



Weekly Update from First – September 14, 2023

Important News!!

BEGINNING

SEPTEMBER 17TH

Our Sunday Worship Service start time will change to 9:30AM

THIS IS BECAUSE REV. PAUL WILL BE LEADING 2 WORSHIP SERVICES EACH WEEK: FIRST @ 9:30AM & CENTRAL @ 11:00AM

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Fairness

Join us for

Worship



AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

*Sunday
September
17th*

9:30am

Rev. Donna Kerrigan
will lead worship.

The band will lead the music.

Scripture: Isaiah 42: 1-9, 14-16

Family Time: "Have a "Meren"

Sermon: "By Paths We Have Not
Known

ALL ARE WELCOME

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Thank you
to everyone who participated

in our RALLY DAY Service & BBQ at Pearce Williams last Sunday!

Many hands setting up, cooking, serving, providing snacks, cleaning up, leading, singing, etc. made the day enjoyable for the more than 80 people who attended!
WHAT A GREAT DAY!



Proud Grandparents,
Dave & Nancy
Luftenegger
are **CELEBRATING** the
arrival of their new
GRANDSON!!

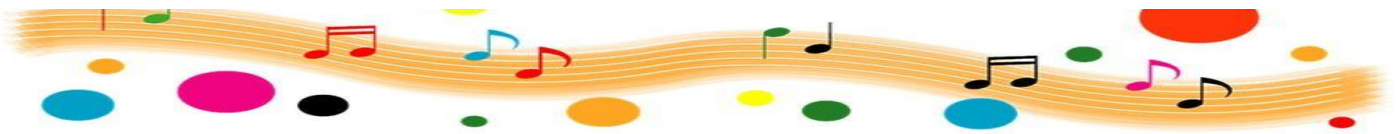
Congratulations

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THIS SUNDAY AT CENTRAL UNITED @ 2:30pm!!!



BENEFIT CONCERT

FOR

GERALD VREMAN

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17 AT 2:30 PM

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

135 WELLINGTON ST, ST THOMAS

SUPPORTING GERALD WITH THE MUSIC HE LOVES!

BRENAN, SARAH & LUCY VAN PELT, KEN BALDWIN & WAYNE CARROLL

RICHARD FRANK, SHARON LITTLE & ROSS MACIVOR

CARROLL STRING ENSEMBLE

MAUREEN BARENDREGT, TULIO HERNANDEZ

EMCEE LAURI LADD, ORGANIZED BY DR WAYNE CARROLL

ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT GERALD WITH LIVING EXPENSES AS HE HEALS.

A CASH DONATION WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE END OF THE CONCERT.



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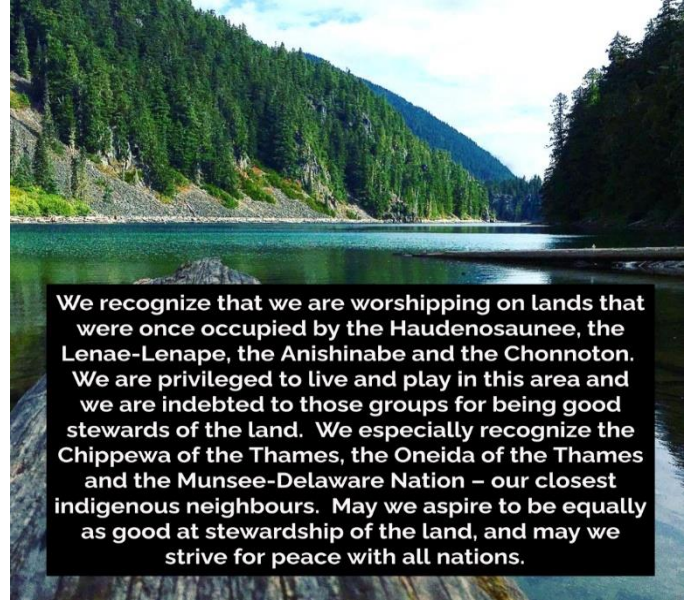
REMINDER!!

