Weekly Update from First – April 10, 2025

Join us for

Worship

AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

9:30 am

ALL ARE WELCOME

Rev. Scott & Rev. Paul will lead worship.

Mike Hardman will be the Lay Leader.

Lynne Pensa & Kevin Jackson will serve Communion.

There will be a Palm Parade.

Sermon: Rev. Paul
"A Voice that Cannot be Silenced"

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Springtime Events Organized by the ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP are coming soon!

Monday, April 14 at 6:30 pm
WHY BARBADOS??
A Presentation by the Underhill Family - Chris, Laura, Lakey and CJ - who spent ten months in Barbados!
Join us in the First United Church Sanctuary.
Snacks & Drinks provided by the Snowsell Family.

Sunday, April 27th from 2:00-4:00pm
EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP!
Starting at First UC & Wrapping Up at Central UC
Rain or Shine! Stay Tuned for More Information.

Other Upcoming Outings Will Include:
* Spring Wildflower Hike at Jaffa/Springwater
  Led by Anne Lounsbury
* Spring Walk at Archie Coulter Conservation Area

Please watch for additional details in future updates / newsletters!

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Happy birthday to:
Diane Irwin, Gene Whiteman,
Rowan Gougeon, Richard Routhier,
Teresa Turvey & Emily Reasbeck.

Celebrations

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100

In June 2025, the United Church of Canada celebrates 100 years! First is collecting different items every month to help stock the shelves at the Food Bank!!

In Honour of the United Church's 100 years...

APRIL & MAY 2025 's GOAL IS TO COLLECT 100 packs of JUICE BOXES & 100 KIDS' SNACK FOODS!

(Granola Bars, Fruit Cups, Jello Cups, Pudding Cups, etc for the Food Bank's Snack Program)

The Food Crib will be in the Sanctuary by the Sound System to collect your donations! Thank you for your generosity!
Monetary gifts also accepted - payable to St. Thomas - Elgin Food Bank.

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From the Pastoral Care Team

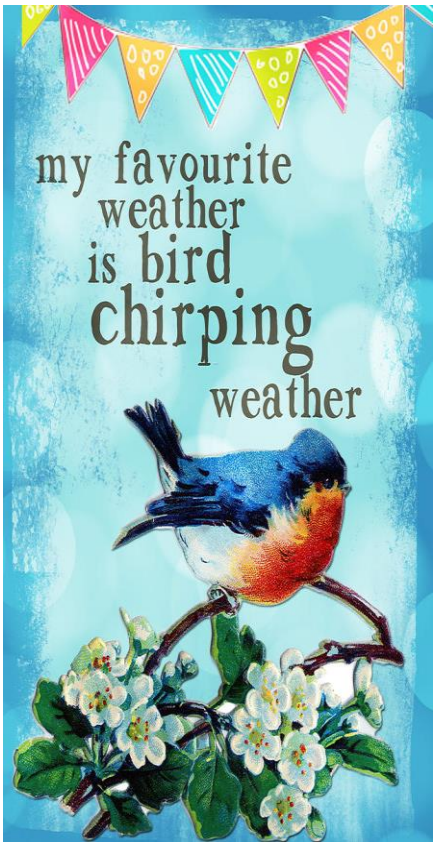
Are you, or a church member you know experiencing health challenges or in the hospital and might appreciate support from the Pastoral Care team?

Are you unable to get out to Church and feel you would benefit from a home visit from one of our Pastoral Care Team Members?

Our Pastoral Care Team is here to help. If you know someone who is in need, please reach out.

