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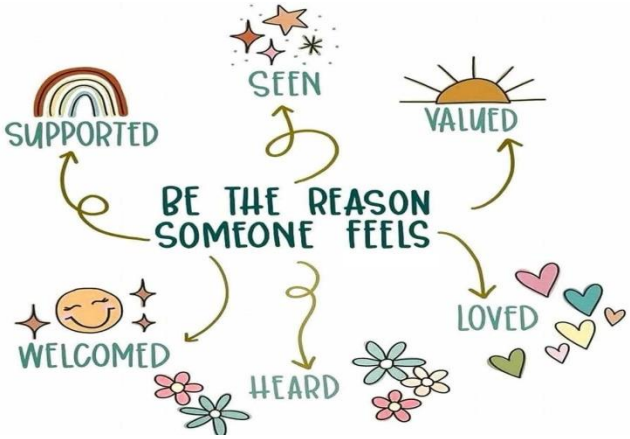

Join us for

Worship

AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, January 18th 9:30 am	Rev. Scott will lead worship Sherry Johnstone will be the Lay Leader Sue Moore & Rev. Scott will serve Communion Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7 (NIV) Sermon: Rev. Scott "Power and a Way Forward"

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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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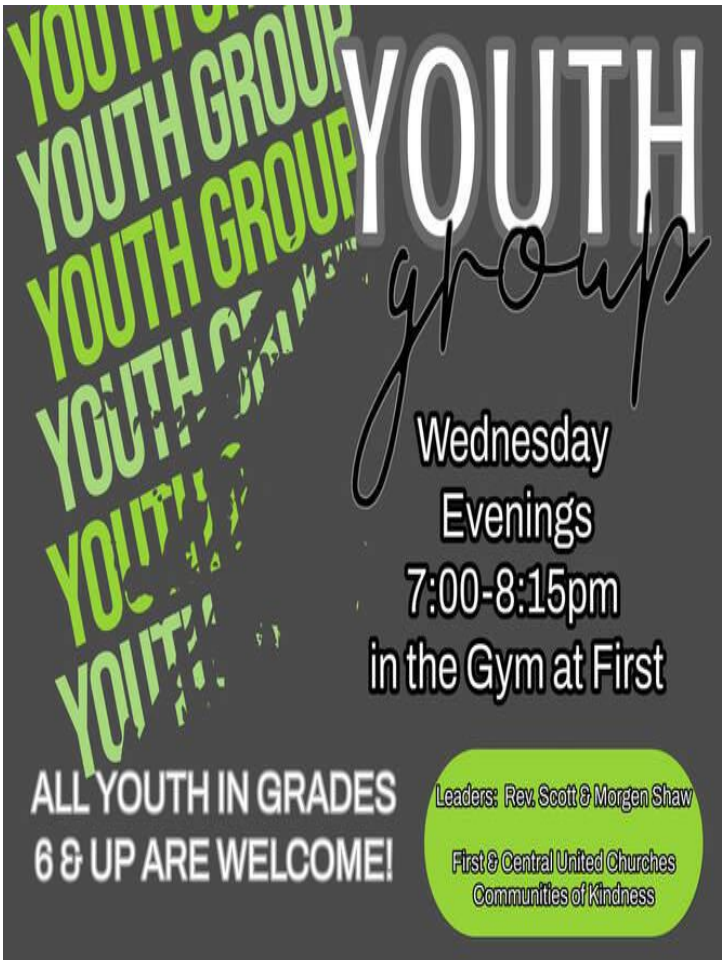

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Happy Birthday to:
Sam Nicol, Jerome Thomas,
Alison Apfelbeck, Karen Auckland,
Ever Sopoco, Marilyn Beechey.

Celebrations

Update: Crafts sold By Sherry Johnstone

Funds raised	$392
Donations	$ 42
Total	$434

Thank you Sherry!

