"Baking Spirits Bright"**.

The cost to enter your holiday house is \$25 and all proceeds will go to support life-changing mentoring relationships for at-risk kids in Elgin.

More details are on the BBBS webpage or email Carolyn Johnson at carolyn.johnsonc@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca for the official rules and regulations or register on the [BBBS Website](http://www.bbbselgin.org).