Weekly Update from First –March 6, 2025

Our Sunday Worship Service starts at 9:30AM

Join us for Worship

AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, March 9, 2025

9:30 am

ALL ARE WELCOME

Rev. Scott will lead worship.

Sherry Johnstone will be the Lay Leader.

Full Communion will be served.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (NRSV)

Sermon: Rev. Scott "The First Fruits and How to Avoid Giving It All Away"

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60

In February / March 2025 we hope to collect 100 Jars of Peanut Butter for the St. Thomas Elgin Food Bank. Let's reach our goal of 100! We have 60 so far!!!

OUR GOAL IS TO COLLECT 100 JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER!

So far we've collected 60!! Let's keep it up - the Food Bank is in dire need!

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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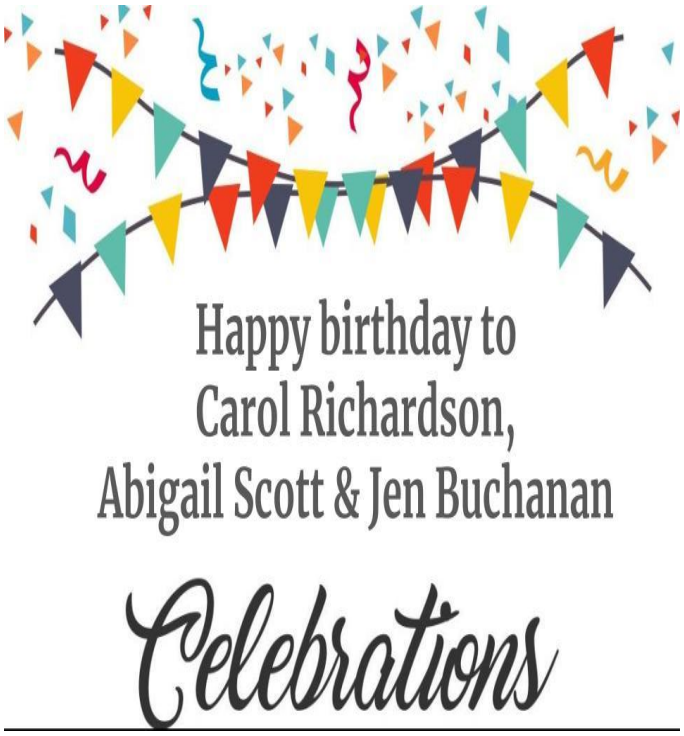

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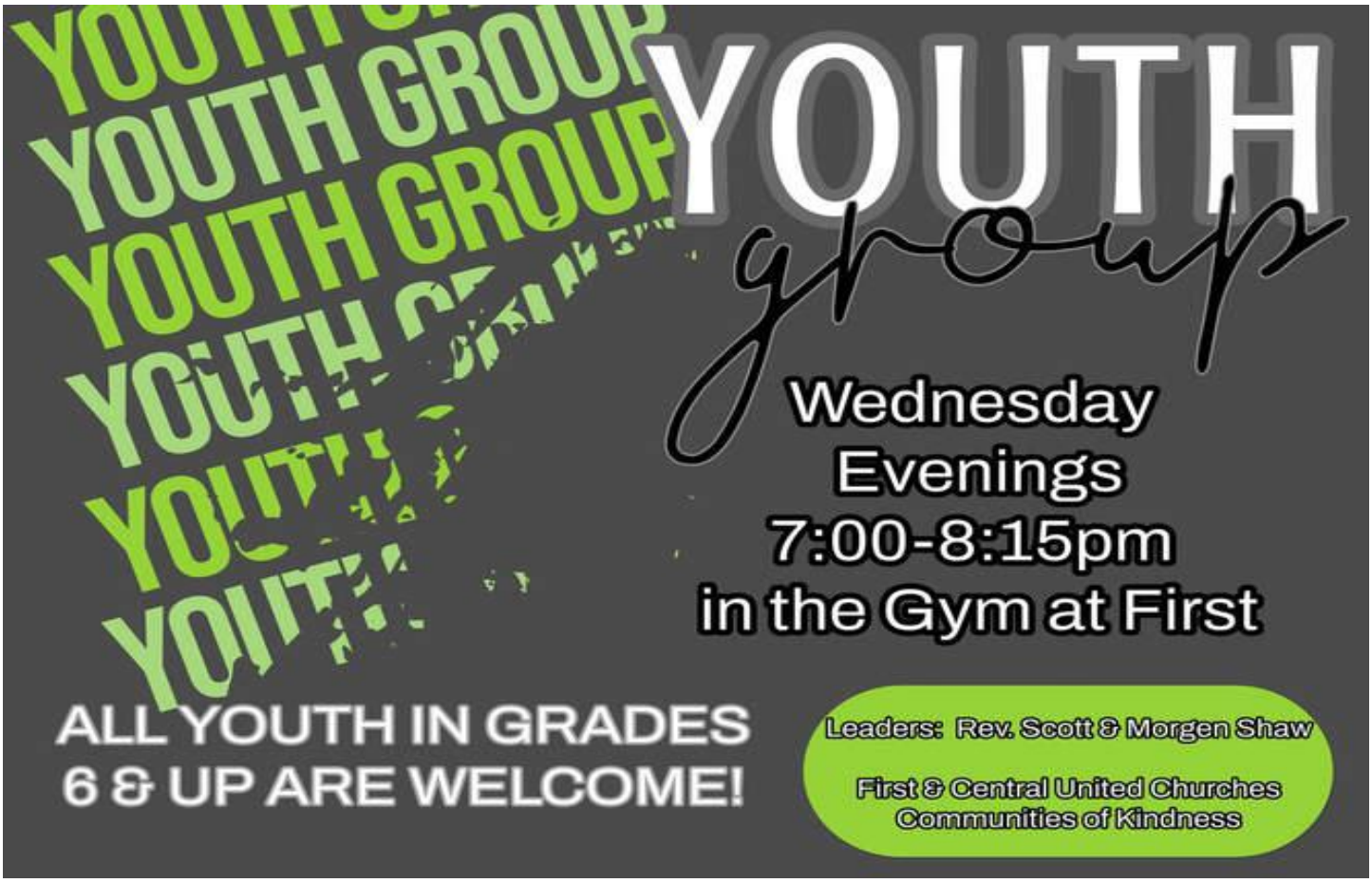

