



Weekly Update from First – October 27/22

JOIN US FOR



Everyone is invited to join us at **FIRST UNITED CHURCH** on Sunday Morning at 10:30am for “**Halloween Sunday**”

You are invited to wear a costume to church and join us to hear the meaning of Halloween!

Rev. Paul will share the message of the meaning of Halloween!

Scripture Lesson: **Hebrews 11 & 12** (selected)


Sermon: “Heaven?!”

The **Band & Choir** will lead music

If you'd prefer, join us ONLINE for Worship:
Here is the Streaming Link for October 30th:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8dPFnUOA38>

or join us on our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch

First Church Friends, 
Rev. Paul's core hours when he is available for "walk in" chats are on Tuesdays from noon to 5 pm.



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October 30th

Invitation to Wear a Halloween Costume of Some Kind

From the beginning of the Jesus movement until the 13th century, Christianity blended well with indigenous religions like Pagan spirituality in Europe. This is why we share the same Holy Days with different names.

October 30th is the Sunday before All Hallowed Eve and the feast of All Saints, two sides of the same coin. It's a joy to rediscover important parts of our culture and religion that have been misplaced and lost such as Halloween.

While Halloween is mostly a secular celebration today, its increasing popularity strikes a chord within many people that reflects its ancient role as a deeply religious experience of overcoming the fear of death.

Our ancestors gathered at night (all hallowed or holy eve), on the first day of winter, to give thanks and take comfort that death gives way to life and that their deceased loved ones were still present with them in spirit, to help them make it through the cold and dangerous season they were facing. Jack-o-lanterns are the remnants of those early fires.

It was a joyful service, usually outdoors in the woods, with singing and dancing and costumes to represent the ancestors whose love and presence were with them and whose spirits would help them survive their hardships.

The next morning, on All Saints Day, they went to church and celebrated the same thing indoors with another form of worship.

Happy Birthday Wishes

Lois Whiteman



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Have you signed up for a group yet???
They start this week! SIGN UP TODAY!

MEET & GREET

Rev. Paul & Austin

Tuesdays, STARTING THIS WEEK, for 3 weeks!
Morning group (9:30am) & Evening (7pm) group
Each group is limited to 12 people.

To sign up:

Call the office (519-631-7570 ext. 21)

Sign the sheet – bulletin board outside the office

Fill out the form on our website

Bring your own beverage. Something sweet will be provided.

Coffee
and
Curious Spirituality



Coffee and Curious Spirituality at Central United

Tuesdays in the lower parlour

Mornings: 10 am to noon
& Evenings: 7 pm to 9 pm.

Join us for some stimulating conversations, as we wonder about spirituality and the implications of living our lives in this new "normal".



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Bible Study

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm
at Central United (Fellowship Hall)

Evening Study available on request
- Contact Kathryn Fletcher at
519-633-1902 or
fletcherfamily@rogers.com
for more information

Everyone Welcome!



"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers"
Anne of Green Gables



First/Central Youth Group

(Grade 6-12)

meets Wednesdays at

First United Church

7-8:15pm

All Youth are welcome!



Senior Choir

Thursdays at 7:30pm

New voices always
welcome!

Youth Rally 2022: Surface Pressure!

A PROGRAM FOR Grade 9 to 19 years of age

Friday, November 4th at 6pm to
Sunday November 6th at 4pm

See First's website for more
information!

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**Next Sunday, November 6th
at 10:30am**

**REMEMBRANCE DAY
Joint Worship Service
AT CENTRAL UNITED**

(First United will be closed)

Rev. Paul Browning

**SECRET SANTA...
& SOCKS!**

**OUTREACH PROJECT FOR
CHRISTMAS CARE & GRACE CAFE!**

NOW til DECEMBER 4th

**Your unwrapped Gifts (for
children up to age 12) OR
Monetary Donations would be
GREATLY appreciated!**

**ALSO, again this year we are collecting
SOCKS for Grace Café.**

**There is a huge need for Men's,
Women's and children's socks!
Please bag these separately from
your Secret Santa Gifts.**

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Even small gifts can make a big difference.



\$10 Provides supplies for workshops to help youth serve their communities. GWV22-48

\$15 Helps stock an emergency pantry in Newfoundland. GWV22-35

\$10 Buys a grocery gift card for a family in northern Manitoba. GWV22-03

\$25 Provides a hygiene pack for a refugee from Ukraine. GWV22-39

\$25 Helps Indigenous people in Vancouver receive support that honours their culture. GWV22-07

\$15 Provides nursery school supplies for a Girls School in Zambia. GWV22-26

Meaningful gifts. No wrapping required. E-cards available.

Order online! **gifts with vision**.ca 

A Giving Catalogue from the People of The United Church of Canada

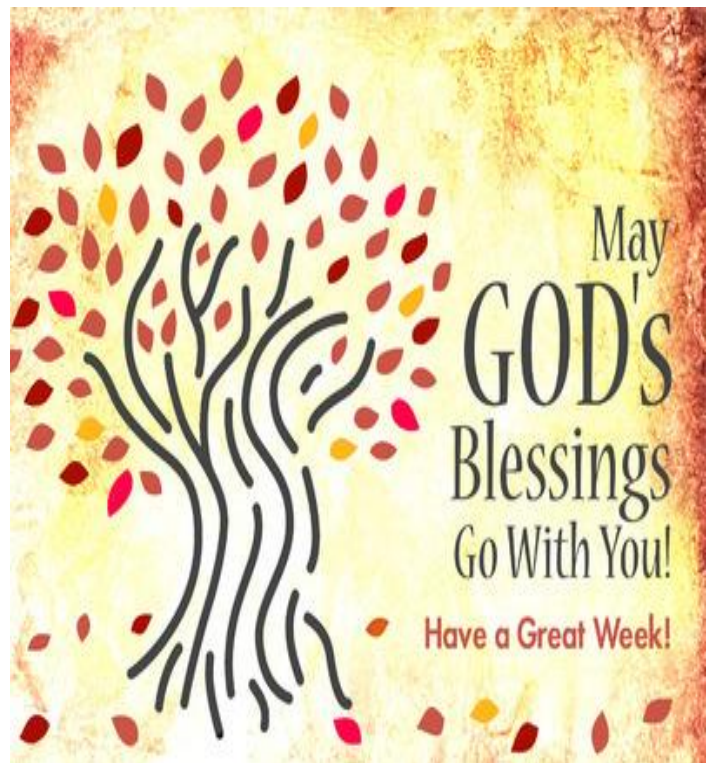
If you have an Upcoming Date / Event / Meeting you'd like included in the slides for our



please have it to Lori at First (office@1stunitedchurch.ca)

by Wednesday at noon. Thank you!

If you have the power to make someone happy, do it. The world needs more of that.



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