Contact Lori in the church office
519-631-7570 x21
office@1stunitedchurch.ca

OR Vicki Snowsell
519-631-9294
snowsell@rogers.com



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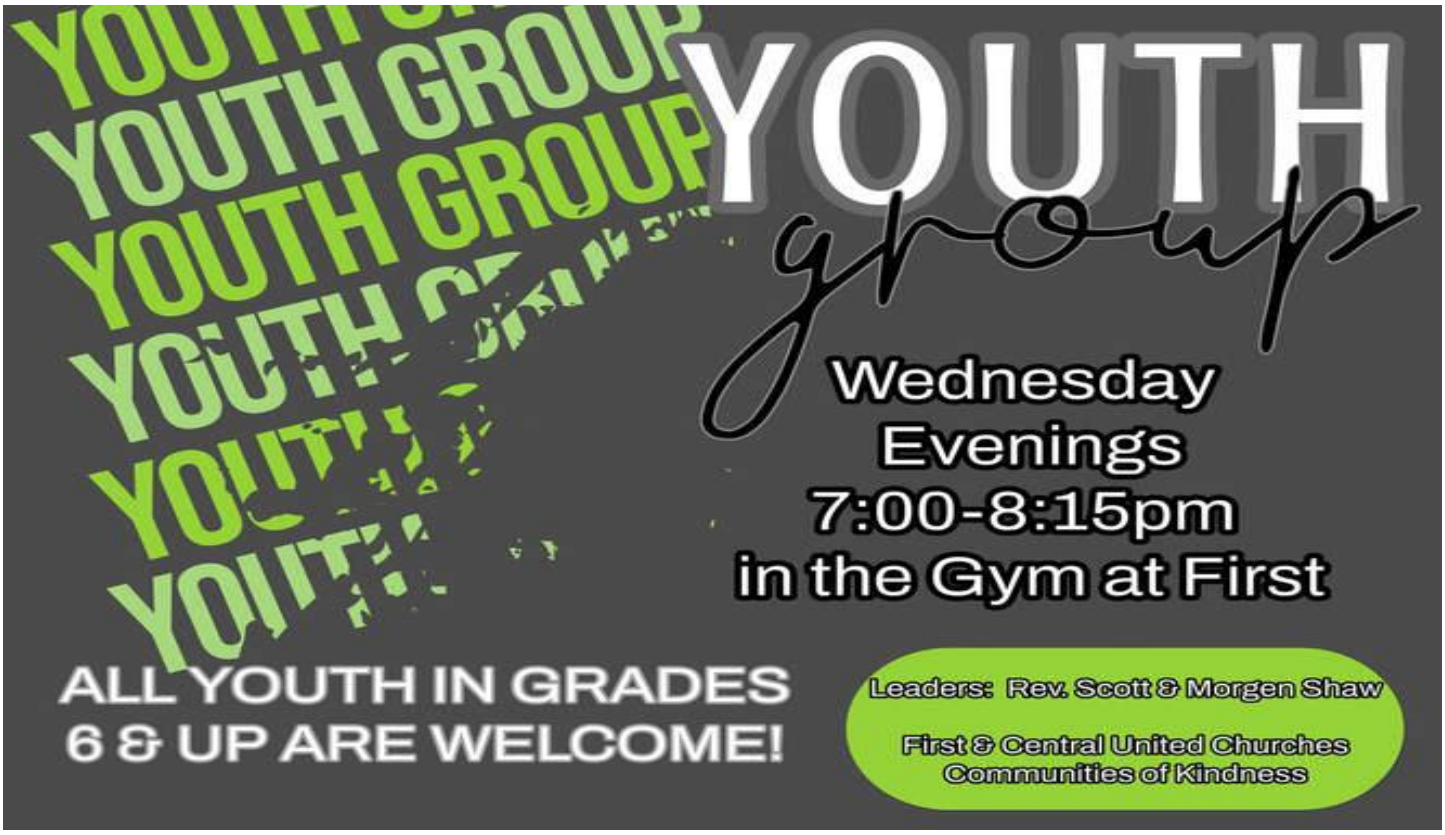

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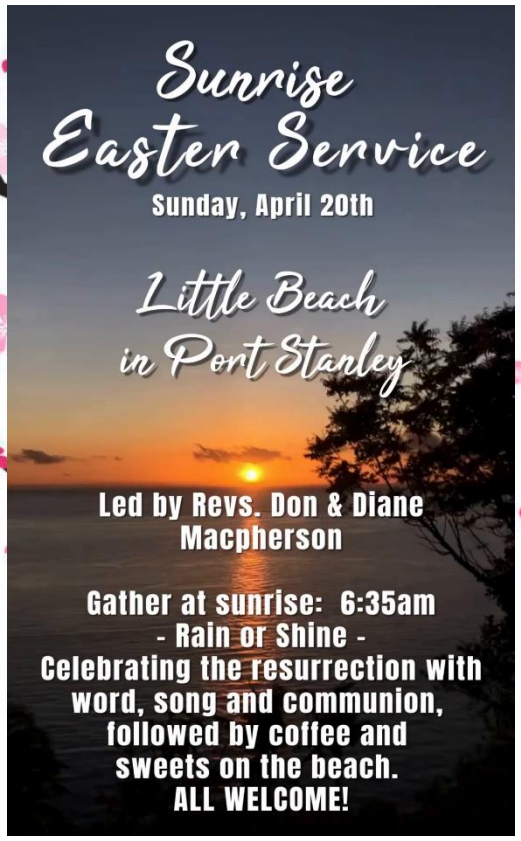

