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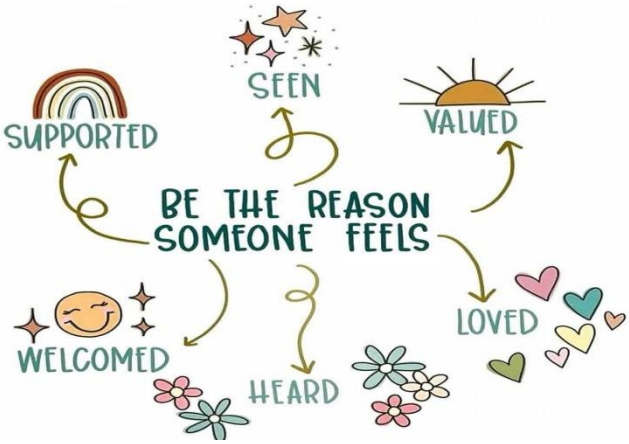

Join us for

Worship

AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Remembrance Sunday, November 9th

9:30 am

Rev. Paul will lead worship.

Erin Chute will be the Worship Leader.

John & Lilian Anderson will serve Communion.

Sermon: Rev. Paul

Scripture: Haggai, Chapter 2

The Gospel of John, Chapter 15

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Community Outreach Dinners

*The monthly sit down dinners are the third Friday of each month

*They serve between 178 and 190 sit down guests. They also serve 50 to 60 takeaway meals (they also provide dinners for 10 to 14 volunteers)

*On the other weeks of the month they deliver dinner to folks who line up at the market for a meal (last meal they made included: an egg salad sandwich, hot pasta casserole, cookies, a Halloween treat, a baggie of savory munchies. Ie. pretzels, fish crackers, chips, tortilla chips etc, and a drink. Napkins & utensils are also provided.

The November Dinner is the Annual Turkey Dinner. Donations to buy a turkey, squash, frozen corn, cranberries are welcome (can be placed on the offering plate in an envelope marked "Community Dinners")

If anyone would like more information about the Community Dinners, please contact Cathy Grondin (cathygrondin23@gmail.com)

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Happy birthday to:
Don Gagen, Brian Wilsdon, Clare Beamish, Ken Lunn & Henry MacMenamin.

Celebrations

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Remembrance Day – Tuesday, November 11

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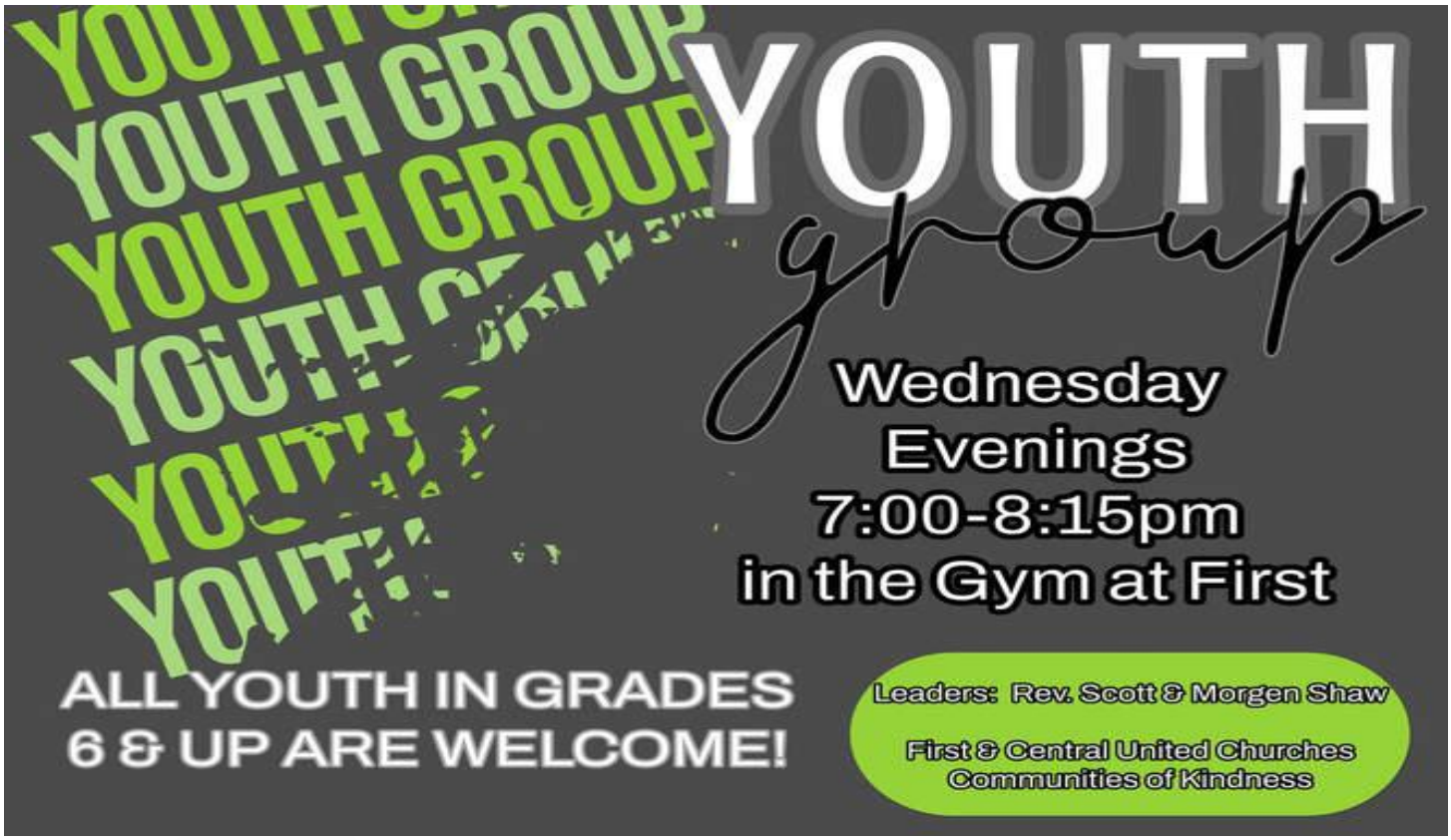

