



Weekly Update from First – June 9/22

# Calling All Graduates!!

Whether you are graduating from Grade 8, Grade 12, college or university, we would like to share your accomplishments during our church service on Sunday, June 19th.

Please email Karen Auckland at [27Swifty@gmail.com](mailto:27Swifty@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.

Please send two pictures, one when they were 3-5 years old and the other, a more recent picture. I am not sure if grad photos were taken this year. Along with the photos, please include:

1. Your child's full name
2. Two photos
3. What school they are graduating from and where they are headed next
4. What will they be doing post secondary (university, college, trade, working, deferring, apprenticeship, gap year, etc.). Listing a specific program is appreciated.
5. If graduating from college, university or a trade, please include future plans if known.

Please email Karen this information no later than Friday, June 10th.

Our churches look forward to celebrating with you!





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### Sunday Worship Service

**This Sunday, June 12th**

**You are welcome to attend in-person at First at 10:30am!**

Please enter through the Accessibility door in the parking lot.

If you plan on attending in person, please consider the following precautions:

- \* wear a mask if you wish to do so
- \* use the hand sanitizers available at the accessibility entrance and the hallway leading into the sanctuary
- \* pews will remain marked with green tape and yellow tape - please use pews marked with green tape as a simple way to continue social distancing and help prevent the spread of COVID-19
- \* ensure that you are feeling well and have not been in contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 in the last 5 days
- \* visitors will be encouraged to sign in at the entrance, to help us follow up in the event of a confirmed or suspected COVID case traced back to Sunday service

**THIS WEEK:** Rev. Matthew Penny will give the Message live at First.

Richard Auckland is the Worship Leader this Sunday.

The BAND will be live at First.

If you'd prefer, here are the ways to join us ONLINE for Worship:

Streaming Link for June 12th: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ki3HK1Taevs>

LIVE on our Facebook page! [www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch](http://www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch)

## About Church School!!

Come join the fun each Sunday (at First) as we learn about Jesus & his journey with his disciples through stories, prayer, games & crafts!

Families will worship together in the sanctuary & children will leave for church school following the children's time.

We hope you can join us!

*Happy Birthday Wishes to:*

*Tracey Medhurst*

*Maggie Moore*

*Christian Vecchio*

*Quinton Siniowski*

*Mason Visser*

*Wayne Lalonde*

*Happy Anniversary Wishes to:*

*Kim & Allan Hughson*

*Bill & Teresa Turvey*



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Join us Monday morning at 10:30am as we continue our discussion about Hospitality.

Check out the video: <https://youtu.be/Qm6LB4u7-cY>

Questions to ponder: What strikes you as something you could do next Sunday?

Was anything off-putting?

Which church would you want to go to?

All are welcome to join in on the discussion!

Link to join: <https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax>

Coffee  
and  
Curious Spirituality

Monday Mornings at 10:30am



### The Bike Group!

Meet at Central United on Mondays in the parking lot at 6:30pm (Weather permitting)  
We will be headed down the trail toward Elm St., onto Lake Margaret then circle Pinafore Park and back again. *All ages are welcome!*

### Congregants & Friends of Central and First United

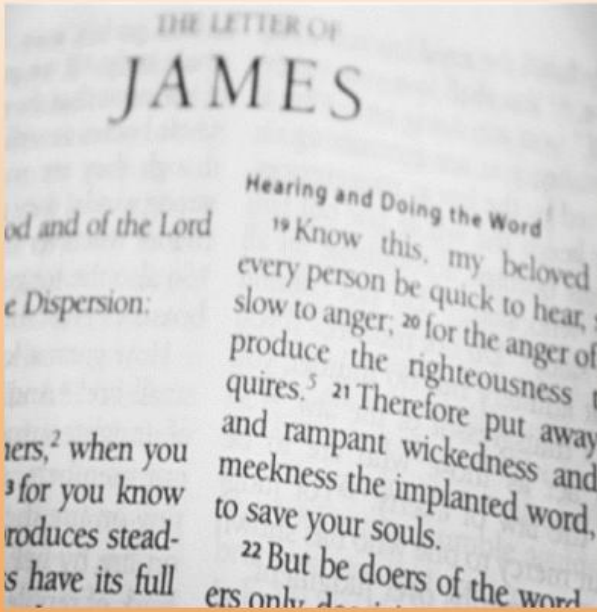
Come for a gentle walk around Pinafore Park (meet at the back parking lot near the bandshell/Lake Margaret). Enjoy the out-of-doors and conversation.

Monday to Friday at 6pm, weather permitting.





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## New Weekly Bible Study Series

### The Letter of James

Everyone is welcome in person at Pinafore Park (near the main Pavilion)

Wednesday at 1:00 pm or evening sessions by Zoom

Contact Kathryn Fletcher at 519-633-1902 or [fletcherfamily@rogers.com](mailto:fletcherfamily@rogers.com) for more details.