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St. Thomas

Community Meals

April 2025

Community Outreach Dinner Committee – 20 Flora Street
(St. Thomas Anglican Church)
Dine in meal: **Friday April 18th, 4:15pm-5:00pm**
(Doors open at 3:45pm. Very limited take away meals available)

Destination Church - 668 Talbot Street
(back entrance off of Moore St. parking lot)
Stone Soup Meal: **Thursday April 10th & 24th at 5:30pm**

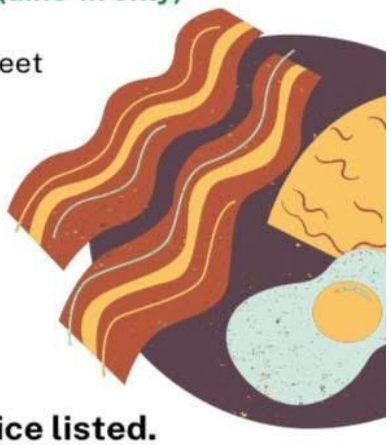
Grace Café – 323 Talbot Street
Dine in or take-away meal: **Mondays - Saturdays, 7:00am-11:00am**

Community Outreach Dinner at Horton Market– 10 Manitoba Street
(Meals provided by Harvest Hands, Community Outreach Dinner Committee, Giving Back and Holy Angels. Only 1 meal per person please)
Take away meal: **Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 5:30pm**
(available while meals last)
Snack bag: **Sundays, 5:30pm** (available while meals last)

Salvation Army – 380 Elm Street
Bowlful & Bites Bistro: **Wednesday April 16th, 12:00pm-1:00pm (dine-in only)**

Salvation Army Mobilize – corner of Moore Street and Talbot Street
Truck providing meal
Street ministries and meal delivery: **Mondays, 5:15pm**

St. Thomas Islamic Centre – 55 Southwick Street
Take-away meal: **Sunday April 13th, 4:30pm-5:30pm**



FOOD PROVIDERS NETWORK
ELGIN ST. THOMAS

Note: Meals are free, unless there is a price listed. Meal times may end early if meals run out (first come, first served).

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FIRST & CENTRAL UNITED CHURCHES PRESENT...

MOVIE NIGHT

with Rev. Scott

HELD IN THE SANCTUARY AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

7 Curtis St., St Thomas

Doors open at 6:30pm

Monday, May 5th

Movie followed by discussion 7:00-9:30pm

May's Movie is:

Gattaca (2006)

June 2nd's Movie: The Way Way Back (2013)

ALL WELCOME

We hope you'll join us - and bring a friend!

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Join the Celebration!

The United Church of Canada's

100TH ANNIVERSARY

1925-2025

at Central United Church

135 Wellington Street, St. Thomas

Sunday, June 8th

Potluck Supper at 4:00pm

Special Music at 5:00pm

Worship Begins at 5:30pm

Joint Choir led by Phil Hallman, Central's Music Director

Live Sermon broadcast from the National Service

Offering for Mission & Service Fund

Join the Cluster Choir * Volunteer * More Info
Contact Lori @ 519-631-7570 x21 or
office@1stunitedchurch.ca

"For Such a Time as This..."

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EarlyON Child and Family Centre

DID YOU KNOW THAT EARLYON HOSTS LOTS OF DIFFERENT GROUPS HERE AT FIRST DURING THE WEEK??

THEY ARE LOCATED IN THE OLD MUSIC ROOM :)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

