

**Welcome to our siblings from Emmanuel United Church  
We are glad you are here!**

Rev. Hoen Lee will be away as follows –  
Study Leave - Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Vacation - Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> thru Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**For Emergency Pastoral Care in Rev Hoen's absence,  
please contact  
Rev. Brenda Torrie  
Phone 519-886-1471 ext 101  
revbrendat@emmanueluc.ca**

**OFFICE HOURS – JULY 2nd TO AUGUST 27th**

Starting Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> the office  
will be open **Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00pm.**

**VACATION OFFICE COVERAGE:**

Carla will be on vacation from June 29<sup>th</sup> returning July 13<sup>th</sup>.  
During this time the office will be closed. The email and the  
voicemail will be monitored during this time. If you require  
assistance, please either email the office or leave a voicemail.

**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 July 5th, 2026**

**Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67  
Psalm 45:10–17 (VU p. 769); or Song of Solomon 2:8–13  
Romans 7:15–25a; Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30**

Alliston: St. John's 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 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.

**CHAIR OF THE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT**

We regret to inform you that Kristin Snell has resigned from  
the Board and the Envisioning Team. Her letter of resignation  
mentioned some of her other time commitments and her need  
to take care of herself as well. We really appreciate all the  
time and effort Kristin has put into her work for First United and  
are pleased that she plans to continue in the many other ways  
she supports First United.

Cathie Stewart Savage has agreed to be interim Chair of the  
Board until other arrangements are made.

**FUTURE PLANNING TIMELINE**

Apr 19 – All Day Board Retreat with Rev. Greg Smith-Young  
Apr 20 – Worship & Congregational Conversations that Matter  
with Rev. Greg Smith-Young  
Apr 21 – Jun 12 Envisioning Team and individuals working  
with Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne  
Jun 13 - All Day Board Retreat with Right Rev. Dr. Carmen  
Lansdowne  
Jun 20 – Half Day Board Retreat with Right Rev. Dr. Carmen  
Lansdowne  
Jun 21-Aug 9 – Envisioning Team & Board Members working  
with Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne  
Aug 10 – Board Meeting following new format  
Sep 13 - Worship & Congregational Conversations that Matter  
with Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne  
Sep 13-Oct – Congregational Conversations that Matter led by  
Envisioning Team  
Late Oct - Congregational Meeting to make decisions on the  
future of First United

**VOLUNTEERS FOR JULY AND AUGUST**

We will be looking for volunteers to host coffee time after the  
service for Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, and August 9<sup>th</sup>. Please  
stay tuned for further details.

**JEWEL FOUND**

Is anyone missing a stone from their ring, earring or bracelet?  
If so, please contact the office.

**COMPUTER SYSTEM UPDATE**

There has been a developing computer system problem which  
has resulted in system failures. This has caused a lot of  
wasted time for staff (lately up to twice a week). We need to  
upgrade the network system and the office computers at an  
estimated cost of \$2,400. This is the best time of the year to  
get this work done as we are planning for August when we are  
visiting other churches. Unfortunately, it is the worst time of  
the year financially because our cash flow is low. If you could  
possibly help with an extra donation, we would greatly  
appreciate it. Mark it for 'Computer System Update' so that  
we can track how much we receive.  
A big THANK YOU in advance. Nancy Lennox

**STEM CAMP**

We welcome STEM camp back to First United, weekdays from  
June 29 to August 28. STEM camp is a not-for-profit  
organization offering fun and educational summer camp  
experiences for kids 5-13 at many sites across Ontario.  
Participants have the opportunity to grow their skills in science,  
technology, engineering and math while having an amazing  
time. While a lot has changed over the years, one thing  
remains the same: STEM Camp's mission to inspire Canadian  
youth through hands-on STEM activities.  
However, what that looks like continues to evolve. For  
example, as robotics and coding rose to importance, STEM  
Camp's programming evolved too. They have tonnes of fun  
with online and offline coding, robotics and more!  
As artificial intelligence (AI) has become rooted in our society,  
STEM Camp's programming is set to evolve again, Students  
continue to learn in a fun and engaging environment with  
amazing experiments and fundamental lessons.

UPCOMING JOINT SERVICES		
EVENT	DATE	TIME
At Emmanuel	Sunday, July 5	10:00 am
At Emmanuel	Sunday, July 12	10:00 am
At First United	Sunday, July 19	10:30 am
At First United	Sunday, July 26	10:30 am
At Parkminster	Sunday, August 2	10:00 am
At First United	Sunday, August 9	10:30 am
At Westminster	Sunday, August 16	10:30 am
At Emmanuel	Sunday, August 23	10:00 am
At Parkminster	Sunday, August 30	10:30 am

## WEEKLY UPDATE

Joanne MacPhail has generously offered to prepare the weekly updates while the office is closed. If there is information you would like included in the weekly update for July 5<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup>, please email the information directly to Joanne at [macphail@golden.net](mailto:macphail@golden.net).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### CANADA DAY ORGAN RECITAL

When – July 1 @ 12:15pm

Where – Church of the Holy Saviour Anglican  
33 Allen St E., Waterloo

Please come and enjoy a recital featuring works by Canadian Composers. There will be hotdogs & lemonade served following the recital. Suggested Free will offering of \$10.

### THE ART OF LIED & MÉLODIE

Free admission to Masterclasses and Concerts. This Festival/workshop, now in its third year is a unique coming together of select pianists and singers to explore some of the finest songs written by composers like Franz Schubert, Robert Schumann, Claude Debussy, Hugo Wolf, Johannes Brahms, Jacques Ibert and Maurice Ravel among many others.

Where – St Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
(Corner of Weber St & Queen St)



Masterclasses take place weekday afternoons (July 23, 24, 27, 28, 29 & 30<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 5pm) in the Covenant Chapel and the main Sanctuary at St. Andrew's.

Evening Concerts are at 7pm on  
Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> Friday, July 31 Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup>

Attendees are invited to contribute to the Douglas Haas Music Ministry Enhancement Endowment Fund. For additional information please visit – <https://theartoflied.com/>

### CONRAD GREBEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Interested in exploring vocations of ministry and service, deepening your understanding of Christianity and the church, or seeking personal enrichment? The Master of Theological Studies program at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo could be a great fit for you. Apply to start this fall. Full tuition scholarships available for full-time Canadian Students. [uwaterloo.ca/theological-studies](http://uwaterloo.ca/theological-studies)

	<b>Sunday, June 28</b>	
10:30 am	Joint Worship Service with Emmanuel	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Sunday School	Parlour/Labyrinth Room
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<b>Monday, June 29</b>	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP – Training	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<b>Tuesday, June 30</b>	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP – Training	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<b>Wednesday, July 1 HAPPY CANADA DAY</b>	
	<b>CHURCH &amp; OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
	<b>Thursday, July 2</b>	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP – Training	Classroom/Kitchen
11:00am	Baileys Foods	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<b>Friday, July 3</b>	
	<b>Saturday, July 4</b>	
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Parlour
	<b>Sunday, July 5</b>	
10:00 am	Joint Worship Service At Emmanuel	Emmanuel

## WEEKLY UPDATE

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



**June 28, 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): Helen Pratt  
Reader(s): Nancy Lennox (she/her)  
Lay Leader: Ren Yeats (they/he)  
Serving Refreshments this month: UCW