

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 22, 2026

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130 (VU pp. 852-853);
Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Hepworth-Sauble Beach 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 17th** for our FREE Noon Hour
Concert here at First, featuring **Gemmel and Smith Duo with
Corey Gemmel (Violin), Ben Smith (Piano)**. 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 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.

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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



March 29 th	Palm Sunday	10:30 am	First United
April 2 nd	Maudy Thursday	7:00 pm	First United
April 3 rd	Good Friday	10:00 am	Parkminster
April 5 th	Easter Sunday	10:30 am	First United

UCW PALM SUNDAY LUNCH



Please join us for a Crockpot Soup Lunch
in Hilliard Hall on **March 29 at 12:00pm**.
There will be 9 different crock pot soups to
enjoy. The soups will be served with
Buns/Crackers, Cake & Ice Cream, Coffee,
Tea & Juice. Free will donations would be
appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

First United Church Garage & Plant Sale – May 1 & 2
Friday 12pm – 5:30pm Saturday 9am – 11am
Thursday, April 30 - Please bring your donations of clothing,
linens, shoes, boots, books, purses, jewelry, records, CDs,
DVDs, bikes, small appliances & electronics, kitchenware,
toys, games, puzzles, baby items and decorative items for the
house to Hilliard Hall.

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 20th – Jonathan Oldengarm
March 27th – Maria Gajraj

Wesley Presents

Mill Race Folk Traditions featuring - **Emilyn Stam & John
David William**
Saturday, March 21 – 7:30pm
Wesley United Church, 6 Cambridge St, Cambridge
Emilyn Stam & John David Williams merge clarinet, violin,
diatonic and chromatic accordions to create a modern sound
steeped in Tradition. They draw on wide musical influences
and experience including Klezmer, early jazz and blues, and
various fiddle traditions from Canada and abroad.

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

FREE MUSIC LESSONS

Forest Hill United Church

Tuesday's 5:30pm – 6:30pm - April 7 – May 10

A community Youth Sing will bring young people of all skill levels, ages 8 – 16 together to create and enjoy vocal music.

This fun, energetic program led by Dylan McIsaac will have youth singing gorgeous harmonies in no time. No experience is necessary. The only prerequisites are a willingness to learn and a love of music and song. All are welcome.

Sunday Mar 15		
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Sunday School	Parlour/Labyrinth Room
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall
1:00 pm	Sugarcane	Sanctuary
Monday, Mar 16		
10:00 am	Donna Smith Celebration of Life	Sanctuary/Parlour Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
Tuesday, Mar 17		
7:30 am	Noon Hour Concert Prep	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
12:00 pm	Noon Hour Concert	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	SHOW Board Meeting	Parlour
Wednesday, Mar 18		
6:30 pm	Embers	Hilliard Hall
6:30 pm	Sparks	Chapel
Thursday, Mar 19		
9:30 am	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Baileys Foods	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
7:00 pm	Gallery Choir	Chapel
Friday, Mar 20		
1:00 pm	Fridays at First	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
Saturday, Mar 21		
9:00am	Knitting Group	Parlour
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Labyrinth Room
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WEEKLY UPDATE

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



March 15, 2026

Minister

Music Director

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Rev. Ho Eun Lee

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Greeter(s): Jean MacLean

Reader(s): Kristin Snell (she/her)

Lay Leader: Rick Chambers (he/him)

Serving Refreshments this month: Stewardship/Finance