



Weekly Update from First – March 14, 2024

Join us for

*Worship*



**AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH**

Sunday,  
March 17th  
LENT 5

9:30 am

Rev. Paul will lead worship.

Sermon:  
"Trouble in the Temple"

Erin Chute will be the Worship  
Leader.

The Band will lead the music.

Scripture: Mark 11:15-19

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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First's Church Office will be  
**CLOSED**  
March 8-17 while Lori is on Vacation

The Office will reopen on Monday, March 18 at 9am.

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CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS

# LENTEN DEVOTIONAL STUDY

THIS LENTEN DEVOTIONAL INVITES US  
TO DEEPEN OUR LOVE FOR CREATION  
AND TAKE ACTION OR FAST FOR A  
CLIMATE IN CRISIS. INCLUDES A  
STUDY GUIDE.

## WEDNESDAYS

LED BY: KATHRYN FLETCHER

1:00PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

7:30PM | ONLINE - ZOOM



Contact Kathryn Fletcher at [fletcherfamily@rogers.com](mailto:fletcherfamily@rogers.com) or  
519-633-1902 for a softcover book or the Zoom link.  
Ebooks available at <https://united-church.ca/united-church-bookstore>.

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Wednesdays  
7:00-8:15pm  
in the Gym at First

# YOUTH

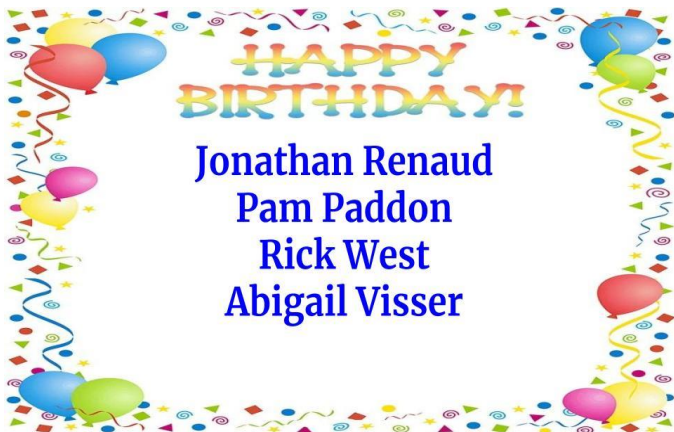
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For Youth in Grades 6-12!

**ALL YOUTH WELCOME!**

Leaders: Chris Ross & Teah Welch  
First & Central United Churches  
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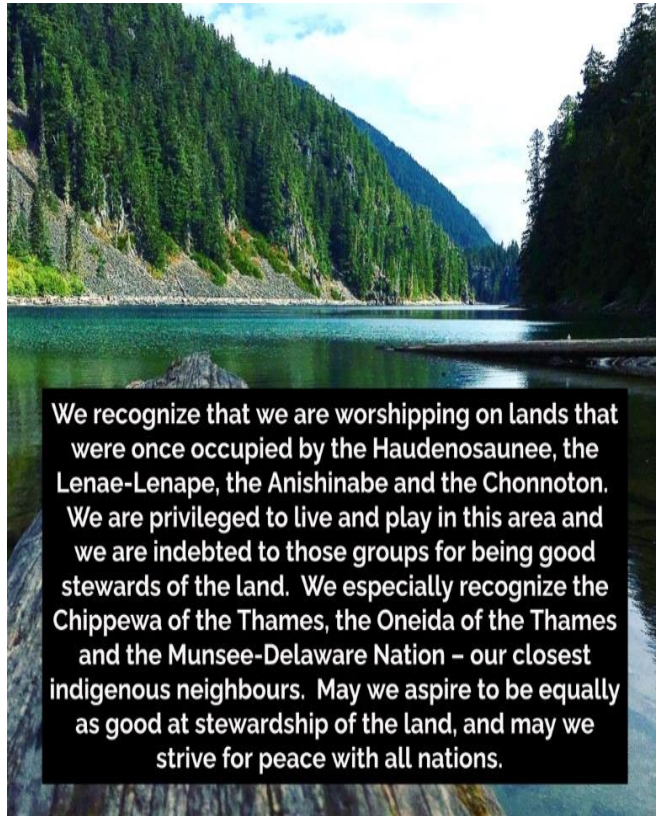
CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH  
(135 Wellington Street, St. Thomas)  
PRESENTS...

# CHESS *Warriors*

Bring your chess board & chess men if you have them!



If you don't have any don't worry - we have some!



We recognize that we are worshipping on lands that were once occupied by the Haudenosaunee, the Lenae-Lenape, the Anishinabe and the Chonnoton. We are privileged to live and play in this area and we are indebted to those groups for being good stewards of the land. We especially recognize the Chippewa of the Thames, the Oneida of the Thames and the Munsee-Delaware Nation – our closest indigenous neighbours. May we aspire to be equally as good at stewardship of the land, and may we strive for peace with all nations.

WEDNESDAY  
EVENINGS

6:30 -  
8:00 PM



ALL AGES AND TALENT LEVELS, INCLUDING BEGINNERS, WELCOME



INSTRUCTION AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TERRY LANNING  
519-630-8171 or [terry\\_lanning@sympatico.ca](mailto:terry_lanning@sympatico.ca)

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**FIRST  
WORSHIP  
Band**

LOVE TO SING??

NEW VOICES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

PRACTICES ARE THURSDAY  
EVENINGS AT 7:30PM

JOIN US!!

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Joint **GOOD FRIDAY** Worship

Friday, March 29th  
• 10:30 am •

Held at Central United Church  
135 Wellington Street  
St. Thomas

www.centraluc.ca  
www.1stunitedchurch.ca

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 **CHORAL CONNECTION**

**Mozart's Mass in C Minor**  
Friday March 29, 2024  
at 7:30 PM  
Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas

*20th Anniversary*  
2023-2024

www.choralconnection.ca

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FIRST UNITED CHURCH

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**HE IS RISEN!**

9:30AM  
MARCH 31

FIRST UNITED CHURCH, 7 CURTIS STREET, ST. THOMAS

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# First United Church is hosting a...



**Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

**Doors open @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Auction starts @ 7:00 p.m.**

**TICKETS: \$5 each**

Includes Admission & 2 Bidding Paddles

Extra Paddles are \$2 each

*Please bring your own quarters!*

*Light refreshments and snacks available to purchase*

7 Curtis Street, St. Thomas (corner of Talbot and St. George)

Call: 519-631-7570 for more details

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**First Church Friends!**

Please save your POP TABS to help a little girl named McKenna ("Smiley"), who has cerebral palsy, get a new wheelchair!



There is a container in the Fellowship (Coffee) Room to collect your donations.



Central United Church presents their Spring

## Quarter Auction

135 Wellington St., St. Thomas

### Wednesday, May 8th

Doors open @ 6 pm  
Auction starts @ 7pm

**Admission: \$5**

Includes 1 paddle.  
Extra Paddles: \$2 each



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# First United Church

7 Curtis Street, St. Thomas, ON N5P 1H3

**Rev. Paul Browning**

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519-681-3521 (home)

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Rev. Paul's drop in hours at First are  
Mondays from 9:30am to 2pm.  
Other times are available by Appointment.

**Lori Hoffman (church office)**

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St. Thomas

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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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