

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

We Welcome The Very Reverend Carmen Lansdowne

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



Sunday, November 1, 2026

Revelation 7:9–17; Psalm 34:1–10, 22 (VU pp. 761–762)
1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12

Brucefield Community Pastoral Charge



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.

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 made 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.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers in the sanctuary today are in loving memory of Don Irish, placed by his wife, Shirley, and family.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational meeting has been called for Sunday October 25, 2026, following our Sunday Worship. This meeting has a single purpose: deciding on a pathway forward for First United Church.

The pathway options under consideration were explained on September 13th following worship and in a number of sessions held since then, that members of the congregation were invited to attend.

At the meeting on October 25th you will be asked to select one of the following

- Pathway A – Planned Closure
- Pathway B – Collaboration Leading Towards Amalgamation
- Pathway C – Rightsizing and renewal

It will be voted on by secret ballot. If no pathway receives a majority of the votes cast, a second ballot shall be held strictly between the two pathways that received the highest number of votes on the first ballot.

Proxy or advanced ballots are not an option in the United Church model of decision making, but if people are unable to attend in person, they will be able to join via a provided Zoom link (Registration Required).
Thanks, Greg Case, Congregational Chair

STATUS OF KINDRED WORKS PROCESS

Given that the church is facing critical decisions regarding its future, the Property Development Committee, in consultation with Kindred Works, has agreed to forego presenting the congregation with a Kindred Works proposal until such time as the church has determined its pathway forward. Conversations continue between the Property Development Committee and the Kindred Works team to keep each other up to date with the ongoing process.

First United does not have a financial obligation to Kindred Works as long as the church property is not sold. If the property is sold, the funds will be recouped from the proceeds of the sale.

In a meeting with Kindred Works that included an update on the financial situation of the congregation, they referred us to the Property Resource Group that operates out of the General Council Office. A deep analysis of First United’s rental revenue and space requirements has been undertaken in consultation with our Rental Advisory Committee. We are using this information to build stronger relationships with renters, identify ways to increase rental revenue, and provide a clearer financial picture in our church budget reporting.
Property Development Committee:
Mary Joan Brooker, Vern Hall, Matthew Savage, Lee Willingham

TUESDAY NOON HOUR CONCERTS

Need a Lift? Join us on **Tuesday October 27th** for our FREE Noon **Hour** Concert here at First, featuring **Peter Shackleton, clarinet and Stephanie Mara, piano**. 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

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 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 – 11:00pm
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

DONATION OF SECURITIES

There may be people who want to sell securities to make a donation to First United Church. When you make a gift of stocks or mutual funds, through the United Church Foundation, you are making a larger gift than if you sold the securities yourself and donated the resulting money to the church. There are some major tax advantages to doing this. Two advantages are:

- Zero Capital Gains Tax: you will not trigger a tax bill that would result if you sold the shares yourself.
- Full Tax Credit: You will get an official tax receipt for the full current market value of the securities

The securities are transferred to the United Church Foundation, who will sell them and then transfer the resulting funds to First United Church.

This is quite clearly explained on the United Church Foundation website. The following is the link to that part of the Foundation's website.

<https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/giving/immediate-giving/gift-of-securities/>

Basically the Foundation does all of the work for us.

If you would like to discuss this with anyone, feel free to contact Vern Hall at vern.hall@rogers.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE SONGS MY FATHER SANG TO ME

Where: Church of the Holy Saviour, 33 Allen St E, Waterloo

When: Sunday, October 25 - 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Join Father Mark Curtis, Canada's Singing Priest, for a special musical journey celebrating the enduring love of a father and the amazing love of God.

Through story, video, Scripture, and song, Father Mark reflects on his tender-hearted Christian father whose love of timeless love song created in him cherished memories and lasting messages of hope, healing, and faith.

This inspiring musical parable reminds us that behind every earthly expression of love is the greater love of our Heavenly Father.

Come, listen, remember, and celebrate the gift of God's amazing love. Free will donations gratefully accepted.

TRILLIUM LUTHERAN CHURCH SING-ALONG

Do you enjoy singing? Do you enjoy music? All ages are invited to come and sing songs from the 40's to the 90's.

Trillium Lutheran Church invites you to weekly sing-along on Wednesdays starting November 4th thru December 23rd from 1:30pm – 3:30pm. (22 Willow Street)

The program is led by Kento Stratford.

	<i>Sunday, October 25</i>	
10:30 am	Worship Service and Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Refreshments	Narthex
	<i>Monday, October 26</i>	
7:30 am	Municipal Elections	Hilliard Hall
5:00 pm	KWYO – Sinfonia	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	KWYO – Sectionals	Parlour/Labyrinth Room/Chapel
7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Parlour
	<i>Tuesday, October 27</i>	
7:30 am	Noon Hour Concert Prep	Hilliard Hall Kitchen
12:00 pm	Noon Hour Concert	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	KWYO – Youth Strings	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	KWYO – Sectionals	Parlour/Labyrinth Room
7:00 pm	Show Board Meeting	Parlour
	<i>Wednesday, October 28</i>	
6:30 pm	Embers	Hilliard Hall
6:30 pm	Sparks	Chapel
7:00 pm	B Moggach	Sanctuary
	<i>Thursday, October 29</i>	
8:30 am	Garage Sale – Drop Off	Hilliard Hall
9:30 am	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
11:30 am	(Un)Ordinary Prayer Meetings	Chapel
4:00 pm	Family Choir	Chapel
7:00 pm	Gallery Choir	Chapel
	<i>Friday, October 30</i>	
12:00 pm	UCW Garage Sale	Hilliard Hall
	<i>Saturday, October 31</i>	
9:00am	UCW Garage Sale	Hilliard Hall
9:00 am	Knitting Group	Parlour
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Parlour
	<i>Sunday, November 1</i>	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall

WEEKLY UPDATE

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



October 25, 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

16 William Street West
Waterloo, Ontario N2L 1J3
Office: 519-745-8487 x201
Office Hours: Mon-Thu 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

email: firstunitedchurch@rogers.com

website: firstunitedchurch.ca

Chair of the Board

email: firstunitedboardchair@gmail.com

Greeter(s):	Jean MacLean
Reader(s):	Nancy Lennox (she/her)
Lay Leader:	Joanne MacPhail (she/her)
Serving Refreshments this month: Stewardship/Finance	