



# Weekly Update from First – September 15/22

JOIN US FOR



Everyone is invited to join us at **FIRST CHURCH** on **Sunday Morning at 10:30am!!**

**THIS WEEK:**

Rev. Donna Kerrigan will deliver the Message this Sunday.

Richard Auckland will be the Worship Leader.

The Band is back to lead music!

Scripture Lesson: Luke 16:1-13

If you'd prefer, join us **ONLINE** for Worship:

Streaming Link for September 18th:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7Fm5hp41\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7Fm5hp41_E)

**LIVE** on our Facebook page! [www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch](http://www.facebook.com/firstunitedchurch)



Thank you to everyone who volunteered or participated in the service at Pearce-Williams on Sunday, September 11. Many hands setting up chairs, cooking, cutting watermelon, providing cupcakes, serving, cleaning up, leading, etc. made the day enjoyable for the approximately 80 people involved. As feedback, please let Joyce Szusz or Richard Auckland know your feelings regarding offering worship at the end of summer at Pearce again next fall.

***Happy Birthday Wishes***

*Riley Buchanan  
Hunter Beamish  
Allan Hughson  
Mike Hardman*

*Shelley West  
Debbie Traichevich  
Vyncent Eford*





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### Upcoming Worship Services/Notes

**This Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – We're back at First Church!!**

We welcome **Rev. Donna Kerrigan** back to the pulpit.

**Next Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** - **Rev Donna Kerrigan** will be preaching on **Orange Shirt Sunday/Truth & Reconciliation Day**. Wear Orange to show your support for Indigenous People and the goal of hearing the truth and reconciling for our treatment of Indigenous People in the past; and looking forward toward a better, more respectful future working together.

**Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** - **Rev. Donna Kerrigan** will deliver the message at First

**Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** - We welcome **Rev. Paul Browning** who will serve both First and Central.

**Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** - **Rev. Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday!!** Worship will be held at Central United Church (First will be closed) so everyone can welcome Rev. Paul on his first Sunday!

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> (tbc)**- **Covenanting Service for Rev. Paul Browning and all the staff at First & Central United Churches.** Worship will be held at First United Church (Central will be closed) so everyone can be in attendance to support our staff of both churches.

We welcome our Children back to **Church School** this Sunday!

Children will be invited to leave with the teachers and go to the Music Room when it's time for Church School.

Also, we have a **Nursery** available, supervised by our Youth!

*Youth Group  
(Grade 6-12)  
resumes Wednesday!*

*First United Church  
7-8:15pm*



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### **Join the Bike Group!**

Mondays - We will meet at Pinafore Park in front of the Bandshell at 6:30pm  
(Weather permitting)  
*All are welcome!*

### **Friends of Central and First United WALKING GROUP**

**MONDAY- FRIDAY @ 5:45p.m**

**Walk around Pinafore Park  
(meet at the back parking lot  
near the bandshell/ Lake  
Margaret)**



## Book Club!

The 'Book Club' will be meeting at Pinafore Park on Wednesday afternoon at 1pm starting this week, September 21st. Please, bring your lawn chair and enjoy a great discussion and visit.

The book is "The Red Cross Orphans" by Glynis Peters (The Globe and Mail Bestselling Author). A stunning new historical novel that takes readers on an emotional journey and follows in the footsteps of the brave women who volunteered with the Red Cross during the Second World War.





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*First United Church  
Senior Choir  
meets Thursdays at 7:30pm*

*New voices always welcome!*

## **NEXT SUNDAY – ORANGE SHIRT SUNDAY**

**On September 25th, wear an orange shirt to Church to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their homes.**

On Orange Shirt Day (actually September 30th but we honour the day at church the Sunday prior) we also observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. For non-Indigenous Christians in particular, this is a time to reflect on their role in colonialism and the ongoing responsibility to make reparations.

Why Orange? Phyllis Jack Webstad from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation went to St. Joseph Mission Residential School. On her first day of school, Phyllis wore an orange shirt that her grandmother had given her. It was immediately taken away, and that marked the beginning of Phyllis's long separation from her family and community, a separation caused by actions of the church and federal government.

Orange Shirt Day is a time for us all to remember those events and their ongoing impact.





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## HARVEST CELEBRATION CONCERT

**Orchestra, Pipe Organ,  
Instrumentalists and Vocalists**

*A Concert for the whole family!*

Sunday, September 25th, 2022 - 3:00 pm



**Tickets: \$20.00 each**  
*Students and Children*  
*Free of Charge*

**Proceeds shared with the  
St. Thomas Elgin Foodbank**

### **PROGRAM INCLUDES:**

Organ Concerto No. 1, J. Rheinberger  
Wayne Carroll, Organist  
Lorraine Clark, Orchestra Conductor  
Dr. Laura Bolt, Flute Soloist  
Hailey Clark, Soprano Soloist

**First United Church**  
**7 Curtis Street, St. Thomas**

Rev. Paul Browning - Minister  
Austin Campbell - Community Engagement Coordinator  
Jody McDonald - Groulx - Minister of Music



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Coming to Central in October!!  
**Lucky 13**  
**Frankie & the Fairlanes**

Classic Rock- Rockabilly-Surf-Lounge Retro- Rock & Roll Hits by Elvis, Wayne Cochran and Gene Vincent, Surfin' Tunes by the West Coast greats and music from the golden era of Las Vegas are just the tip of the Rock n' Roll Iceberg

Sunday, October 2nd at 2 P.M.

Tickets: Adult \$20; Child \$10

Available online [centraluc.ca](http://centraluc.ca) or through Central's Church office Tuesday – Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Central United Church is hosting a Fall Rummage Sale (fall/winter clothes and linens) which will take place on September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>.

We look forward to welcoming  
our **NEW** Minister  
(shared with Central United)

**Rev. Paul Browning**

**Tuesday, October 4th!!**



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**Central United's Basket Ladies are selling Baby Gift Baskets now!!! Babies are not only born in December therefore the Basket Ladies will be selling Baby gift baskets all year round!**

**Call Central's office at 519-631-3503 or contact Liz Tofflemire at 519-637-2858**

**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!**