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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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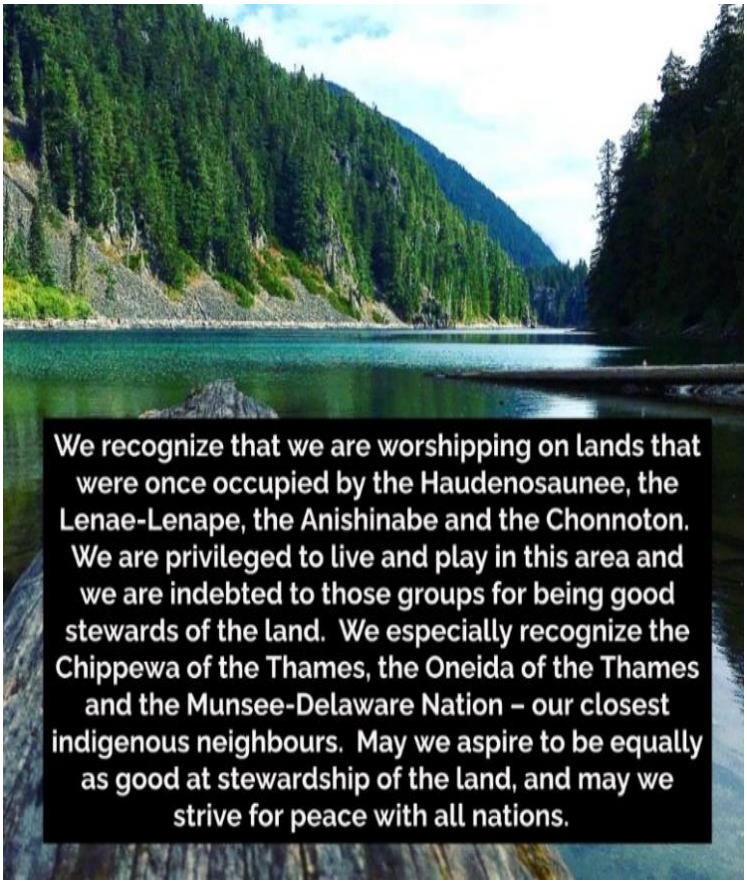

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Debit & Credit now accepted at the church!

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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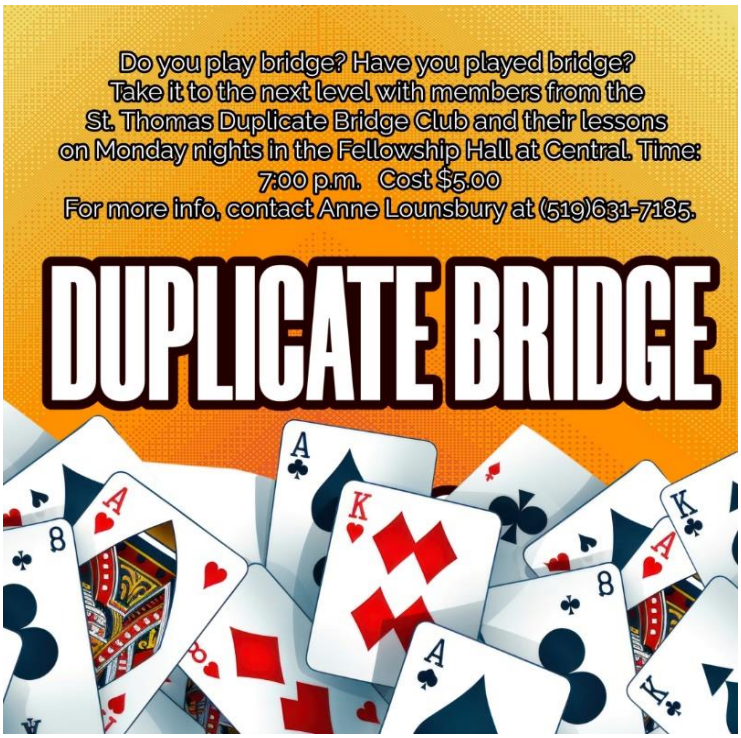
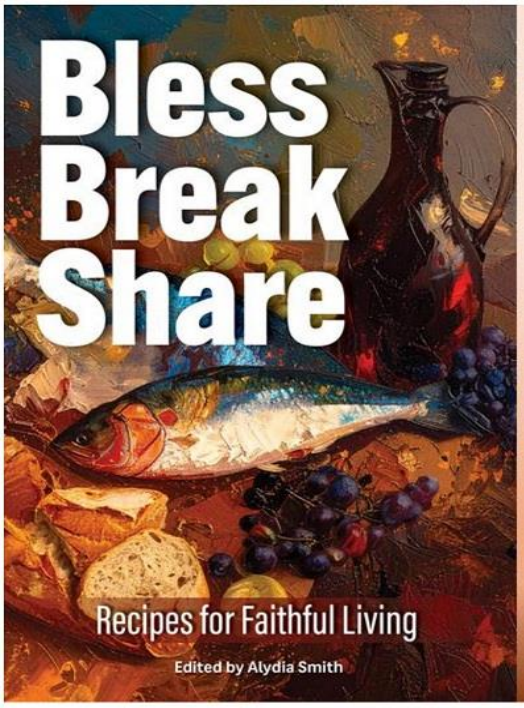


