



Weekly Update from First – May 2, 2024

Join us for
Worship



AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

SUNDAY
May 5th

9:30 am

Rev. Paul will lead Worship!

**Sherry Johnstone will be the
Worship Leader.**

**Communion will be served
for those who wish to partake
- Thanks to Mike Hardman &
Sherry Johnstone for serving.**

**The Band will lead the music.
We welcome guest guitarist,
Guy Miskelly!**

Scripture: St. John 15 & Acts 8

ALL ARE WELCOME

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* *Kindness* * *Respect* * *Fairness* *

Remember to wear **RED** on Sunday to commemorate Red Dress Day!



Red Dress Sunday

An invitation to commemorate Red Dress Day at worship on May 5th

Because Red Dress Sunday falls on May 5th this year, we are inviting people to wear red clothing as a way of honouring the memories of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, 2 spirit and gender diverse people across Canada.

There is widespread hurt, anger and sadness in First Nation's families. Sisters, wives, mothers and daughters are gone from their families without clear answers. The Murdered and Missing Indigenous Movement stands for all missing sisters whose voices are not heard and the all too common silence of the media and law enforcement.

Metis artist Jaime Black helped inspire the red dress movement by hanging red dresses from windows and trees to represent the pain and loss felt by loved ones and survivors.

Commemorations vary from community to community, but generally people wear red clothing and hang dresses from trees, statues and doors.

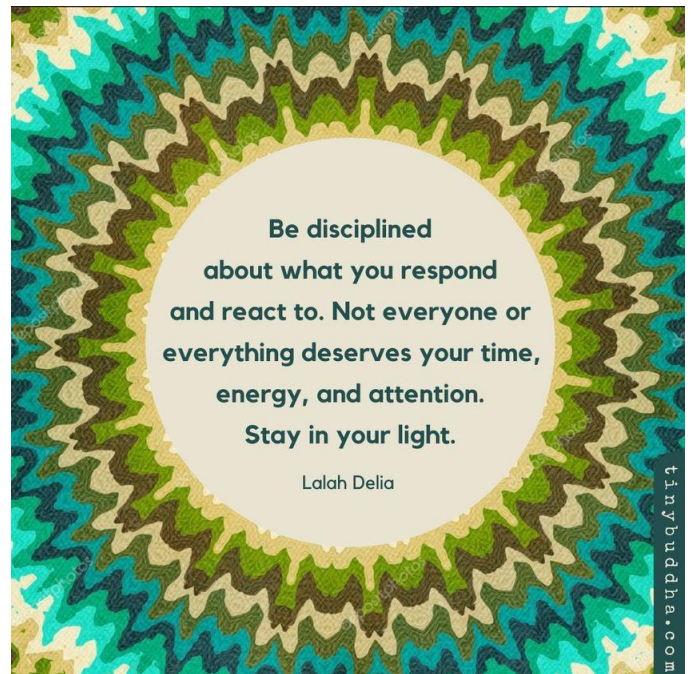
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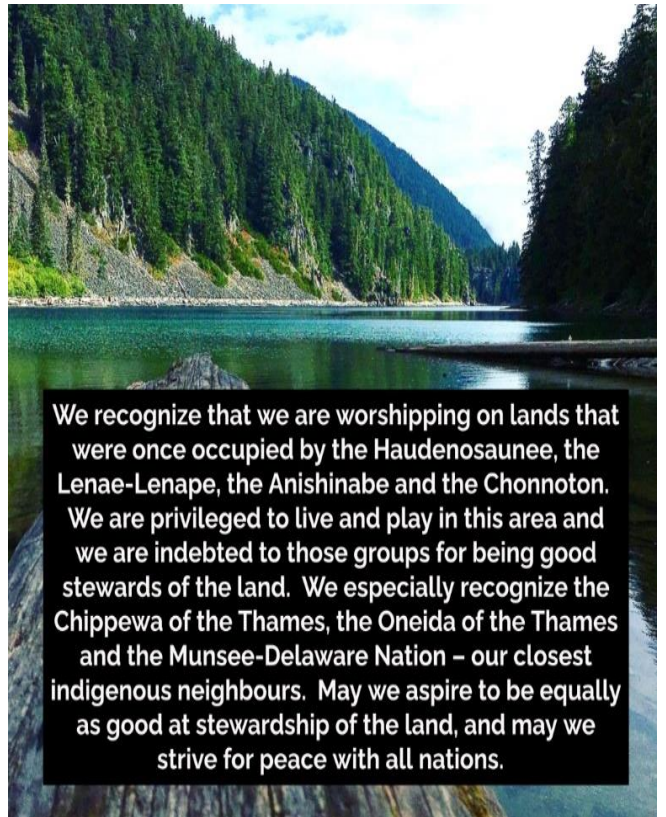
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We recognize that we are worshipping on lands that were once occupied by the Haudenosaunee, the Lenae-Lenape, the Anishinabe and the Chonnoton. We are privileged to live and play in this area and we are indebted to those groups for being good stewards 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.

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YOUTH
group

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED
YOUTH GROUP IS FINISHED
FOR THE SEASON**

**BUT... Watch for POP-UP
EVENTS in your Weekly Update!**

Leaders: Chris Ross & Teah Welch
First & Central United Churches
Communities of Kindness

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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!



WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS

6:30 -
8:00 PM



ALL AGES AND TALENT LEVELS, INCLUDING BEGINNERS, WELCOME



INSTRUCTION AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TERRY LANNING
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QUARTER AUCTION THIS WEDNESDAY AT CENTRAL!

Some friends from First will be there – join them!



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

10+
Vendors

50/50 draw &
Raffle Table

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Wildflower Identification Walk

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For Central and First United nature lovers:
 Anne Lounsbury invites you to Jaffa Outdoor Education Centre
 on John Wise Line for a spring wildflowers identification session
 this Friday (May 10) at 6 p.m. (weather permitting).
 Meet at the front of the building.

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SAVE YOUR POP TABS



First Church Friends!
Please save your POP TABS to help 13 year old,
Aliye Hac Ismail, who has spina bifida
to get a new wheelchair!

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

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ministry of First United Church!
Your gifts make a difference in the lives of others!!*



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