

Welcome to First! We are glad you are here!

**We Welcome Rev. Brenda Torrie and the Congregation from Emmanuel United for this morning's joint service.**

**For Emergency Pastoral Care please contact:**

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Starting Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> the office will be open **Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00pm.**

Hope you had a great summer.

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



### **Sunday October 5 – World Communion Sunday**

Lamentations 1:1-6; Lamentations 3:19-26 or  
Psalm 137: (VU p. 858-859);  
2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Regional Council Prayer Cycle  
Blyth Pastoral Charge



**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](mailto:firstunitedchurch@rogers.com), website donation [www.firstunitedchurch.ca](http://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 N2L 1J3

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.

### **KNITTING GROUP**

The Knitting Group is starting up again this Fall. Our first get together will be Saturday September 20th at 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Parlour. You don't have to be a knitter or crocheter – bring any craft you like. Join for some fellowship and wonderful conversation.

### **SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

To have a smooth-running Sunday Worship experience requires a lot of people taking part. It is something many of us really enjoy. Most tasks are easy and not very time-consuming. It helps us to connect better with each other and makes the worship experience better.

If you would like to help, some of the places we could use you are:

- **Greeting- Contact Marg Dickson**
- **Reading the Scripture-Contact Nany Lennox**
- **Lay Leadership (Opening worship, leading announcements)-Contact Cathie Stewart Savage**
- **Ushering-Contact Joe Hipperson**
- **Serving Communion (a few times a year)-Contact Cathie Stewart Savage**
- **Serving Coffee-Contact anyone in the kitchen after church.**

### **TUESDAY NOON HOUR CONCERTS**

48th SEASON! Join us on **Tuesday Sep. 30th** for our FREE Noon Hour Concerts. Juneyt – flamenco guitar –will thrill us with a performance you won't want to miss. Remember to pre-order your lunches by Thursday Noon at [firstunitedconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:firstunitedconcerts@gmail.com). (egg, ham, salmon or tuna on whole wheat \$6; butter tart, nanaimo or date square \$2; tea or coffee \$2) See you there!

### **SING FIRES OF JUSTICE**

Honouring Place. Celebrate with Southwest Community Library. Acknowledging shared relationships, a net-zero energy-efficient building and responsibility to the land with music and stories. Featuring guest speakers Taylor Hill and Dr. Mary (Joy) Philip.  
**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**, 2:30pm-4:00pm  
100 Rosenberg Way, Kitchener, ON

### **UCW GARAGE AND PLANT SALE**

... **Friday October 24<sup>th</sup>**. 2p.m.- 5:30 p.m. and **Saturday, October 25th**. 9a.m.-11a.m.

Please bring your donations of house plants and perennials, clothing, linens, shoes, boots, skates, purses, CD's DVD's. jewelry, art, small appliances, dishes, household items, tools, books, games and toys to **Hilliard Hall on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. from 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

### **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](mailto:handatfirst@gmail.com)

### **40 DAYS OF ENGAGEMENT ON ANTI-RACISM**

This United Church's program to assist congregations in becoming an anti-racist church will run from **October 14 – November 28** this year. There are many new aspects to this year's program including a weekly online speaker, videos and additional materials. I am interested in coordinating a program this fall for First United. But I would like at least one other person to work with me. We do not have to create materials. Our challenge may be to select which materials will be the appropriate ones for our congregation and how extensive First's program will be.

Anyone interested in helping to plan our First United program should please contact me at your earliest convenience at [westcottj@rogers.com](mailto:westcottj@rogers.com).

I look forward to hearing that others in the congregation are ready to participate in whole or part in a program this fall.  
Joan Westcott

### **BOOK STUDY - VALLEY OF THE BIRDTAIL**

A 2023 national bestseller, Valley of the Birdtail tells the story of two communities – one white and one Indigenous – situated across from each other along the Birdtail River in Manitoba. It follows multiple generations of two families, weaving their lives into the larger story of Canada.

In preparation for a Meet-the-Authors event in October, we are organizing a book study. Anyone is welcome to join, and we will organize dates and times based on the preferences of those who show interest. Contact Briar at the Parkminster office at [admin@parkuc.ca](mailto:admin@parkuc.ca) if you would like to join. Discounted books (\$14) are available. Contact Nancy Dykstra at [nancydykstra@gmail.com](mailto:nancydykstra@gmail.com) if you'd like one.

### **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.

### **MEET-THE-AUTHORS - VALLEY OF THE BIRDTAIL**

October 24 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, 50 Erb St Waterloo. Hosted by the KW Living Into Right Relations ecumenical group. No charge but please register to reserve a seat.

More information and registration can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/meet-the-authors-valley-of-the-birdtail-tickets-1545352764719?aff=oddtcreator>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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](http://www.mennosingers.com/imcc) under “Join Us” for more information or contact: [conductor@imcchoir.org](mailto:conductor@imcchoir.org)

FULL HOUSE BRASS

Concert on **October 5, 2025** 3:00pm at St. Matthews featuring the Full House Brass musical ensemble. Called "Treble Makers", this concert will feature jokes and tricks composers play on musicians and audiences. You'll hear light classical numbers as well as popular songs in this amusing and light-hearted presentation.

	<b>Sunday Sep 28</b>	
10:30 am	Worship Service Shared with Emmanuel	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:30 am	Harvest Lunch	Hilliard Hall
12:00 pm	Emma Baker	Youth Room
	Orange Shirt Day	
	<b>Monday, Sep 29</b>	
9:00 am	Bailey’s Foods	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
5:00 pm	KWYO (Youth Sinfonia)	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Scouts	Hilliard Hall
	<b>Tuesday, Sep 30</b>	
8:00 am	Noon Concert Prep	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
12:00 pm	Noon Hour Concert	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	KWYO(Youth Strings)	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	KWYO (Preludium Strings)	Chapel
	<b>Wednesday, Oct 1</b>	
6:30 pm	Embers	Hilliard Hall
6:30 pm	Sparks	Chapel
	<b>Thursday, Oct 2</b>	
4:15pm	Family Choir	Chapel
7:00 pm	Gallery Choir	<b>Chapel</b>
	<b>Friday, Oct 3</b>	
	<b>Saturday, Oct 4</b>	
9:00 am	Knitting Group	Parlour
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Parlour
	<b>Sunday Oct 5</b>	
10:30 am	Worship Service	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall
12:00 pm	Emma Baker	Youth Room

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



September 28, 2025

Minister	Rev. Hoeun Lee
Music Director	Kathleen King Martin
Church Administrator	Sheena Curwood
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Guest Minister:	Rev. Fred Monteith
Greeter(s):	Sandy van der Meulen
Reader(s):	Paul Miller
Lay Leader:	Rick Heemskerk
Serving Refreshments this week: Outreach	