Welcome to First! We are glad you are here!

Rev. Hoeun will be in the office Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Rev. Hoeun: Ph.: 519-745-8487 ext. 208
Email: rev.hoeun.firstunited@gmail.com

Sunday June 22nd – Second after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a; Psalm 42 – 42 (VU pp. 766-769); Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

Deadline for submission to the weekly updates is Tuesday by 12:00 p.m.

CONTRIBUTIONS:
To get your offering to the office you can use PAR, e transfer to firstunitedchurch@rogers.com, website donation www.firstunitedchurch.ca or send a cheque. Cheques can be dropped off at the church mailbox which is located at the Entrance on the William Street side of the building.

Also, you may send your cheque to
First United Church
16 William St. West
Waterloo ON
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Reminder, credit card companies have a fee of around 3-5%. If you wish First to get the full amount, then please add that percentage to your contribution.

VOLUNTEER FOR JULY COFFEE TIME!
We are looking for volunteers for Sunday July 27th to host coffee time after the service. Except in the summer we serve lemonade instead! Responsibilities include making up the lemonade and putting a pitcher of water in the fridge before the service, serving water and lemonade after the service and cleaning up dishes. Lemonade will be provided. Serving snacks is not required but you are welcome to if you wish. If you can help on a Sunday or two in July please email: **firstunitedboardchair@gmail.com**

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

PAR, pre-authorized remittance, is the best thing since sliced bread!
No more anxiety on Sunday mornings over having the right cash, finding an envelope or the cheque book.
On holidays or Online? No Problem. Your givings are maintained and the church can count on your support.
Automatic withdrawals from your bank account, made on a monthly basis, are simple to arrange and can be easily changed if necessary.

Join the Club! Everyone is welcome regardless of your level of giving. Enrol today by calling the church office 519-745-8487 x201

Remember, it's the best thing.

: One who made the switch and glad they did

STRAWBERRY EXTRAVAGANZA!!

Please join us on Saturday June 21 for our 'Strawberry Extravaganza" at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Tickets are $10.00/person. Nancy Lennox will have the tickets available after the service. There will be a bake table and wonderful entertainment from our First family!
All are welcome to come and enjoy some delicious and sweet strawberries!

HELP US HONOUR THE LEGACY OF JAN OVERDUIN

From July 7 to 10, 2025 Kitchener, Waterloo and Guelph will be home to Organ Festival Canada, the biennial gathering of the Royal Canadian College of Organists. In addition to 8 public concerts, one of the signature events of the Festival is the National Organ Competition of which Jan Overduin served as a juror more than once. To honour Jan's extraordinary legacy, the Waterloo-Wellington Centre of the RCCO is offering a $1,000 Audience Prize. If sufficient funds are raised beyond the initial price money, one of the public concerts of the Festival will be dedicated in Jan's honour.
We at First United have such fond memories of this extraordinary man especially while he was here as our Music Director. He was such a wonderful musician and members of the choirs he directed learned so much from him. Jan Overduin was the reason we have our beautiful Kney organ. He was also a music professor at Wilfrid Laurier University.

If you would like to make a donation – it can made online: www.rcco.ca/National-Donations – please indicate "OFC 2025 Overduin" on your donation.
Because of the generosity of those donating this prize will recognize and reward outstanding achievement of others. A wonderful way to honour Jan Overduin.

Did you know there are 12 kinds of popular pickles?

It's Summer Time

Time for making Jams
and Jellies,
Pickling and Preserving,

Please save a jar or two or more of your preserves for the Bake Table at the November's "Artisan's at First".

Alice Bieman

CONGRATULATIONS HIYAM MAHRAT, MTSPACE
We would like to congratulate Hiyam Mahrat, MT Space's General Manager on being a recipient of the Canadian Arab Institute's "30 under 30" award.
It's such an honour to be selected as one of the Canadian Arab Institute's "30 under 30" award recipients. Witnessing how the Arab Canadian community is thriving and learning about the achievements and leadership of my fellow recipients gives me hope that the future of our community is in good hands. – *Hiya Mahrat*

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CANADA DAY ORGAN RECITAL

Mark D. Himmelman - Organist
Music by Canadian Composers

Tuesday, July 1st at 12:00 pm
Church of the Holy Saviour
33 Allen Street, Waterloo

Hotdogs and Lemonade Following Recital (Freewill offering)

For more information visit: 222.holy-saviour.on.ca

ONTARIO MENNONITE MUSIC CAMP (OMMC)

There's still time to register for, August 10–22, 2025. OMMC is a place where youth develop and enrich relationships, faith, musicality, and leadership in a fun and supportive summer camp environment. More information at grebel.ca/ommc

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Save the date September 23 -26 for "Leading the Church Through Conflict and Polarities" workshop, offered online. Visit www.uwaterloo.ca/conflict-management/workshops

MESSAGE FROM CLIMATE JUSTICE

As of January 2026 many businesses, industries, faith communities, etc. in Waterloo Region will lose their blue box recycling service. Waterloo Region along with all other municipalities will be transferring responsibility for blue box recycling to a new provider called Circular Materials. We ask your support to ensure that blue box collection system will remain. Encourage you to send a letter to the regional council and your member of the provincial parliament. For more information please email: faithclimatejusticewr@gmail.com.

THE INTER-MENNONITE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir is excited to start planning for Fall 2025 and would love for you to join us! Our rehearsals take place on Tuesday evenings at W-K United Mennonite Church for children in Grades 1 and up and provide an excellent music education experience while singing with friends.

Please go to our website: www.mennosingers.com/imcc under "Join Us" for more information or contact: conductor@imcchoir.org

	Sunday, June 15	
9:30 am	Gallery Choir	Chapel
10:30 am	Worship – Trinity Sunday	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Sunday School	Parlour/Labyrinth Rm.
	Monday, Jun 16	
	Tuesday, June 17	
4:30 pm	Collaboration Meeting	Parlour
	Wednesday, June 18	
	Thursday, June 19	
	Friday, June 20	
9:30 am	*UCW – Pie Bake*	Kitchen
	Saturday, June 21	
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Labyrinth Room
6:00 pm	Piano Recital	Sanctuary
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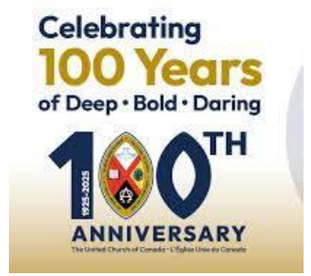
WEEKLY UPDATE
of happenings, events and concerns of our
First United Church Family



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Serving refreshments this week: UCW
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