

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

**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 September 6, 2026

**Exodus 12:1–14, Psalm 149 (VU pp. 872–873)
Romans 13:8–14; Matthew 18:15–20**

Emmanuel 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

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.

UPDATE FROM THE BOARD FINANCIAL SITUATION

Following our realization of how serious our financial situation
is, the Board had a meeting, Monday, August 24 by zoom to
discuss possible short term solutions – 2 actions were decided
on.

1. Two Capital applications were submitted to the
WOW Region, one to recover costs for the roof repairs
(\$10,174) and one to recover costs for the boiler
repairs (\$17,993).
2. An application was made to apply for a bridging loan
for (\$40,000) which has a 3 year payback plan with 4%
interest. The first 6 months with 0% interest.

There are no promises that any of the applications are going to
be successful but we are hopeful.

The congregation will need to have some serious discussions
in September and October as this issue will affect all of us and
what our future together might be.

**We ask you to prayerfully consider this and attend as
many of the fall meetings as possible with open and
caring minds and hearts.**

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER

Reminder Congregational Conversations that Matter with Right
Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne to take place following the
service on September 13th in Hillard Hall.

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

SEPTEMBER UCW MEETING

UCW members will meet on Thursday, September 10th at
1:30pm. (rather than the first Thursday of the month)
All ladies are welcome!
Thanks, Edith

WELCOME TO OUR 48TH / 49TH SEASON OF FREE NOON HOUR CONCERTS!

A very exciting season of 21 concerts is ready, featuring many
favourite ensembles as well as some newcomers. The half-
hour concerts run from 12:15 – 12:45 with lunches ready for
pickup in Hilliard Hall from 11:30. Remember to pre-order your
lunches by THURSDAY NOON at
firstunitedconcerts@gmail.com

The menu offers egg, ham, salmon or tuna on whole wheat
bread(\$6); butter tart, date or lemon square(\$2); coffee or tea
(\$2). Pickles are FREE! (Cash only please) DONATIONS are
also very welcome and necessary to allow us to continue.
Hard copies of the schedule are available in the Narthex and
or at firstunitedchurch.ca

Here are the first 2 concerts:

Tuesday September 15

Andrew Sords – violin, Cheryl Duvall - piano

Tuesday September 22

Mary-Catherine Pazzano Jazz Trio

Mary-Catherine – vocals, Nancy Walker – piano, Pat Collins –
double bass

UPCOMING JOINT SERVICES

EVENT	DATE	TIME
At Westminster	Sunday, September 27	10:30 am

NEIGHBORING UNITED CHURCHES

WE LEND A HAND

When – Friday, October 16, 2026 7:00pm
Where – Cedar Hill United Church, 241 Cedar St, Cambridge
Cedar Hill United Church in Cambridge is proud to present –
WE LEND A HAND. The forgotten story of Ontario
Farmerettes. This 50-minute documentary tells the story of
young girls from the cities going to work harvesting fruits and
vegetables on farms in Southern Ontario during World War II.
Tickets are \$20 each. Please contact the church office at 519-
623-1820 or cedarhillchurch@bellnet.ca to reserve your ticket.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

GAZA FUNDRAISER – ‘OPEN MIC’ NIGHT

When – Friday, September 19, 2026 at 7:00pm
Where – Rockway Mennonite Church
47 Onward Ave., Kitchener
Come and display your talents! There will be some scheduled performances, but plenty of time for anyone to get up and sing, play a musical instrument, do a comedy monologue – whatever your talent is, come and display it.
Singalongs! Even if you don’t want to perform, join the group in singing along to a few popular songs. Or, create your own singalong!
This fundraiser is – Donate What You Can
For additional information, contact Bob Fantina at 226-339-1981 or bfantina@gmail.com

MT Space & Unwrap Theatre Presents: Mixed(er)

When: Thursday October 1 thru Saturday, October 3
Where: Centre in the Square, 101 Queen St N, Kitchener
mixed(er) is a comedic coming-of-adulthood story about Sam, a biracial woman who returns to her parents’ home in Kitchener-Waterloo after completing her undergrad. What she thought was going to be a low-key homecoming quickly spirals into chaos when she learns they are throwing her a surprise birthday party, including her White friends and only Black friend. Family wounds surface, cultural tensions flare, and a jerk chicken casserole is the final straw of her fractured identity’s back.
Between bedroom fights, hair tangles, a secret unconscious boyfriend, and a Mennonite bakery heist, Sam confronts what it means to belong – to her Black Caribbean heritage, her White mother, her friends, her city, and herself.
For additional information, please visit -
<https://centreinthesquare.com/event/mixeder-by-unwrap-theatre/>

	Sunday, August 30	
10:00 am	Joint Worship Service At Parkminster	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Graduation Recital	Chapel
	Monday, August 31	
	Tuesday, September 1	
	Wednesday, September 2	
	Thursday, September 3	
11:00am	Baileys Foods	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	Friday, September 4	
	Saturday, September 5	
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Parlour
	Sunday, September 6	
10:30 am	Worship Service at First	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall

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



August 30, 2026

Minister	Rev. Hoeun Lee
Music Director	Kathleen King Martin
Church Administrator	Carla Drake
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Serving Refreshments this month: