



Weekly Update from First – April 21/22

**Tonight (Thursday)
is the 3rd Movie Night
in the “Pursuing Your
Potential” Series.**

**7pm in the Sanctuary
at First.**

All welcome!

Greetings from your Joint Search Team

We are continuing to meet regularly to review submissions.

We thank you for your prayerful patience as we move forward.

Vicki Casey
Recording secretary,
Joint Search Committee



8009 Iona Road Fingal, ON



An all-ages event on Saturday April 23rd 9:30 am.

Central and First United members and friends are invited to celebrate Earth Day weekend and enjoy the beauty of creation at Pearce-Williams Christian Center.

Walk the trails picking up small branches or similar tasks to prepare the camp for summer. Please bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes. Come rain or shine.

For more information, please contact Kathryn Fletcher at 519-633-1902 or fletcherfamily@rogers.com or Karen Auckland at 27Swifty@gmail.com or 519-200-9373.

About Church School!!

Come join the fun each Sunday (at First) as we learn about Jesus & his journey with his disciples through stories, prayer, games & crafts!

Families will worship together in the sanctuary & children will leave for church school following the children's time.

We hope you can join us!



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Sunday Worship Service

CAMPING SUNDAY - This Sunday, April 24th

You are welcome to attend in-person at First at 10:30am!

Please enter through the Accessibility door in the parking lot.

If you plan on attending in person, please consider the following precautions:

- * wear a mask if you wish to do so
- * use the hand sanitizers available at the accessibility entrance and the hallway leading into the sanctuary
- * pews will remain marked with green tape and yellow tape - please use pews marked with green tape as a simple way to continue social distancing and help prevent the spread of COVID-19
- * ensure that you are feeling well and have not been in contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 in the last 5 days
- * visitors will be encouraged to sign in at the entrance, to help us follow up in the event of a confirmed or suspected COVID case traced back to Sunday service

THIS WEEK: Rev. Matthew Penny will be preaching at Central and the Message will be streamed to First. Joe Richards from Pearce Williams will give the family time Message live from First. As always, the BAND will be live at First.

If you'd prefer, here are the ways to join us ONLINE for Worship:
Streaming Link for April 24th: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yz3TWYQV68>

LIVE on our Facebook page! www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch

This Sunday, join us on Google Meets for the service and a 'coffee & a chat' afterwards.
Link to join: <https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax>

Happy Birthday

Lois Beamish Taylor

Jeff Shaw

Dawn Bilinski

Kathy Nicli

Rhys West

Tara Sopoco



Happy Anniversary

Joy & Patrick Dawdy

Jody & Brian Groulx
(today - 30 years!)





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First United Church - Blind Auction Fundraiser



AUCTION STARTS MONDAY, APRIL 25th!!

What is a Blind Auction?

In this type of **auction**, all bidders submit blind bids. No one knows who the bidder is or the actual bid amount of any auction item. The highest bidder after the deadline wins the auction item and pays the price they submitted for that item(s).

WHY? This is a chance to connect with our faith community, the wider community, raise some money for the General Fund and have some fun doing it.

HOW? How will this auction work?

Monday April 25, there will be an email sent to everyone with an attachment showing the list of items that are up for auction. **A huge thank you to those who donated items!!**
I invite you to email this list to your family and friends who might want to join in.
Each item is numbered and a photo/description included on the list.

How to bid?

If you wish to place a bid, you email or call in your bid to (sjohnstone1959@gmail.com or 519-933-5033)

Emailed bids are preferred.

Information required: Name of bidder, bidder telephone number, item #, the item description and price of bid being made.

All email bids will be confirmed by a confirmation email **if provided**.

If you do not receive a confirmation email within 12 hours, assume that your bid was not received.

Deadline for bid submissions Saturday April 30, 7 pm

Winning bidders will receive an email or phone call notifying them within 48 hours of auction closing.

Payment will be required prior to receiving winning item.

If payment has not been received within 3 days of winning bidder being contacted, the next highest bidder will be selected as the winning bidder.

Payment can be made in a few different ways.

Options on the First United Church website for donations can be used for payment, payment drop-off at church mail box or pickup of payments can be arranged. **Be sure to note what you are paying for.**

Food item Winners: Please connect with the item/service donator directly, to make arrangements.

WHO? Anyone can participate.

