



Weekly Update from First – September 1/22

Sunday Worship Service

This Sunday, September 4th
You are invited to attend in-person at CENTRAL UNITED
(135 Wellington Street) Sunday Morning at 10:30am

THIS WEEK:

Rev. Tom Godfrey (retired) will deliver the Message this Sunday:
“Kindness revisited: be the ‘i’ in kind”, assisted by Susanna Suchak
(who will also do the Family Time: “Kindness Rules”)

Joyce Szusz (from Central) will be the Worship Leader.

Jerome Thomas will lead the music.

Scripture Lesson: Micah 6:8

If you'd prefer, join us ONLINE for Worship:
Link for September 4th: <https://youtu.be/WO2kRSDRmLA>

Central United continues to follow Southwest Public Health guidelines.

If you do plan to attend in person Worship at Central:

- Masks are recommended
- Continue to use hand sanitizer
- Ensure that you are feeling well.

Please DO NOT attend if you had contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID in the last 5 days AND you have not been fully vaccinated (includes booster for 18 yrs. and older)



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Upcoming Dates & Events!

Sept. 4 - We continue to meet in the air-conditioned basement at Central with **Rev. Tom Godfrey** preaching.

Sept. 11 - We'll head out to **Pearce Williams** to enjoy the ambience and a camp themed service with Central. A hot dog and hamburger BBQ will follow. This will also allow you a chance to meet and greet **Austin Campbell** who is joining our ministerial team. Even if you haven't responded to our survey (you still can!), come on out and enjoy a **BBQ treat**.

After that, services at First and Central resume for the fall.

At First:

Sept. 18 - We welcome **Rev. Donna Kerrigan** back to the pulpit.

Sept. 25 - 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.

In October, we welcome **Rev. Paul Browning** who will serve both First and Central.

This week, we welcome **King's Academy** back for year 2 of them using our Education Wing for that very purpose. With close to 100 pupils, they continue to expand. It is so nice to see the building being used on a daily basis through the week.



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**We are excited to
welcome new Staff to
First Church this Fall!**

(shared with Central United Church)

Austin Campbell

*as our new Community
Engagement Co-ordinator
(September 6, 2022)*

Rev. Paul Browning

*as our new Minister
(October 4, 2022)*

*We look forward to welcoming
our new minister and staff
person, with gracious and open
hearts, as we move on to what
promises to be a bright future.*



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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)



*We are excited to Welcome
Austin to the First Church
Team on Tuesday!*





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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NEXT Sunday, September 11th

Central & First United Churches
will gather at Pearce Williams for Worship
followed by a BBQ!

We will formally welcome Austin
to our Churches!!

Please complete the survey in the link sent in
the Weekly Update email if you plan to attend!



Here is the link for the Pearce Williams Worship & BBQ survey.

If you plan to attend, please complete this survey below ASAP so we know how many to plan for 😊 (food, drinks, etc).

<https://forms.gle/Y8biKTCAthnoDqJ37>

Happy Birthday Wishes

Arnold Catt

Harold Lake

Alvin Epp



Happy Anniversary Wishes

Rick & Penny West



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First United Church Senior Choir

resumes on

Thursday, September 15th

7:30pm



Harvest Celebration Concert

Orchestra, Pipe Organ, Instrumentalists & Vocalists

Sunday, September 25th @ 3pm
at First United Church

Tickets: \$20 adults (Students & children Free)

Proceeds shared with St. Thomas-Elgin Food Bank

Organized by Wayne Carroll



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**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!**

Invitations from our Friends at Central



**Baby Gift Baskets on sale now!!!
Babies are not only born in
December therefore the Basket
Ladies from Central are selling
Baby gift baskets all year
round!**

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



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Book Club!

The 'Book Club' will be meeting at Pinafore Park on Wednesday afternoon at 1pm starting on 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.



Included in the American Association of Community Theatre AACT NewPlayFest Winning Plays: Volume 1 (2014) 

Exit Laughing



Comedy
By Paul Elliott

There are a few people from Central going to see "Exit Laughing" at the Princess Ave Playhouse (Elgin Theatre Guild) on **Sunday, Sept. 25th @ 2pm.**

If you are interested in attending, or would like more information contact Liz Tofflemire at 519-637-2858 or tofflemire@bell.net