



Weekly Update from First – May 12/22

Tonight (Thursday) is the 5th Movie Night in the “Pursuing Your Potential” Series. 7pm in the Sanctuary at First. All welcome!

Sunday Worship Service

This Sunday, May 15th

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, please consider the following precautions:

- * wear a mask if you wish to do so
- * use the hand sanitizers available at the accessibility entrance and the hallway leading into the sanctuary
- * pews will remain marked with green tape and yellow tape - please use pews marked with green tape as a simple way to continue social distancing and help prevent the spread of COVID-19
- * ensure that you are feeling well and have not been in contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 in the last 5 days
- * visitors will be encouraged to sign in at the entrance, to help us follow up in the event of a confirmed or suspected COVID case traced back to Sunday service

THIS WEEK: Rev. Matthew Penny will be preaching at First. The BAND will be live at First.

If you'd prefer, here are the ways to join us ONLINE for Worship:

Streaming Link for May 15th : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eiCI6U2oFDo>

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!

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

We hope you can join us!



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There is the way life was, and the way life will be. The moment between the two has been called a "blessed warm fog". In slowing down it is thought, there is an invitation to discern as much as we are capable of. It is an invitation to wonder about what wholeness is emerging, what integration and diversity is bringing into our life, and what healing and fruitfulness is trying to come about in our person.

We have been navigating a "transition" or what might be called a "blessed fog" these last few years together. In our Coffee and Curious Spirituality conversations would you say show us something emerging in our lives, our discipleship, our "religious" practice.

What if the Coffee and Curious Spirituality group was a microcosm, or a model, for what might be happening in churches or faith communities across the country? What would you say is becoming clearer in our church and discipleship as you slow down and take time to observe your faith in light of this group? What is the sacred invitation we are discerning in this "blessed fog" of ours?

Join us for this conversation and join us to mark an end to our journey with Daryl. The last half hour of the meet up will be recorded and posted to our websites.

Thanks for the coffee and the curious conversations 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, folks! We saw our way through the Pandemic with each other and are soulfully satisfied!

Link to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JZMfUHUTo4>

Link to join: <https://meet.google.com/pjg-zbez-nax>

HIT THE ROAD



The Bike Group! At A New Time!!!

We meet at Central on Mondays in the parking lot at **6:30pm** (Weather permitting) We will be headed down the trail toward Elm St., onto Lake Margaret then circle Pinafore Park and back again.

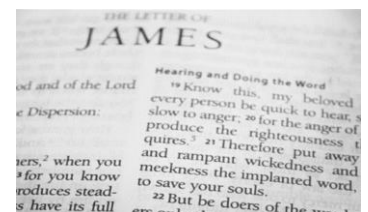
All ages are welcome!

Weekly Bible Study Series

The Letter of James

Everyone is welcome in person at Pinafore Park (near the main Pavilion). Wednesdays at 1:00 pm or evening sessions by Zoom

**Contact Kathryn Fletcher
at 519-633-1902 or
fletcherfamily@rogers.com
for more details.**





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First United Church's Christian Development Committee present a movie series:

PURSUING YOUR **POTENTIAL**

With Pastor Mark Hughes from **The Church of Rock**

There are 6 parts to the series.
They will happen every Thursday (for 6 weeks) starting on Thursday, April 7th.

Time: 7:00 p.m. (each movie is approx. 45 mins.)
There will be a short discussion following the movie.

Location: First United Church, Sanctuary



Mark is a pastor at The Church of Rock in Winnipeg who, using a blend of comedy and storytelling shares the Word of God and how it applies to our every day life.

*Childcare available!
Everyone welcome!*



You are welcome to come to a drop in evening between 5:30 and 8pm on Thursday, May 26 at First Church to spend some time with Rev. Daryl and one another visiting. Daryl is hosting an "Interim Farewell" evening and will provide some snacks and drinks for the occasion. All are welcome of course!