Our Friends at Central United are hosting a

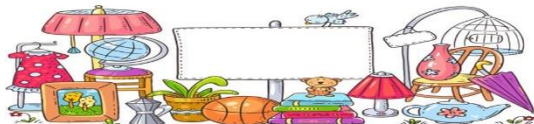
## THIS AND THAT SALE



RAIN OR SHINE  
INDOOR SALE

JUNE 18th  
9 AM to NOON  
CENTRAL UNITED  
CHURCH  
135 WELLINGTON ST  
ST THOMAS

YARD SALE ITEMS, CRAFTING  
SUPPLIES, BOOKS, PUZZLES AND  
TOYS



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



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



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## Track to the Future Mural Festival

### Save the Date! July 16, 2022

Throughout the month of July, Internationally renowned regional artists will be in St. Thomas adding to the already incredible inventory of art around the community. The new installations will include sites along the Whistlestop Trail (Central United Church), Downtown St. Thomas, and long-awaited addition to the St. Thomas Elevated Park.



Watch mural artists Denial, Andrew Lewis, Steph Boutari, Derkz, and Emilie Darlington, and more. Throughout the month residents and visitors are invited to enjoy the process of creation and explore the community boasting an already impressive 40 murals with festivities being scheduled as part of a FREE festival across the City on July 16, 2022.

<https://www.railwaycitytourism.com/mural-festival.html>

(This is an interactive link so scroll and click on pictures)

Central will be hosting a 'Kidz Karnival' as part of the Mural launch on July 16th.



**JULY 16TH 10 AM to 4PM**

**CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH**

**135 WELLINGTON ST**



**HELP US LAUNCH A "NEW" MURAL ON OUR WEST WALL  
MEET THE ARTIST DAVID DERKATZ "DERKZ" FROM WINDSOR, ON**

#### **WHAT TO BRING!**

- Hat or Sun Shade, Lawn Chair
- Water Bottle—Free Refills at Simply Pure Water
- Loonies or Toonies for Carnival Food /No Debit/ Credit Machine available
- The Icebox Bicycle will be circulating and selling their usual delicious frozen treats



#### **WHAT'S HAPPENING!**

- 10 AM - 4 PM "Free" Games** to play and prizes to be won! Ring a "Critter", Toilet Paper Toss, Bean Bag Throw, Fish Pond, and more!
- 1 PM - 3 PM "Free" Face Painting** by Dotsy's Create your own Kidz Mural – Show off your artistic abilities! **All Games & Activities are "Free"**
- Music is happening too!**
- 11 AM to Noon** – The Ukes of Hazaard
- 1 PM to 2 PM** - Sing along with Martin & Vicki
- 2 PM – 3 PM Music** with Splash & Boots @ the Railway City Tourism Office



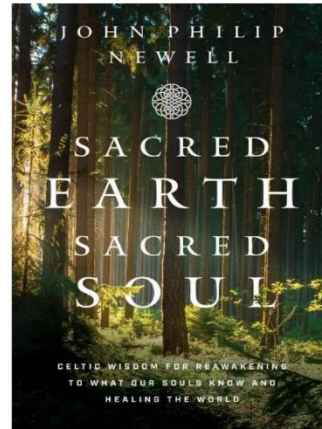
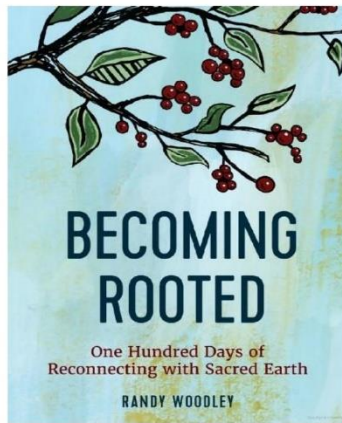
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## Summer Online Book Study with Susanna Suchak

If you feel like you are travelling through some history of ancestors who have followed the way of Jesus long before they heard of his life story and want to share with others of like-minded sojourners, please join me (susanna) over the summer in an

online ‘book study’

The books we will be referencing are:



You could form your own group and gather together to participate in the discussions with others who are also curious. Some among you participated in the “Braving” group last Autumn; hopefully, they will share their experience of what these online groups entail and how they were changed by the shared experience of discovery.

Monday morning each week, I will post a short video of activities, a reading from each book, and some questions that arose in me that you might like to consider for our discussion.

The first video will demo how to make your own journal from one large sheet of Bristol Board or lightweight Watercolor Paper. If you are working within a group Staples does carry a package of very high-grade Bristol for a great price. I have used it for many groups and highly recommend it. I will show how you can make pockets so you can write on lined paper and put it in a handy place. Of course, you can also purchase a little journal or notebook from your local stores.

We will meet for discussion each Wednesday from 1:15 to 3 pm. Participation in the discussion group online is not mandatory, especially if you are meeting with others in real-time, in the flesh! Maybe on the deck with a cool drink and your journal. Whoot! But the Online group would like to hear about your discoveries, so please keep me in the loop.

There will be activities (mere suggestions) as well as discussions, so put on your best pilgrim gear and take a chance...

Curious, but still wondering exactly what this might look like, email susanna suchak – [susanna.suchak@gmail.com](mailto:susanna.suchak@gmail.com) to ask your questions.