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A Note from Rev. Paul

I will be staying after church this Sunday to greet and meet people. Those who wish can also meet with me as a group for half an hour or so, after we have our drink and snack, of course.
As your minister, it is helpful to me to get to know you better.

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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...

FEBRUARY 2025 's GOAL IS TO ONCE AGAIN COLLECT 100 JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER!!

(Much needed by the Food Bank at this time)

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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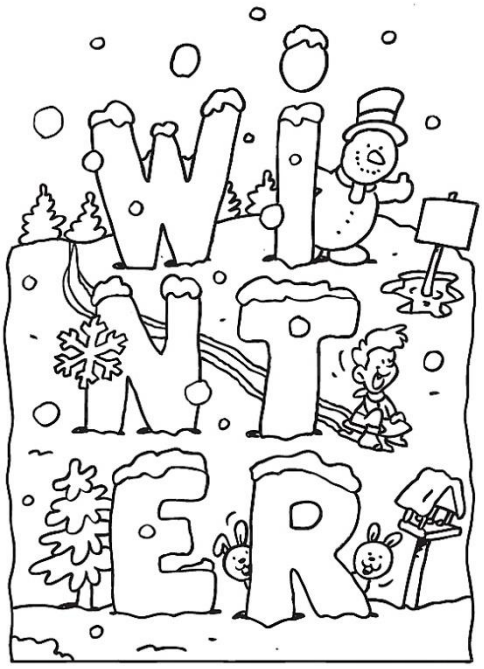

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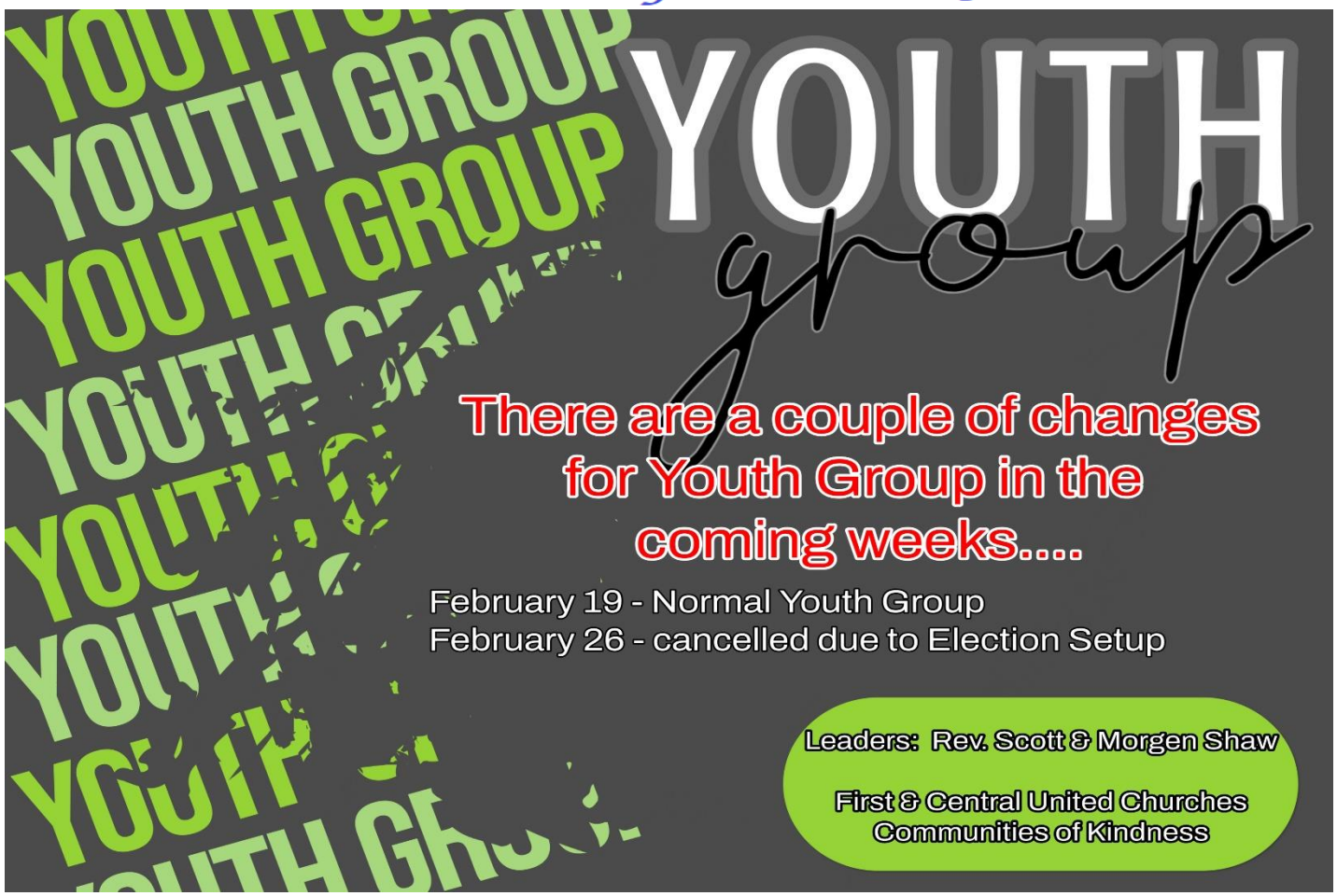

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ESTD 2008
MITCHELL'S
-SOUP COMPANY-

FUNDRAISER for First United Church

Hand-made dried soup, stew, chili and rice dish mixes. As well as flavourful dried herbs, spices and blends.

