



Weekly Update from First – December 14, 2023

Join us for

Worship



AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Advent 3

JOY

Sunday,
December 17th

9:30 am

Rev. Paul will lead worship.

Mike Hardman
will be the Lay Leader.

The band will lead music!

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

ALL ARE WELCOME



Spread the Word!

Come See the Grinch!

December
17th

9:30am at First
11am at Central



Advent 3 – JOY Sunday!!

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CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT COSTUMES

will be available on Sundays,
December 10th & 17th
in the Music Room

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

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

Central United Church
Presents Christmas Music
by the Senior Choir and
Guest Musicians directed
by Phil Hallman

*Carols by
Candlelight*



Sunday, December 17, 7:00 pm
135 Wellington Street, St Thomas
Freewill Donation
All donations to the
Anita May Music & Mental Health Foundation

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSISTED WITH & ATTENDED OUR

Festival

OF LESSONS & CAROLS

\$631.20 WAS RAISED FOR THE ST. THOMAS - ELGIN FOOD BANK!!

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A BIG
Thank you

TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO OUR HOLIDAY MARKET - THOSE WHO DONATED ITEMS, BAKED YUMMY GOODIES, HELPED SET UP, HELPED CUSTOMERS WITH THEIR SHOPPING AND, OF COURSE, THOSE WHO SHOPPED! WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

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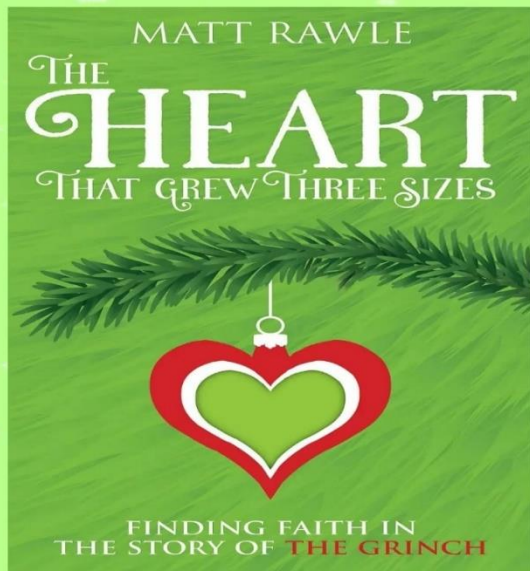
"HUG IN A MUG" OUTREACH PROJECT

Thank you to all those who supported this project - whether you assembled mugs, shopped at the Holiday Market or delivered mugs - WE APPRECIATE YOU - and so do those who received the Mugs - lots of grateful comments!

Special thanks to Sherry Johnstone & The Snowsells for all their work on this amazing project!



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Advent Book Study

Wednesdays

AT CENTRAL: 1pm in the Fellowship Hall
(Led by Kathryn Fletcher)

AT FIRST: 7pm in the Fellowship Room
(Led by Mike Hardman)

For more information contact:
Mike at 519-631-7570 ext. 23 or mhardman766@gmail.com
OR
Kathryn at 519-633-1902 or fletcherfamily@rogers.com

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YOUTH
group

is taking a Holiday Break!

**No Gatherings December 20, 27
& January 3**

Youth Group starts again
Wednesday, January 10th!

Leaders: Chris Ross & Teah Welch
First & Central United Churches
Communities of Kindness

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Looking Ahead.... Year End Giving

**Lori is on holidays
from Friday, December 15th
to Monday, January 8th inclusive.**

If you would like to make a donation for the 2023 year:

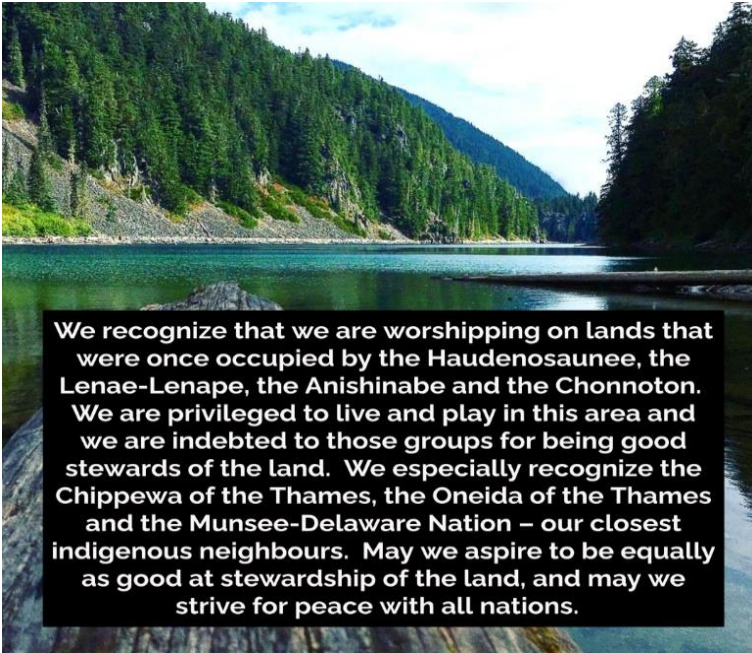
- place it through the Curtis Street mail slot
- slip it under the Office Door when you are at Church
- mail it to the Church – Attention: Lori Hoffman
- You may also come in on Tuesday, January 9th to make a final donation.

