



Weekly Update from First – February 1, 2024

# Join us for *Worship*



## AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Sunday,  
February  
4th  
9:30 am

Rev. Donna Kerrigan  
will lead worship.

Sherry Johnstone will be the  
Worship Leader.

The Band will lead the music.

Scripture: Mark 1:29-39

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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



Wednesdays  
7:00-8:15pm  
in the Gym at First

# YOUTH

*group*

For Youth in Grades 6-12!

**ALL YOUTH WELCOME!**

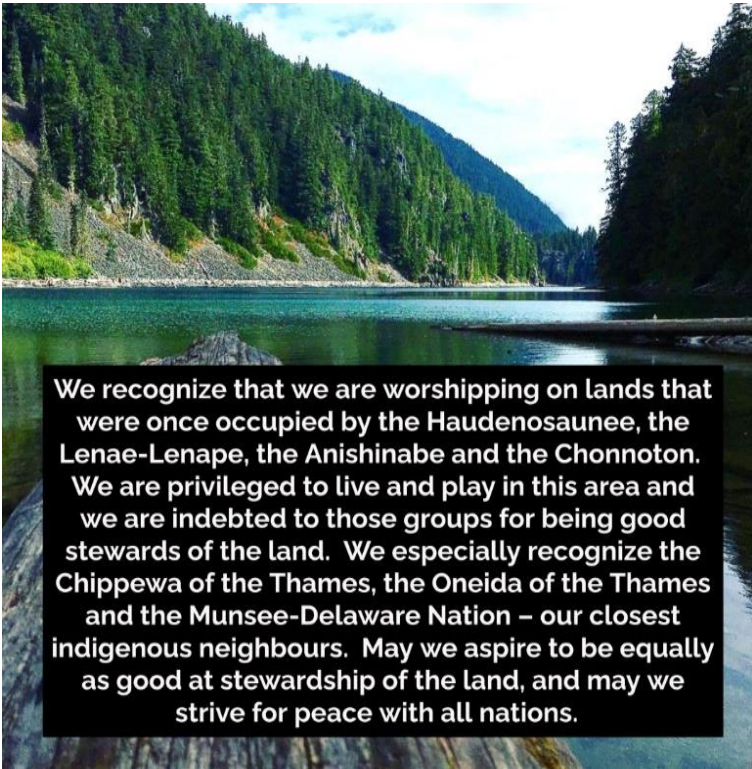
Leaders: Chris Ross & Teah Welch

First & Central United Churches  
Communities of Kindness

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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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**FIRST  
WORSHIP**

# **Band**

**LOVE TO SING??**

**NEW VOICES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

**PRACTICES ARE THURSDAY  
EVENINGS AT 7:30PM**

**JOIN US!!**

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**RANDOM  
ACTS  
of Kindness  
CHALLENGE!**

First United Church presents...  
A Communities of Kindness Project!

Lets BE KIND  
and have  
some FUN in  
the process!!

Random Acts of Kindness Week 2024 is February 11-17th!  
Let's try to Achieve 250 Random Acts of Kindness before the 17th!!!

Here's how it works! Do something KIND and then go to our website ([1stunitedchurch.ca](http://1stunitedchurch.ca)) and submit your R.A.O.K. - we'll post it on our website (no names) and see if we can reach 250 by the 17th!

Share with family & friends!! LET'S SPREAD SOME KINDNESS!!

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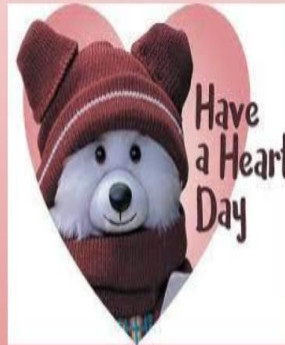
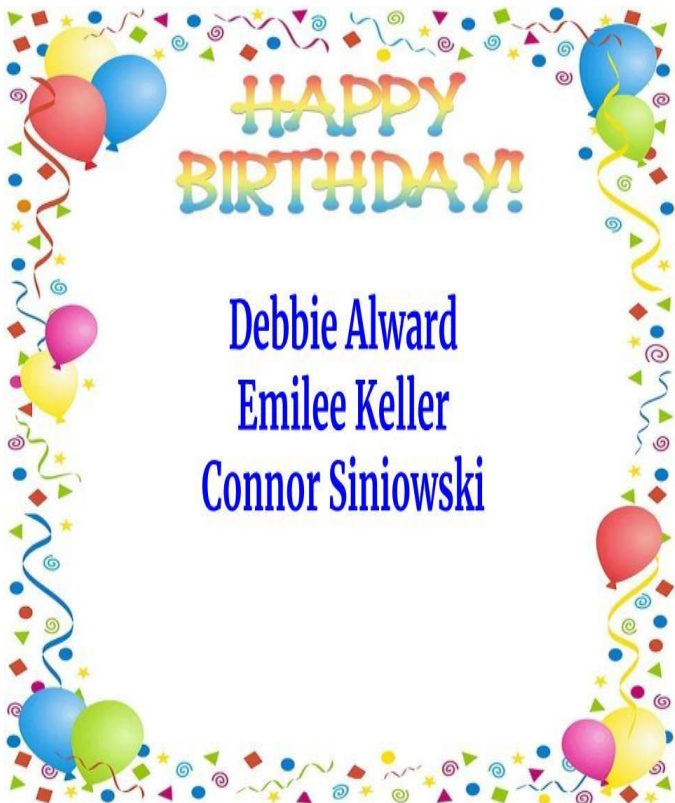


