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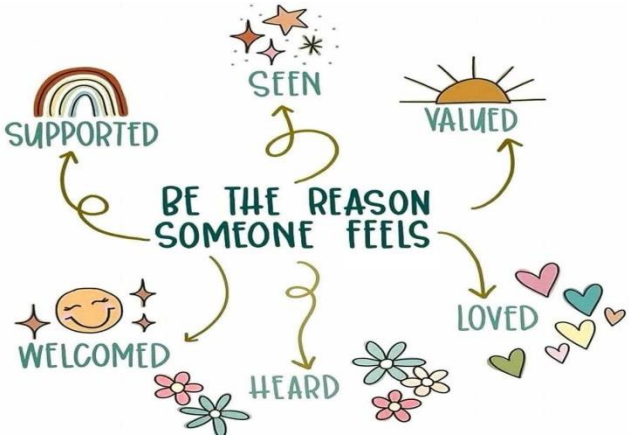

Join us for

Worship

AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, February 8th

9:30 am

Rev. Paul will lead worship

Chris Higgins will be the Lay Leader

Sherry Johnstone & Rev. Scott will serve Communion

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon: Rev. Paul "Shine & Season: Two Divine Superpowers"

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February is Black History Month. Explore the history and lived experiences of Black people in The United Church of Canada—and beyond
https://youtu.be/fo3SyaMAO0g?si=-3T9C3R7zNLxEEyU

Share the Love
Feel the Love
Spread the Love

We are collecting donations of:

HATS, MITTS & GLOVES
SOCKS
TOILETRIES &
TIM HORTON'S GIFT CARDS
($5 or $10)

to make 'Spread the Love' Bags for Grace Cafe.

Donations can be placed in the boxes in the Coffee Room on or before Sunday, February 8th. THANK YOU!

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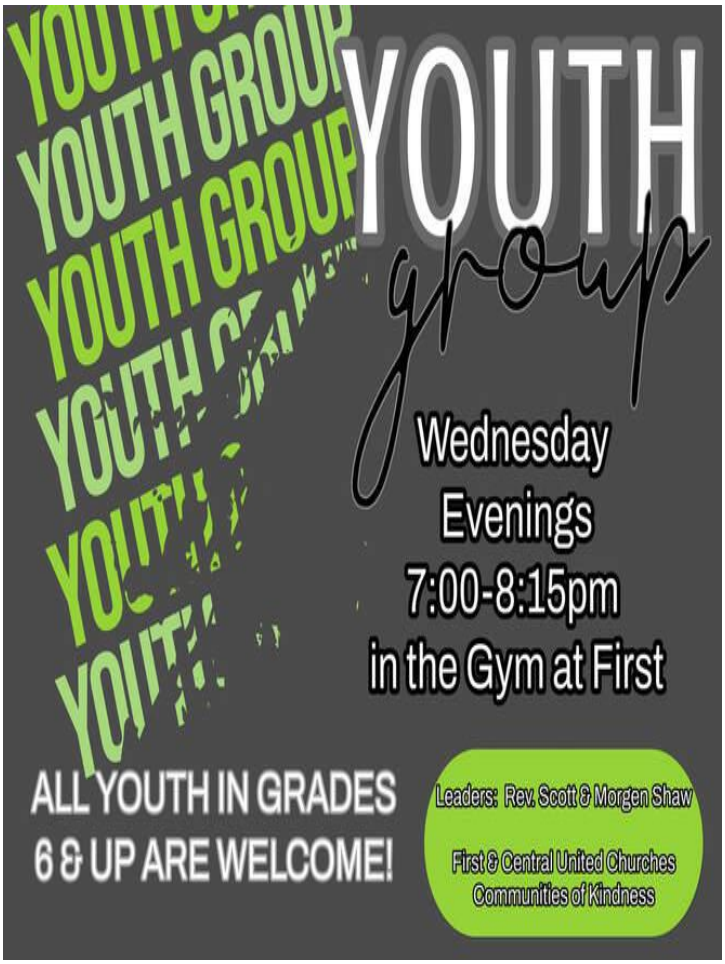

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Happy Birthday to:
Debbie Alward, Noah Derganc,
Vayda Harris.