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ESTD 2008
MITCHELL'S
-SOUP COMPANY-

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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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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Official Board MEETING

Monday, March 24th @ 6:30pm
Fellowship Room at First United

Committees / Teams are asked to have their reports into the office BY Wednesday, March 19th to have them included in the Board Email. Thank you!

First United Church ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, March 30th following worship!

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The first Movie Night with Rev. Scott held on March 3rd was a success! Thanks to everyone who attended. Here's the info for April, May & June! We hope you'll join us… and bring a friend.

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, April 7th

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

April's Movie is:

Woman in Gold (2015)

Optional reading: Genesis 19:15-17, 24-26

May 5th's Movie: Gattaca (2006)
June 2nd's Movie: The Way Way Back (2013)

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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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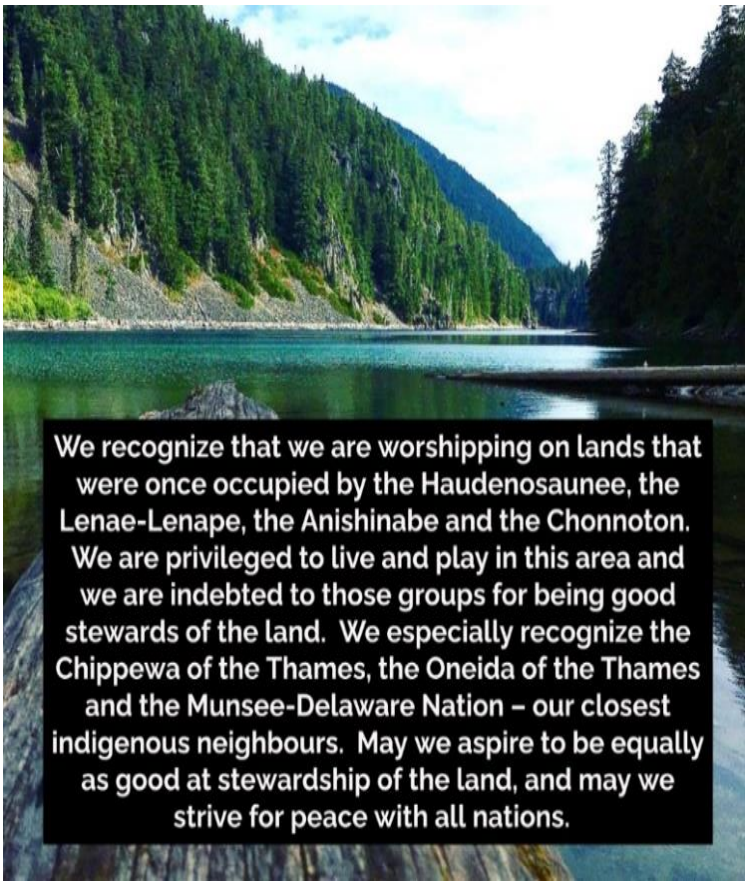
All 2024 Tax Receipts have been mailed!

(Monday, February 24, 2025)



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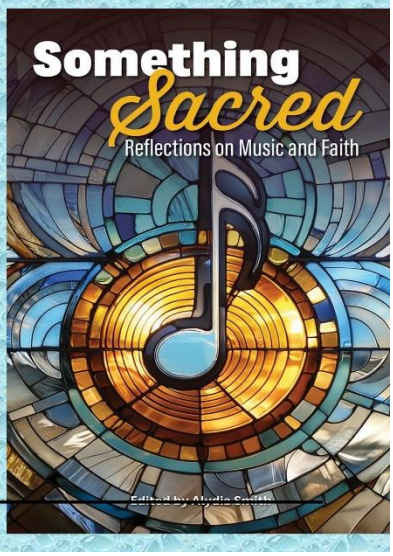
Our Friends at Central are hosting a few events – check them out!

