

**Welcome to First!** We are glad you are here!

We WELCOME Rev. Greg Smith-Young

**EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE**

April 19 thru April 20, please contact  
Rev. Hoehn: Ph: 519-745-8487 ext 208  
Email: rev.hoehn.firstunited@gmail.com

Rev. Hoehn Lee will be on vacation  
April 21 thru April 27, during this time please contact  
Rev. Brenda Torrie, 519-886-1471, ext 101  
Email: revbrendat@emmanueluc.ca

**Vacation Office Coverage:**

Carla will be on vacation from April 28<sup>th</sup> returning May 4<sup>th</sup>.  
During this time Joanne MacPhail will be covering the office.  
The office will be open with reduced hours. Voicemail and  
emails will be checked daily.

**Please call before coming to the Church Office.**

**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 April 26, 2026**

**Acts 2:42–47; Psalm 23 (VU pp. 747–749)  
1 Peter 2:19–25; John 10:1–10**

**Kincardine 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  
Etransfer to [firstunitedchurch@rogers.com](mailto:firstunitedchurch@rogers.com),  
Website donation [www.firstunitedchurch.ca](http://www.firstunitedchurch.ca)  
or cheque. Please make cheques payable as follows –

**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.

**REMINDER – KITCHEN**

**When using the kitchen, please ensure that the stoves are  
all turned off and that the fridges and freezer doors have  
been properly closed. We have had incidents where a  
burner on the stove has been left on overnight.**

**FIRST UNITED'S FUTURE**

How do we see First United in the future? How will we continue to be  
disciples of Christ and show God's love as a congregation? Share  
your thoughts to help us with our envisioning process. We will  
have a guest minister who will preach and then facilitate a  
conversation after church in Hilliard Hall.

April 19: Rev. Greg Smith-Young, Growth Animator.

Soup will be served during the conversation time after church.

June 14: The Very Rev. Carmen Lansdowne, former United  
Church Moderator.

**THEN LET US SING! GET YOUR OWN COPY**

We have been using the new hymn book *Then Let Us Sing!* in  
worship and with the choir since it came available. Some of us  
would like to have copies for ourselves. These can be ordered  
individually from UCRD. When ordered individually the cost  
including tax and shipping will be \$52.88 each. If we combine our  
orders, we can eliminate the shipping charges and that would  
reduce the cost to \$36.60 each. If you would like to have your  
own copy and are interested in making a bulk order, please sign  
the sheet in the narthex, or email Cathie at [css2303@gmail.com](mailto:css2303@gmail.com).

**MESSY CHURCH – MESSY SOIL**



The Parable of the Sower  
Games, Crafts, Worship, Dinner  
Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – Hilliard Hall  
4:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Bring the whole family! Free will offering -  
pay what you can. For additional  
information, email:

[faithdevelopment.firstunited@gmail.com](mailto:faithdevelopment.firstunited@gmail.com)

**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.

**AN EVENING WITH FANNY**

Who was Fanny Crosby?? She has written over 5000 hymns,  
several are our favourites!

Please join us for a sing-a-long musical entertainment  
evening, along with DESSERT!

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6:30pm Dessert & coffee to be served at  
7:00pm Music Program

Please join us for an evening of dessert and music!

For more information or to pick up a ticket please contact  
either a Choir Member or a member of the UCW.

Tickets are \$10

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**EARTH DAY 2026: HERE AND NOW!**

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, St John the Evangelist Anglican Church  
Corner of Duke & Water Streets, Kitchener

4:45pm – Doors open; use Duke Street entrance

5:00pm – Visit climate justice group displays. Be curious, ask  
questions, discuss, act!

6:00pm – Dinner with vegetarian and vegan options.

For many years St John's church has supported our community.  
The KW Kitchen Coop at St John's is hosting a dinner this  
Sunday. Ann and Al Coughlin and the St John's Team will be  
there. Come if you can.

Limited, free tickets available through Evenbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/earth-day-community-dinner-2026-tickets>  
Donations gratefully accepted at the door.

**ST MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH ORGAN RECITALS**

Organ Recitals & Soup

Music Starts at 12:00pm, Soup Lunch 12:30pm

Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sebastian Meadows-Helmer & Lana Moses, violins

Scott Knarr, Organ

Free will donations gratefully accepted.