**The final deposit for 2023 will be made at 3pm on Tuesday, January 9th.
Donations received after this time will be credited to your 2024 Givings.**

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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.



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You are invited to join us for our CHRISTMAS EVE Worship Service

Sunday,
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

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Christmas MOVIE NIGHT

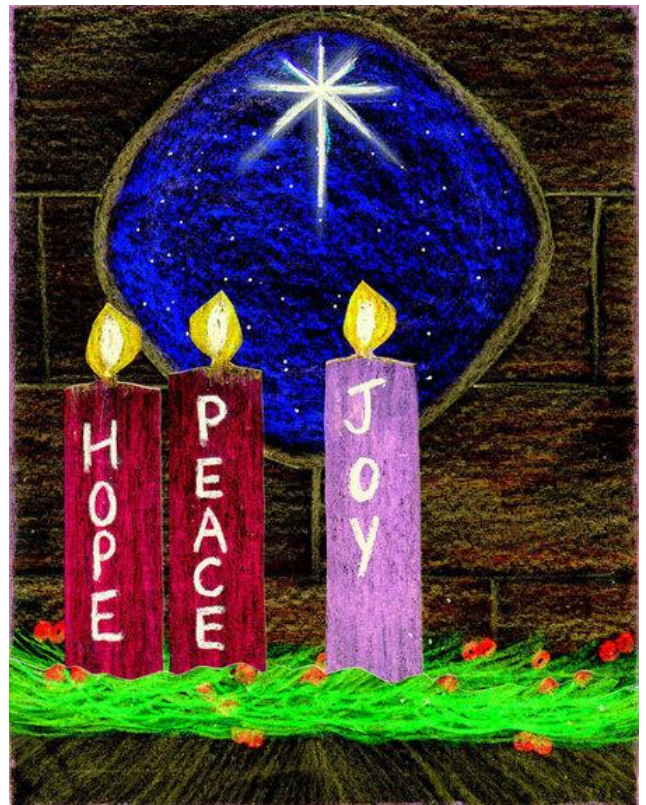
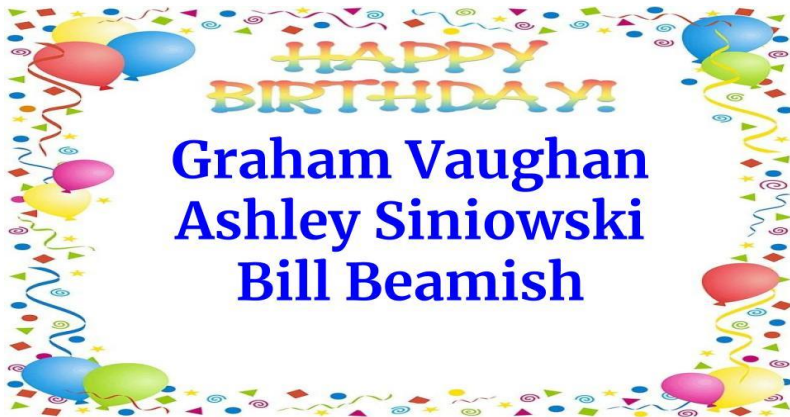
ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29TH,
CENTRAL UNITED IS HOSTING
AN INTERGENERATIONAL MOVIE
NIGHT STARTING AT 6:30 PM.



BRING A FRIEND AND ENJOY
THIS FUN MOVIE. PAJAMAS
AND PILLOWS ENCOURAGED



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First Church Friends!
Please save your POP TABS to help a little girl named McKenna ("Smiley"), who has cerebral palsy, get a new wheelchair!



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

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Respect

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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.

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First United Church,
St. Thomas

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ministry of First United Church!
Your gifts make a difference in the lives of others!!*



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