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**This Sunday, March 6th - First’s 188th Anniversary**

**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, you must:

* have proof of vaccination
* wear a mask, hand sanitize and socially distance
* provide contact information for tracing
* ensure that you are feeling well, and have not been in contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID in the last 14 days

**THIS WEEK: Rev. Daryl will be sharing the Message from First and Sherry Johnstone**

**will be the Worship Leader at First. As always the Band will be here!!**

**Communion will be served. For those joining us online, please have a cracker/cookie**

**and a drink with you for Communion Time.**

**If you’d prefer, here are the ways to join us ONLINE for Worship: Streaming Link for March 6th:**

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vcC2IqDsK68**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vcC2IqDsK68)

**LIVE on our Facebook page!** [**www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch**](file:///C:\Users\first\Documents\My%20files\bulletins\2022\www.facebook.com\firstunitedchurch)

**This Sunday, join us on Google Meets for the service and a ‘coffee & a chat’ afterwards.**

**Link to join:** [**https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax**](https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax)

**On the heels of Black History month where we examined the system of racism, we began a conversation about the Affirming Process congregations enter to practice inclusivity.**

**In March we begin to look Congregations who are going deeper into becoming inclusive communities. These videos give a picture of the transformation congregations have undergone to become safe places for marginalized people. There are three videos attached to this link, be sure to watch especially the one on Riverside United Church. Bring a coffee and be curious about Spirituality as it relates to an old issue that 35 years ago was once so divisive in our denomination.**

[**https://www.trinitypg.ca/pages/affirming-ministry**](https://www.trinitypg.ca/pages/affirming-ministry)

**Join us Monday at 10:30am on Google Meets:** [**https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax**](https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax)

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held THIS Sunday, March 6 following worship (11:30am)**

**Link to join:**

**https://meet.google.com/ocx-bmhd-ewi**

**Tax receipts for the year 2021 have been mailed.**

Book Study: The Undertaking of Billy Buffone,

by our former Moderator Rev. David Guiliano.

Join us Tuesday, March 8 at 7:30pm

The Undertaking of Billy Buffone is a story about the trauma - immediate and ongoing, personal and collateral - inflicted by Rupert Churley, who preyed on boys in Twenty-Six Mile House, an isolated town in northern Ontario. The suicides, the conspiracy of silence, the secrets and the damage done to the boys, their friends and families, persist long after the murder of Scouter Churle.

Rev. Lexie Chamberlain and Rev. Darrow

Woods will host the online discussions.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86013719725?pwd=Q0wreGlrMHVwY0pVOEJXaEVKZmhudz09>  
  
Meeting ID: 860 1371 9725 Passcode: Marathon

**Youth Forum 2022**

Are you a young person aged 16-19 and looking for a summer opportunity to engage in the life and work of the United Church AND have summer employment?!

 Email **thea@thegoproject.ca** to find out more!

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**COMING SPRING 2022**

**First United Blind Auction**

**Fundraiser #3**

(Organized by Sherry Johnstone)

**We hope to raise some money for the general fund & have fun too!!**

**We’re looking for donations for the auction - NEW or Like NEW items in excellent condition.**

**Suggestions:**

Baking \* Dinner for 2 or a family of 4 \* Movie night gift basket \* Wine tour/tasting \* Beer tour/tasting \* Time/talent \* Spring cleaning of vehicle (in & out) \* Afternoon of cornhole toss with snacks \* Coffee gift basket \* Gardening time \* Bird lovers gift basket \* Garden lovers basket \* Pet lovers basket \* Chocolate lovers basket \* Teacher appreciation basket \*

**If you are interested in donating an item to the auction, please contact Sherry Johnstone by phone at 519-933-5033 or email her at** [**sjohnstone1959@gmail.com**](mailto:sjohnstone1959@gmail.com)

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March 14, 2022 - PIE DAY

PIE = Public. Intentional. Explicit.

These are the standards we hold ourselves and our welcome to when we become affirming, welcoming, or inclusive communities. March 14 is a chance to serve some pie and roll out the PIE by celebrating the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people in faith communities and beyond across Canada.

Link to watch The Moderator’s PIE Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g72enzmFiwU>

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**Donate to First Church**

**Happy Birthday to:**

**Karen Vecchio**

**Jen Ewans**

**Jim Harris**

**Carol Richardson**

**Happy Anniversary to:**

**Dave & Diane Irwin**