



Weekly Update from First – February 15, 2024

## As of Thursday our Number is 60!!

Let's pick up the pace & reach our goal of 250 by the end of February!!! I know we can do it!!!

### LET'S SPREAD SOME KINDNESS FIRST CHURCH FRIENDS!



Once you've spread all the kindness you can think of, submit your 'Act(s) of Kindness' on our website ([www.1stunitedchurch.ca](http://www.1stunitedchurch.ca)) or email them to me in the Church Office ([office@1stunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@1stunitedchurch.ca)) and I'll add them to our ever-growing list on the Website!

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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

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

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15	26	37	56	61
10	20	FREE	58	74
3	21	40	51	72
4	18	32	53	63

Central's "Hot Diggity Dog Lunch & Bingo" for the St. Thomas 55+ Senior Connections group they oversee on Facebook is **THIS SATURDAY!**

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 SATURDAY text/call: 519-614-3249.

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# Join us for *Worship*



## AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Sunday,  
February 18th  
LENT 1

9:30 am  
Communion

Rev. Paul will lead worship.

Erin Chute will be the  
Worship Leader.

The Band will lead the music.

Scripture: Mark 1:9-15  
John 11:32-35

### ALL ARE WELCOME

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Love to Play Chess?? Looking for something to do on Family Day?

**CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH IS HOSTING**

# ROOKS & ROOKIES CHESS

THIS GROUP USUALLY MEETS AT THE  
ST. THOMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY BUT  
THEY ARE CLOSED MONDAY DUE TO  
THE FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY!



**FAMILY DAY**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH**  
**6:30-8:00PM**

INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT  
ALL WELCOME!  
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED - DROP IN

**JOIN US AT CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH - 135 WELLINGTON ST., ST. THOMAS**

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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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CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS

# LENTEN DEVOTIONAL STUDY

THIS LENTEN DEVOTIONAL INVITES US TO DEEPEN OUR LOVE FOR CREATION AND TAKE ACTION OR FAST FOR A CLIMATE IN CRISIS. INCLUDES A STUDY GUIDE.

**WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING  
FEBRUARY 21ST**

LED BY: KATHRYN FLETCHER

**1:00PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL**

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



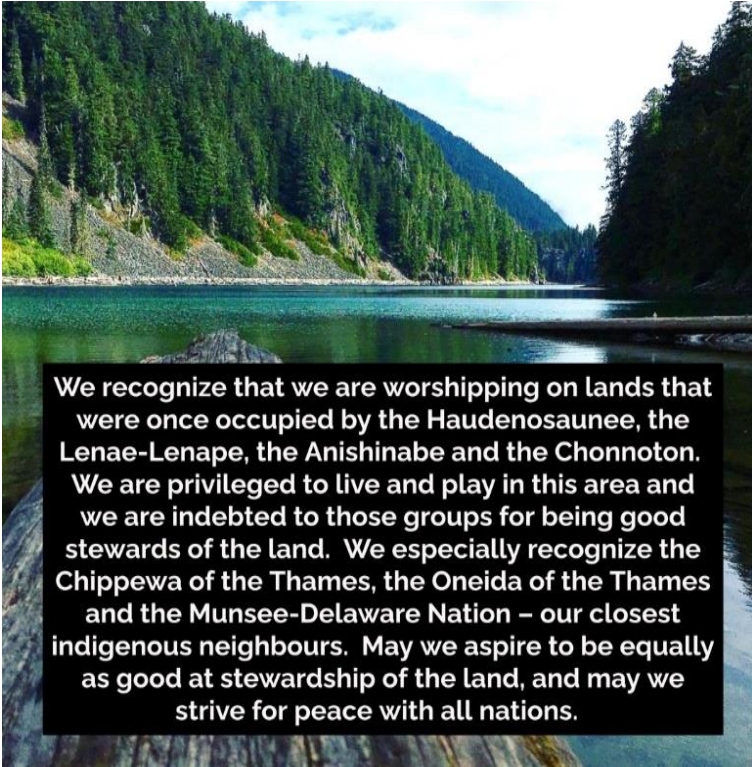
Contact Kathryn Fletcher at [fletcherfamily@rogers.com](mailto:fletcherfamily@rogers.com) or 519-633-1902 for a softcover book or the Zoom link. Ebooks available at <https://united-church.ca/united-church-bookstore>.

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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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FIRST & CENTRAL PRESENT...

# Table TRIVIA

## Fundraiser

ALL AGES!!

### 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!

## JOINT TABLE TRIVIA FUNDRAISER

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.

We've sold 28 of our 60 tickets so far and we'd like to SELL OUT!  
(Each Church will receive the money from the tickets they sell!)

Invite your family/friends!!! Let's have some FUN First Church!!!!

GET YOUR TICKETS - Sign up through 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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Our own Kevin Jackson is the General Manager at the Elgin Business Resource Centre and they are hosting an Ennis Sisters Concert at the Princess Playhouse Theatre to Celebrate International Women's Day on March 6! Everyone is invited to attend! Tickets are \$50.

Save the Date!



ELGIN  
BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTRE

A Community Futures Development Corporation



**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

*Celebration*

*Celebrate International Women's Day with the Ennis Sisters, Juno Award Winners.*

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

**at the Princess Playhouse theatre.**

Tickets are \$50 which includes the show, conversation with the band and appetizers by Catering By James Meadows.

Purchase your tickets now on Eventbrite. Cash bar available.

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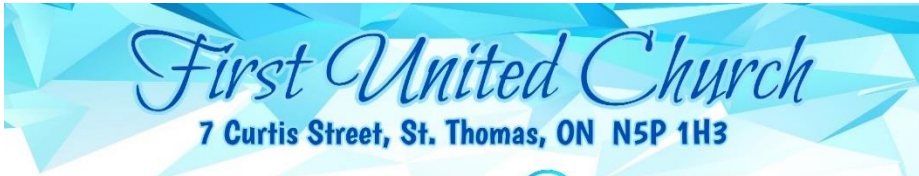
**First Church Friends!**

**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 THIS SUNDAY. 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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