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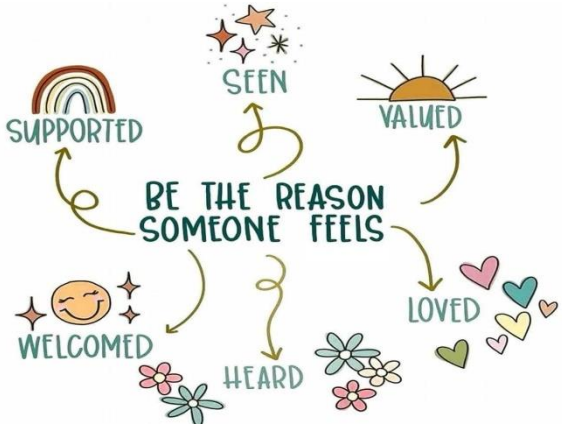

Join us for

Worship

AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, May 25, 2025

9:30 am

ALL ARE WELCOME

Rev. Paul & Rev. Scott will lead worship.

Richard Auckland will be the Lay Leader.

Richard Auckland & Rev. Scott will serve Communion.

Sermon: Rev. Paul "Sometimes Life Requires A Party"

Scripture: Exodus 3; Ecclesiastes 3; Matthew 9

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In June 2025, the United Church of Canada celebrates 100 years! First is collecting different items every month to help stock the shelves at the Food Bank!!

In Honour of the United Church's 100 years...

APRIL & MAY 2025 's GOAL IS TO COLLECT 100 packs of JUICE BOXES & 100 KIDS' SNACK FOODS!

(Granola Bars, Fruit Cups, Jello Cups, Pudding Cups, etc for the Food Bank's Snack Program)

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:
Sandra Aarts, Mike Muma, Mark Snowsell & Georgia Kennington.

Happy anniversary to: Mark & Vicki Snowsell and Lynne Pensa & Kevin Jackson

Celebrations

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Calling All 2025 Graduates!

Whether you are graduating from Grade 8, Grade 12 or College/University, we would like to celebrate your accomplishments!

Please email Karen Auckland (27swifty@gmail.com) TWO pictures - one when your grad was 3-5 years old and the second being more recent.

Along with the photos, please include:

*your graduate's full name

*what school they are graduating from

*post-secondary plans (college, university, trade, working, deferring, etc.) specific program name appreciated!

*post-secondary grads, please include future plans, if known.

Please email Karen no later than May 26th!

We look forward to celebrating with you!

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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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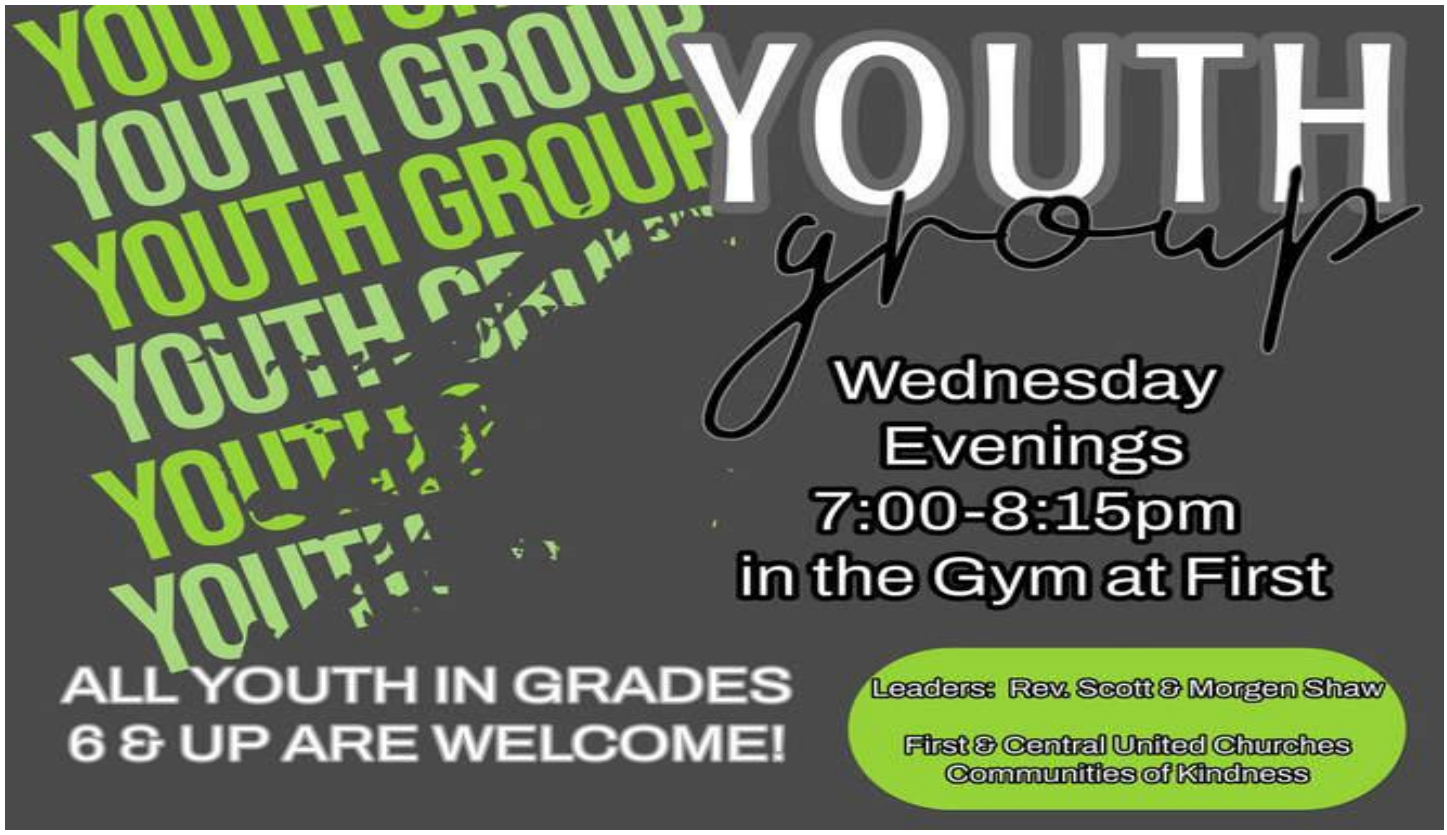