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Sherry Johnstone is participating in a

Christmas Fair

Saturday, November 15th
from 10am to 2pm

at the St.Thomas Community
Christian School
77 Fairview Ave, St Thomas.

She is donating her proceeds to First United Church - so let's show her some support!!! If you have any crafts you'd like to donate to support the Church, please have priced items to Sherry Johnstone by Sun. Nov.9.

THANK YOU!!

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* * * * MARK YOUR CALENDARS * * * *

SECRET SANTA...
& SOCKS!

NOVEMBER 2nd to 23rd

(Santa Bags will be in the Sanctuary, Sunday, November 2nd)

We're collecting:
Unwrapped Gifts (to age 12)
& Monetary Donations for Christmas Care

(Christmas Care will pick up our gifts on Monday, November 24th)

And Socks (mens, womens & childrens) for Grace Cafe!!

Please bag socks separately from your Secret Santa Gifts.

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Join us on Sunday, November 30th at 9:30am for our Advent 1 Worship Service!

When you enter the sanctuary you'll be offered an ornament to place on the Sanctuary Christmas tree.

There will be lots of special music!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Festival OF LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, November 30th at 7:00pm

at First United Church (7 Curtis St., St Thomas)

Central United Church
First Worship Band
Knox Presbyterian Church
Plains Baptist Church
Port Stanley Christmas Choir
St. Andrew's Westminster United Church
St. Hilda's / St. Luke's Anglican Church
The Lunch Bunch
Featuring: Railway City Brass Quintet

*** Freewill Offering ***

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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, December 1st

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

December's Movie is:

Juno (2007)

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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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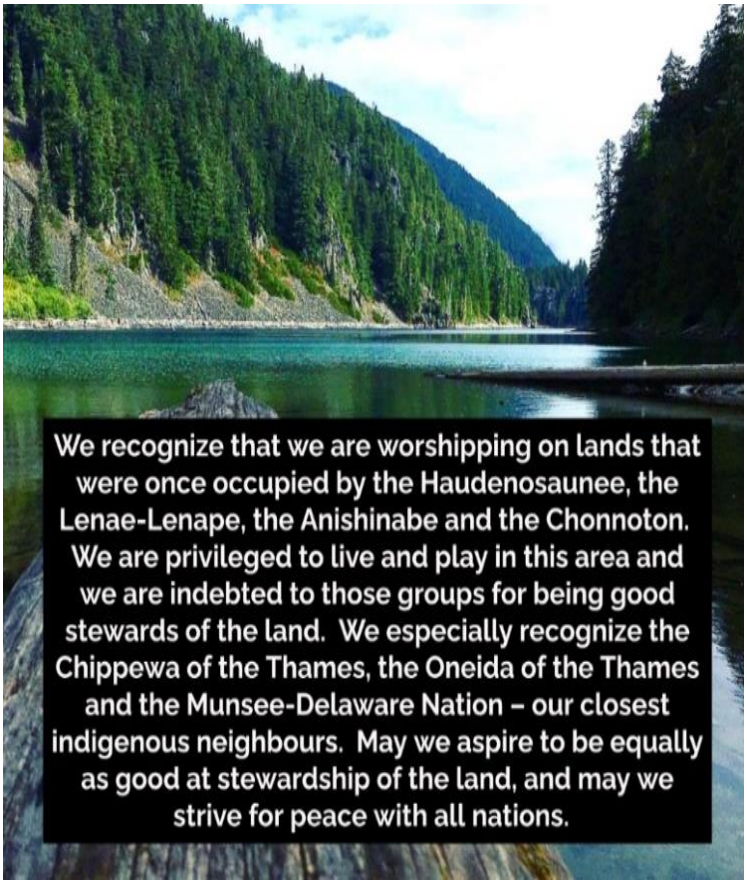

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Debit & Credit now accepted at the church!

