Weekly Update from First –March 20, 2025

Join us for

Worship

AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, March 23, 2025

LENT 3

9:30 am

ALL ARE WELCOME

Rev. Paul will lead worship.

Erin Chute will be the Lay Leader.

Heather Tales & Erin Chute will serve Communion.

Scripture:
Luke 13:1-9; Isaiah 55:1-9

Sermon: "The Power of Vulnerability" Rev. Paul

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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!
Keep it up First Church!!!

OUR GOAL IS TO COLLECT 100 JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER!

Let's finish STRONG!! Can we break our September record of 132 jars??

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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Happy birthday to Katie Auckland!

Celebrations

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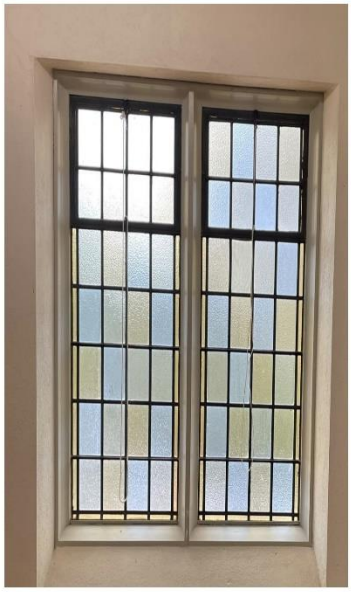
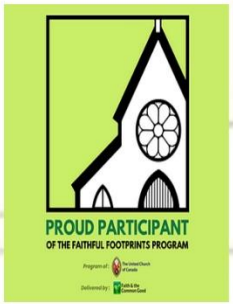
Window Replacement 2025



Thanks to a very generous Donor & the UCC Faithful Footprints Grant Program we were able to replace 21 windows at the church including the Fellowship Room, Nursery & EarlyON space! The windows are beautiful and we've already noticed a difference with temperature regulation in various rooms!



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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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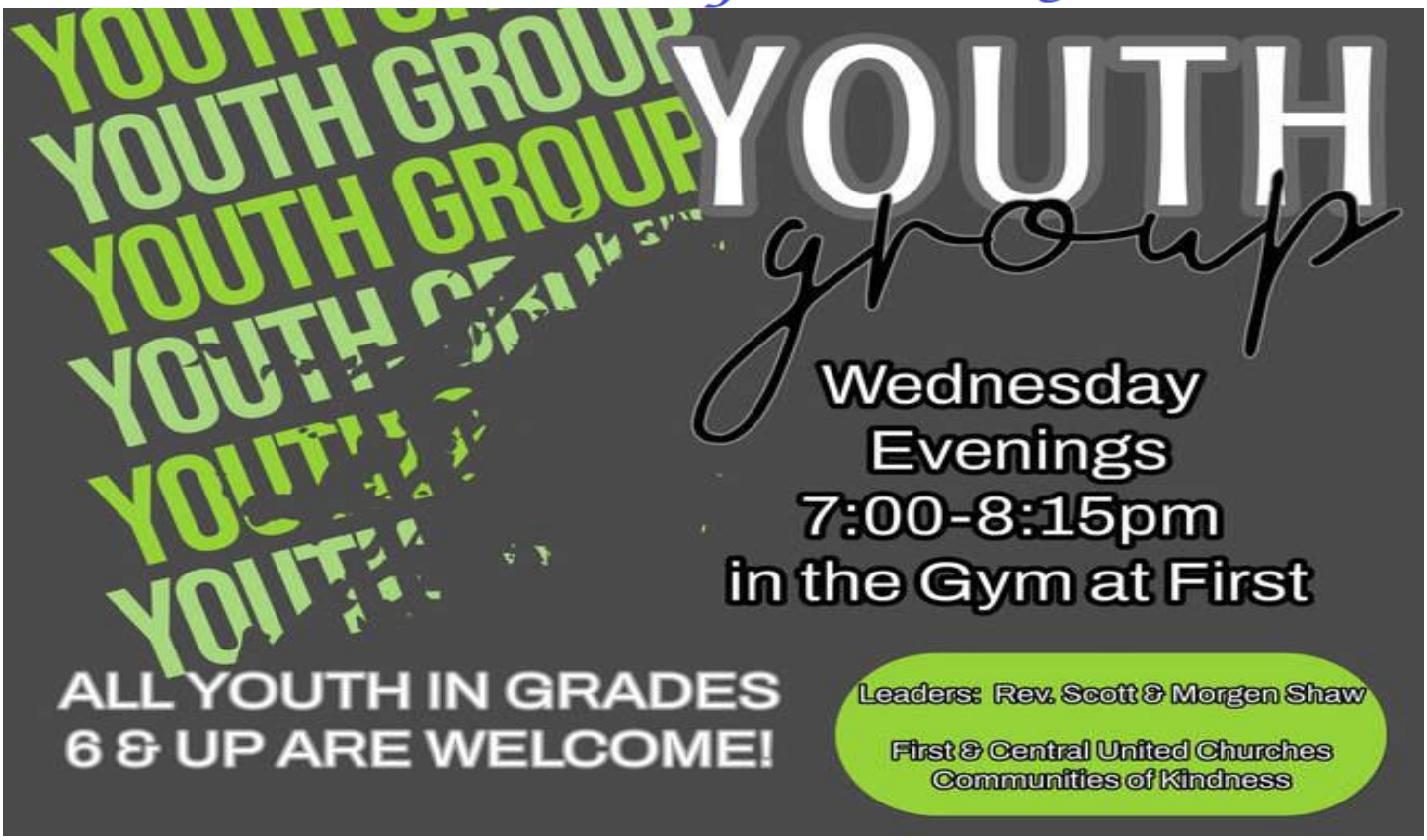

