

Welcome to First! We are glad you are here!



For Emergency Pastoral Care please contact:

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PLEASE NOTE: Enclosed in your bulleting are envelopes for Thanksgiving contributions for Vera's Place and Shalom Counseling Please make cheques payable to First United Church.

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 19 – Nineteenth after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104 (VY p.840);
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Regional Council Prayer Cycle
Mount Forest – Woodland Pastoral Care



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 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.

REMINDER:
Worship on Sunday, October 19th
10:00 am at Emmanuel United Church

KNITTING GROUP

The Knitting Group is cancelled on Saturday, October 25th.

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.**
- **Volunteers to help with Sunday School – one Sunday a month – contact Suzanne Armstrong**

UPDATE ON PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT WITH KINDRED WORKS

The Property Development Committee met with Kindred Works on September 24 to hear the latest progress on the business plan. Currently, they are looking at building a 25-40 storey building, to have up to 485 units (max 3 bedrooms), 30% of which will be more affordable (60-70% of market rent) and exploring underground parking. Timeline: 24 months for entitlements, 36-44 months for construction, 12-18 months for leasing. It would generate significant annual income for the church.

Please feel free to be in touch with committee members Teresa Edge, Vern Hall, Matthew Savage, Lee Willingham and Mary Joan Brooker with comments or questions.

TUESDAY NOON HOUR CONCERTS

48th SEASON! Join us on **Tuesday Oct 14h** for our FREE Noon Hour Concerts. Kathleen King Martin – piano/pipe organ, Autumn Debassige – singer/performer –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. (egg, ham, salmon or tuna on whole wheat \$6; butter tart, nanaimo or date square \$2; tea or coffee \$2) See you there!

UCW GARAGE AND PLANT SALE

... **Friday October 24th. 2:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.** and
Saturday, October 25th. 9:00 a.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 23rd. from 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 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

40 DAYS OF ENGAGEMENT ON ANTI-RACISM

We invite everyone to our first session this Wednesday, October 15 at 5:40 p.m. This timing provides us with the first of the online speaker series. While the timing is not ideal for most people we urge you to attend this week and we will discuss timing for future sessions. This year's United Church program includes speakers and short videos to start our conversations. We have invited folks from Emmanuel United to join us too. Your friends would be welcome also.

We will not be providing supper but there will be snacks. Your leadership team for this program at First: Zoe Fingas, Yoonjoo Shin and 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 if you would like to join.

Discounted books (\$14) are available. Contact Nancy Dykstra at 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 under "Join Us" for more information or contact: conductor@imccchoir.org

	Sunday Oct 12	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall
	Monday, Oct 13	
	CLOSED	
	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	
	Tuesday, Oct 14	
8:00 am	Noon Concert Prep	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
12:00 pm	Noon Hour Concert	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	Property	Parlour
5:00 pm	KWYO(Youth Strings)	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	KWYO (Preludium Strings)	Chapel
	Wednesday, Oct 15	
9:30 am	English at First	Chapel
9:30 AM	Kathleen	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Embers	Hilliard Hall
10:00 am	Stewardship/Collaboration	Parlour
5:00 pm	Anti-Racism Program	Parlour
6:30 pm	Sparks	Chapel
	Thursday, Oct 16	
9:30 am	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
4:15 pm	Family Choir	Chapel
7:00 pm	Gallery Choir	Chapel
4:00 pm	KW Chamber Music Society – Concert 7pm	Sanctuary
	Friday, Oct 17	
	Saturday, Oct 18	
9:00 am	Knitting Group	Parlour
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Parlour
2:00 pm	Messy Church	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen/Labyrinth Room
	Sunday Oct 19	
10:00 am	Worship Service	AT EMMANUEL UNITED

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



October 12, 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. Fred Monteith
Greeter(s): Jean Hoffmann
Reader(s): Douglas Facey
Lay Leader: Hannah Haworth

Serving Refreshments this week: Stewardship/Finance