

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

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE
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OFFICE HOURS – JULY 2nd TO AUGUST 27th
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 26th, 2026

Genesis 29:15–28
Psalms 105:1–11, 45b (VU p. 828 Part One) or Psalm 128
Romans 8:26–39; Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

Markdale: Annesley 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 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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE – MARK BROOKER

A memorial service will be held for Mark Brooker
(February 15, 1968 – June 10, 2026), older son of Walt and
Mary Joan, brother of Jay, husband of Sol Ruiz (Madrid,
Spain), at the Elmvale Presbyterian Cemetery, Elmvale,
Ontario at 11:00am on Monday, August 3.

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 26th, and August 9th.

JEWEL FOUND

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

UPCOMING JOINT SERVICES		
EVENT	DATE	TIME
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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

You can help!

Summer can be a difficult time for people in our community.
Your Outreach Committee is aware of a few ways you can
help.

The House of Friendship is completing their project, Welcome
Home: Friendship Village. Your gift today can provide the
essentials that turn a space into a home:

- Cleaning supplies (\$40)
- Towels and household basics (\$80)
- Bedding or basic furniture pieces (\$150)
- A basic bed frame (\$300)

<https://houseoffriendship.org/friendshipvillage/>

The need for emergency food hampers and meal programs is
particularly high this summer. You can help with Supporting
hunger relief across Waterloo region by connecting people
with nutritious food, mobilizing community support, and
offering simple ways to donate, volunteer, or access food
assistance.

<https://www.thefoodbank.ca/>

The Waterloo Regional Police Service is once again
challenging the community to take part in its ninth annual
Backpack Challenge. The challenge encourages businesses
and residents to purchase new backpacks, lunch bags, school
supplies, or gift cards to be donated to children and families in
need.

<https://wrps.ca/backpacks>

Please reach out as you are called and able or speak to one of
the members of the Outreach Committee for more help if you
are unable to access the information online.

Cathie Stewart Savage,
On behalf of First United Outreach

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.

	<i>Sunday, July 19</i>	
10:30 am	Joint Worship Service with Emmanuel	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<i>Monday, July 20</i>	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
9:00 am	WOW UCW Regional Executive Meeting	Parlour
	<i>Tuesday, July 21</i>	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<i>Wednesday, July 22</i>	
	<i>Thursday, July 23</i>	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP	Classroom/Kitchen
11:00am	Baileys Foods	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<i>Friday, July 24</i>	
	<i>Saturday, July 25</i>	
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Parlour
	<i>Sunday, July 26</i>	
10:30 am	Joint Worship Service with Emmanuel	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen

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



July 19, 2026

Minister	Rev. Hoeun 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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Guest Minister:
Greeter(s): Sandy van der Meulen (she/her)
Reader(s): Nancy Lennox (she/her)
Lay Leader: Cathie Stewart Savage (she/her)
Serving Refreshments this month: UCW