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ESTD 2008
MITCHELL'S
-SOUP COMPANY-

FUNDRAISER for First United Church

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

Catalogue:

Order here:

35% of sales will be donated to the church!

Campaign runs February 1-March 31

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Deadline Extended to March 31/25

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7 Curtis St. St.Thomas ON N5P 1H3

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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Here's the info for April, May & June Movie Nights!
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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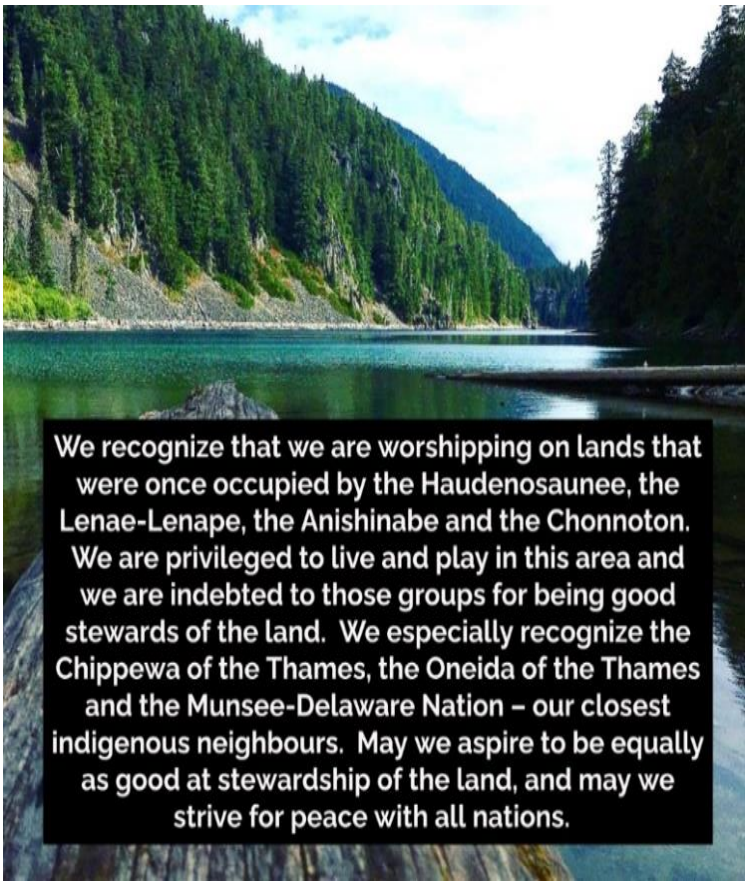

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Debit & Credit now accepted at the church!

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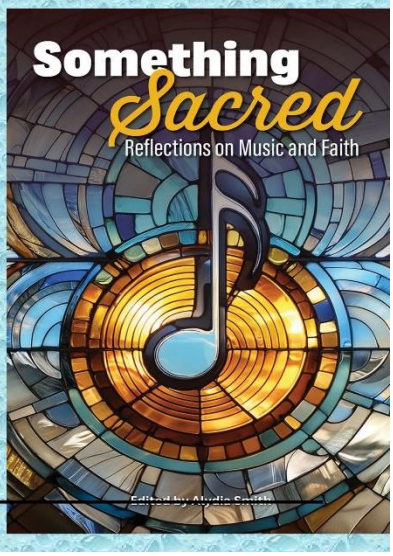
Our Friends at Central are hosting a few events – check them out!

