

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

### **EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE**

Until April 26, please contact  
Rev. Brenda Torrie, 519-886-1471, ext 101  
Email: [revbrendat@emmanueluc.ca](mailto:revbrendat@emmanueluc.ca)

Rev. Hoeun: Ph: 519-745-8487 ext 208  
Email: [rev.hoeun.firstunited@gmail.com](mailto:rev.hoeun.firstunited@gmail.com)

Rev. Hoeun will be returning from vacation April 27 and will be in the office Thursday and Friday from 9:30am to 12:30pm

#### **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 May 3, 2026**

**Acts 7:55–60**

**Psalms 31:1–5, 15–16 (VU p. 758 Parts 1 & 3)  
1 Peter 2:2–10; John 14:1–14**

**Rockwood-Stone Church 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.

#### **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  
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

#### **RED DRESS DAY**

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** is Red Dress Day. People across Canada will be displaying red dresses to honour and raise awareness of missing and murdered Indigenous women and children. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will display red dresses in the narthex. We would be happy to add your dresses to the display for the morning. Please drop them off prior to the service and they can be picked up before you go home!

#### **HANNAH HAWORTH GRADUATION RECITAL**

May 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm First United Church Sanctuary  
Please come and enjoy an evening of singing as we celebrate with Hannah Haworth at her Graduation Recital.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

##### **CLIMATE EMERGENCY VIGILS**

Faith Climate Justice, Waterloo Region  
is sponsoring monthly Climate Emergency vigils.  
**Third Vigil:** Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 3pm First United Church Sanctuary  
Admission by Donation

**CONRAD GREBEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

Looking at the Sky Gallery Exhibit April 4 – 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Waterloo artist Nina Bailey-Dick’s powerful batiks and collages are a feminist declaration of love for the land, sky, and self; an invitation to embrace both the beautiful and the broken parts of ourselves.

**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.

**ALZHEIMER SOCIETY WATERLOO WELLINGTON**

Cheat Sheet for Communication  
 Virtual via Zoom – May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – 7pm  
 This talk will provide you with some suggestions on how to support conversation for people living with dementia. It includes suggestions for conversation starters and an opportunity for questions and discussion. The session is designed for care partners of people living with dementia who are in the early and mid stages of their journey.

	<b>Sunday Apr 26</b>	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
12:00 pm	KW Youth Orchestra Season Finale Concert (3pm)	S/C/P/LR/CLRMS
	<b>Monday, Apr 27</b>	
	<b>Tuesday, Apr 28</b>	
7:00 pm	SHOW Board Meeting	Parlour
	<b>Wednesday, Apr 29</b>	
9:00 am	English at First Board Meeting	Parlour
11:00 am	Garage Sale Set-up	HH/N/K
6:30 pm	Embers	Outside
6:30 pm	Sparks	Chapel
	<b>Thursday, Apr 30</b>	
9:30 am	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Garage Sale – Drop Off	HH/N/K
4:00 pm	Family Choir	Chapel
7:00 pm	Gallery Choir	Chapel
	<b>Friday, May 1</b>	
11:00 am	Garage Sale	HH/N/K
1:00 pm	Fridays at First (Volunteer Appreciation)	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<b>Saturday, May 2</b>	
9:00 am	Knitting	Parlour
9:00 am	Garage Sale	HH/N/K
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Parlour
	<b>Sunday, May 3</b>	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Sunday School	Parlour/Labyrinth Room
11:00 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
6:30 pm	An Evening with Fanny	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen

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



**April 26, 2026**

Minister	Rev. Ho Eun 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**  
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Guest Minister:  
 Greeter(s): Marilyn Henry  
 Reader(s): Nancy Lennox (she/her)  
 Lay Leader: Heather Redden-Greer (she/her)  
 Serving Refreshments this month: M & P