



Weekly Update from First – May 19/22

Sunday Worship Service

This Sunday, May 22nd

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: Darin Dees will be sharing the Message 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 22nd : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mn6QSoKxU7U>

LIVE on our Facebook page! www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch

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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Calling All Graduates!!

Whether you are graduating from Grade 8, Grade 12, college or university, we would like to share your accomplishments during our church service on Sunday, June 19th.

Please email Karen Auckland at 27Swift@gmail.com if you would like to participate. Please send two pictures, one when they were 3-5 years old and the other, a more recent picture. I am not sure if grad photos were taken this year. Along with the photos, please include:

1. Your child's full name
2. Two photos
3. What school they are graduating from and where they are headed next
4. What will they be doing post secondary (university, college, trade, working, deferring, apprenticeship, gap year, etc.). Listing a specific program is appreciated.
5. If graduating from college, university or a trade, please include future plans if known.

Please email Karen this information no later than Friday, June 10th.

Our churches look forward to celebrating with you!





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Coffee and Curious Spirituality



Coffee & Curious Spirituality

is taking a break for 2 weeks.
It will return on Monday, June 6th at 10:30am with new hosts!

More info to follow!

Join us; we'd love to see you!
All are welcome!

Check out the recording from the last 'Coffee & Curious Spirituality' gathering! It's a great group with great discussions and we'd love to have you join us!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1maPRfBRQ5IQhQhTg-q822vvNAGzOODTY/view?usp=sharing>



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!*

Congregants & Friends of Central and First United

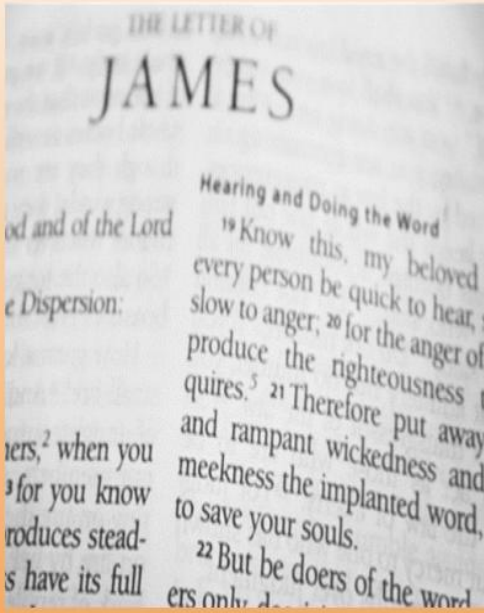
Come for a gentle walk around Pinafore Park (meet at the back parking lot near the bandshell/Lake Margaret). Enjoy the out-of-doors and conversation.

Monday to Friday at 6pm, weather permitting.





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New Weekly Bible Study Series

The Letter of James

Everyone is welcome in person at Pinafore Park (near the main Pavilion)

Wednesday at 1:00 pm or evening sessions by Zoom

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



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!

*be the
sunshine*





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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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Track to the Future Mural Festival

Save the Date! July 16, 2022

Throughout the month of July, internationally renowned regional artists will be in St. Thomas adding to the already incredible inventory of art around the community. The new installations will include sites along the Whistlestop Trail (Central United Church), Downtown St. Thomas, and long-awaited addition to the St. Thomas Elevated Park.

Watch mural artists Denial, Andrew Lewis, Steph Boutari, Derkz, and Emilie Darlington, and more. Throughout the month residents and visitors are invited to enjoy the process of creation and explore the community boasting an already impressive 40 murals with festivities being scheduled as part of a FREE festival across the City on July 16, 2022.



**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!**