**AFFIRMING POTLUCK**

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Meet & Mingle 6:00pm, Eat 6:30pm

Parkminster United Church is holding another LGBTQIA+ and  
Allies Potluck. Bring your own meal, or food to share. Come and  
listen as members of the Rainbow community will be sharing their  
stories. RSVP – Liz, [eforde@sentex.ca](mailto:eforde@sentex.ca)

**TERRACE ON THE SQUARE**

Open House April 24 & 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – 4:00pm  
 Vendors 10am – 2pm  
 Gold Leaf Botanicals, Stemmler’s Meats, Sweet & Savoury,  
 Simply Celebrate You, Vicky’s Jems & Jewels, Patricia Creations  
 Cocktails – 2:30pm & Live Music – 3pm

**THE SOUND WITHIN**

Saturday, April 25 3pm  
 The Registry Theatre, 122 Frederick St, Kitchener  
 A musical celebration of overcoming hearing loss as a musician and staying true to you. All are welcome.  
 Featuring special appearances by local Artists. Part of the Listen Up! initiative. For more information, please see visit [www.registrytheatre.com](http://www.registrytheatre.com) or call 519-578-1570  
 Tickets: \$25

**CLIMATE EMERGENCY VIGILS**

Faith Climate Justice, Waterloo Region  
 s sponsoring monthly Climate Emergency vigils.  
**Third Vigil:** Sunday, April 26th, 2pm  
 Church of the Holy Saviour (Anglican), Waterloo  
 33 Allen St East, Waterloo.  
 Speakers include Chinaza Moneke (Nigerian international student at Conestoga College) and Heather Wilks Jenkins (Anglican graduate student). Subjects will include renewable (solar) and non-renewable energy (oil) use from Nigerian and Canadian perspectives in dialogue.  
**Fourth Vigil:** Sunday, May 24th, 4pm  
 St Mary’s Roman Catholic Church, Kitchener.  
 56 Duke St West, Kitchener.  
 Speaker TBD.

**KITCHENER-WATERLOO YOUTH ORCHESTRA**

Season Finale Concert  
 Sunday, April 26 at 3:00pm First United Church Sanctuary  
 Admission by Donation

**DaCAPO CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERTS**

Giving Ideas Voice, Directed by Leonard Enns  
 Featuring the premiere of Taiga, by Leonard Enns for choir, oboe & strings.  
 Saturday, May 2 7:30pm  
 Sunday, May 3 3:00pm  
 Trillium Lutheran Church, Waterloo  
 Tickets Adults \$30, Seniors (65+) \$25, Post Secondary Students \$15, Youth & Children (18 & under) \$5  
 Visit [www.dacapochoir.ca](http://www.dacapochoir.ca) or call 519-725-7549 for details.

	<b>Sunday Apr 19</b>	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Sunday School	Parlour/Labyrinth Room
11:30 am	Conversations that Matter	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<b>Monday, Apr 20</b>	
9:00 am	UCW Pie Making	Parlour/Kitchen
5:00 pm	KWYO – Youth Sinfonia	Sanctuary
	<b>Tuesday, Apr 21</b>	
5:00 pm	KWYO -Youth Strings	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	KWYO – Preludium Strings	Chapel
	<b>Wednesday, Apr 22</b>	
6:30 pm	Embers	Hilliard Hall
6:30 pm	Sparks	Labyrinth Room
	<b>Thursday, Apr 23</b>	
9:30 am	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Baileys Foods	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
4:00 pm	Family Choir	Chapel
7:00 pm	Gallery Choir	Chapel
	<b>Friday, Apr 24</b>	
1:00 pm	Fridays at First (Volunteer Appreciation)	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<b>Saturday, Apr 25</b>	
9:00 am	Knitting Group	Parlour
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Labyrinth Room
2:00 pm	Messy Church	Hilliard Hall Kitchen/Chapel
	<b>Sunday, Apr 26</b>	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Sunday School	Parlour/Labyrinth Room
11:00 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
12:00 pm	KW Youth Orchestra Season Finale Concert (3pm)	S/C/P/LR/CLRMS

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



**April 19, 2026**

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

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**Chair of the Board**  
**email:** [firstunitedboardchair@gmail.com](mailto:firstunitedboardchair@gmail.com)

Guest Minister: Rev. Greg Smith-Young (he/him)  
 Greeter(s): Marilyn Henry  
 Reader(s): Rick Chambers (he/him)  
 Lay Leader: Lee Willingham (he/him)  
 Serving Refreshments this month: M & P