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Bring a Hosta and / or a Bag of Black Mulch to Church Day!

😊

Sunday, June 1st

Bring a Hosta and / or a Bag of Black Mulch to Church Sunday, June 1st.

Let's BEAUTIFY our Church gardens!

Volunteers will plant the hostas & spread the mulch that day.

Thank you in advance for your contribution!

FIRST & CENTRAL UNITED CHURCHES PRESENT...

MOVIE NIGHT

with Rev. Scott

ALL WELCOME

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

HELD IN THE SANCTUARY AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

7 Curtis St., St Thomas

Doors open at 6:30pm

Monday, June 2nd

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

June's Movie is:

The Way Way Back (2013)

July 7th's Movie: Big Hero 6 (2014)

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ARE YOU PLANNING TO ATTEND??

Did you know that the United Church is **CELEBRATING their 100th Anniversary** in June?
100 years! Can you even believe it?

Did you know that there is a Cluster Service (AKA a **WATCH PARTY**!!) being planned for Sunday, June 8th at Central United Church? All of the area churches are invited and First is participating! Actually, our own **LORI HOFFMAN** is helping to organize the event - and hopes to see lots of friends from First there!

*There will be a **POTLUCK SUPPER** (who doesn't love a potluck!?!) that begins at 4pm. There's a **sheet to sign up** with your favourite dish to share in the Fellowship Room (or call/email Lori) - we can all sit together if you'd like, or you can mingle with friends from other churches!

*At 5pm there will be **SPECIAL MUSIC** (including some band members from First!) for everyone to enjoy.

*At 5:30pm the Worship Service begins. We'll livestream the Sermon from the National Service being held in St. John's Newfoundland - where the **Aucklands** will be (Richard is the President of Antler River Watershed Regional Council)!! There will also be a joint choir (members from all areas churches) led by Phil Hallman and accompanied by our own **JODY MCDONALD-GROULX**!

So let's get some people signed up - **we can all sit together** (if you want)- and have some fun celebrating our National Church's 100th Anniversary!! Something this big only happens once in a lifetime!

Call (519-631-7570 x21) / Email (office@1stunitedchurch.ca) Lori to sign up!

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St. Thomas

Community Meals

May 2025

Community Outreach Dinner Committee – 20 Flora Street
(St. Thomas Anglican Church)
Dine in meal: Friday May 16th, 5:00-6:00pm
(Doors open at 4:30pm. Very limited take away meals available)

Destination Church - 668 Talbot Street
(back entrance off of Moore St. parking lot)
Stone Soup Meal (dine in meal): Thursday May 8th & 22nd at 5:30pm

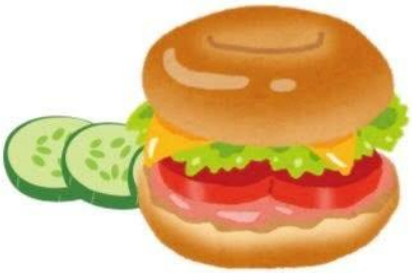
Grace Café – 323 Talbot Street
Dine in or take-away meal: Mondays - Saturdays, 7:00am-11:00am

Community Outreach Dinner at Horton Market– 10 Manitoba Street
(Meals provided by Harvest Hands, Community Outreach Dinner Committee, Giving Back and Holy Angels. Only 1 meal per person please)
Take away meal: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 5:30pm
(available while meals last)
Snack bag: Sundays, 5:30pm (available while meals last)

Salvation Army – 380 Elm Street
Bowlful & Bites Bistro (dine in only): Wednesday May 21st, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Salvation Army Mobilize – corner of Moore Street and Talbot Street
Truck providing meal
Street ministries and meal delivery: Mondays, 5:15pm

St. Thomas Islamic Centre – 55 Southwick Street
Take-away meal: Sunday May 18th, 4:30pm-5:30pm



FOOD PROVIDERS NETWORK
ELGIN ST. THOMAS

Note: Meals are free, unless there is a price listed. Meal times may end early if meals run out (first come, first served).