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35% of sales will be donated to the church!

Campaign runs February 1-March 31

Physical Copies of the Catalogue are available in the Fellowship (Coffee) Room at the Church!

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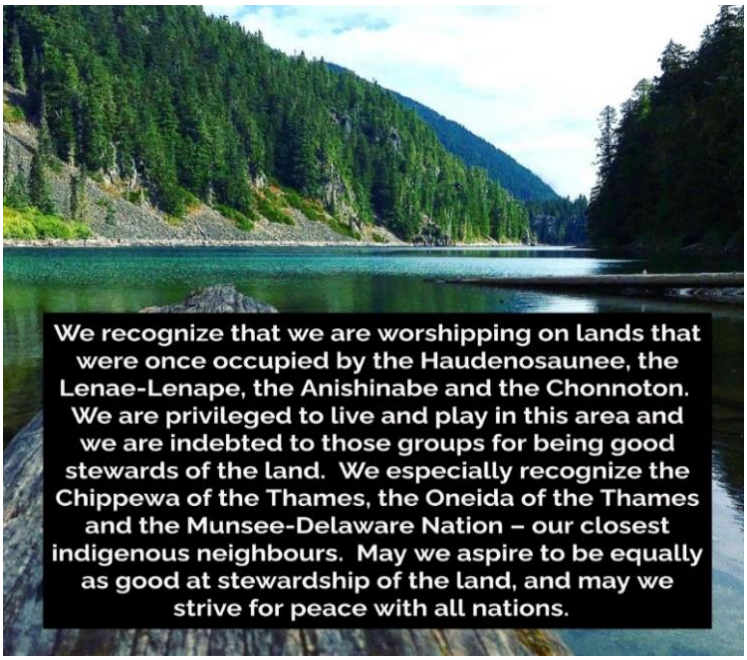

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WALL MURAL DESIGN CONTEST

Your Challenge:
To design a mural in a digital file, JPEG format in high resolution for the application on a 4' x 8' interior wall

Winning Design Award:
$200 cash

GET CREATIVE!

Theme:
Design to include elements/words of kindness, fairness, respect, love, diversity & inclusiveness.

Criteria:
Open to St.Thomas community ages 13 to 18

Other information:
Interior wall application responsibility of First United Church

Submission Deadline:
March 14/25
Email design to
office@1stunitedchurch.ca

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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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In February, we celebrate the rich Black history in The United Church of Canada.

Wilbur Howard became the church's first Black Moderator in 1974. The leadership and participation of Black peoples and congregations continues today.

The Rev. Marie-Claude Manga reflects on her ministry and work as an ordained Black woman with The United Church of Canada
https://united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/forgiveness-way-life

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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

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

LENTEN Organ RECITAL SERIES 2025

We are extremely pleased to announce that the Lenten Organ Recital Series that was interrupted by the COVID Pandemic is resuming at Central United Church.

We have a spectacular lineup of performers to announce!

Each Concert will begin at 12 noon on the Wednesday listed.

Admission by Donation.

Net Proceeds to the Central United Organ & Sanctuary Fund.

Central United Church
135 Wellington Street,
St. Thomas, ON

March 5th
Dr. Wayne Carroll

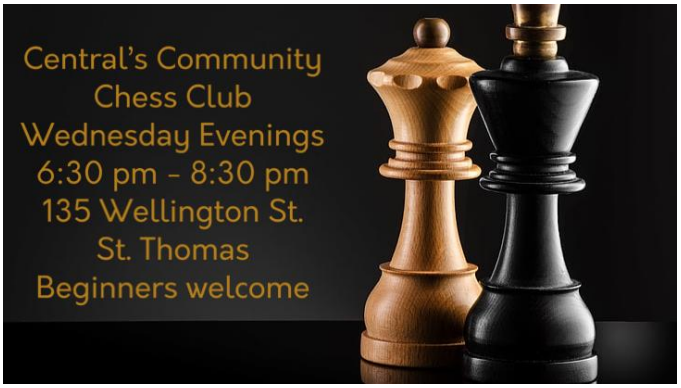
March 12th
Chris Fischer

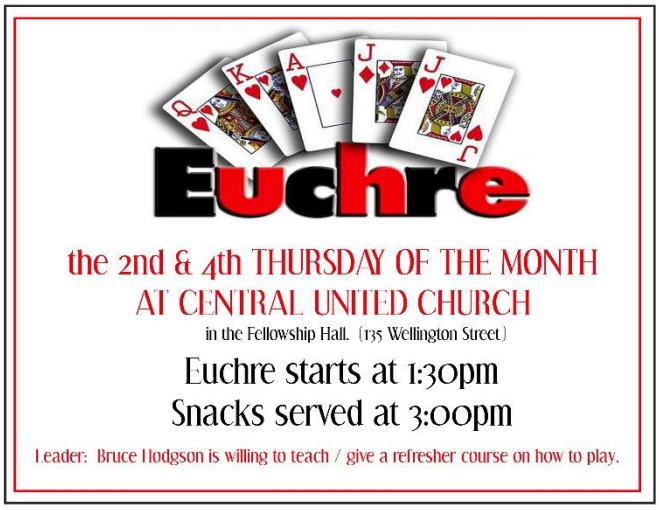
March 19th
Ryan Baxter

March 26th
Kennedy
Kimber - Johnson

April 2nd
Sandy
Kazubowski-Houston

April 9th
Dr. Wayne Carroll





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