PROGRAM INFO CAN BE FOUND ON THEIR WEBSITE: HTTPS://WWW.YMCASWO.CA/EO-FC-ST-THOMAS

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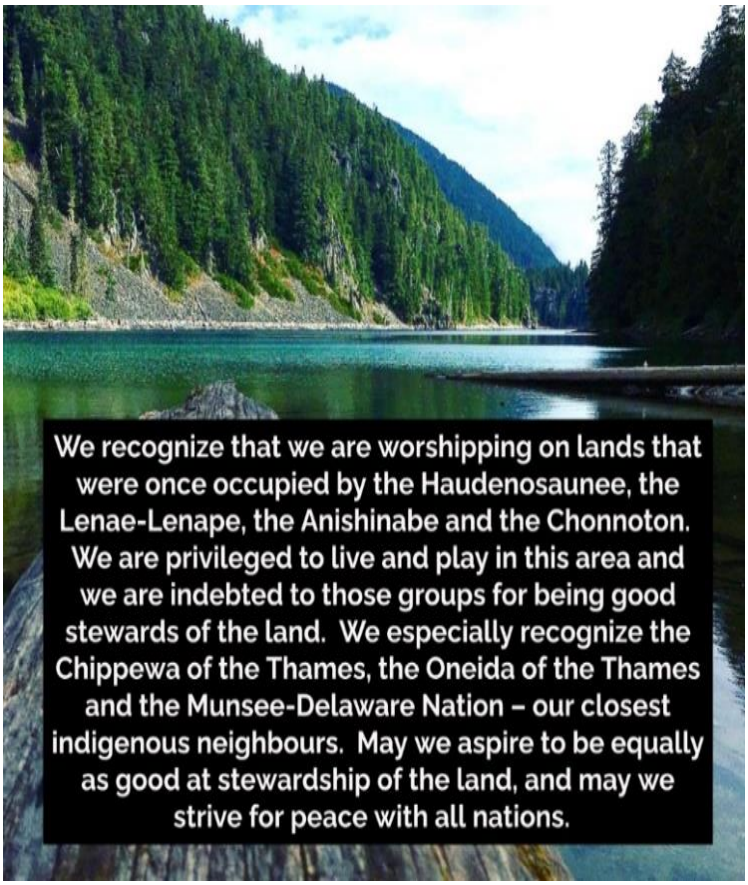

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Debit & Credit now accepted at the church!

You can make a donation through or Square machine any time the Church Office is open.

Contact Lori for more details!
office@1stunitedchurch.ca
519-631-7570 ext. 21

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

2 Corinthians 9:7

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SAVE YOUR POP TABS

First Church Friends!

Please save your pop tabs to help 16 year old, Dallas Reisenweber, to get a wheelchair.

There is a container in the Fellowship (Coffee) Room to collect your donations.

If you have an Upcoming Date / Event / Meeting you'd like included in the slides for our

weekly ANNOUNCEMENTS

please have it to Lori at First (office@1stunitedchurch.ca) by Wednesday at noon. Thank you!

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First United Church, St. Thomas

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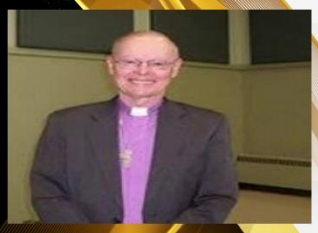
Our Friends at Central are hosting a few events – check them out!

Retirement Celebration for Rev. John Brown



Please join us at Central United Church @ 11am on

Sunday, May 4th

to celebrate Rev. John Brown's Retirement!

This will be a Special Worship Service honouring Rev. John's Ministry.

Cake & Punch will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service.

Central United Church presents ...

Spring Quarter Auction

135 Wellington St., St. Thomas

Wednesday, May 14

Doors open @ 6 pm
Auction starts @ 7pm

Admission: $5

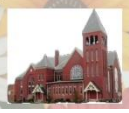
Includes 2 paddles
Extra Paddles: $2 each

10+ Vendors

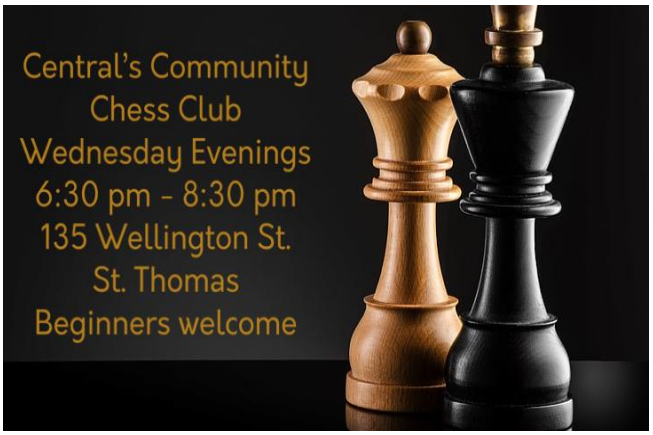
50/50 draw & Raffle Table

Bring your Friends & Family and Quarters for bidding!
(We will have some Quarters at the door)

Snacks & Water will be available for purchase.



Proceeds to local Community Charitable Organizations through the Central Outreach Team



the 2nd & 4th THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
AT CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH
in the Fellowship Hall. (135 Wellington Street)

Euchre starts at 1:30pm
Snacks served at 3:00pm

Leader: Bruce Hodgson is willing to teach / give a refresher course on how to play.

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