



Weekly Update from First – November 23, 2023

SECRET SANTA... & SOCKS!

RETURN DATE: THIS SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 26th

We're collecting...
Unwrapped Gifts (to age 12)
Non-perishable food items
& Monetary Donations
for Christmas Care

**AND SOCKS (mens, womens & childrens)
for Grace Cafe!**

Please bag socks separately from your Secret Santa Gifts.

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Join us for

Worship



AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

*Sunday
November
26th*
9:30 am

Rev. Paul will lead worship.

Erin Chute & Karen Auckland
will be the Lay Leaders.

The band will lead music!

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-40

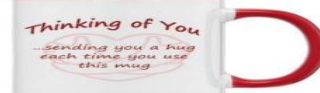
ALL ARE WELCOME

"HUG IN A MUG"

Assembly

THIS SUNDAY following worship
in the Library.

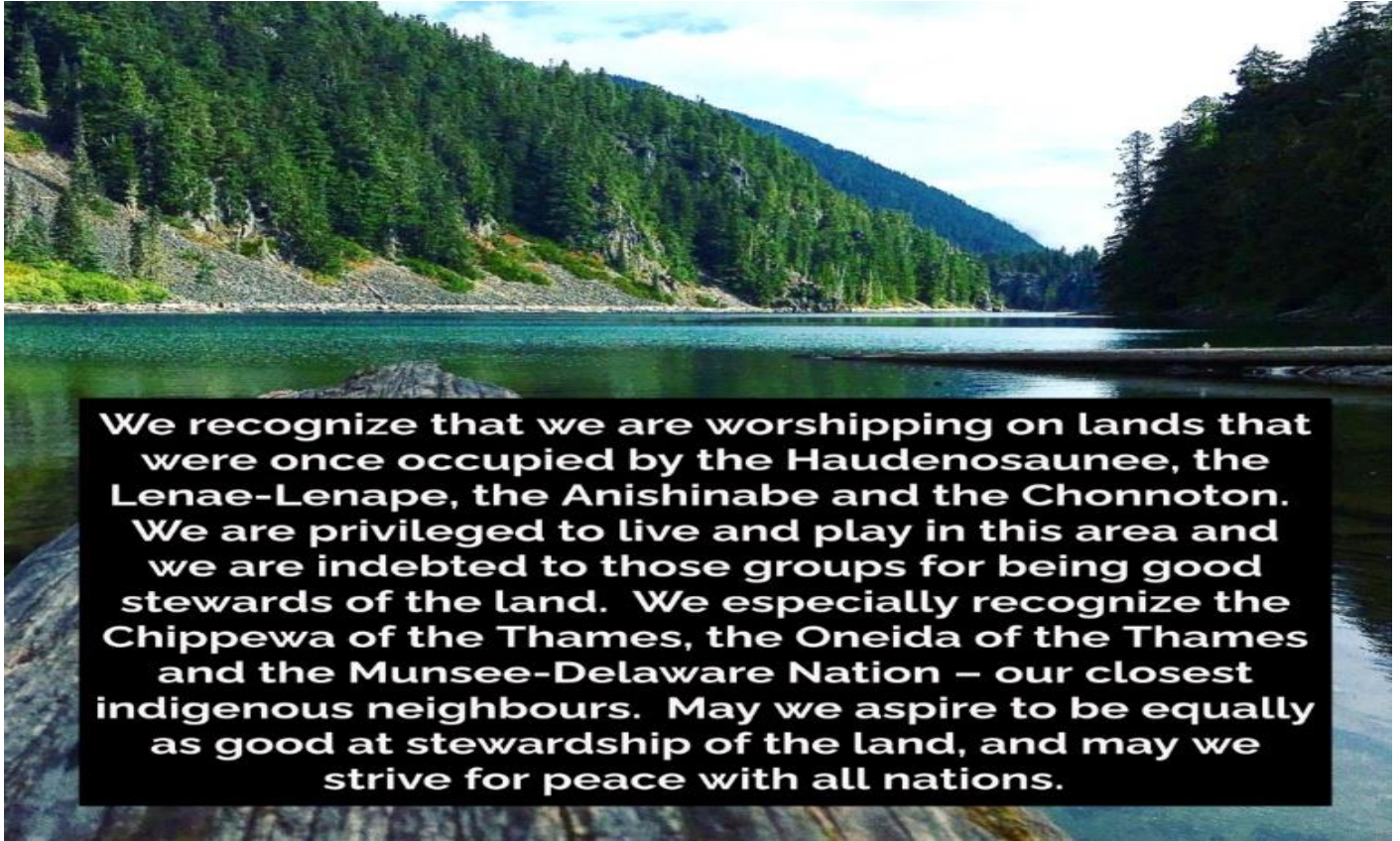
If you can stay for an extra
15-20 minutes to help us,
we'd appreciate it!



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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.