To ensure this event is a success we invite **everyone to participate.**

If you have any questions, please contact me (if anyone wants to see an enlargement of an item, let me know)

Sherry Johnstone 519-933-5033 (sjohnstone1959@gmail.com)



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On April 25th, we'll continue to consider the role of Small Groups in our congregations as a way of complimenting our Shared Ministries and Staff. We also consider the future of the small group we have found in the Coffee and Curious Spirituality Circle. How does this circle begin to think about how we might engage with staff support to be catalysts for congregational relationships to deepen. How can we offer a place for connecting at deeper levels with ourselves, our world and one another. While we think about that larger direction question, we wonder about leadership development among us. We watch a video that asks, "who has taught you how to reflect?" It is important to experience things, but most important to reflect on an experience. Is that the work of a leader? Here is a process to help small group leaders create space for communities to find time and process for guiding and deepening reflection.


This TedTalk about Reflective Practice is about 15 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9OSBpiwofk>

See you Monday, April 25th at 1030am.

Link to join: <https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax>

Coffee
and
Curious Spirituality
Monday Mornings at 10:30am



**Youth Group will
meet AT FIRST
on Wednesday from
7:00–8:15pm**

**We will be talking about the
Ten Commandments.**

All Youth are welcome!

**Youth Group Leaders:
Chris Ross & Jean Fletcher**





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First United Church's Christian Development Committee present a movie series:



With Pastor Mark Hughes from **The Church of Rock**

There are 6 parts to the series.
They will happen every Thursday (for 6 weeks) starting on Thursday, April 7th.

Time: 7:00 p.m. (each movie is approx. 45 mins.)
There will be a short discussion following the movie.

Location: First United Church, Sanctuary

*Childcare available!
Everyone welcome!*



Mark is a pastor at The Church of Rock in Winnipeg who, using a blend of comedy and storytelling shares the Word of God and how it applies to our every day life.

Central United Church is having a **Rummage & Clothing Sale**

Friday, April 29th - Noon to 4 P.M.

Saturday April 30th - 9 A.M. to Noon

Central United Church, 135 Wellington St.



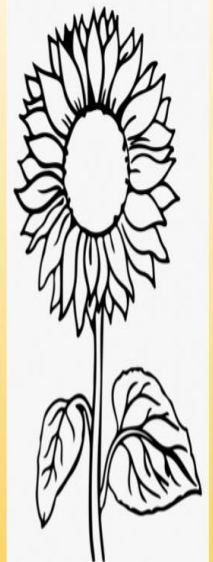
They are not accepting donations of items at this time.

Let's put Sunflowers up on our church walls!

You can help!

There are lots of designs to choose from on the internet - you can colour one, make one out of construction paper, cloth, wood, or any other Materials you'd like. Be creative!

Please share your sunflowers with us!





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YAT Forum: Community Retreat for Ages 19 & up

Date: Friday, April 29 - Sunday, May 1

Long walks to the dining hall ... Gracefully launching yourself down the rolling hills ...

Desperately trying to shake that catchy worship tune ... Running into the arms of people you haven't seen in years ... or ever ... or yesterday!

... Sounds awe-inspiring, fairytale-esque, a utopian dream!



But hold up!!! This is not a drill! YAT Forum (Young Adults Together) is coming to a Pearce Williams Christian Center near you (actually it's located in Iona Station)!! Never been to adult overnight camp? Desperate for arts and crafts? Need space to connect with the divine, nature or yourself!?

For those who are 19+, come be Re-United in worship, fellowship and the quietness of creation from Friday, April 29 - Sunday, May 1. Covid-19 guidelines will be followed during the weekend. Register now at <https://arwrcucc.ca/yat-forum-2022/>
Cost \$150 - \$200 - \$300

From Pearce Williams...

Deck Builders Needed: Pearce Williams Summer Camp and Retreat Facility is looking for volunteers to help build 3 small decks and ramps for Williams Hall and Cabins "B" and "C". Volunteers should be physically capable and comfortable working outdoors with p/t dimensional lumber, hand tools, power tools (saws, drills, drivers), and safety equipment. We are seeking several small crews of 4 to 6 people for one or more days of volunteer labour. Work will begin almost immediately but be spaced out over the next few weeks and/or weekends, depending on the availability of volunteers. Steel support posts are already installed so no digging or concrete work to do and there are engineered drawings to follow. Volunteers will be framing the structures (posts in saddles, beams and stringers, and joists) to start. After all framing is complete then decking and railings can be installed. Work will occur in stages as the building inspector needs to sign off as we go.

If your organization can help or you have any questions then please contact Joe or Jory at Pearce Williams; 519-764-2317 or info@campisbetter.com.

