



Weekly Update from First – March 9/23

*It's that time of year again!
Remember to*

Spring Forward

Turn your clocks ahead one hour before
you go to bed Saturday night!



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Join Us For

Worship



*Sunday,
March*

12th

10:30am

We welcome
Rev. Donna Kerrigan
back as our guest
Minister.

Learning Time:
"Who was St. Patrick?"

Sermon: "Jesus, the Woman, and
the Waters of New Life"

Lay Leader: Sherry Johnstone

Scripture Reading(s): John 4:5-42

ALL ARE WELCOME

If you'd prefer, join us ONLINE for Worship,
here is the Streaming Link for March 5th:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWqS1g27ZT0>

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

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**URGENT NEED:
SINGLE SERVE DRINKS**

Help Us to Help Others

Drink Box DRIVE

Supporting the Elgin St. Thomas
Food Providers Network

There is a real need within our community for drink boxes or single serving drinks (including Boost). Please consider those within our community who are without shelter and rely on local Food Banks and Food Distribution centres. Let's do what we can to support this initiative within St. Thomas!! So, bring in your drink boxes and single serving drinks to the church so we can make a difference within St. Thomas.

For more info visit:
www.1stunitedchurch.ca

(Harvest Hands, The Nameless, Grace Cafe, St Thomas Anglican Church, Holy Angels, etc. make up the Elgin-St Thomas Food Providers Network which provides food & drink to those in need)

Our own Mike Muma's partner, Cheryl, is actively involved in providing meals in the community.

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The Church Office is
CLOSED
 March 10–19 while Lori is on Vacation

Reopening March 20th @ 9am!



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St. Patrick's concert by
Calgorm
 Mike Mulhern 1808 Kate Emerson 1808 Wayne Carroll

with guest
 Sigmar Martin

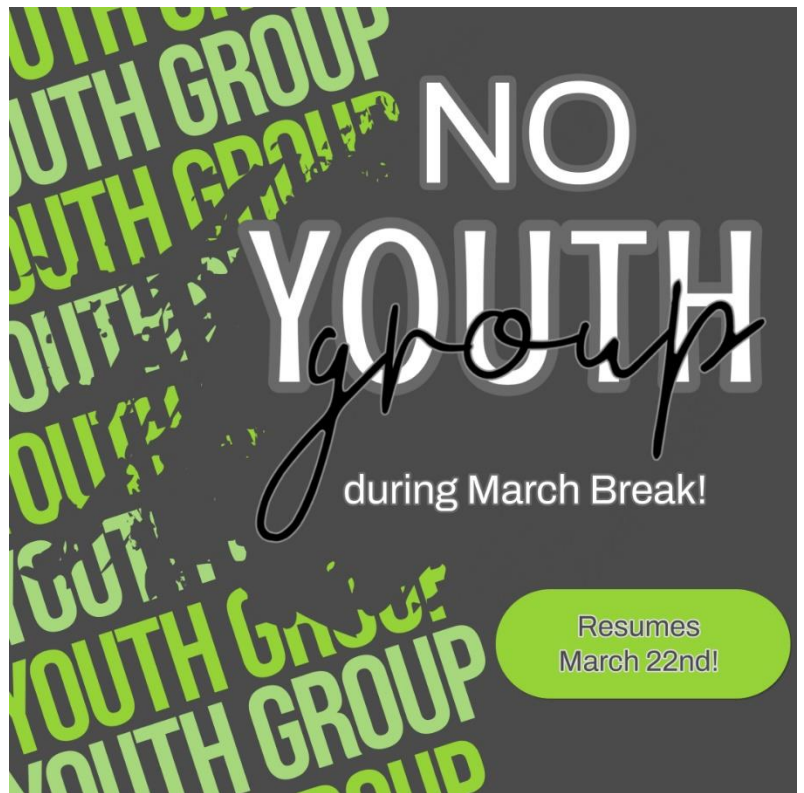
Sunday 12 March 2023
 Central United Church
 135 Wellington St., St. Thomas
 2:30 p.m. \$15 at the door
 Students, children free

Proceeds to
 Bring Them Home,
 an initiative to house
 the homeless



NO YOUTH
group
 during March Break!

Resumes
 March 22nd!



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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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The Shamrock Shuffle
 in support of The Inn, is back!!
**Saturday, March 18th
 at 9am!!**
 The 2 km walk, 5 km walk,
 and 5 km run leave from and return to
 Central United. Treats provided.
 If you can't participate consider
 donating to a participant to help
 The Inn reach it's goal of
\$30,000!

Pre-register at: <https://raceroster.com/events/2023/71234/the-shamrock-shuffle-2023>

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YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

Free to attend, this personal development and community building retreat for High School students, ages 14-19, is a rare opportunity to visit camp in the winter time.

March 24-26, 2023

[LEARN MORE](#)

- Where - Pearce Williams Summer Camp - 8009 Iona Road, Fingal, ON
- Cost: Charitable donation (\$20 worth of new socks and/or bottled water and juice boxes to support [Elgin/St. Thomas Food Providers Network](#))
- To Register:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdO4-Wf_qCtqz1Dg7F91UAwZCvxNwDB00nF3_QrZt0MR9KgQ/viewform
- More Information at: <https://www.campisbetter.com/youth-nights>

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You are invited to
join us for an



AFTERNOON SKATE

Sunday, April 2nd, 2023

From 2:00 - 3:00PM

at Memorial Arena

(80 Wilson Ave, St. Thomas)

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COMMUNITIES OF KINDNESS :)

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Sunday, April 9th, 2023
Special Time: 9:30am

JOIN US AT
FIRST UNITED CHURCH
FOR OUR

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

He Is Risen!!

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YATS Forum 2023: Surface Pressure

April 28th to April 30th for Ages 18 and Up

REGISTER NOW

YAT FORUM 2023 PRESENTS:
SURFACE PRESSURE

WHO: Adults 18+
WHEN: 7pm April 28-12pm April 30
WHERE: Lambton Centre, 6602 Lakeshore Road, Forest Lambton Shores.
GUEST SPEAKERS: Kenji Marui, Doug Peck, and Marilyn Arthur

Do you love to be **inspired**, challenged to think, **meet new people** & hang out with good friends??? Do you enjoy being in an **open & welcoming community** where you are free to be completely yourself? Faith, fellowship and connection is what YAT Forum is all about.

Register by April 14 at

https://regionalcouncil789.formstack.com/forms/yats_retreat

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THE ENNIS SISTERS

The Princess Playhouse /
Elgin Theatre Presents



Retirees'
Special!

Monday, May 8 @ 2:30pm

The Ennis Sisters, from Newfoundland, are an internationally renowned Celtic group, always of sell-out caliber. They are Juno award winners and have performed with The Chieftains. They also represented the Canadian government in France for the D-Day celebrations.

For tickets (or more information), please contact:
Dave McCormack at the Elgin Theatre (519-719-6885)
Anne Lounsbury at Central United Church (519-631-7185)
Austin Campbell at First United Church (519-631-7570 ext. 23)

Tickets are
\$35

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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)
by Wednesday at noon. Thank you!

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On Facebook: [firstunitedchurch](https://www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch)

On Instagram: [@firstunited1834](https://www.instagram.com/firstunited1834)

On Twitter: [@FirstUnitedStT](https://twitter.com/FirstUnitedStT)

On YouTube: [First United Church, St. Thomas](https://www.youtube.com/FirstUnitedChurchStThomas)



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