

Welcome to First! We are glad you are here!

Rev. Hoemun will be in the office Thursday and Friday
from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

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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 March 15, 2026

1 Samuel 16:1–13; Psalm 23 (VU pp. 747–749); Ephesians 5:8–14;
John 9:1–41

Kemble, Sarawak, and Zion 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
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Etransfer to firstunitedchurch@rogers.com,

Website donation www.firstunitedchurch.ca

or cheque. Please made cheques payable to –

FIRST UNITED CHURCH

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.

CURRENCY FOR KIDS

If you have any leftover coins from trips to other countries, you
are encouraged to donate them to this U.C.W. project. The
coins are given to Family & Children Services of Waterloo
Region to help kids in need. The green container can be
found on the table just outside the sanctuary.

TUESDAY NOON HOUR CONCERTS

Join us on **Tuesday Mar 10th** for our FREE Noon Hour
Concert here at First, featuring **Clefs of Moher – Tim Moer’s
Irish/Celtic 7-piece band and dancer.** The Concert runs
from 12:15 to 12:45. Please remember to pre-order your lunch
by Thursday NOON at firstunitedconcerts@gmail.com. Menu:
egg, ham, salmon or tuna sandwich on whole wheat (\$6);
butter tart, nanaimo or date square (\$2); tea or coffee (\$2).
Donations are also very welcome. Copies of the full schedule
are available in the Narthex or at firstunitedchurch.ca.

KITCHEN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE MODERATOR

This is a friendly reminder that we are continuing with the
Lenten series entitled ‘Kitchen Conversations with the
Moderator’ on Tuesdays at 9:00 am via Zoom. The link for the
gathering is on our website in the Event section for ‘Praying
with Scripture’. Please join us for the next few videos and good
discussion.

Tuesday March 10 - Episode 4 – PIE

Tuesday March 17 - Episode 5 – Cupcakes and Lemonade

Tuesday March 24 - Episode 6 – Alydia’s Bulla

If you want to watch previous videos they are located on the
YouTube channel for United Church of Canada.

Joanne MacPhail

SUGARCANE

On **Sunday, March 15th** First United Church will host a
screening of the award winning documentary *Sugarcane*.

Doors Open - 1pm, Show Starts - 2pm.

SUGARCANE, the award-winning debut feature documentary
from Julian Brave NoiseCat and Emily Kassie, is a
groundbreaking investigation into an Indian residential school,
shedding light on years of forced separation, assimilation and
abuse that Indigenous children experienced at the hands of
Church and government. This urgent and timely film brings
the hidden story of cultural genocide to audiences worldwide
while celebrating the resilience of Native people as they work
to overcome cycles of intergenerational trauma.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FRIDAY LENTEN ORGAN RECITALS

Church of the Holy Saviour, 12:15pm
33 Allen Street East, Waterloo
Soup Luncheon following recitals (Suggested Donation \$10)
March 13th – Tyler Versluis
March 20th – Jonathan Oldengarm

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WLU’S FACULTY OF MUSIC

Concert – Sunday, March 15th, 3pm, Marueen Forrest Hall
Penderecki String Quartet and Montreal’s Pentaedre Quintet
with Leslie Fagan, Soprano performing Mahler’s Symphony
#4.
Plus – World Premiere of Alum Jeffrey Ryan

THE GREEN BENCH

Tuesday, March 10 – 1:00 pm
Centre in the Square, 101 Queen St N, Kitchener
Please join Schlegel Villages staff, residents and friends for
the premier of *The Green Bench* – a documentary created in
celebration of ten years of the #ElderWisom movement.
At the heart of this film are Ontario seniors from Schlegel
Villages who travelled back to their hometowns and
meaningful places – settings that shaped their lives,
relationships, and sense of belonging. Along the way, they
share stories, wisdom, and live experience that challenge
assumptions about aging and remind us what becomes
possible when we make space for older adults to be seen,
heard, and connected to community.
For additional information and to register for the event, please
visit <https://schlegelvillages.com/TheGreenBench>

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY WATERLOO WELINGTON

Virtual and In-Person Education Sessions

You can register over the phone by calling our office at 519-
650-1628 (Cambridge Area), 519-836-7672 (Guelph Area) or
519-742-1422 (Kitchener Area)

AFTER DIAGNOSIS

(for people living with dementia)
March 12, 10 – 11:30am
In-Person, Kitchener Location
This talk looks at 10 steps people experiencing cognitive
changes might want to focus on after they receive a diagnosis,
to help them ensure the highest quality of life on their
dementia journey. Designed for people living with dementia.

SiNG IN SOLIDARITY

Sunday, March 22, 4pm – 5pm

Trillium Lutheran Church, 22 Willow St

Feeling anxious or powerless? Unsure of how to respond to increased intolerance towards our neighbours, both near and far? Are you looking for a way to respond to cultural division with LOVE and INCLUSION? Come and use your voice!

Inspired by the *Singing Resistance* movement in Minneapolis, citizens from all walks of life are invited to sing in solidarity on March 22 at 4pm. We will be learning songs of LOVE, RESISTANCE and HOPE together. No experience necessary. All ages are welcome.

This event is being hosted by Trillium Lutheran Church, but is being organized by a collaboration of churches, schools, community choirs and concerned citizens. For additional information, please refer to the website

<https://trilliumwaterloo.ca/events/>

Or contact Sara Wahl – sarajwahl@gmail.com

MENNO SINGERS

Saturday, March 28, 7:30pm

Trillium Lutheran Church, 22 Willow St

Menno Singers present Mozart’s Requiem along with members of the K-W Symphony and soloists Bethany Horst (soprano), Jennifer Enns Modolo (mezzo), Brandon Leis (tenor) and Daniel Lichti (bass). The premiere performance of EXEQUIIEN, a newly commissioned companion piece by composer Stephanie Martin will also be featured.

\$40 adults, \$5 children/students. Tickets available at

www.mennosingers.com

	Sunday Mar 8	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall
12:30 pm	KW Symphony Baroque Concert (2:30pm)	Sanctuary/Classrooms 6 & 7
	Monday, Mar 9	
5:00 pm	KWYO – Youth Sinfonia	Sanctuary
	Tuesday, Mar 10	
7:30 am	Noon Hour 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
	Wednesday, Mar 11	
6:30 pm	Embers	Hilliard Hall
6:30 pm	Sparks	Chapel
	Thursday, Mar 12	
9:30 am	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Family Choir	Chapel
7:00 pm	Gallery Choir	Chapel
	Friday, Mar 13	
1:00 pm	Fridays at First	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	Saturday, Mar 14	
9:00am	Knitting Group	Parlour
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Labyrinth Room
5:00 pm	PIE Day Event	Chapel/Kitchen
	Sunday, Mar 15	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Sunday School	Parlour/Labyrinth Room
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall

WEEKLY UPDATE

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



March 8, 2026

Minister	Rev. Hoeun Lee
Music Director	Kathleen King Martin
Church Administrator	Carla Drake
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Greeter(s): Paul Miller (he/him)
Reader(s): Paul Miller (he/him)
Lay Leader: Cathie Stewart Savage (she/her)
Serving Refreshments this month: Stewardship/Finance