



Weekly Update from First – March 3/22

Thank you to everyone from First & Central who contributed to our joint



SHROVE TUESDAY TAKE-OUT PANCAKE SUPPER

in ANY way: volunteering, purchasing dinners, delivering, our Youth who helped out, etc.

\$950 will be donated to Pearce Williams AND we were able to book a Joint Recreational Skate day in March!

Thank you for your support!!

Sunday Worship Service

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>

LIVE on our Facebook page! 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>



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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 be greeted at the accessibility door for Covid Screening & must show proof of vaccination for people 12+.

Everyone must wear a mask & be socially distant.

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

We hope you can join us!



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>

Coffee and Curious Spirituality

Monday Mornings at 10:30am



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>

Join us Monday at 10:30am on Google Meets: <https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax>

Tax receipts for the year 2021 have been mailed.



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Book Study: The Undertaking of Billy Buffone,
by our former Moderator Rev. David Guiliano.

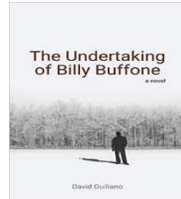
Join us Tuesday, March 8 at 7:30pm

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!



**Who do you
say I am?**

Bible Study

Lesser Evils: Daily Reflections on Seeking Wisdom



Weekly Study: Wednesday at 1pm starting March 9th (Central United Church Fellowship Hall) or evening online meetings can be arranged. Contact Kathryn Fletcher at 519-633-1902 or fletcherfamily@rogers.com.

One Hardcover book available: \$16.50. Ebooks are available for \$7.95 at www.ucrdstore.ca

**Youth Group will
meet AT FIRST
on Wednesday from
7:00-8:15pm**

We will be talking about the
Ten Commandments.

All Youth are welcome!

Youth Group Leaders:
Chris Ross & Jean Fletcher





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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**

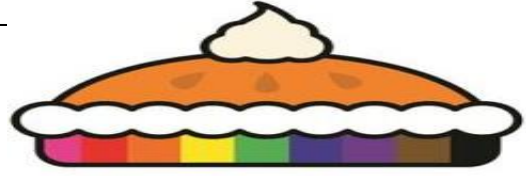


MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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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=g72enzmFiuU>



Central and First United Churches are invited to join in the fun for a **RECREATIONAL SKATE!!**

Where? Joe Thornton Community Centre

When? Sunday, March 27 from 2:45 to 3:45 pm

Stay tuned for more details regarding any specific COVID restrictions, noting restrictions are likely to change between now and then.

Donate to First Church



Happy Birthday to:

Karen Vecchio

Jen Ewans

Jim Harris

Carol Richardson



Happy Anniversary to:

Dave & Diane Irwin

