



## Weekly Update from First – April 18, 2024

### 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](mailto:office@1stunitedchurch.ca))  
to let us know if you'll attend!

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Join us for

*Worship*



**AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH**

**SUNDAY**  
**April 21st**  
**9:30 am**

Rev. Paul will lead Worship!

Mike Hardman  
will be the Worship Leader.

Communion will be served for  
those who wish to partake

The Band will lead the music.

Scripture: Psalm 19

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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# **EARTH DAY EXCITEMENT!!**

**THIS  
SUNDAY AT  
1:30pm**

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

**Meet in the the Church Parking Lot!**

**Garbage and recycling/composting containers will be provided.**

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

**Bring gloves & wear proper footwear.**

**We hope to see you there!**

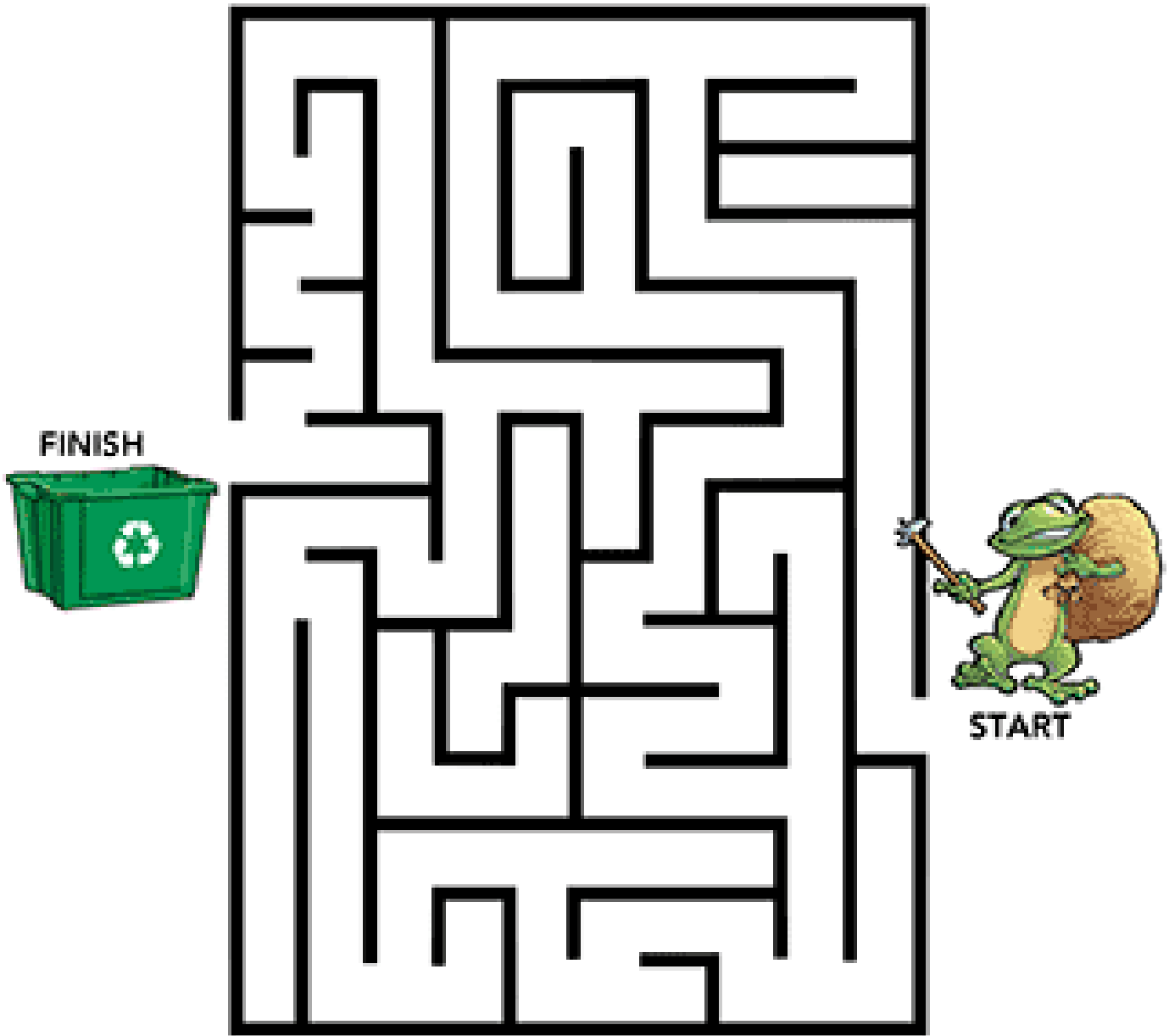
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# Celebrate Earth Day!