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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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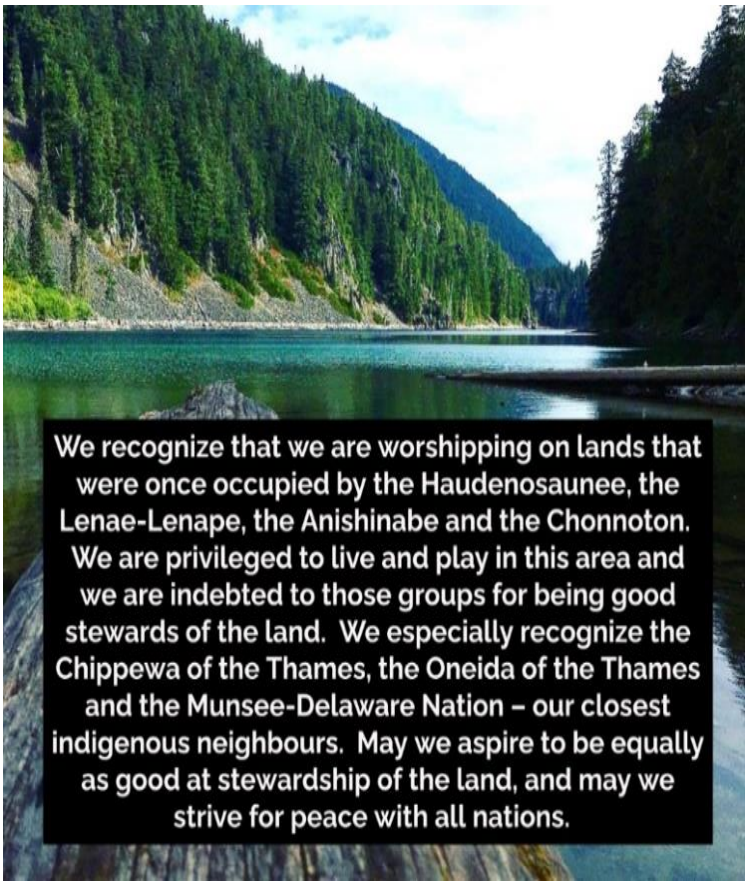

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Debit & Credit now accepted at the church!

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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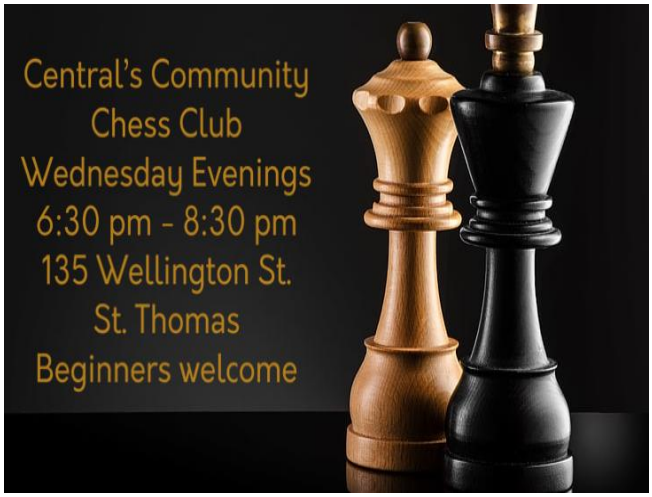

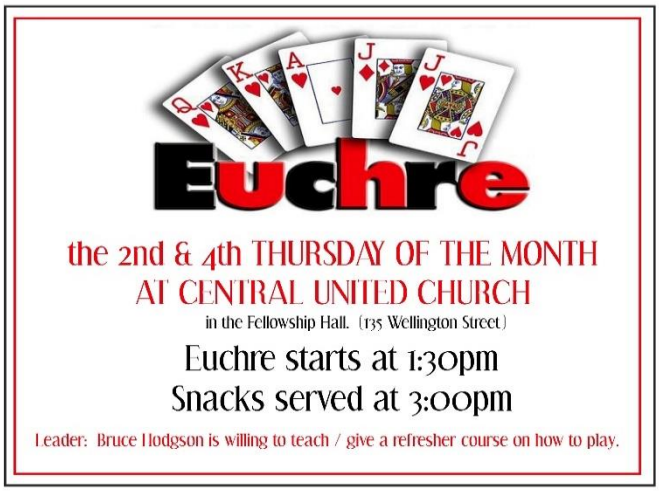

* * * * * COMMUNITY EVENTS * * * * *

Please think of us while doing your Gardening and Spring Cleaning. We will be receiving donations of new or used items in good condition, on Friday May 23 from 10-3:00 or Saturday morning before 8:00 a.m. If you have plants to donate, please label them clearly. Questions? - Ask Barb 519-633-2245.

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