

Welcome to First! We are glad you are here!

Welcome Rev. Linda Butler.

Rev. Hoeun Lee is on leave. If you have any messages that you would normally send to Hoeun, please send them to our Church Administrator Sheena Curwood at office@firstunitedchurch.ca. If you have any personal message to Rev. Hoeun Lee, please mail it to: Rev Hoeun Lee, First United Church, 16 William St. W., Waterloo N2L 1J3 or drop the message at the church office and we will see that it is delivered to Hoeun.

For Emergency Pastoral Care between Aug 1 to18, please contact:
Rev. Michael Schewburg – Westminster United
revmichaelschewburg@gmail.com

For Emergency Pastoral Care between Aug 19 – Sept 1, please contact:
Rev. Brenda Torrie – Emmanuel United
519-886-1471 Ext. 101
revbrendat@emmanueluc.ca

OFFICE HOURS – JULY 2ND TO AUGUST 28TH

Starting Tuesday, July 2nd to Thursday, August 28th the office will be open **Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 2:00pm.**

Have a great summer.

REMINDER TO ALL GROUPS – Please ensure that **ALL** Windows are closed and **ALL** doors are securely locked before leaving the Church.



Sunday August 24th – Eleventh after Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6 (VU p. 789 Part One); Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Regional Council Prayer Cycle
Letterbreen



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.

AUGUST SERVICES

During the month of August, the four United Churches in Waterloo hold joint worship services. All are welcome at each service. Please note that some of the services start at 10:00 a.m.

August 24	Parkminster at 10:00 am
August 31	Parkminster at 10:00 am

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 Biemen

ARTISANS AT FIRST 2025

First United will be hosting Artisans at First 2025 on Saturday, November 29th from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. This is a market of a wide variety of new handcrafted items by thirty or more crafters from Waterloo Region and beyond. The event also includes a large bake sale and a lunchroom. There are still a few spaces available for vendors. Anyone interested in being a vendor should contact Joan Westcott at handatfirst@gmail.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WATERLOO WAYSIDE

Waterloo Wayside has been doing mission work in Waterloo, since 2007, and incorporated as a nonprofit in 2024. We house our programs at 22 Bridgeport St. West Waterloo.

With the mission of building and nurturing community, **Waterloo Wayside** offers several programs in Kitchener-Waterloo, including a weekday drop-in centre, a clothing exchange and seniors programming. Waterloo Wayside focuses on the needs of seniors and the marginalized. Through partnerships with other community based organizations and a dedicated team of volunteers, Waterloo Wayside is able to host and foster grass-roots programs that address real needs within the community.

Our ask is that you spread the word of our work, we would love to have volunteers from your congregation join in our work. We also ask if you can add us to your church's collection schedule, as the need for our services continues to increase.

Reach out to Volunteer or Participate!

519-886-1471
info@waterloowayside.org
www.waterloowayside.org
www.facebook.com/waterloowayside

WATERLOO WAYSIDE – Job Opening

Wayside Program Support Worker, Tue-Fri 11am-4pm
See Job Posting on the Bulletin Board. Also, check their website: <http://www.waterloowayside.org> for Program Information.

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

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

WEEKEND FOR UNITED CHURCH YOUTH GROUPS

Friday, Sept 12 – Sunday, Sept 14, 2025
Avondale United Church, Stratford
Grades 7+ and Their Leaders - \$25 per person

Attend Stratford Theatre for Annie the Musical, Free time in downtown Stratford for a scavenger hunt, river walk and lots of ice cream spots.

Contact: Kathy Douglas kdouglas@united-church.ca
Terri Sparling sparlingterri@gmail.com
Elaine Strawbridge brunidgirl@hotmail.com

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE EVENTS AT PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

October 19 – WOW Executive Minister is speaking at a Mission and Service Fund themed service. Mark Laird was recently part of an overseas trip to see M&S funds in action and will be incorporating that information and insights from the trip in his reflection.

November 23 – Brenna Baker, WOW Stewardship Support Staff, will preach at a Stewardship Sunday service with a focus on legacy giving. Following the service she will lead a legacy giving workshop, intended to help people think about and plan how they can leave a lasting legacy to the church through their will, a life insurance policy or other deferred gifts, where the gift is realized sometime in the future.
More details about registration will be provided later if you are interested.

10,000 STEPS FOR MENTAL HEALTH – SHALOM COUNSELLING SERVICE

Join us for our 10th annual walk, in support of accessible mental health care in Waterloo Region. The route travels from Shalom to the Iron Horse Trail and back, followed by a community barbecue to celebrate a decade of steps toward healing.
Whether you goal is 10,000 steps or 1,000, raising \$10,000 or \$100 – every step and every dollar counts.
Signup or donate at: www.shalomcounselling.or/steps

Date: Saturday September 20, 2025
Where: Shalom Counselling Services – 9 Avondale Ave. S., Waterloo
Registration at 9:00 am – Walk begins at 9:30 am

	Sunday Aug. 17	
10:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall
	Monday, Aug 18	
7:15 am	STEM Camp	Classroom
9:00 am	Bailey’s Foods	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	Tuesday, Aug 19	
7:15 am	STEM Camp	Kitchen/Hilliard Hall
	Wednesday, Aug 20	
7:15 am	STEM Camp	Kitchen/Hilliard Hall
	Thursday, Aug 21	
7:15 am	STEM Camp	Kitchen/Hilliard Hall
	Friday, Aug 22	
7:15 am	STEM Camp	Kitchen/Hilliard Hall
	Saturday, Aug 23	
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Labyrinth Room
	Sunday Aug. 24	
10:00 am	Worship Service	Parkminster United

WEEKLY UPDATE
of happenings, events and concerns of our
First United Church Family



August 17, 2025

Minister	Rev. Hoeun Lee
Music Director	Kathleen King Martin
Church Administrator	Sheena Curwood
AV Technician	Harold Arnett
Custodian	Jay Brooker
Assistant Custodian	Craig Lennox

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Guest Minister:	Rev. Linda Butler
Guest Musician:	
Greeter(s):	Frank Watty
Reader(s):	Nancy Lennox
Lay Leader:	Cathie Stewart Savage