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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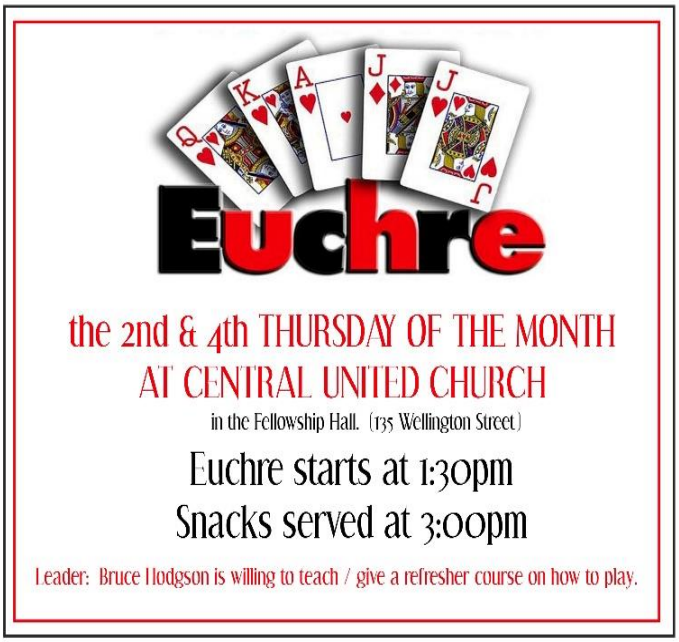

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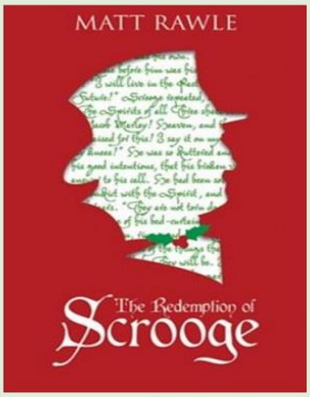