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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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Riley Buchanan
Allan Hughson
Vyncent Elford
Mike Hardman



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Wednesdays
at First United Church
7-8:15pm

YOUTH

group

For Youth in Grades 6-12!

ALL YOUTH WELCOME!

Leader: Chris Ross
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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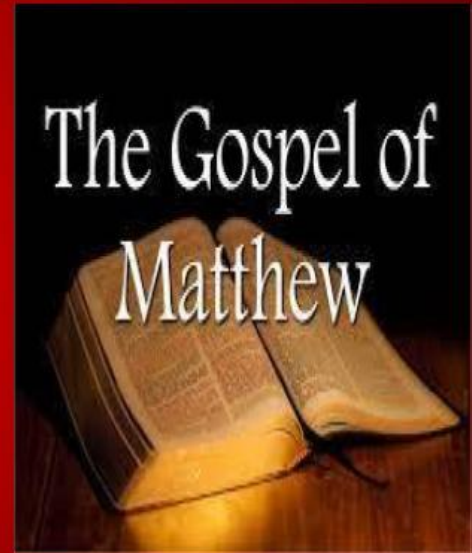
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Central United is hosting a Midweek Bible Study – The Gospel of Matthew

Join us at Pinafore Park, near the main Pavilion (no need to sign up!)

Starts Wednesday, September 20th at 1:00 pm.

Contact Kathryn Fletcher at 519-633-1902 or fletcherfamily@rogers.com for more information or for a Zoom link to the evening session.



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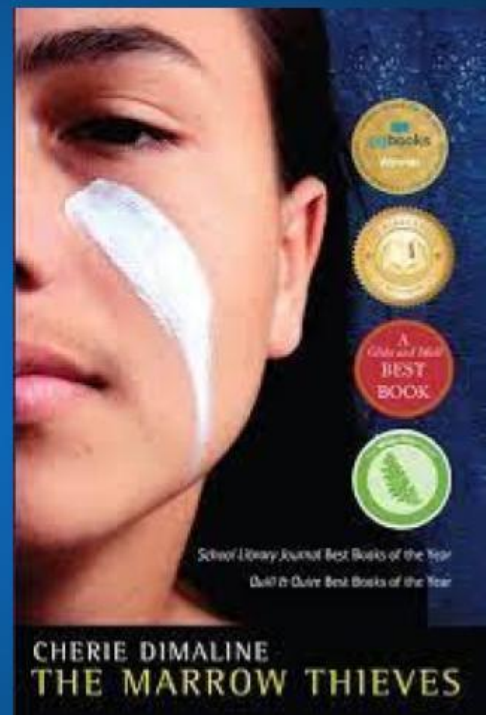
New Online!! The Mod's Book Squad

This book club features books highlighting different social and justice issues.

The first book, *The Marrow Thieves*, is an award-winning young adult dystopian fantasy novel by Cherie Dimaline.

Thursday September 21, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. ET
The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator of The United Church of Canada hosts this online book club. Her special guest is the Rev. Dr. John Thatamanil (Union Theological Seminary)

Registration info is in your Weekly Update or contact Kathryn Fletcher at 519-633-1902 for a different time or if you do not have computer access.



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Orange Shirt Sunday Sunday, September 24th



We ask you to wear Orange Shirts to Worship on Sunday, September 24th to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their communities and families to residential institutions.

On Orange Shirt Day we also observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Orange Shirt Day is September 30th but we honour the day in Worship on the Sunday prior.

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Our Friends at Central United Church are hosting a Quarter Auction on Wednesday, October 4th! Mark your calendars!



WEDNESDAY, OCT 4TH, DOORS OPEN: 6:00 pm

AUCTION STARTS: 7:00 pm

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

135 WELLINGTON STREET

ST THOMAS

Bring Friends & Family

Quarters for Bidding

(We will have some quarters at the door)

Ten Plus Vendors!

Plus 50/50 Draw/Raffle table.

Snacks & water available to purchase

Admission \$5 (One Paddle) Extra Paddle \$2

**PROCEEDS TO LOCAL COMMUNITY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS BY
THE CENTRAL UNITED OUTREACH TEAM**

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