



Weekly Update from First – January 13/23

Everyone is invited to join us at
[FIRST UNITED CHURCH](#)
on Sunday Morning at 10:30am for
our JOINT Worship Service
with our friends from Central United.

Rev. Paul will deliver Sermon “Diving Dreaming”

Worship Leader: Sherry Johnstone

The Band will play & Gerald Vreman will play the Organ and we will
have special music from Rachel Gorman and Austin Campbell!



If you'd prefer, join us ONLINE for Worship,
here is the Streaming Link for January 15th:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITTL1pHfjb4>

or join us on our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch

Happy birthday to:

Abby West, Sam Nicol, Jerome Thomas & Alison Apfelbeck



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Talking Together morning group is on hiatus until further notice.

Talking Together evening group is closed to new members & meets offsite (not at Central)

First members who want to form a Talking Together Group can contact susanna suchak for more information on the format we have adopted for our Village.

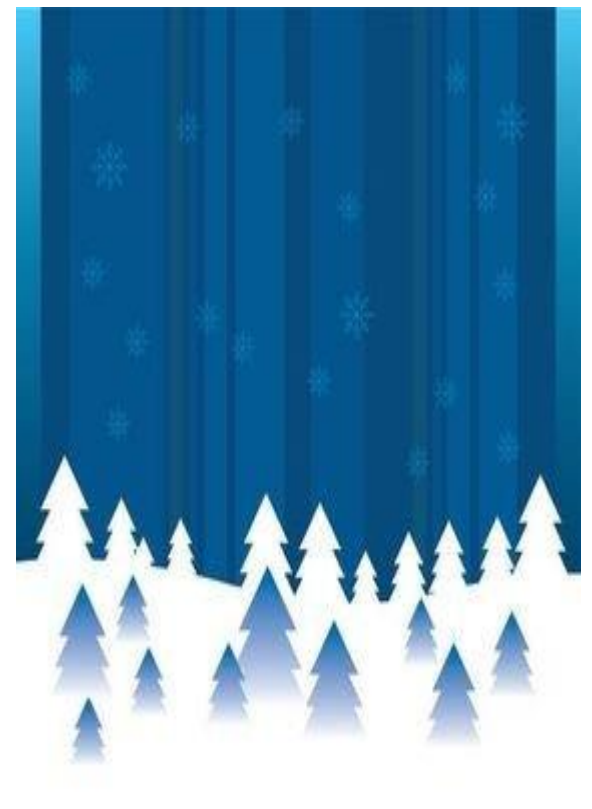
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"Talking Together"




Led by Susanna Suchak



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A graphic featuring colorful paint splashes in red, yellow, blue, and purple. The words "YOUTH GROUP" are written in a large, green, sans-serif font on the left side.

First/Central Youth Group
(Grade 6-12)
meets Wednesdays at
First United Church
7-8:15pm

All Youth are welcome!

A black and white illustration of a treble clef, musical notes, and a piano keyboard.

Senior Choir
Thursdays at 7:30pm
New voices always
welcome!

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Joint Central & First Study Group Making Sense of the Bible (4 part series)

7 to 8:30 Wednesday nights (Feb 1st & 15th at First and
March 1st & 15th at Central)

Bring your questions and insights!

The bible has long been a primary source of Christian inspiration and direction. But how can we trust the bible to be meaningful today:

- when its miracle stories don't fit with science,
- when the bible contains racist and objectional material
- when it contains contradictions
- when it presents Jesus in two differing ways?

1. Miracle stories verses Science - Feb 1st at First

Nature of stories: Difference between facts and truth, history and story

Example of facts leading to untruths: 1 billion spent on political pacs same as amount spent on gum....meant to minimize pacs by comparing it to trivial gum but two different things

Special effects as powerful symbols and attention grabbing

Creation and Evolution

2. Inspirational scripture verses Objectional material - Feb 15th at First

How do we determine what is true and what is false?

Separating cultural norms from Loving norms

Repairing the damage of those beaten up by parts of the bible

3. Contradictions as Differing Points of View - March 1st at Central

Bible debates that continue today

Original Sin verses Original Blessing

Rules verses Justice

4. Two differing presentations of Jesus - March 15th at Central

Mat. Mark, Luke verses John

Jesus as only way verses Love as only way

Jesus moving beyond Tribal racism verses tribalism

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

weekly
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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