Celebrations

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You are invited to join

FIRST PLACE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE INC.

FOR THEIR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, March 1st at First United Church following worship

- Board of Directors will be installed
- Exciting Updates re: Construction & Projects
- Refreshments will be served

Following the Meeting there will be tours of the facility to show what's been done so far!

FPELC Inc. is located in the lower level of First United Church 7 Curtis St., St. Thomas

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ALL WELCOME!

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

NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR MARCH!!

Central & First United Churches Present...

MOVIE NIGHT
with Rev. Scott

Held in the Rainbow Room
at Central United Church
(135 Wellington St.)

UPCOMING MOVIES...

March 2nd: "Everything, Everywhere, All at Once" (2022)

April 13th: "The Prestige" (2006)

May 4th: Big Fish (2003)

Doors open at 6pm
Movie followed by discussion: 6:30-8:30pm
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EarlyON

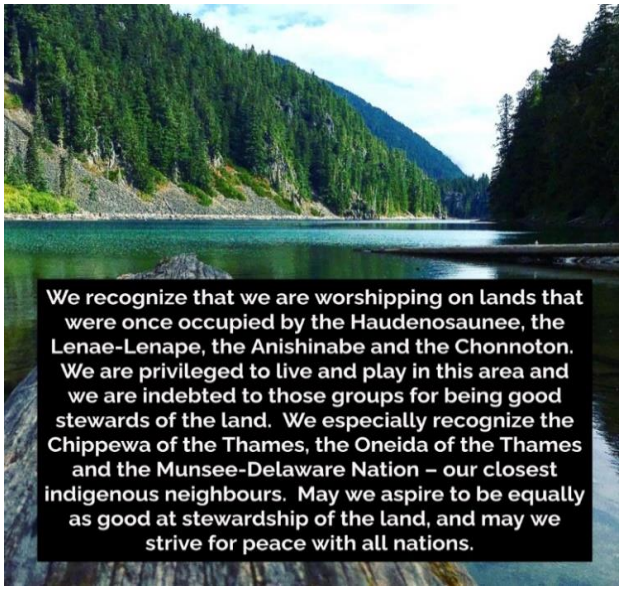
Child and Family Centre

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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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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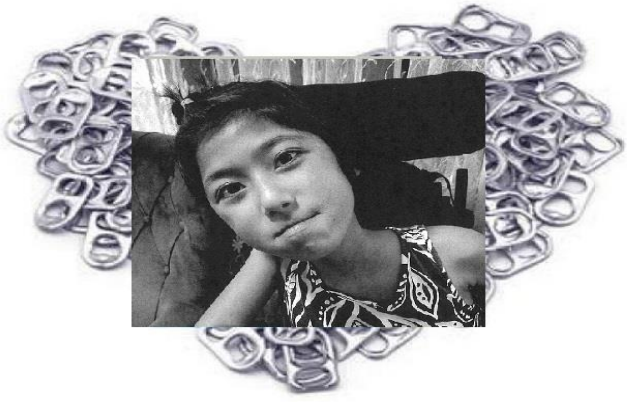
SAVE YOUR POP TABS



First Church Friends!

