



Weekly Update from First – April 11, 2024

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THANK YOU

TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR QUARTER AUCTION IN ANY WAY!

HUGE THANKS TO ERIN CHUTE & HER TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE EVERYTHING RUN SMOOTHLY AND EFFICIENTLY! WE APPRECIATE YOU!

**WE RAISED \$1666.40!!
WAY TO GO FIRST CHURCH!**

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

Join us for
Worship



AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

SUNDAY
April 14th
9:30 am

Rev. Donna Kerrigan will join us to lead Worship!

Erin Chute will be the Worship Leader.

We will have full Communion.

The Band will lead the music.

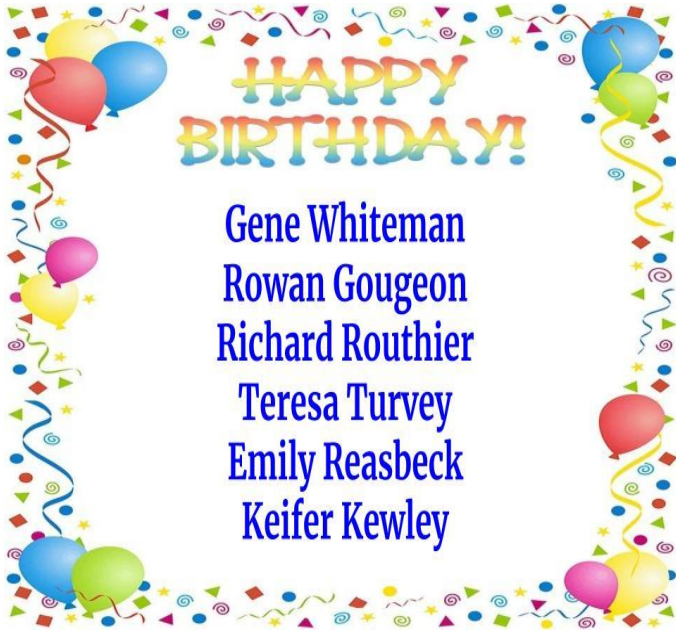
Scripture: Luke 24:13-48

ALL ARE WELCOME

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SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT

Good luck finding these Spring items!



Butterfly



Bumble Bee



Ladybug



Flower



Bird



Sunshine



Frog



Chick



Bench

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APRIL GAMES GATHERING

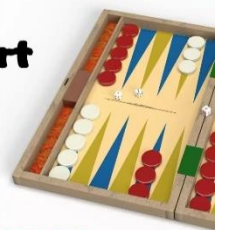
COFFEE, TEA & WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH
2:00-4:30PM AT CENTRAL U.C.**

(135 WELLINGTON STREET)



Sara Sweeny from the Alzheimer's Society will start us off with a talk called "Heads up for Healthy Brains" Tips for keeping our brains active!



BRING YOUR FAVOURITE GAME & A SNACK TO SHARE!

RSVP by text or phone 519-614-3249 or email field.b825@gmail.com

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

YOUTH

group

For Youth in Grades 6-12!

ALL YOUTH WELCOME!

Leaders: Chris Ross & Teah Welch

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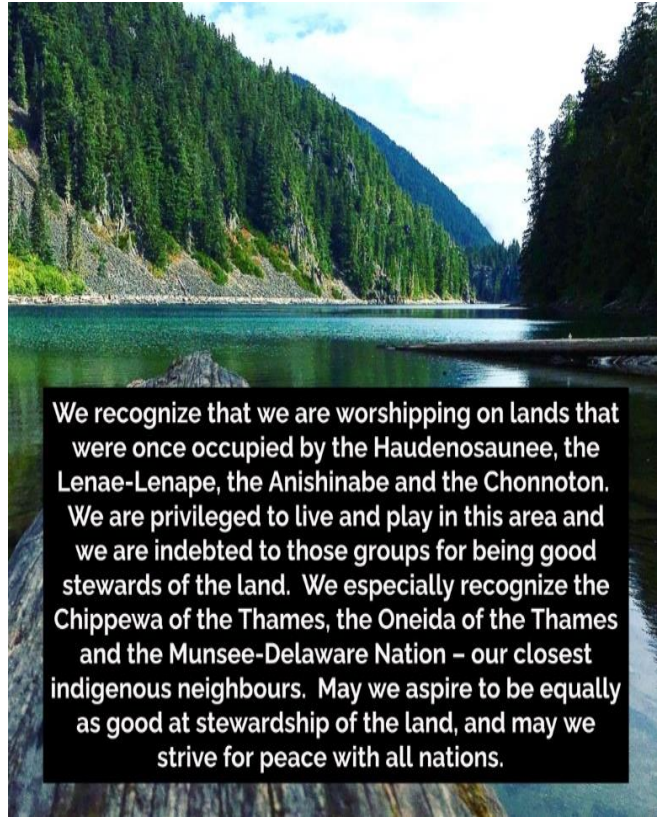
CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH
(135 Wellington Street, St. Thomas)
PRESENTS...

CHESS *Warriors*

Bring your chess board & chess men if you have them!



If you don't have any don't worry - we have some!



We recognize that we are worshipping on lands that were once occupied by the Haudenosaunee, the Lenae-Lenape, the Anishinabe and the Chonnoton. We are privileged to live and play in this area and we are indebted to those groups for being good stewards of the land. We especially recognize the Chippewa of the Thames, the Oneida of the Thames and the Munsee-Delaware Nation – our closest indigenous neighbours. May we aspire to be equally as good at stewardship of the land, and may we strive for peace with all nations.

WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS

6:30 -
8:00 PM



ALL AGES AND TALENT LEVELS, INCLUDING BEGINNERS, WELCOME



INSTRUCTION AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TERRY LANNING
519-630-8171 or terry_lanning@sympatico.ca

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**FIRST
WORSHIP
Band**

LOVE TO SING???

