

Welcome to First! We are glad you are here!

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

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE

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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 June 7, 2026

**Genesis 12:1–9; Psalm 33:1–12 (VU p. 760)
Romans 4:13–25
Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26**

High Country 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.

ENVISIONING CONVERSATION TODAY

We welcome everyone to join us in Hilliard Hall after this morning's service. After a light lunch we will begin our conversations as a follow-up to Rev. Greg Smith-Young's report that you received earlier this month. We will not keep you for more than an hour after you lunch.
The Envisioning Team

UPDATE FROM PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

Kindred Works Update
Since The AGM in March, the Property Development Committee has met 3 times with staff from Kindred Works and a 4th meeting is booked for June 3.

We have received considerable information from research they have done about population growth in Kitchener-Waterloo, average rental rates and a rental market analysis of purpose built rental buildings close to First United. They have also provided information on nearby proposed development applications for condominiums including the number of storeys and units and whether the application is approved or under review. Six applications have been approved and 3 are under review including the 2-tower (33 and 37 storeys) proposal for the Erb and Good property.

We have asked for and received details about the decrease in our income from the rental units if we take some of the residential space in the new building for community space (1000, 2000 or 3000 square feet). We would be responsible for management of that space. The residential units which include 30% affordable housing will be managed by a separate management company.

We have a preliminary proposal for the project overview of units in a 25-storey building on our property: studio, 1, 2 and 3-bedroom units, with and without the purchase of the bridal shop beside us.

At this point the committee has been gathering information about the breakdown of our present rental income between the sanctuary side and proposed residential side. We are also considering how the sanctuary side might be changed and upgraded for better use as community and church space.

We have shared the Observations about First United from Rev. Greg Smith-Young and the letter from the board chair to the congregation about our Conversation on May 31 led by the Envisioning Team. Joh Neff, Congregational Support Minister, WOW Region, has joined us for 2 of our meetings.

We have had conversations with Kindred Works staff about relocation during construction and how the sanctuary side will be returned to being fully functional and up to code again, but it is too soon in the process to know about those details. They are aware of and are monitoring the water shortage issue in Waterloo Region. A business plan could be available in 2026 if the congregation feels ready for it.
Property Development Committee: Vern, Teresa, Matthew, Lee, Mary Joan



UCW PICNIC LUNCH

It is picnic time for UCW! We will meet on Thursday, June 4 at 12:15pm in the parlor (enjoying our own lovely outdoor garden). Please bring your picnic lunch, Pauline and Edith will supply dessert.

UPCOMING SERVICES		
EVENT	DATE	TIME
Joint Service at Westminster	Sunday, June 7	10:30 am
Joint Service at Emmanuel	Sunday, June 14	10:00 am
Worship Service at First United	Sunday, June 21	10:30 am

NEIGHBORING UNITED CHURCHES

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.

EMMANUEL UNITED - INTER-GENERATIONAL TRIVIA

When – Friday, June 5th, 7pm
Where – Hearth Room, Emmanuel United Church
Come and join in on the fun! Rev. Torrie and Melodie Anne are planning an Intergenerational Trivia Night in Emmanuel's Hearth Room. Kids and adults are all welcome.

THE GO PROJECT

When – July 18 – 26, Where - Orleans United Church
Youth ages 13 – 18 are invited for an 8 day overnight mission experience where youth live, learn, and serve together. Participants stay at a host church, cook and share meals as a community, volunteer with local environmental and social justice organizations, and explore how they are called to make a difference in their own communities. Please see bulletin board to scan the QR Code to learn more and register.

MODEL YOUTH JUSTICE 2026

When – August 7 – 9
Where – Hidden Acres Retreat Centre, New Hamburg
Youth ages 15 to 30 passionate about peace and social justice are invited to register for Model Youth Justice. All faiths and worldviews are welcome. There will be unique experiential justice activities along with some more traditional camp activities like rock climbing, swimming, games, campfire and more. To register and for more information, please visit <https://kairoscanada.org/event/model-youth-justice-2026>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MT SPACE – NEWCOMER YOUTH THEATRE PROGRAM

When – Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30pm
Where – Auditorium, Forest Heights Collegiate Institute
The Newcomer Youth Theatre Program is an after-school program facilitated by MT Space and the YMCA of Three Rivers for high school aged newcomers in Waterloo Region. Come and see what the students have been working on.

THE REGISTRY THEATRE

When – June 5, 9pm
Where – The Registry Theatre, 122 Frederick St, Kitchener
An ANIMA Production, co-presented by Open Ears Festival of Music & Sound – MADAME CAENEUS'S CANTEEN. A transy chamber opera set in a WWII American 'locker club'. This is a queer space avant la letter, where host/ess Lucy holds space for transformation in the midst of a polarized world. A bronze-age transition story retold in the queer world of 1940s America. Tickets available through eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mme-caeneuss-canteen-tickets-1986283259699?aff=oddtcreator>

2026 LEMONAID FUND RAISER

When – June 6 at 9am
Where – First United Church, King Street Lawn
LemonAID Day is a community event where children, families, community groups, and businesses across Waterloo Region come together to run lemonade stands. The proceeds will go to Family and Children's Services Foundation to support sending vulnerable kids at risk to camp and local resilience-based programming. Baileys Foods will have a LemonAID stand on the front lawn facing King Street.

Sunday, May 31		
10:30 am	Worship Service at First	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Sunday School	Parlour/Labyrinth Room
11:30 am	Refreshments & Envisioning Conversation	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
Monday, June 1		
9:00 am	Piano Tuning	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Piano Tuning	Chapel
Tuesday, June 2		
Wednesday, June 3		
Thursday, June 4		
12:15 pm	UCW Meeting with Picnic Lunch	Parlour
4:00 pm	Family Choir	Chapel
7:00 pm	Gallery Choir	Chapel
Friday, June 5		
Saturday, June 6		
9:00 am	Knitting Group	Parlour
9:00 am	LemonAID	Front Lawn of First
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Parlour
Sunday, June 7		
10:30 am	Joint Worship Service	Westminster

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



May 31, 2026

Minister	Rev. Ho Eun Lee
Music Director	Kathleen King Martin
Church Administrator	Carla Drake
AV Technician	Harold Arnett
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Guest Minister:	
Greeter(s):	Jean Hoffman
Reader(s):	Nancy Lennox (she/her)
Lay Leader:	Paul Miller (he/him)
Serving Refreshments this month:	Property