Weekly Update from First –March 27, 2025

Join us for Worship

AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, March 30, 2025

LENT 4

9:30 am

ALL ARE WELCOME

The Annual General Meeting will follow worship.

Rev. Scott will lead worship.

Heather Tales will be the Lay Leader.

Chris Higgins & Heather Tales will serve Communion.

Scripture:
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
(NRSVue)

Sermon: "Sacrificing the Fattened Calf, Except it's Not Fair" Rev. Scott

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First United Church
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THIS SUNDAY
following worship!

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This is our last Sunday to collect JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER for the Food Bank!

Can we break our September record of 132 jars?? Let's try! 29 to go!

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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DEADLINE FOR ONLINE ORDERS IS MONDAY, MARCH 31ST. IF YOU NEED TO PLACE A MANUAL ORDER, CONTACT ERIN CHUTE ASAP! erinchute@hotmail.com

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:

35% of sales will be donated to the church!

Campaign runs February 1-March 31

Order here:

* *Kindness* * *Respect* * *Fairness* *

Deadline Extended to March 31/25

First United Church
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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From the Pastoral Care Team

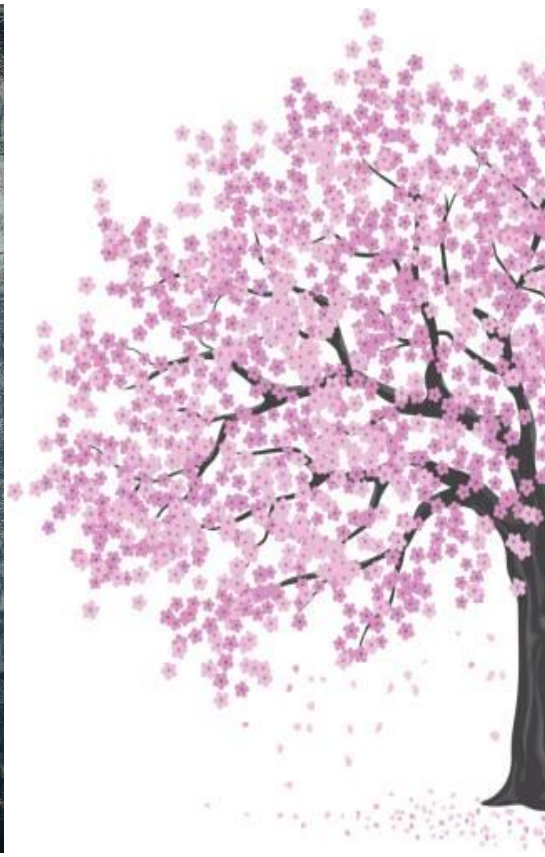
Are you, or a church member you know experiencing health challenges or in the hospital and might appreciate support from the Pastoral Care team?

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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YOUTH group

Wednesday
Evenings
7:00-8:15pm
in the Gym at First

ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6 & UP ARE WELCOME!

Leaders: Rev. Scott & Morgen Shaw

First & Central United Churches
Communities of Kindness

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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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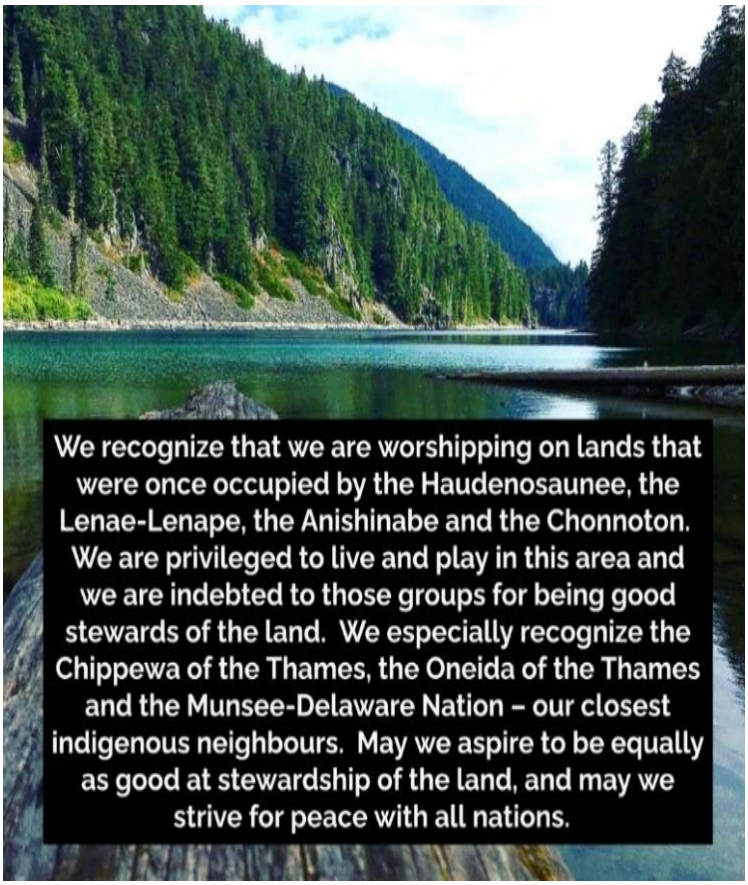

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Debit & Credit now accepted at the church!

