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Bring your Food Bank Donations to Church this Sunday!

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION FOR THE ELGIN-ST. THOMAS FOOD BANK

CURRENT NEEDS:

* Cereal ; Oatmeal Packages; Pancake Mix; Syrup
* Pasta Sauce; Pasta; Canned Pasta (Zoodles); Brown Beans
* Canned Tuna, Ham, Chicken; Stuffing; Cranberry Sauce; Gravy
* Peanut Butter; Jam; Cheese Whiz ; Nutella
* Juice Boxes; Pudding/ Fruit/Applesauce Cups; Granola Bars/Snacks
* Canned Fruit; Full-Size Juice; Boost Drinks
* Cream of Mushroom, Chicken Noodle, Vegetable; Tomato; Chunky Soups
* Canned Kernel Corn, Peas, Green Beans; Mixed Veggies
* Rice; Kraft Dinner; Mr. Noodles; Sidekicks
* Ketchup, Mayo, Mustard, BBQ Sauce, Salad Dressing
* Saltine Soda Crackers; Cookies
* Sugar; Whitener; Instant; Ground Coffee
* Baby Diapers Sizes 5, 6 & Pull-Ups; Tampons

Be sure to check all Best Before / Expiry Dates

Fresh Fruits & Vegetables are always appreciated as well!
The Food Bank welcome all monetary & food donations.
(Cheques payable to the Elgin-St. Thomas Food Bank)

On Thanksgiving Sunday, October 12th bring your Food donations to Church with you and we'll deliver them to the Food Bank!!

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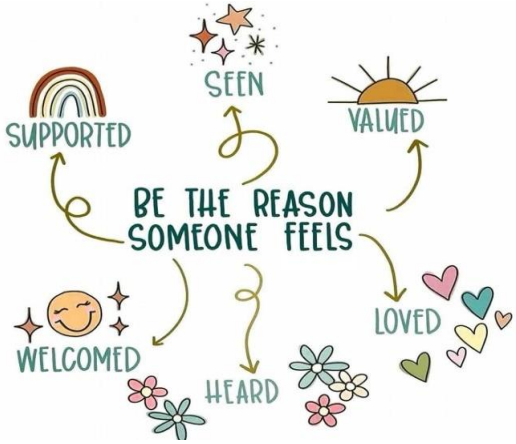

Join us for
Worship

AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, October 12th

Thanksgiving Sunday

9:30 am

Rev. Paul will lead worship.

Richard Auckland will be the Worship Leader.

Lynn Pensa & Kevin Jackson will serve Communion.

The Worship Band & Guy Miskelly will lead music!

Scripture: St. Luke, Chapter 17

Sermon: Rev. Paul "Lucky and Blessed"

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A GRAND IDEA!

The grand piano in our sanctuary has enabled First United Church to host community musical events such as the Rotary Music Festival and the Christmas Lessons & Carols Event.
The piano is owned by King's Academy. Since it does not fit into the new space they have moved to, they are willing to sell it to First for $2,750, a price determined as fair by our piano tuner.

However, this expenditure is not in the budget and so the Official Board is asking you to consider making an extra donation to help pay for the piano
(please mark your donation "PIANO").

Your grand gesture will enable First to better fulfill its mission of supporting the Community and bring us years of wonderful music. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Jody :)

