

Welcome to First United Church
We are glad you are here!

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

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 31st

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

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 19th, 2026

*Genesis 28:10–19a; Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24 (VU p. 861);
Romans 8:12–25; Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

Trinity Pastoral Charge, Kitchener, Ontario



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 make 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.

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

UPCOMING JOINT SERVICES		
EVENT	DATE	TIME
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

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT WATERLOO WAYSIDE

Waterloo Wayside is pleased to announce a new employment opportunity for the position of **Program Coordinator**. See in our Ripples and Reflections and Weekly Update for the link to the position description. Applicants are asked to email their résumé and cover letter no later than Friday July 10, 2026, to: recruitment@waterloowayside.org to be considered for this position. Please include **"Program Coordinator Application"** in the subject line of the email.

The primary function of the Program Coordinator is to foster a caring and welcoming community at Waterloo Wayside while coordinating our programs and supporting the Program Leads, as outlined in the position description.

Thank you for helping us share this opportunity within the Waterloo community.

Kind regards,

H. Jack Slothouber
Secretary, Waterloo Wayside Board of Directors

<https://waterloowayside.org/>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 & 30th from 2pm – 5pm) in the Covenant Chapel and the main Sanctuary at St. Andrew’s.

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

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

GRASSY NARROWS WALK TOWARDS MERCURY JUSTICE & FREEDOM



River Run 2026
Join Grassy Narrows for their walk towards Mercury Justice & Freedom

Date: September 23rd, 2026

Time: 12:00 pm

Location: Downtown Toronto, exact location TBD

Grassy Narrows people are powerful leaders in the movement for Indigenous sovereignty and environmental justice. They have shown that together we can fight for justice against all odds and make real gains.
Please see Ripples, Reflections and Weekly Update for more information to register for this event.

	Sunday, July 12	
10:00 am	Joint Service	Emmanuel
	Monday, July 13	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	Tuesday, July 14	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	Wednesday, July 15	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	Thursday, July 16	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP	Classroom/Kitchen
11:00am	Baileys Foods	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	Friday, July 17	
7:30 am	STEMP CAMP	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	Saturday, July 18	
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Parlour
	Sunday, July 19	
10:30 am	Joint Worship Service	Sanctuary/Hilliard Hall/Kitchen

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



July 12, 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

email: firstunitedboardchair@gmail.com

<p>Guest Minister: Greeter(s): Reader(s): Lay Leader: Serving Refreshments this month: UCW</p>
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