



Weekly Update from First – September 22/22

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.
“What Is Truth?”

Scripture Lesson: John 18:33-38

Sunday is **Orange Shirt Sunday** (announcement on next page)

The Band & Choir will lead music!

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

Streaming Link for September 25th:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnu2ShdH-UI>

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

Happy Birthday Wishes

Carolyn Johnson



Happy Anniversary Wishes

Joe Hill & Carolyn LaPare

Church School

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!



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THIS SUNDAY IS 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.



Upcoming Worship Services/Notes

THIS Sunday, September 25th - Rev Donna Kerrigan will be preaching on **Orange Shirt Sunday/Truth & Reconciliation Day**.

Sunday, October 2nd - Rev. Donna Kerrigan will deliver the message at First

Tuesday, October 4th - We welcome Rev. Paul Browning who will serve both First and Central.

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

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Sunday Afternoon at 3pm!

First United Church

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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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)



Coffee and Curious Spirituality



Fall is nearly here and **Coffee and Curious Spirituality** is returning while the leaves prepare to fall!

Susanna Suchak will facilitate the group beginning on **Tuesday, September 27th in the Sanctuary of Central United Church at 10 am**. It will be an informal gathering to plan how we wish to structure the conversations and introduce ourselves to one another again LIVE and in person! Whoot! Hope to see you there!

Please let susanna know if you need more details or directions at susanna.suchak@gmail.com



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The Pearce Williams Youth Mentorship Series: Sept 2022 - March 2023

The series of weekly meetups, anchored by two weekend retreats, was created to help you connect with others your age and learn new skills that will help you discover where you fit into the larger world going forward.

Weekend Retreat #1

- * Friday September 30 - Sunday October 2
- * Location: Pearce Williams
- * COST: FREE



Weekly Event Series

o Dates, times, and locations to be determined
 Participants: High School Students (14-19 years of age) - Limited to 50 participants.
 For more information and to apply: campisbetter.com/youth-mentorship-program

Deadline to Apply: Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Book Club!

The 'Book Club' meets at Pinafore Park Wednesdays at 1pm. 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.



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

**First United Church
7-8:15pm**



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

New voices always welcome!



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



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 or through Central's Church
office Tuesday – Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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**please have it to Lori at First
(office@1stunitedchurch.ca)
by Wednesday at noon. Thank you!**

Have a great week!