Can you help EZ Green put trash in the proper place?



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At First United Church we have some of the BEST Volunteers around.

Words are just not enough! Please know we appreciate each and every one of you - no matter how big or small your role.

You make a difference!!



Thank You!

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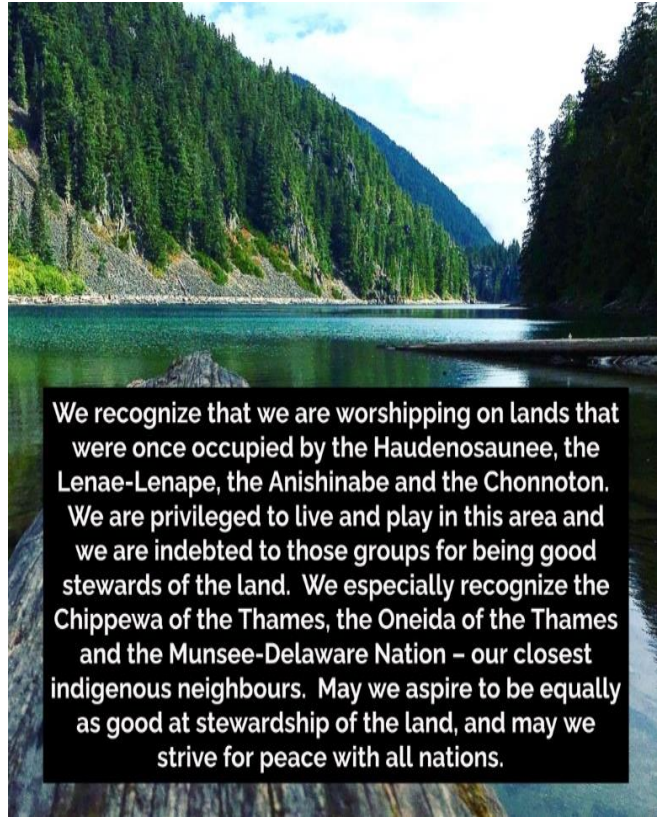
CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH  
(135 Wellington Street, St. Thomas)  
PRESENTS...

# 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](mailto: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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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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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with great pleasure and excitement that the Joint Search Committee of Central and First United Churches have requested that a Joint Congregational Meeting be scheduled following a combined Sunday Service. The Sunday Service in question will commence at 10:30 am, Sunday, April 28, 2024 at First United Church.

Immediately following this service, both congregations will be asked to separately vote on a recommendation by the Joint Search Committee to accept a candidate to fill the vacant, full-time equivalent minister position as part of our shared ministry. General inquiries regarding this process can be directed to Chris Ross at First United and Rick Jackson at Central United. Thank you.

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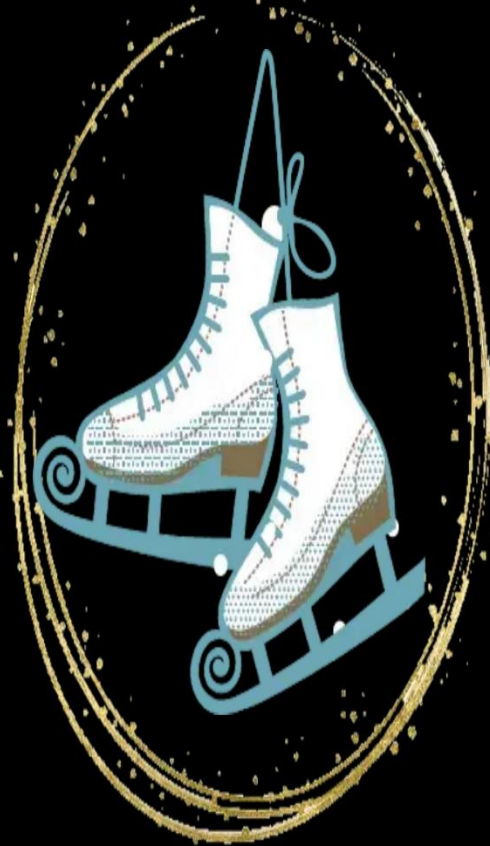
# Let's Go Skating

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

*Joe Thornton Community Centre  
75 Casco 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**

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**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

7 Curtis Street, St. Thomas, ON N5P 1H3

## Rev. Paul Browning

Phone: 519-631-7570 ext. 22 (office)  
519-681-3521 (home)

Email: paul@sharedministry.ca

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)

Phone: 519-631-7570 ext. 21 (office)  
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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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