

Welcome to First! We are glad you are here!

We are worshipping at Emmanuel this morning!

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

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE

Please contact:
Rev. Hoeun Lee 519-745-8487 x 208

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 24, 2026

Acts 2:1–21; Numbers 11:24–30
Psalm 104:24–34, 35b (VU p. 827 Part Two)
1 Corinthians 12:3b–13; John 20:19–23; John 7:37–39

Trillium 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, Website donation www.firstunitedchurch.ca or cheque.

Please made 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.

UCW THANK YOU

The UCW would like to thank the congregation and friends for their donations to the Garage Sale. A huge thank you to all the helpers who came and shared their time and energy throughout the weekend. It was a very successful sale!

COVENANTING SERVICE

You are invited to the covenanting service of Rev. Brenda Torrie's call to Emmanuel United Church.
When: May 31 – 3:00pm,
Where: Emmanuel United Church Sanctuary
Preaching: Rev Jenny Stephens
Presiding: Rev. Roz Vincent-Haven
There will be a cake reception following the service. Rev. Brenda looks forward to celebrating this milestone with you.

UPCOMING SERVICES		
EVENT	DATE	TIME
Joint Service at Emmanuel	Sunday, May 17	10:00 am
Joint Service at First United	Sunday, May 24	10:30 am
Communion Sunday	Sunday, May 31	10:30 am
Joint Service at Westminster	Sunday, June 7	10:30 am

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TRANSFORMING LONG-TERM CARE FOR WELL-BEING

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 1 p.m.
Location: Conrad Grebel University College
Attend this discussion-based presentation at Conrad Grebel University College with architect Rudy P. Friesen, who will offer perspective from his career working with communities and organizations to transform long-term care through ethical design. All are welcome. Visit – grebel.ca/events for additional information.

51ST ANNUAL WATERLOO REGION INTERFAITH COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

DATE: Wednesday May 20th, 2026
TIME: 7:00 am – 9:00 am
WHERE: Bingemans Ballroom,
425 Bingemans Centre Drive, Kitchener
Please register through Eventbrite. Tickets are \$50 or \$275 for a table of 6. Youth (25 and under) \$25. Sales end May 11, 2026. For more information email: InterfaithCommunityBreakfast@gmail.com
Printed tickets also available at Erb and Good Funeral Home, Waterloo.

FOURTH CLIMATE JUSTICE VIGIL

The Fourth Climate Justice Vigil will take place on:
DATE: Sunday May 24th, 4:00 pm
LOCATION: St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Kitchener. 56 Duke Street West, Kitchener.
The speaker is to be determined.

MTSPACE – TELL!

After an exhilarating World Theatre Day, we're back for another edition of TELL! Join us for a chill relaxing evening as we gather for a community potluck. This is also the space to share with the wider community just about anything you feel like sharing. Bring your talents, recipes, stories and calls to action to the community. Regardless of whether it's a finished work or a work-in-progress, this is your space to experiment and play. We love to see it. **NOTE:** Please include an ingredients list if you decide to bring any dishes for the potluck.

DATE: May 25, 2026
TIME: 7:00 pm
WHERE: Chapel, First United Church

MTSPACE – HIRING YOUTH FOR THE SUMMER

MTSpace is inviting youth aged 15 – 30 to apply for summer positions in administrative work, inventory management, digital marketing and public relations. Please visit <https://mtspace.ca/> to review eligibility requirements before applying. Applications can be made by emailing resume and cover letter to jobs@mtspace.ca by May 18, 2026.

MENNONITE MASS CHOIR

To cap off their 70th Anniversary Season, on May 21st at 7:30pm the Menno Singers is sponsoring the Mennonite Mass Choir in a performance of Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace, and Brahms' Schicksalslied, all at the Centre in the Square with members of the KW Symphony Orchestra, let by Artistic Director Brandon Leis. Tickets are available through Centre in the Square.

ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday, May 23 7:30pm
St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 54 Benton St, Kitchener
The emerging vocal artists at St. Matthews will present a concert of Broadway and Opera selections from Mozart to Andrew Lloyd Webber, including hits from West Side Story, Sound of Music, The Magic Flute and more!

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH CHESTERTON

Friday, May 29th & Saturday, May 30th
Temple Baptist Church invites you to join them for a Chesterton Talks with Sean McDowell, author and speaker, as they tackle some of the most important questions facing Christians today. Through thought-provoking teaching and interactive discussion, you'll leave better equipped to engage with the world around you, understand your faith more deeply, and respond to challenging questions with confidence. Whether you're a teen, parent, educator, or adult seeking insight, this event offers something for everyone.
To learn more visit www.templebaptistchurch.ca/talks

DANCE CAMP – CEDAR HILL UNITED CHURCH

Get Ready to move, groove and praise through dance this summer! Join us for an inspiring week of Christian Contemporary Dance led by instructor Kirk Easy in a fun & supportive environment for children & youth. Light refreshments will be provided each day. Participants will take part in a finale dance performance during the church service on July 12th. Each participant will receive a Certificate of Completion following the performance.

To register call 519-623-1820, or visit cedarhillchurch@bellnet.ca

Registration fee \$30 per participant.

When – July 6 – 10th
Ages 6 – 12 11am – 12:30pm
Ages 13-19 1pm – 2:30pm
Where – Rice Hall, Cedar Hill United Church
241 Cedar St, Cambridge

	Sunday, May 17	
10:00 am	Joint Service	Emmanuel
	Monday, May 18	
	VICTORIA DAY - OFFICE CLOSED	
6:30 pm	Richard Heemskeerck Visitation	Parlour
	Tuesday, May 19	
9:30 am	Richard Heemskerk Visitation	Parlour/Sanctuary
11:00 am	Memorial Service	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Reception following Memorial Service	Kitchen/Hilliard Hall
	Wednesday, May 20	
6:30 pm	Embers	Hilliard Hall
	Thursday, May 21	
4:00 pm	Family Choir	Chapel
7:00 pm	Gallery Choir	Chapel
	Friday, May 22	
	Saturday, May 23	
9:00 am	Knitting Group	Parlour
1:00 pm	MTSpace	Chapel
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Parlour
	Sunday May 24	
10:00 am	Joint Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Sunday School	Parlour/Labyrinth Room
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen

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



May 17, 2026

Minister	Rev. Ho Eun Lee
Music Director	Kathleen King Martin
Church Administrator	Carla Drake
AV Technician	Harold Arnett
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Minister (At Emmanuel): Rev. Brenda Torrie (she/her)
Greeter(s):
Reader(s):
Lay Leader:
Serving Refreshments this month: Property