Lenten Devotional Book

Explore how the power of music can deepen our connection to God and form us as disciples of Christ. Includes daily scriptures, ideas to ponder, music selections and prayers. For personal or group study. Contact Kathryn Fletcher at fletcherfamily@rogers.com or 519-633-1902 to purchase a softcover book (by Feb 23rd at a group discount) or for the Zoom link for group study.
Ebooks available at https://united-church.ca/united-church-bookstore

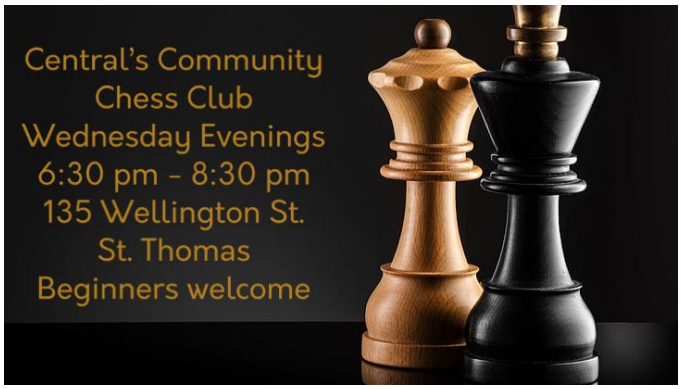


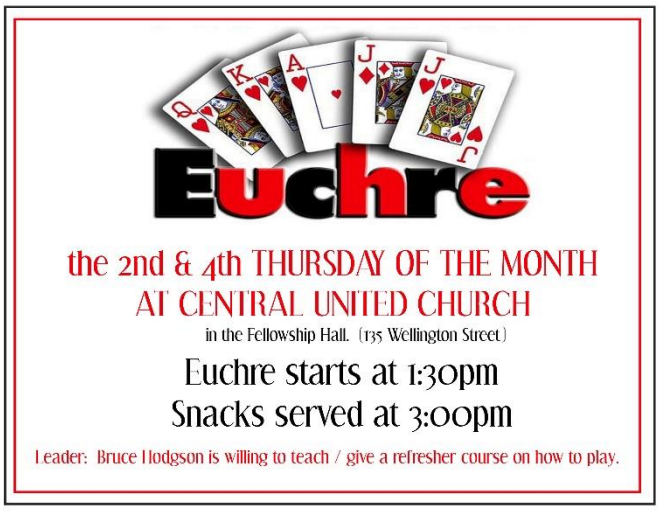
Group Study

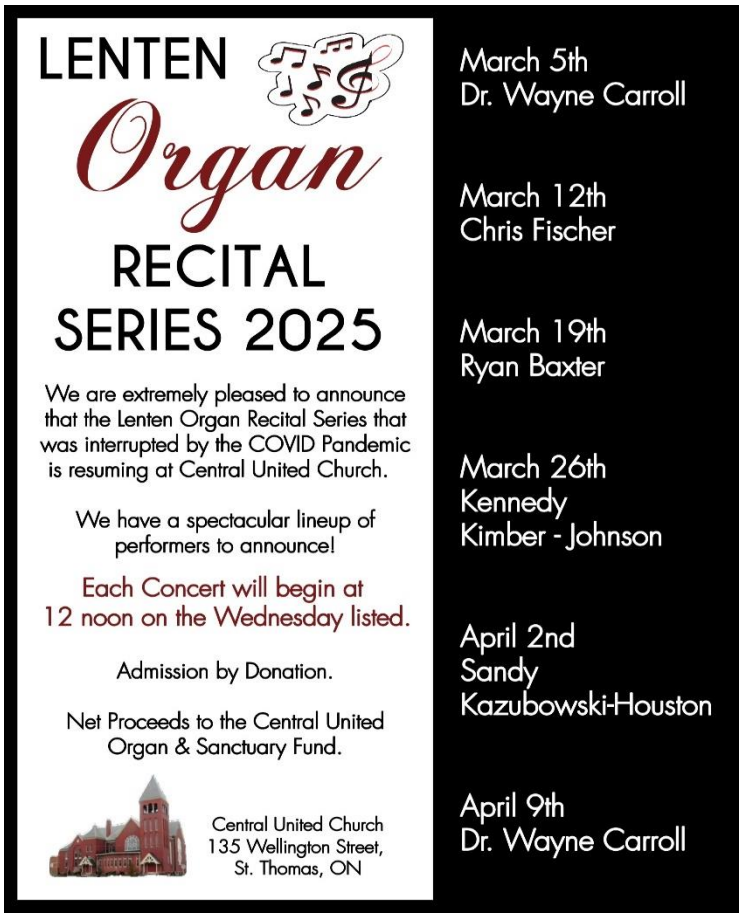
Weekly during Lent starts : Monday March 10th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall at Central United

or

Wednesday March 12th at 7:00 pm by Zoom.







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