the 2nd & 4th THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
AT CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH
in the Fellowship Hall. (135 Wellington Street)

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.



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

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Breakfast at Central

Sunday, February 15th, 9:00 am

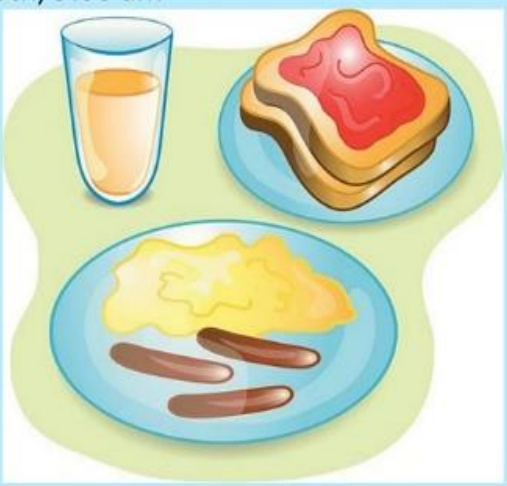
Larissa Caruana, Community Engagement Coordinator, Barrie Family Hospice of Elgin will speak.

Suggested Cost $10.00

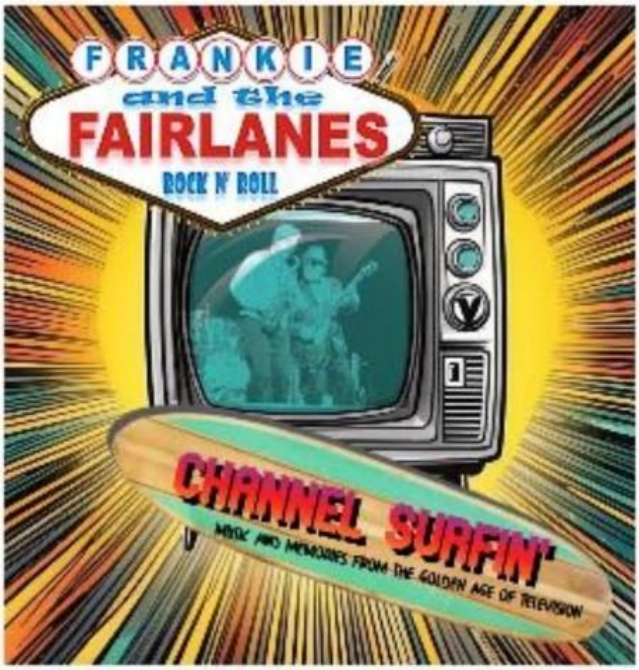
Proceeds support The Breakfast Bunch 'Send Kids to Camp' Program.

Register in Central's Fellowship Hall or call Cathy at Central 519-631-3503

All are Welcome!



Are you wondering what to buy a loved one or a 'hard to buy' for person? Here's an idea for a Christmas gift!



Saturday, May 9th @ 7:00pm
Central United Church

Tickets for Frankie and the Fairlanes will be on sale this Sun. Dec. 14th in the Fellowship Hall.

You will also be able to purchase tickets in the office during the week.Tues to Fri. 8am – 1pm

Adults - $25
Children 12 & under - $10.00

*** Cash only please ****

50% of tickets sales come back to Central provided we sell enough to cover the the performer's costs.