NEW VOICES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

PRACTICES ARE THURSDAY
EVENINGS AT 7:30PM

JOIN US!!

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SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING

Saturday, April 20th @ 9:30am

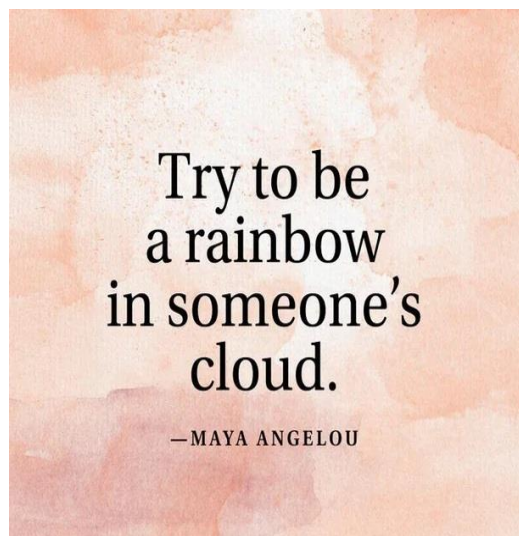
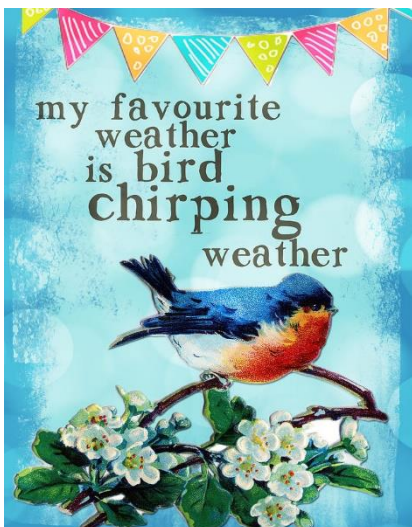
The theme of the gathering is:
Future Church Building Options/Ideas
How Can We Move Forward with Partners in the Community
& Exploring Shared Values.

We will look at our options for our Church Building and brainstorm about how to move forward with its use.

We would love everyone to attend
& share their ideas!

Please RSVP to the church office (office@1stunitedchurch.ca)
to let us know if you'll attend!

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EARTH DAY

EXCITEMENT!!

A new environmental group is about to become active at First (and Central)! Come join us right after lunch April 21st to kick off this new adventure!



Sunday,
April 21st
1:30pm

In recognition of Earth Day, we will do a property clean up at First (and hopefully at Central as well).

Garbage and recycling/composting containers will be provided.

We are asking that participants bring their own reusable beverage containers. Water will be provided.

Safety will be important for all participants.

Organizers will be providing more details in the days ahead but please plan to have proper footwear and gloves.

Several other activities will be organized in the coming months so please join us if you can at 1:30 pm, Sunday, April 21st in the parking lot at First United.

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Bring your Eclipse Glasses to the Church (Basket outside of the Church Office) and Lori will drop them off at Myrtle to be sent to Latin America to be re-used!



EST. 2013
MYRTLE

Myrtle will accept used eclipse glasses of any kind until April 30th.



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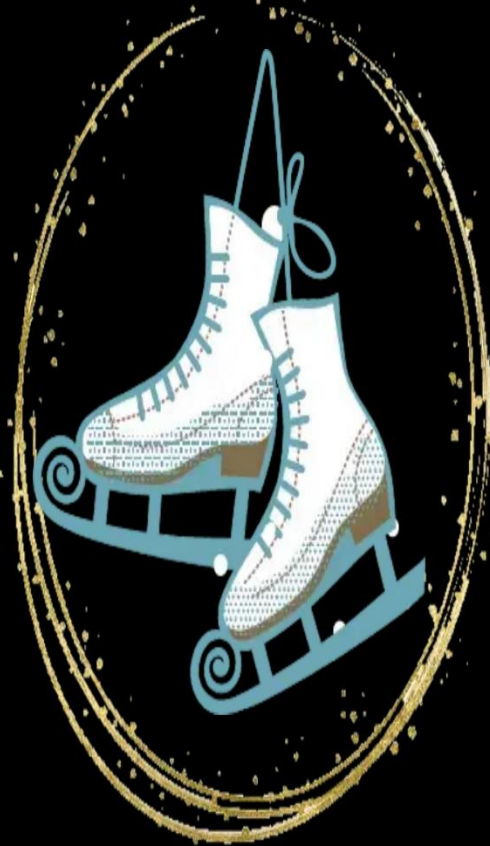
Let's Go Skating

Sunday, April 28th
2:00-3:00pm

*Joe Thornton Community Centre
75 Casp Crossing, St. Thomas*

There is no charge for this event
- We'd love for you to join us!!

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Central United Church presents their Spring
Quarter Auction

135 Wellington St., St. Thomas

Wednesday, May 8th

**Doors open @ 6 pm
Auction starts @ 7pm**

Admission: \$5

**Includes 1 paddle.
Extra Paddles: \$2 each**

**10+
Vendors**

**50/50 draw &
Raffle Table**

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SAVE YOUR POP TABS



**First Church Friends!
Please save your POP TABS to help 13 year old,
Aliye Hac Ismail, who has spina bifida
to get a new wheelchair!**

**There is a container in the Fellowship (Coffee)
Room to collect your donations.**

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First United Church

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Rev. Paul's drop in hours at First are
Mondays from 9:30am to 2pm.
Other times are available by Appointment.

Lori Hoffman (church office)

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First United Church,
St. Thomas

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*Thank you for your ongoing support of the
ministry of First United Church!
Your gifts make a difference in the lives of others!!*



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