



## Weekly Update from First – December 15/22



Everyone is invited to join us at **FIRST UNITED CHURCH** on Sunday Morning at 10:30am for our **ADVENT 4** Worship Service.

Rev. Diane MacPherson will deliver the Family Time & Sermon!  
Message: "A Stable of Love"

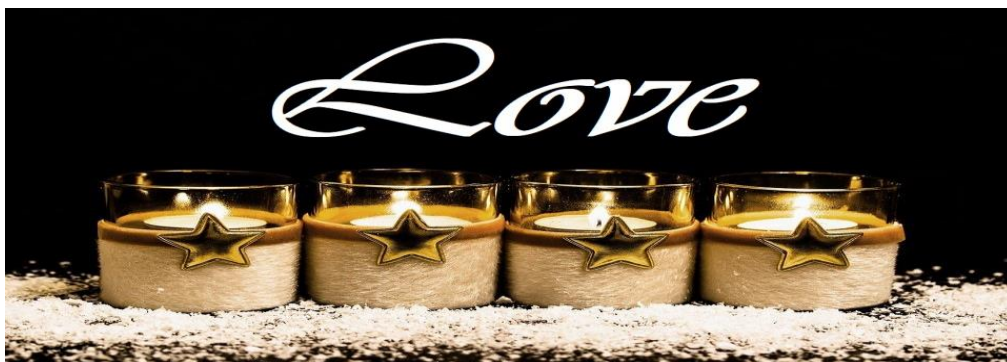
The Band will play, the Choir will sing and we will have special music by Harpist, Kathleen Gahagan & Organist, Dr. Wayne Carroll!



If you'd prefer, join us ONLINE for Worship,  
here is the Streaming Link for December 18th:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wJ4g\\_wwNXzY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wJ4g_wwNXzY)

or join us on our Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch](http://www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch)



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# CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT COSTUMES

are available in the Library  
(sanctuary level across from  
Rev. Paul's office).

Join us for Christmas Eve Worship  
Saturday, December 24th at 7:30pm

## From the Church Office

Lori will be on holidays  
from Friday, December 16th  
to Monday, January 2nd inclusive

If you would like to make a donation for the 2022 year:

- see Lori in the Office on or before Thursday, December 15th
- place it through the Curtis Street mail slot
- slip it under the Office Door
- mail it to the Church
- You may also come in on Tuesday, January 3rd to make a final donation.

The final deposit for 2022 Givings will be made at 3pm on Tuesday, January 3rd .

Donations received after this time will be credited to your 2023 Givings.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy & safe Advent / Christmas Season.

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Tuesdays  
in the Lower Parlour  
at Central UC

Dec. 20th & 27th  
there will only be an  
evening group. (7pm)

Morning Group  
(10am)  
will return in the  
New Year!



## "Take Time To Talk Together"

Led by Susanna Suchak



**First / Central Youth Group  
(Grades 6-12)  
will be taking a  
Christmas Break!**

**Youth Group will resume  
Wednesday, January 4th at 7pm**

**All Youth Welcome!**

YOUTH GROUP

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## Senior Choir

Thursdays @ 7:30pm

New Voices always welcome!



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**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Worship Service

Saturday,  
December 24th

Service  
starts at  
7:30pm



## First United Church

7 Curtis Street, St Thomas

Check out our other upcoming events on our website:  
[www.1stunitedchurch.ca](http://www.1stunitedchurch.ca)

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*Join us for a Joint  
Christmas Day  
Worship Service*

Sunday, December 25th: 10:30am  
at Central United Church  
(135 Wellington St.)

*First & Central United Churches  
Communities of Kindness*



## Family Movie Night

AT CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Wednesday December 28th  
6:30 pm

Featuring: The Star - The Story of the  
First Christmas

Families, friends and those young at  
heart are invited to attend. Pj's and  
blankets welcome.

Depending on Covid protocols snacks will be available.



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# Join First & Central United Churches for a Joint Epiphany Sunday Worship Service

All Welcome

Sunday, January 1st, 2023  
First United Church  
10:30am



Communities of Kindness

*Happy Birthday to: Ashley Siniowski & Bill Beamish*  
*Happy Anniversary to: Richard & Karen Cuckland*



The Gifts With Vision 2022 catalogues are out.

You can access the catalogue online at [www.giftswithvision.ca](http://www.giftswithvision.ca)



These suggested gifts that help people in our country and in the world make an awesome gift for loved ones at Christmas.

## Reminders...

Committees: Budgets for 2023 are due by Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

Committee Chairs, Group Leaders & Staff: Annual Report Submissions are due on Wednesday, January 18th, 2023.



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**CHRISTMAS**

**WORSHIP**

<b>18</b> DEC	<b>ADVENT 4 - PEACE AT FIRST</b> REV. DIANE MACPHERSON   10:30 AM
<b>24</b> DEC	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT FIRST</b> REV. PAUL BROWNING   07:30 PM
<b>25</b> DEC	<b>JOINT CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE AT CENTRAL (FIRST CLOSED)</b> AUSTIN CAMPBELL & SHERRY JOHNSTONE   10:30 AM
<b>01</b> JAN	<b>JOINT NEW YEARS DAY SERVICE AT FIRST (CENTRAL CLOSED)</b> REV. PAUL   10:30 AM
<b>08</b> JAN	<b>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP AT FIRST</b> 10:30 AM

For more details visit: [www.1stunitedchurch.ca](http://www.1stunitedchurch.ca)

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