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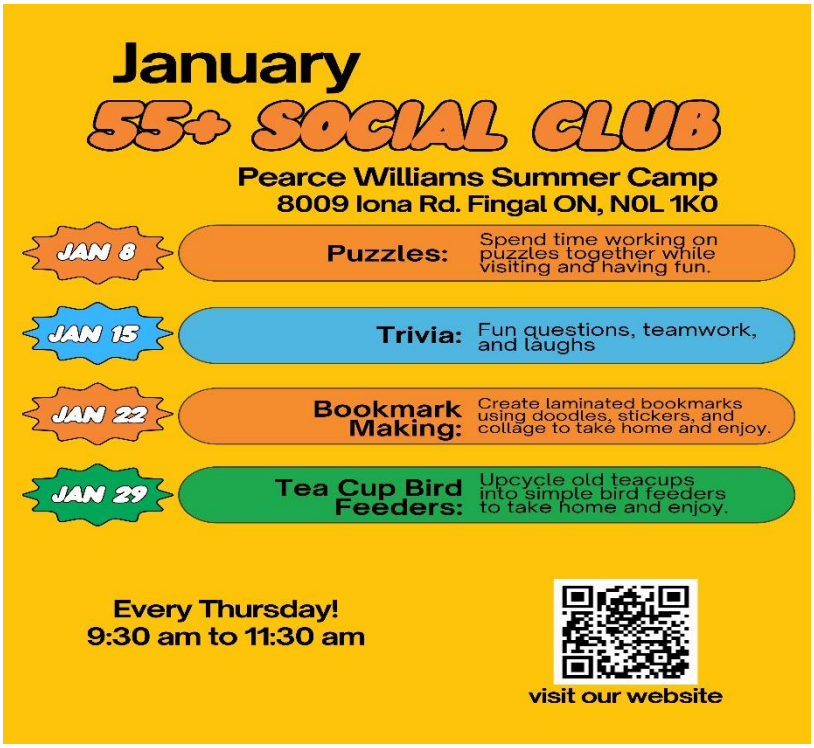

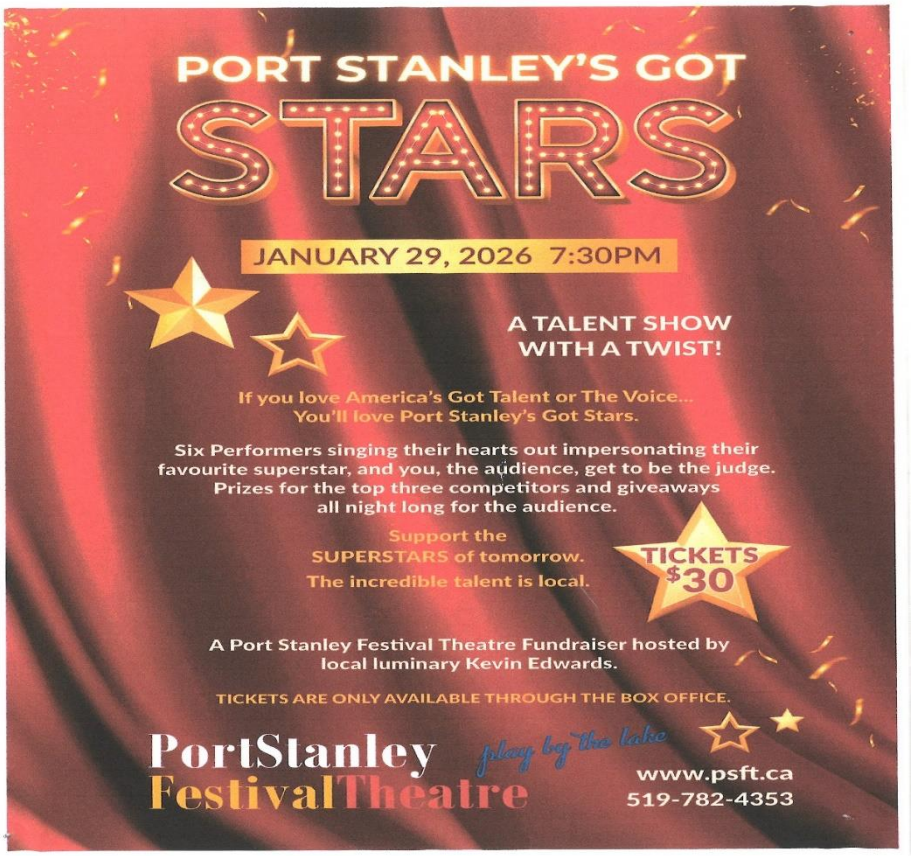

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