See you sometime between 5:30 and 8pm on Thursday, May 26!



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Gospel Music Concert

Sunday June 5th 3:00 pm
at
Central United Church
135 Wellington Street, St. Thomas



Sing and listen to some of your favourite gospel songs accompanied by orchestra, piano and organ

Song stylings by Jerome Thomas
piano and organ selections
by Gerald Vreman and
Wayne Carroll and more

A suggested donation of \$20.00 will be collected proceeds shared with

Aid for Ukraine



Concert organized by
Dr. Wayne Carroll

Current Government Covid Protocols will be followed

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The Book Club

The new book for the June 6th Book Club being held in the Fellowship Hall at Central at 1pm is *Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroff & Alex Tresniowski.

The True Story of an 11-year-old panhandler, a busy sales executive and an unlikely meeting with destiny.



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From Pearce Williams...

Deck Builders Needed: Pearce Williams Summer Camp and Retreat Facility is looking for volunteers to help build 3 small decks and ramps for Williams Hall and Cabins “B” and “C”. Volunteers should be physically capable and comfortable working outdoors with p/t dimensional lumber, hand tools, power tools (saws, drills, drivers), and safety equipment. We are seeking several small crews of 4 to 6 people for one or more days of volunteer labour. Work will begin almost immediately but be spaced out over the next few weeks and/or weekends, depending on the availability of volunteers. Steel support posts are already installed so no digging or concrete work to do and there are engineered drawings to follow. Volunteers will be framing the structures (posts in saddles, beams and stringers, and joists) to start. After all framing is complete then decking and railings can be installed. Work will occur in stages as the building inspector needs to sign off as we go. If your organization can help or you have any questions then please contact Joe or Jory at Pearce Williams; 519-764-2317 or info@campisbetter.com.



Indwell is currently recruiting for a Canada Summer Jobs position on our St. Thomas team.



We would love to make you aware of a current employment opportunity with Indwell. We are currently hiring for a Canada Summer Jobs position in the St. Thomas area. A job description and links to apply are available through our website listed below.

Canada Summer Jobs - Community Coordinator

Please go to our website for more details and to apply: www.indwell.ca/careers. Please check often for other job postings. We would also like to thank you for your ongoing prayers for those who are awaiting this supportive housing.



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WE ARE HIRING

Join Our Team

Employment Opportunities 🔍

Hiring:

- Curriculum Writing Team
- Multimedia Designer & Animation Assistant
- Fundraising, Admin, & Communications Assistants
- Summer Program Coordinator

APPLY NOW!
alana@theproject.ca

GO

Summer Jobs! The Go Project Ages 15-30

If you are a youth or young adult between the ages of 15-30 looking for a meaningful summer job, we would love for you to join our team!

We are hiring for:

- Children & Youth Curriculum Writers
- Multimedia Designer & Animation Assistant
- Fundraising, Admin & Communications Assistants
- Summer Program Coordinator

Job descriptions:

<https://theproject.ca/resources/employment/>

Application Deadline: May 15th, 2022

WE NEED YOU!

Indigenous Justice

Climate Justice

Anti-Racism and Inclusion

2SLGBTQIA+ Justice

If you are between **15-21** and passionate about the issues above, scan the QR code or check the link in our bio. And learn about the opportunity to work for and attend the United Church of Canada's General Council.

All photos, Credit: United Church of Canada

Summer Jobs! Youth Forum Interns – Ages 15- 21

This summer, the 44th General Council of the United Church of Canada is seeking teens to be commissioners at General Council and to work on action plans for their own community. If you are passionate about the church and areas of: climate justice, anti-racism and inclusion, Indigenous justice, 2SLGBTQIA+ and gender justice - this is a great opportunity for you!

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qLUYz3gmEUCTEhXw9xV1dLogXH7OqoZLjlcJU6yZXmBUMkpDTkhWQkRNT1ZPSjl4Wk1HWjY5U0JJNi4u>