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

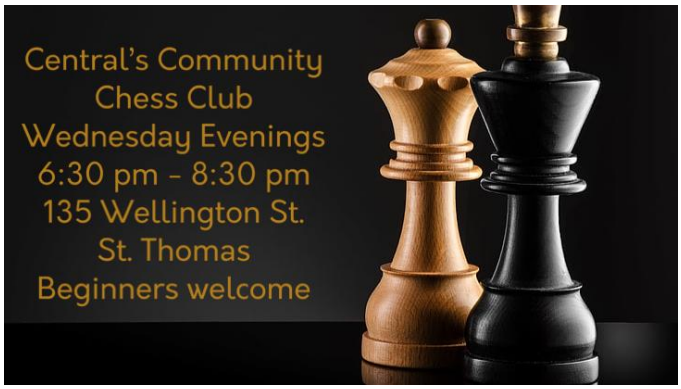


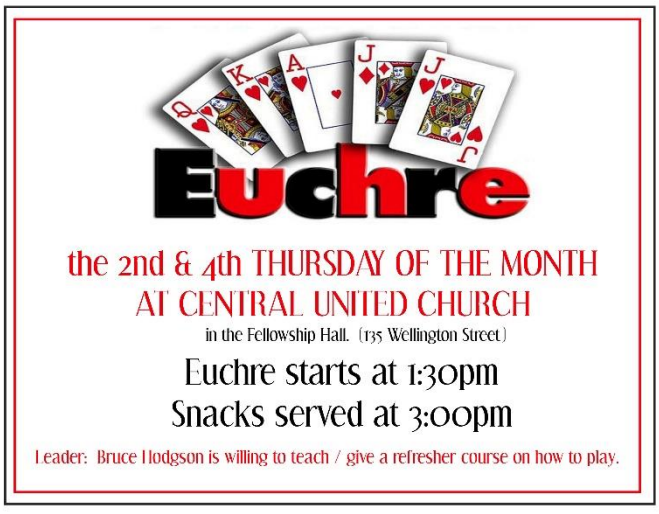
Group Study

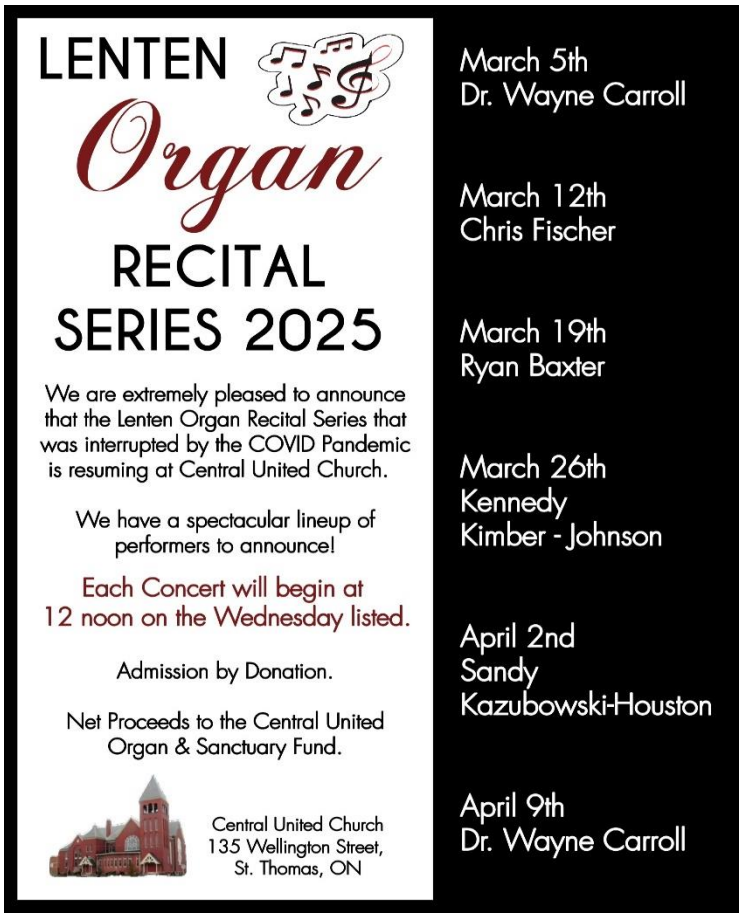
Weekly during Lent starts : Monday March 10th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall at Central United

or

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







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