Kindness

Respect

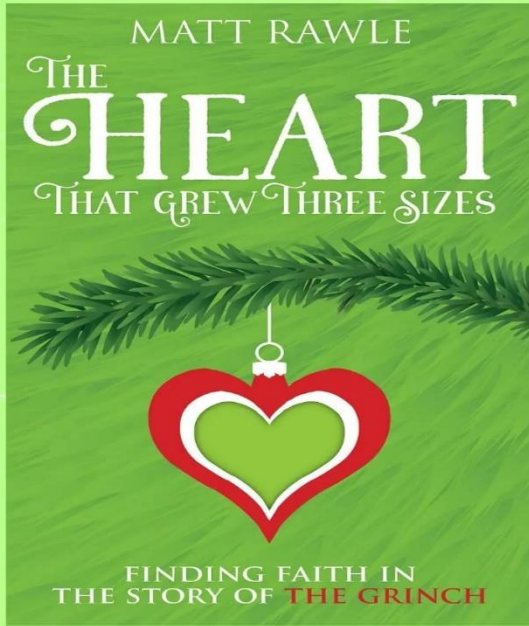
Fairness



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Advent Book Study

Wednesdays beginning
November 29th

AT CENTRAL: 1pm in the Fellowship Hall
(Led by Kathryn Fletcher)

AT FIRST: 7pm in the Fellowship Room
(Led by Mike Hardman)

For more information contact:
Mike at 519-631-7570 ext. 23 or mhardman766@gmail.com
OR
Kathryn at 519-633-1902 or fletcherfamily@rogers.com

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

YOUTH

group

For Youth in Grades 6-12!

ALL YOUTH WELCOME!

Leaders: Chris Ross & Teah Welch

First & Central United Churches
Communities of Kindness

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**The First Church
Worship Band**

meets Thursday
Evenings at 7:30pm.
New Members welcome!

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!
NEXT SUNDAY OUR HOLIDAY MARKET BEGINS!**

FIRST UNITED
Holiday Market

**SUNDAYS DECEMBER 3RD & 10TH
10:30AM TO NOON**

GIFTS DECOR BAKERY

IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY!

Continued...

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**WE ARE STILL HOPING FOR MORE DONATIONS –
CHECK OUT THE LIST OF DESIRED ITEMS BELOW!**

Market idea items:

**Children's gift bags, new toys or books,
stocking stuffers, crafts, ornaments, home
& Christmas décor (new), baking, snack
gifts, jams, jellies, cheeseballs, single
serving meals, candy.**

**To donate, contact: Sherry Johnstone at
519-933-5033 or
sjohnstone1959@gmail.com
OR Lois Whiteman at 519-631-3337 or
loisjwhiteman@hotmail.com**

Timeline for donations:

**Non-food items – by Sunday November 26
Food items – 8:00-9:00 am Sunday Dec.3
or contact Sherry Johnstone
to drop off frozen items prior to Dec.3**

**Funds raised will fund our “Hug in a
Mug” Outreach project**

Invite your family & friends!

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
7:30PM

JOIN US FOR A
Festival
OF LESSONS & CAROLS



PARTICIPATING CHOIRS:

BELMONT COMMUNITY CHOIR
CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH CHOIR
FIRST UNITED CHURCH BAND
PORT STANLEY COMMUNITY CHOIR
PORT STANLEY UNITED CHURCH CHOIR
ST. ANDREW'S WESTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH CHOIR
ST. HILDA'S / ST. LUKE'S CHOIR
STRING ENSEMBLE

NO TICKETS - FREEWILL OFFERING

FIRST UNITED CHURCH, 7 CURTIS STREET, ST. THOMAS

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We have some antique windows from the original installation in 1950 at the church.

All are clear glass but maybe you have a home for them or are crafty and can think of a use.

Available for the taking. All we ask is a donation to the church in return.

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SAVE YOUR POP TABS



**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.

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CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT COSTUMES

will be available on Sundays,
December 10th & 17th
in the Music Room

Join us for Christmas Eve Worship
Sunday, December 24th at 7:30pm

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You are invited to join us for our
CHRISTMAS EVE
Worship Service

Sunday,
December
24th

Service
starts at
7:30pm

First United Church

7 Curtis Street, St Thomas

Check out our other upcoming events on our website:

www.1stunitedchurch.ca

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**First United Church,
St. Thomas**

REMINDER!!

Church
VISITORS

If you are visiting the Church during the week (school days from 8am to 3:30pm – this does NOT include weekends, please enter as normal on Sundays for Church) please enter via the driveway off of St. George Street and park in the parking lot to the right.

If you have accessibility concerns, please call the office before you come and we'll make arrangements for you to get as close to the back door as possible.

THANK YOU!!!!

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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!!




If you have anything you'd like included in the Weekly Update/Sunday Slides, please have it in to Lori in the Church office

BY WEDNESDAY at NOON!

THANK YOU!!!

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