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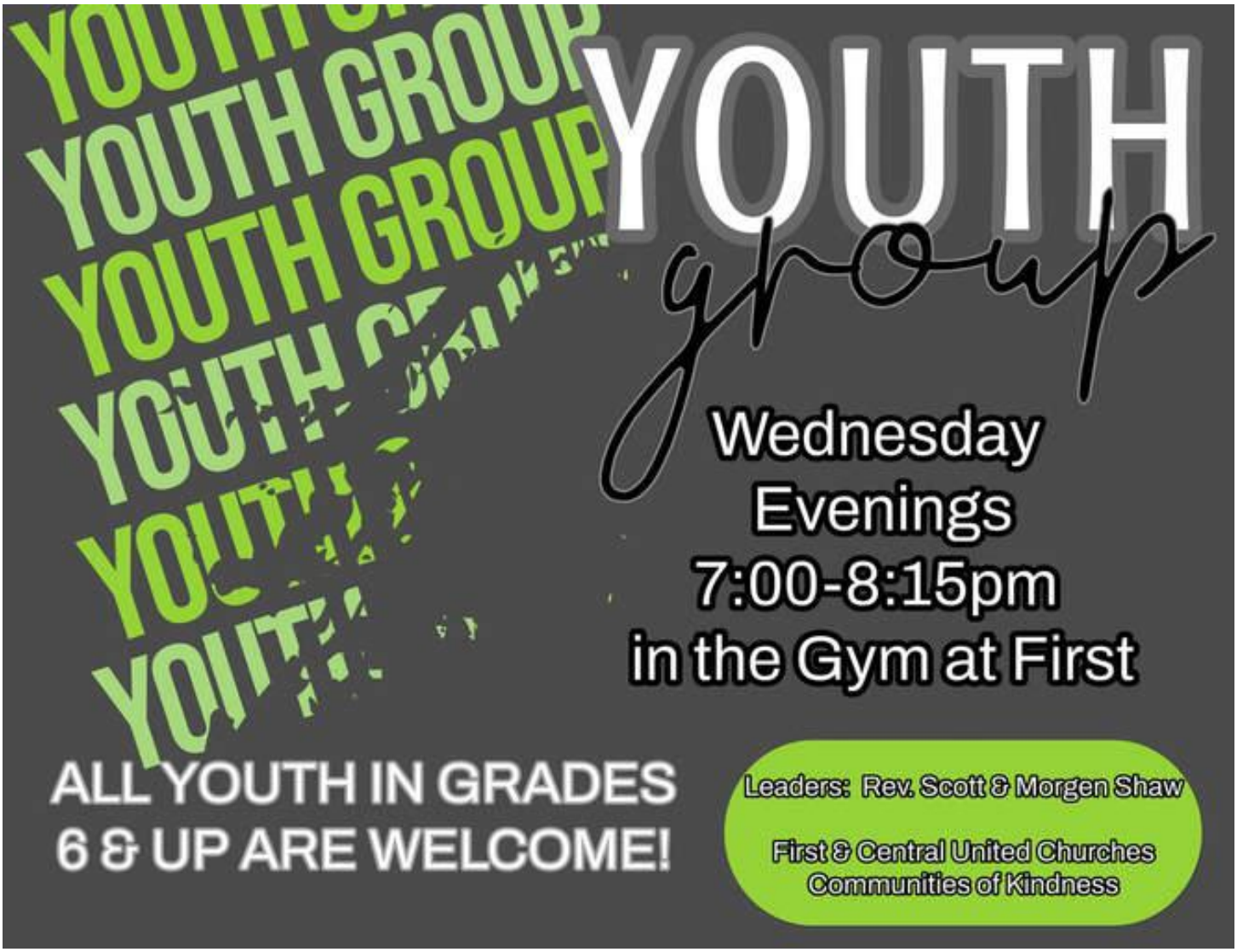

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Happy birthday to:

Bob Scott, Olivia Trieu & Brett Fox

Celebrations

Happy anniversary to:

Bob & Sharlene Scott
Murray & Tracey Medhurst
Wayne & Brenda Smith

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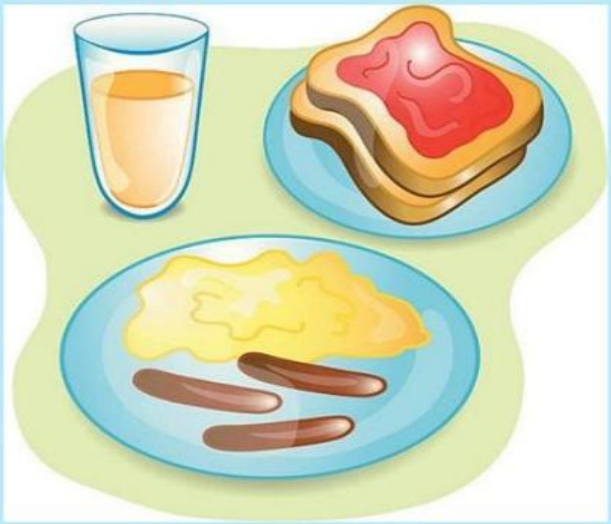

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FIRST & CENTRAL UNITED CHURCHES PRESENT...