ADVENT BOOK STUDY

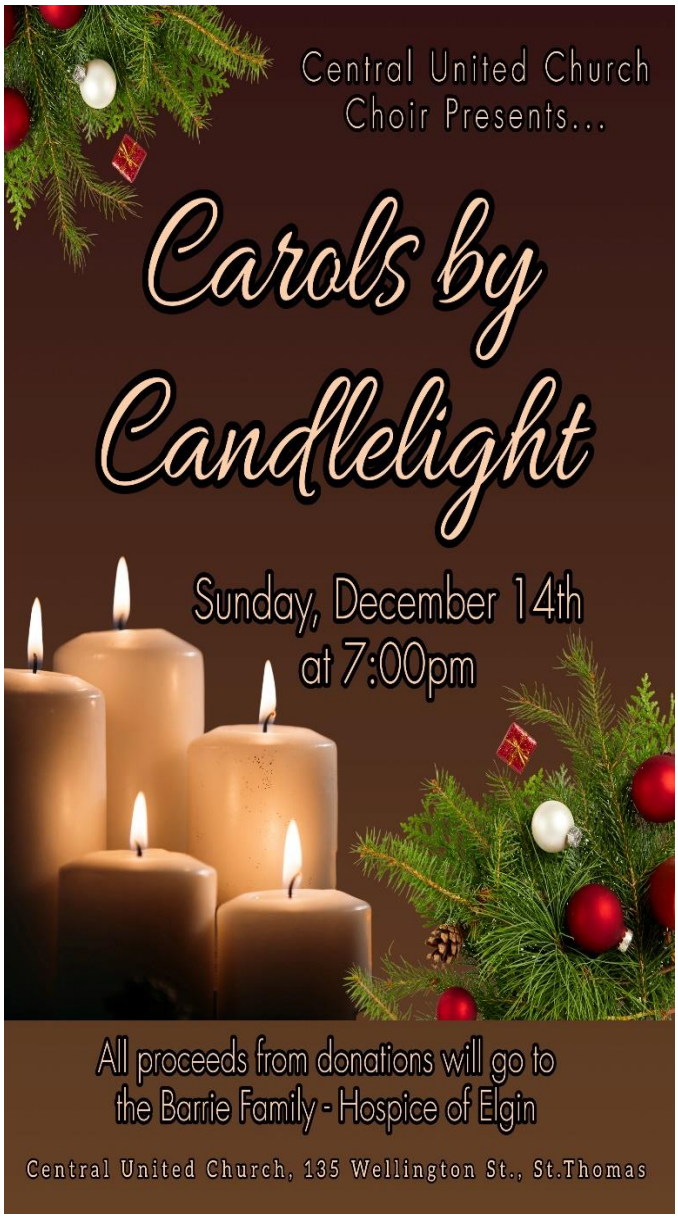
The Redemption of Scrooge

By Matt Rawle

Mondays at 1:00 pm
Central United Church
Fellowship Hall

Or by Zoom on
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Starts: November 24th in person and November 26th by Zoom.
Contact Kathryn Fletcher at 519-633-1902 or fletcherfamily@rogers.com
for Zoom link. Some paperback books will be available. Also on Kindle



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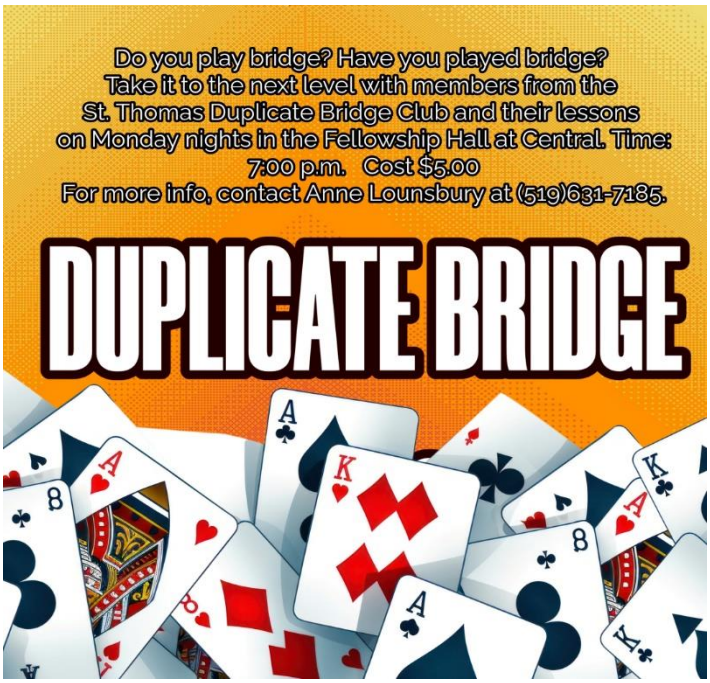

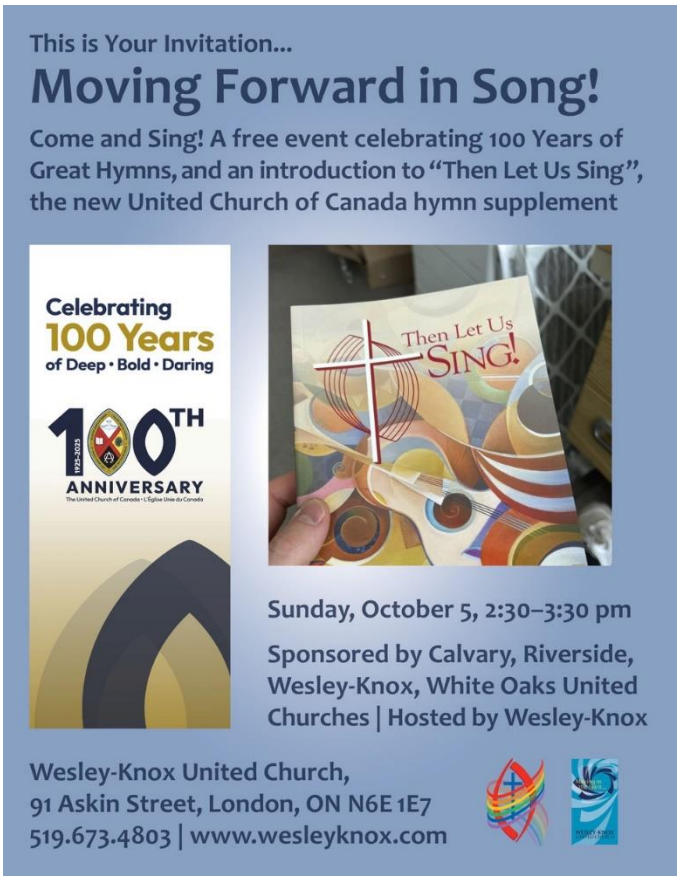

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