Please save your pop tabs to help 10 year old, Hosna from London, 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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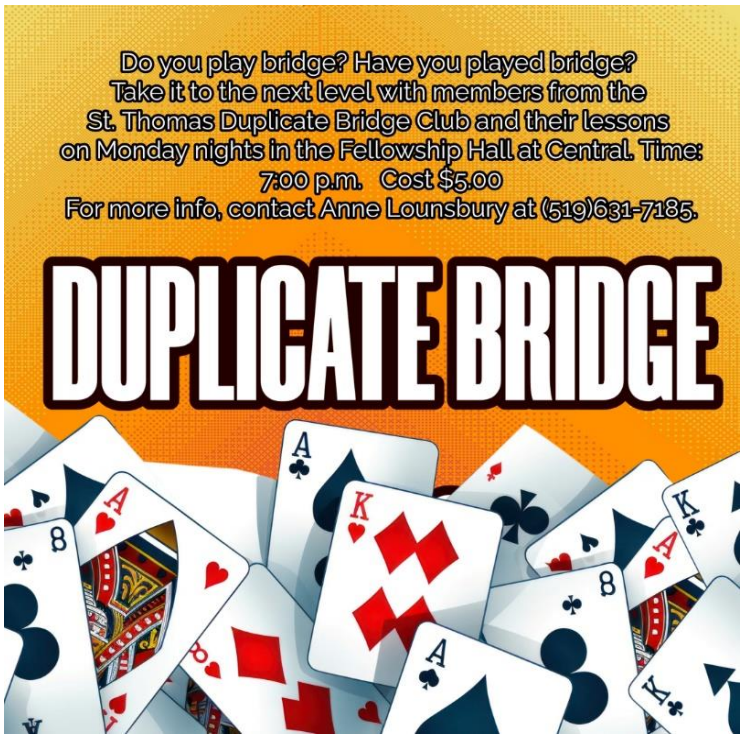

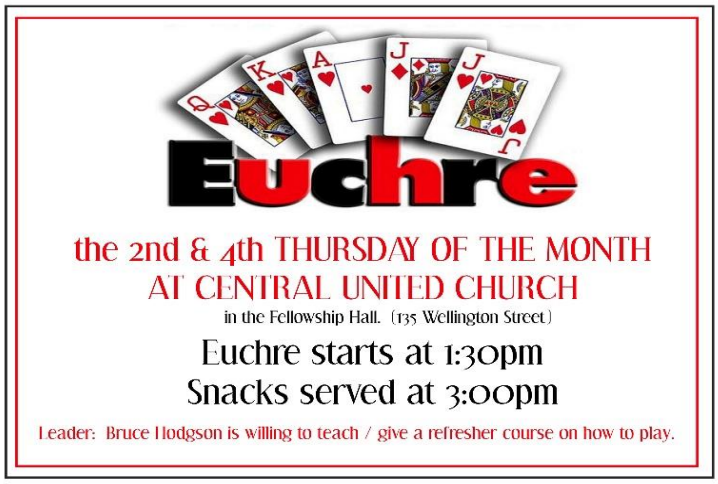

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LENTEN Organ RECITAL SERIES 2026

We are extremely pleased to announce that the Lenten Organ Recital Series 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.
Cost: $10.00
includes light lunch & beverage

Net Proceeds to the Central United Organ & Sanctuary Fund.

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

February 18th
Sandy Kazubowski-Houston

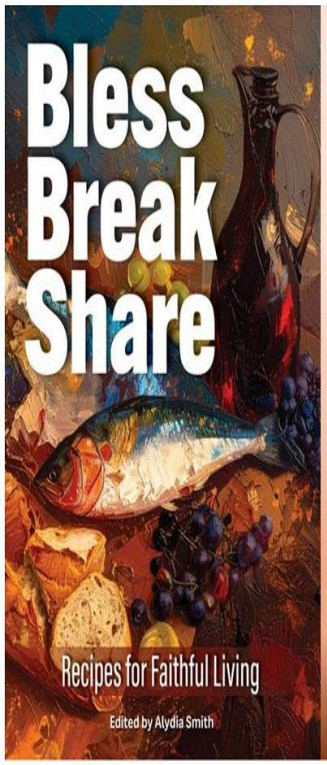
March 4th
Dr. Wayne Carroll

March 11th
Chris Fischer

March 18th
Kennedy Kimber - Johnson

March 25th
Gerald Vreman

April 1st
Laurence Williams



Lenten Devotional Book

For personal or group study.
This devotional invites you to reflect on food and hunger as a spiritual practice. What do you hunger for? What feeds your soul? How do you feed others? Every meal and every table can provide an opportunity to grow in faith.