Read the latest Black History Month Blog from Rev. Franklyn James:  
<https://united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/unity-and-legacy-celebrating-black-history-canada-and-united-church>

February is Black History (or African Heritage) Month.

Officially recognized in Canada since 1996, this is a time to honour the contributions and struggles of people of African descent.

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Have a Heart Day  
February 14th, 2024

Have a Heart Day brings together caring Canadians to help ensure First Nations children have the opportunity to grow up safely at home, get a good education, be healthy, and be proud of who they are.

To participate check out:  
<https://fncaringssociety.com/have-a-heart>

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St. Thomas 55+ **Dessert**  
**Chilli** **Senior Connection**  
**Sides** **Prizes**

**HOT DIGGITY**  
**Hot Dog Lunch & Bingo**  
 at Central United Church, 135 Wellington St.

**\$10** Saturday, February 17th  
 at 12:30pm

B I N G O				
2	23	43	54	71
15	26	37	56	61
10	20	FREE	58	74
3	21	40	51	72
4	18	32	53	63

RSVP : call/text  
 519-614-3249  
 or email  
[events@centraluc.ca](mailto:events@centraluc.ca)

Central United is hosting a “Hot Diggity Dog Lunch & Bingo” for the St. Thomas 55+ Senior Connections group they oversee on Facebook!

Not a members of the Group? You’re welcome to join. It’s a group of St. Thomas residents aged 55+ who might like to chat or get together to share common interests! They have over 1700 members-some from First!

If you’d like to attend the Lunch/Bingo on February 17th, RSVP by email: [events@centraluc.ca](mailto:events@centraluc.ca) or text/call: 519-614-3249.

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CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS

# LENTEN DEVOTIONAL STUDY

**WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING  
FEBRUARY 21ST**

LED BY: KATHRYN FLETCHER

**1:00PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**7:30PM | ONLINE - ZOOM**



Contact Kathryn Fletcher at [fletcherfamily@rogers.com](mailto:fletcherfamily@rogers.com) or 519-633-1902 to purchase a softcover book (by Feb. 4th) or for Zoom link. Ebooks available at <https://united-church.ca/united-church-bookstore>.

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FIRST & CENTRAL PRESENT...

# Table TRIVIA

ALL AGES!!

## Fundraiser

### MARCH 2, 2024

AT CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH  
135 WELLINGTON ST., ST. THOMAS

**50/50 DRAW**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM**  
**GAME STARTS AT 7:00PM**

**WIN TROPHIES, GIFT CARDS & DOOR PRIZES!**  
**FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE – CASH BAR!**

**\$20 PERSON | \$120 PER TABLE (6)**

FOR TICKETS: [WWW.1STUNITEDCHURCH.CA](http://WWW.1STUNITEDCHURCH.CA) OR [WWW.CENTRALUC.CA](http://WWW.CENTRALUC.CA)  
A COMMUNITIES OF KINDNESS EVENT!

## Join First & Central for a TABLE TRIVIA FUNDRAISER

Each Church will receive the money from the tickets they sell!  
Twice the money with half the volunteers!!

HINT: questions are geared for a wide age range so having different ages at your table will be helpful. So bring your friends, children and grandchildren and make up a table.

**Sign up and pay in the Church Office!**

Kind people have the most fun so let's have a good time.

**This is a 'Communities of Kindness' project!**

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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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**Rev. Paul Browning**

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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

**2023 Tax Receipts will be available for pick up at Church on Sundays, February 11 & 18. They will be put in the mail on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.**

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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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