

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

Rev. Hoeun will be in the office
Wednesday and Thursday
from 9:30am to 11:30am

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE
Rev. Hoeun Lee
Phone 519-745-8487, Ext 208

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 October 11, 2026

Deuteronomy 8:7–18; Psalm 65 (VU pp. 782–783)
2 Corinthians 9:6–15; Luke 17:11–19

Salem 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.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thanksgiving envelopes are available in the Narthex. This year we will contribute to Vera's Place & Shalom Counseling. Please make cheques payable to First United Church.

UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Our application for the \$40,000 bridging loan has been approved and the contract has been signed and returned to WOW Region. We can expect to receive the funds next week.

A number of responses from the congregation to our '**One Time Donation**' plea have already been received and are very much appreciated. We are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel but still have a way to go!

Information has been received that when securities are donated to a charitable organization it is advantageous to the donor in two ways. The donor will receive a charitable donation receipt for the market value of the securities, as well as the added benefit of not needing to pay capital gains tax. Please talk to Vern Hall if you would be interested in this kind of donation.

We are in the midst of the discussions of the future of First United Church and we would urge you to participate as much as you can and hope you will keep the church and its leaders in your prayers.

DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING FUTURE OF FIRST UNITED

If you have not had an opportunity to join a session to talk about the possible pathways for the Future of First United Church there is a further opportunity on **Friday, October 9th at 1:30pm in the Parlour at the church.**

Within each pathway we need to hear what additional options might be ones to consider so all of us have sufficient information to assess each pathway before the vote on October 25th. We want to hear from as many congregants as possible as we each may see different possibilities within the three pathways.

If this time does not work for you, please call Carla in the office and we will look to schedule future discussion sessions.

On Sunday, October 25th the congregation will be asked to make a decision on which pathway we will follow. We seek your assistance in being prepared for that vote.

Your Envisioning Team:

Marilyn Gerriets, Andy Yuan & Joan Westcott

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

Please join us Tuesday, October 6th as Kathleen King Martin performs on the pipe organ for us. Please order your lunch 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). 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

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT

We're excited to see everyone again for our next youth group night!

October 7th, 7:00 – 8:30pm

First United Church in the Parlour

Get ready for a fun and creative evening! We'll be having a **craft night** with the opportunity to get creative, hang out, and have some fun together! Come ready to make something awesome and enjoy a relaxed night with the group!

WEEKLY NOON HOUR PRAYER

All are welcome to come and join Rev. Hoeun on Thursdays at noon for (Un)Ordinary Prayer gatherings. Each week will be in a slightly different location.

Oct 8	Praying by Gazing First United Church	Courtyard
Oct 15	Praying by Scribbling First United Church	Kitchen
Oct 22	Praying by Walking Parkminster United Church	Labyrinth Area
Oct 29	Praying by Sharing Meals First United Church	Chapel

UCW GARAGE AND PLANT SALE

Friday October 30th – 12:00pm – 5:30pm

Saturday, October 31st – 9:00am – 12:00pm

Please bring your donations of house plants, clothing, linens, shoes, boots, skates, purses, CD's, DVD's, jewelry, art, small appliances, dishes, household items, tools, books, games and toys to Hilliard Hall on Thursday, October 29th from 8:30am – 7:00pm

NEIGHBORING UNITED CHURCHES

RAINBOW COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Where: Parkminster United Church

When – Saturday, October 17

Meet & Mingle – 6:00pm, Dinner - 6:30pm

Parkminster United Church is once again holding their 2S&LGBTQIA+ Potluck on October 17th. Come and listen as members of the Rainbow community share their stories. Please bring your own meal, or food to share.

RSVP – Liz at eforde@sentex.ca

CELTIC FOR A CAUSE CONCERT FUNDRAISER

Where: Parkminster United Church
When: Sunday, October 18th

Please join us for a celebration of East Coast and Irish music, in support of two Waterloo Region charitable organizations: Marillac Place and Reception House. All proceeds from the event will be donated to these organizations. The evening will also include a silent auction.
The auction opens at 6:30pm, the concert will run from 7:00pm – 8:30pm and the silent auction will wrap up by 8:50pm. Admission to the event is by generous donation.
If you would like to donate to the silent auction, please contact Paul Knowles at pknowles@golden.net.

MEND BOOK STUDY

Parkminster United Church invites people from all four United Churches of Waterloo to join us in a series of 4 book club discussions on the book – “MEND” by Jodi Sparguar. This book uses the story of Zacchaeus to help us think in new ways about our place in our history and relationship with Indigenous peoples.
The discussions will be held at Parkminster on four Monday evenings at 7pm in November (2nd, 9th, 23rd & 30th)
The book has been called: An Invitation from Jesus to Return to Land-based Repair.
A Metis grandmother said – “Great analogies help us to understand present day realities.”
Another reader said – “The unfolding of Zacchaeus’ transformation from self-protecting hoarder to generous restorer is such a profound way to...think about the invitation of land back.

Register by emailing admin@parkuc.ca with:
Your Name:
Church:
Phone Number:
Email Address:

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	Sunday, October 5	
10:30 am	Worship Service at First	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall
	Monday, October 5	
10:30 am	Private Meeting	Hilliard Hall
5:00 pm	KWYO - Sinfonia	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	KWYO – Sectionals	Parlour/Labyrinth Room/Chapel
7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Parlour
	Tuesday, October 6	
7:30 am	Noon Hour Concert Prep	Hilliard Hall Kitchen
12:00 pm	Noon Hour Concert	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	Envisioning Team	Chapel
5:00 pm	KWYO – Youth Strings	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	KWYO – Sectionals	Parlour/Labyrinth Room
6:30 pm	Envisioning Team	Parlour
	Wednesday, October 7	
6:00 pm	Youth Group	Parlour
6:30 pm	Embers	Hilliard Hall
6:30 pm	Sparks	Chapel
	Thursday, October 8	
11:00 am	Baileys Local Foods	Hilliard Hall / Kitchen
11:30am	(Un)Ordinary Prayer Meetings	Courtyard/Parlour
1:30 pm	UCW Meeting	Parlour
4:00 pm	Family Choir	Chapel
7:00 pm	Gallery Choir	Chapel
	Friday, October 9	
1:30 pm	Envisioning Team	Chapel
5:00 pm	MT Space	Hilliard Hall
	Saturday, October 10	
9:00 am	Knitting Group	Parlour
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Parlour
	Sunday, October 11	
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



October 4, 2026

Minister	Rev. Hoeun Lee
Music Director	Kathleen King Martin
Church Administrator	Carla Drake
AV Technician	Harold Arnett
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Assistant Custodian	Craig Lennox

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Guest Minister:	
Greeter(s):	Edith Coyle
Reader(s):	Rick Chambers (he/him)
Lay Leader:	Paul Miller (he/him)
Serving Refreshments this month: Stewardship/Finance	