



Weekly Update from First – March 10/22

Sunday Worship Service

This Sunday, March 13th

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:

- 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. Matthew Penny sharing the Message at First and Richard Auckland will be the Worship Leader at First.
 Rev. Daryl will be sharing the Message at Central.
 As always the Band will be here!!

If you'd prefer, here are the ways to join us ONLINE for Worship: Streaming Link for March 13th:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YQHNN7-TQmQ>

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>

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!

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!



Calgorm St. Patrick's Concert Sunday March 13, 2022



Central United 2:30 p.m.
 \$10.00 at the door



Sanctuary Rental Fees will go
 To Central's Bursary Fund
 Concert Proceeds will go to
 Elgin County Food Bank

Following Updated COVID-19 Protocols
MASKS REQUIRED

NO PROOF OF VACCINATION REQUIRED



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Coffee and Curious Spirituality

Monday Mornings at 10:30am



We take a break this coming Monday (March 14) for March Break.

We will be returning the following week with special guests who will help us reflect on the great divisions that marked the church around the inclusion of the LGBTQ2 community in the life of the denomination. It was a painful time, but come and reflect too, on the growing pains we have come to realize these years later.

All are welcome to bring a coffee, their curiosity, and something to the conversation.

Monday, 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>

Happy Birthday

Lyle Cameron

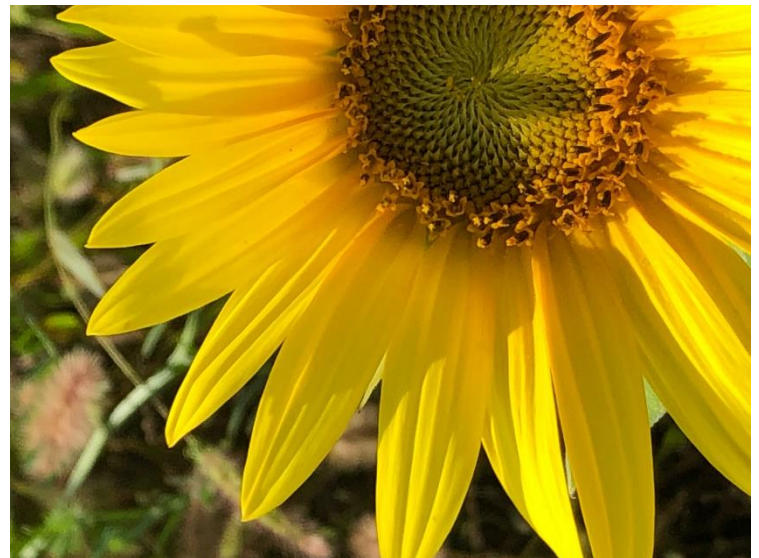
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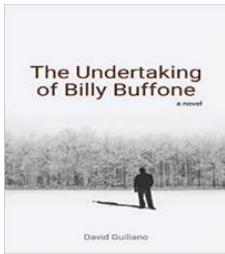
Jonathan Renaud

Hannah Bosveld





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Chat with the Author of *The Undertaking of Billy Buffone*, former Moderator Rev. David Guiliano.

Join us Tuesday, March 15 at 7:30pm

Join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83343196237?pwd=cVE4aGJQVWQwVGxkbTdDUiUxRIN3UT09>

[GJQVWQwVGxkbTdDUiUxRIN3UT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83343196237?pwd=cVE4aGJQVWQwVGxkbTdDUiUxRIN3UT09)

Meeting ID: 833 4319 6237 Passcode: Billy



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 APRIL 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

SEE BELOW FOR EXAMPLES OF SOME OF THE AMAZING ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN DONATED ALREADY!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR





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Here are a couple of items received for the First United Blind Auction Fundraiser #3 Coming in April 2022

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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.



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**A Challenge from Rev. Jane VanPatter,
President of Antler River Watershed Regional Council**



During Lent, and beyond, Jane is encouraging all communities of faith to plant sunflower seeds of hope and to adorn their worship spaces with sunflowers ... be they real ones, photographs or made of construction paper. The hope is that the ARWRC will become a field of sunflowers. It will become an expression of our “Voices United” in hope and in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and their loved ones around the world.

Beyond the sunflowers, please also check the UCC website for many more ways to help and show support for Ukraine and its people. (continued...)

Let's put Sunflowers up on our church walls!

You can help!

There are lots of designs to choose from on the internet - you can colour one, make one out of construction paper, cloth, wood, or any other Materials you'd like. Be creative!

Please share your sunflowers with us!





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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@theproject.ca to find out more!

YAT Forum: Community Retreat for Ages 19 & up

Date: Friday, April 29 - Sunday, May 1

Long walks to the dining hall ... Gracefully launching yourself down the rolling hills ...

Desperately trying to shake that catchy worship tune ... Running into the arms of people you haven't seen in years ... or ever ... or yesterday!

... Sounds awe-inspiring, fairytale-esque, a utopian dream!



But hold up!!! This is not a drill! YAT Forum (Young Adults Together) is coming to a Pearce Williams Christian Center near you (actually it's located in Iona Station)!! Never been to adult overnight camp? Desperate for arts and crafts? Need space to connect with the divine, nature or yourself?!

For those who are 19+, come be Re-United in worship, fellowship and the quietness of creation from Friday, April 29 - Sunday, May 1. Covid-19 guidelines will be followed during the weekend. Register now at <https://arwrcucc.ca/yat-forum-2022/>
Cost \$150 - \$200 - \$300