



Weekly Update from First – August 18/22

Sunday Worship Service

This Sunday, August 21st

You are invited to attend in-person at CENTRAL UNITED
(135 Wellington Street) Sunday Morning at 10:30am

THIS WEEK:

Sandy Westaway (from Central) will deliver the Message this Sunday.
Message: HOPE (Helping Other People Every Day)

Joyce Szusz (from Central) will be the Worship Leader.
Jerome Thomas will lead the music.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 13:10-17

If you'd prefer, join us ONLINE for Worship:

Link for August 21st livestream: https://youtu.be/7e7K6AbO_OM

Central United continues to follow Southwest Public Health guidelines.

If you do plan to attend in person Worship at Central:

- Masks are recommended
- Continue to use hand sanitizer
- Ensure that you are feeling well.

Please DO NOT attend if you had contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID in the last 5 days AND you have not been fully vaccinated (includes booster for 18 yrs. and older)



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First Church Family,

On Sunday, August 13th, there was a joint congregational meeting to hear from our combined Search Team members regarding the hiring of a new minister and staff person who would serve both congregations.

There were over 100 people in attendance or on Zoom, from both churches, to hear the presentations and vote on the motions that the Search Team made and fully endorsed.

As a result of the meeting, we are very excited to announce that Reverend Paul Browning will begin in a full time position, shared between Central and First, with a start date of October 4th, 2022. Reverend Paul is in a position of retirement; therefore he indicated that he has the potential to be with us for five years, with his contract being renewed yearly.

The second individual is Austin Campbell, who comes through a Designated Congregational Ministry position. Austin will serve as Community Engagement Co-ordinator and will start September 6th, 2022. Austin's position is for 30 hours per week, between the churches. Austin comes with skills and experience, beyond his young years. Reverend Browning and Austin worked together at their recent past churches, Trinity and Mount Zion United in London.

We would like to thank the combined Search Teams for all of their hard work in finding our new church leaders. They received 18 applications and also reached out to 28 other ministers who were found on the official ChurcHub website. Countless hours were spent reviewing all application Profiles, as well as watching past sermons of the candidates that applied.

We look forward to welcoming our new minister and staff person, with gracious and open hearts, as we move on to what promises to be a bright future for our two churches.

Justin Chute, Chair of the Official Board, First United
Scott Doupe, Chair of Central United Council



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**We are excited to
welcome new Staff to
First Church this Fall!**

(shared with Central United Church)

Austin Campbell

*as our new Community
Engagement Co-ordinator
(September 6, 2022)*

Rev. Paul Browning

*as our new Minister
(October 4, 2022)*

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Reminder...

***During the month of August, we will Worship
at Central United Church (135 Wellington Street).
First United will be closed.***

***Worship begins Sunday mornings at 10:30am
All are welcome to join us!***

UPCOMING SERVICES AUGUST 2022

August 7th

Rev. Donna Kerrigan

Worship at 10:30am - Central United Church

Rev. Matthew Penny

Worship at 10:30am - Central United Church

August 14th

August 21st

Sandy Westaway

Worship at 10:30am - Central United Church

Rev. Matthew Penny

Worship at 10:30am - Central United Church

August 28th

September 4th

Rev. Tom Godfrey

Worship at 10:30am - Central United Church

**All Services are held at CENTRAL UNITED
CHURCH (135 Wellington St. in August**



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Happy Birthday Wishes to:

Lois Smith

Dorothy Cameron

HIT THE ROAD



Join the Bike Group!

Mondays - We will meet at Pinafore Park in front of the Bandshell at 6:30pm
(Weather permitting)
All are welcome!

Friends of Central and First United WALKING GROUP

MONDAY- FRIDAY @ 5:45p.m

**Walk around Pinafore Park
(meet at the back parking lot
near the bandshell/ Lake
Margaret)**





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Looking ahead to the Fall!



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

Sunday, September 11th

Central & First United
Churches will gather at Pearce
Williams for Worship followed
by a BBQ!

More info to come!



Here is the link for the Pearce Williams Worship & BBQ survey.

If you plan to attend, please complete this survey below so we know how many to plan for ☺ (food, drinks, etc).

<https://forms.gle/Y8biKTCAthnoDqJ37>

**If you have an Upcoming Date / Event / Meeting
you'd like included in the slides for our**



**please have it to Lori at First
(office@1stunitedchurch.ca)
by Wednesday at noon. Thank you!**



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Invitations from our Friends at Central



**Baby Gift Baskets on sale now!!!
Babies are not only born in
December therefore the Basket
Ladies from Central are selling
Baby gift baskets all year
round!**

**Call Central's office
at 519-631-3503 or
contact Liz Tofflemire
at 519-637-2858**

Book Club!

The 'Book Club' will be meeting at Pinafore Park on Wednesday afternoon at 1pm starting on September 21st. Please, bring your lawn chair and enjoy a great discussion and visit.

The book is "The Red Cross Orphans" by Glynis Peters (The Globe and Mail Bestselling Author). A stunning new historical novel that takes readers on an emotional journey and follows in the footsteps of the brave women who volunteered with the Red Cross during the Second World War.





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There are a few people from Central going to see “Exit Laughing” at the Princess Ave Playhouse (Elgin Theatre Guild) on **Sunday, Sept. 25th @ 2pm.**

If you are interested in attending, or would like more information contact Liz Tofflemire at 519-637-2858 or tofflemire@bell.net



Are you planning on doing some canning?

Do you need jars?

Please see Pat Faseruk, Liz Tofflemire or Shirley Broadbent (Central). We have plenty of jars (all sizes) and they are FREE.