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

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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First United Church, St. Thomas

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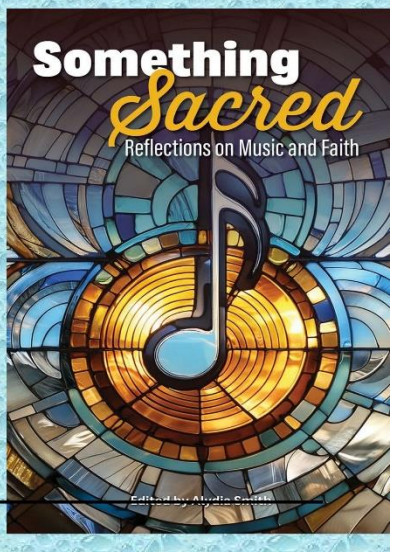
Our Friends at Central are hosting a few events – check them out!

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

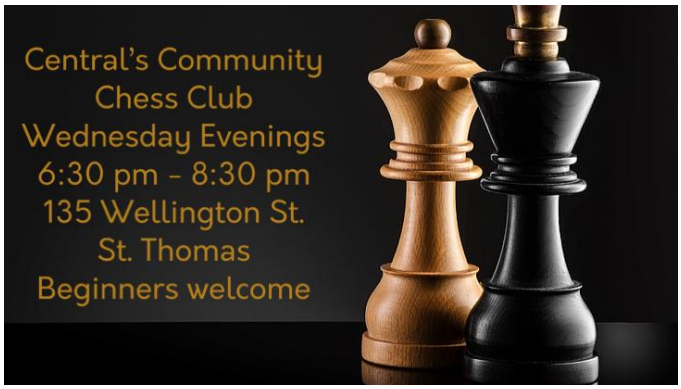


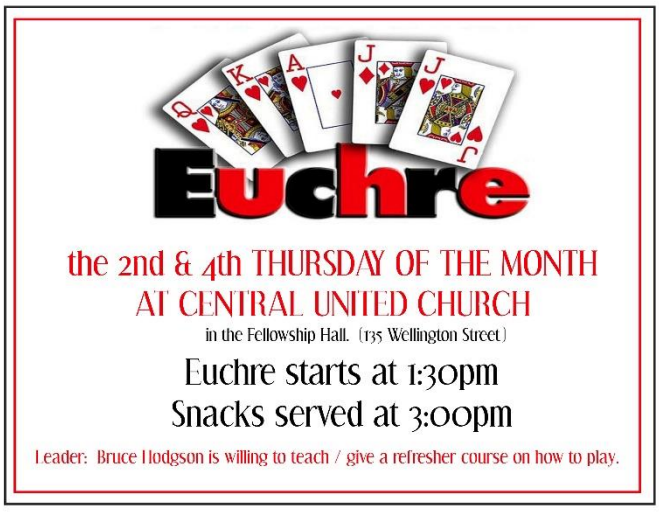
Group Study

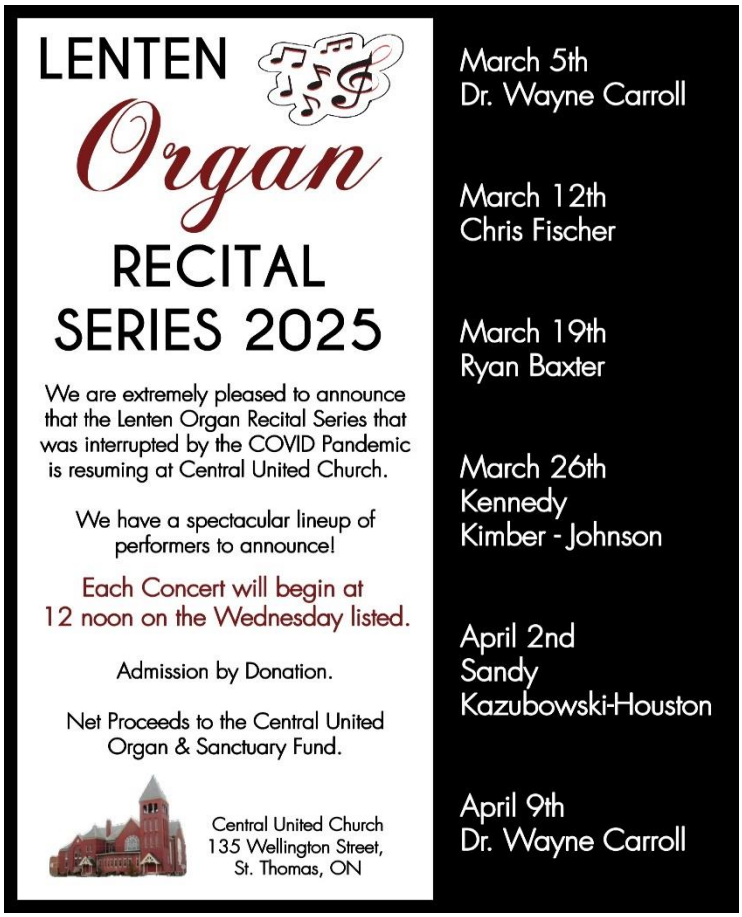
Weekly during Lent starts : Monday March 10th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall at Central United

or

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







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