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, November 3rd

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

November's Movie is:

V for Vendetta (2005)

December 1 - 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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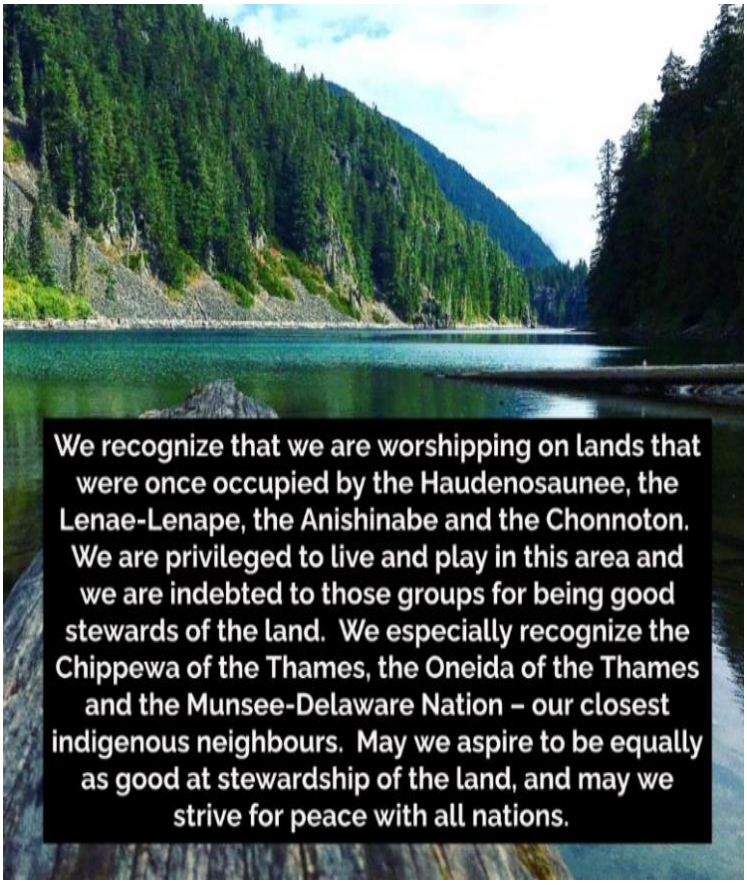

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Debit & Credit now accepted at the church!

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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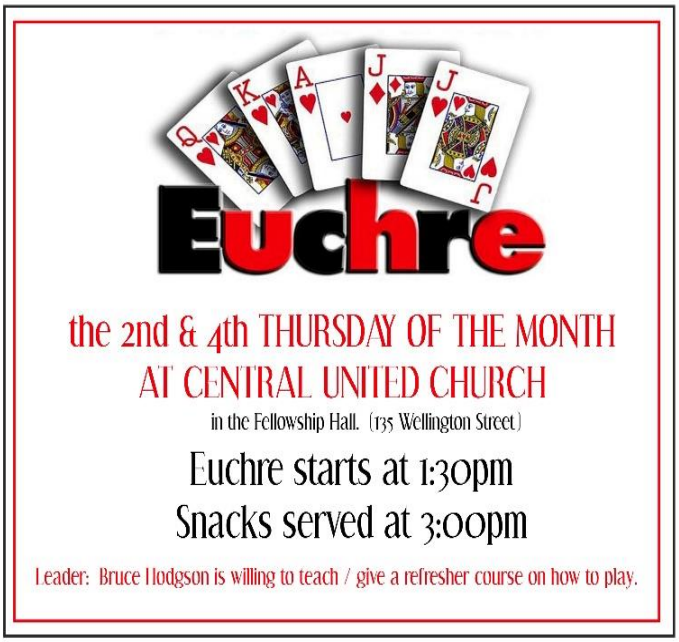

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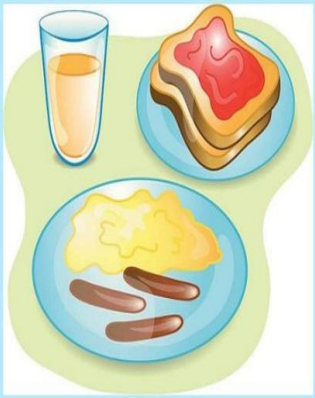


CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH BAZAAR

135 Wellington St., St Thomas

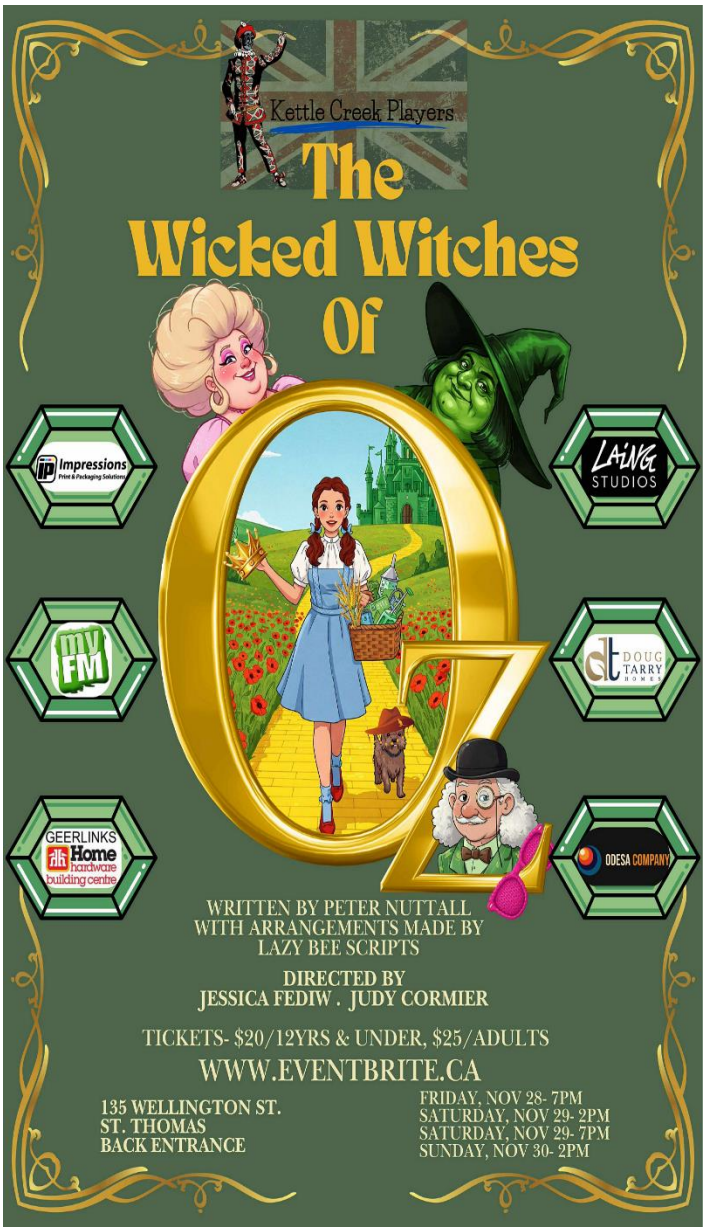
Wheelchair Accessible

Saturday, November 1, 2025

8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Christmas Shop, Gift Baskets, Attic Treasures, Bake Table/Deli, Sewing & Knitting, Christmas Arrangements, Silent Auction and Coffee Corner

Overflow parking is available at the Lifehouse (corner of Wellington and Ross Street).



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

St. Thomas

Community Meals

October 2025

Community Outreach Dinner Committee – 20 Flora Street
(St. Thomas Anglican Church)
Dine in meal: Friday October 17th 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 October 9th at 11:30 am and October 23rd 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 October 15th, 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 October 19th 4:30-5:30pm

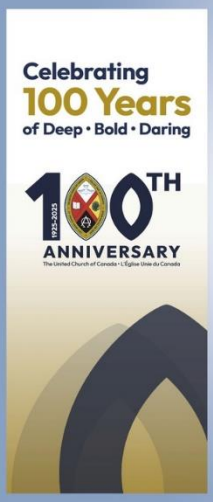
FOOD PROVIDERS NETWORK ELGIN ST THOMAS

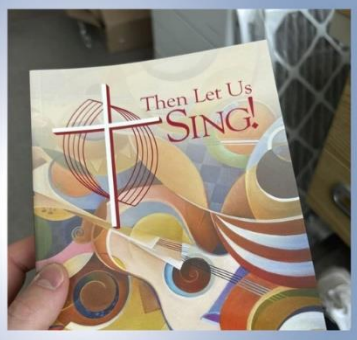
Note: Meals are free, unless there is a price listed.
Meal times may end early if meals run out (first come, first served).

This is Your Invitation...

Moving Forward in Song!

Come and Sing! A free event celebrating 100 Years of Great Hymns, and an introduction to "Then Let Us Sing", the new United Church of Canada hymn supplement





Sunday, October 5, 2:30–3:30 pm

Sponsored by Calvary, Riverside, Wesley-Knox, White Oaks United Churches | Hosted by Wesley-Knox

Wesley-Knox United Church,
91 Askin Street, London, ON N6E 1E7
519.673.4803 | www.wesleyknox.com

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