Contact Kathryn Fletcher at fletcherfamily@rogers.com or 519-633-1902 to purchase a softcover book (by Feb 1st at a group discount) or for the Zoom link for evening group study. Ebooks available at https://united-church.ca/united-church-bookstore

Group Study

Weekly during Lent starts

Monday February 23rd at 1 pm at Central United
or February 25th at 7 pm by Zoom

World Day of Prayer 2026
Journée mondiale de la prière

Ecumenical Worship Service

Join us in person

"I Will Give You Rest: Come"

Matthew 11:28-30

Title: Rest for the Weary

Artist: Gift Amarachi Ottah

March 6th, 2026, 2:00 pm

Central United Church
135 Wellington St., St. Thomas

Or on-line Livestream/YouTube:
https://youtube.com/live/p24xP_0Yrro?feature=share

Weather Date
March 13, 2026, 2:00 pm

Service written and Prepared by WDP Nigeria, prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada
Service préparé par des chrétiennes du Nigeria, préparé et adapté pour le Canada par le Mouvement des femmes chrétiennes du Canada

Saturday, May 9th @ 7pm
Central United Church
(135 Wellington St., St. Thomas)
519-631-3503

Tickets available to purchase in the church office during the week Tuesday to Friday 8am to 1pm.

Join us for this celebration of the music and memories from the golden age of television! From Elvis to Elton, from Jerry Lee to Jim Croce, Frankie and the Fairlanes have tuned in an amazing show with special guests, lots of laughs and some great TV theme songs guaranteed to have you singing along. It's no surprise that Frankie and the Fairlanes have been Ontario's premier Rock-N-Roll review for nearly 20 years!

frankieandthefairlanes.com

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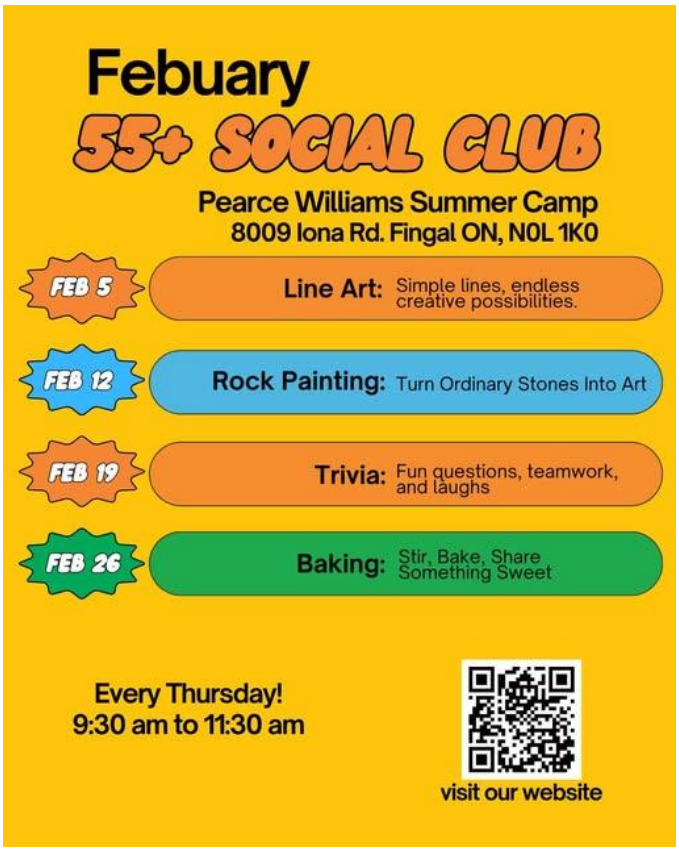

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