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

We Welcome Rev. Greg Smith-Young

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE
For November 23 thru December 6
Rev. Brenda Torrie
Phone 519-886-1471, Ext 301

Sunday, November 29, 2026

Isaiah 64:1–9;
Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19 (VU p. 794 Part One)
1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:24–37

Huron Shores 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.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY
The flowers in the Sanctuary have been placed by the Arnett Family in honour of Jean Arnett.

UPCOMING SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS
On Sunday October 25, 2026, it was decided that the pathway we would take for the future of our church is **Pathway B,** Collaboration Leading Toward Amalgamation.
As part of our planning process we will hold special meetings to work on the next steps, which are open to anyone who wishes to attend. The next meeting is **Monday November 30**. The meetings begin at **7:00 pm** in the **Parlour**.
Blessings to each of you,
Cathie Stewart Savage, Acting Chair of the Board

REV. HOUEN LEE FAREWELL
Sunday November 22nd will be the last time Rev. Hoeun Lee will be worshiping with us. We will be having a reception after the service in Hilliard Hall. We would also like to collect for a farewell gift for Hoeun. In order to contribute to this gift you can:
E-transfer funds to giftingatfirst@gmail.com with a note "Gift for Hoeun" , or
Make a cheque out to First on Stage with a note on the cheque "Gift for Hoeun", or
Place cash in an envelope labelled "Gift for Hoeun" and drop off at the church office or put in the collection plate or mail to the church. These envelopes will be available in the Narthex each Sunday.
We would like to have all contributions collected by Sunday November 15th.
Thank you, Joanne MacPhail, on behalf of the M&P Committee

ANNUAL HOLLY & IVY GARDEN CLUB SALE
When: Saturday, November 21st 10:00am – 2:00pm
Where: Hilliard Hall, First United Church
Come and view our selection of hand made crafts, urns and table arrangements. NEW this year: you can pre order your planter pot (urn) on line. Please use the following link - https://forms.gle/SvNZ89VMMee1wTGe8
Thank you for your patronage and see you there!

TUESDAY NOON HOUR CONCERTS
Join us on **Tuesday November 24th** for our FREE Noon **Hour** Concert here at First**,** featuring **Elizabeth Lepock - Soprano, Tim Moher – saxophone and Brad Moggach - 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.

ARTISANS AT FIRST BAKE SALE NOVEMBER 28TH
Last year's bake sale was a huge success because of the congregation's many wonderful items of baking, jams, preserves and treats of all kinds. All baking is welcome.
We would like to make 24 plates of Christmas cookies. Please send Christmas cookies in a container for us to plate.
All other baking should come plated ready to sell. You may pick up supplies that may suit your baking each Sunday in Hilliard Hall.
All baking should come at 1:00 on Friday November 27th to the Labyrinth room for us to price.
If you need to deliver earlier in the day, place your baking in the kitchen where coffee is served each Sunday. Please put your name on the containers with a label *For The Bake Sale.*
If you can help set up on Friday or during the sale on Saturday please email me at bieman@worldline.ca

ARTISANS AT FIRST
On Saturday, November 28th our fundraiser Artisans at First will welcome 25 vendors of handcrafted items for sale in Hilliard Hall. You will find a wide variety of creations, your opportunity to have some one-of-a-kind items for your Christmas gifts. As well our large sale of baked items by the First United community will be open. Then stop for a lunch break in the Parlour. The sale runs from 10 am until 3 pm. Invite your friends, relatives and neighbours!
Thanks to all who have indicated their willingness to give a couple of hours to fill in one of the staffing needs. We still need soup makers on the morning of Nov. 26, sandwich makers on the morning of the 28th then food platers and servers for the lunch room that runs from 10:30am – 2:30pm. Contact Joan Westcott if you can help.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
When: Saturday, December 5th 5:30pm – 8:00pm
Where: First United Church, Hilliard Hall
Join us for our Annual Christmas Party. Get ready to enjoy some fun, food and fellowship. This is a potluck gathering, please bring a favourite dish to share (or make a donation if you prefer).
The program will include carolling, poetry, Christmas Bingo (with prizes) and Worship.

SAVE THE DATE!
The Annual Choir Christmas program will be held Sunday, December 13th at 7:00pm. Seasonal music by the Gallery Choir, Family Choir, Handbell Choir, soloists and congregational carolling. Free will offering would be appreciated.

FOUR CHURCHES CHRISTMAS PARTY
When: Saturday, December 19th @ 5:00pm
Where: First United Church, Hilliard Hall
The Collaboration Team invites Waterloo's four United Churches to gather and share a meal to celebrate the holiday season. Please join us as we share food and fellowship during this special season.
Turkey, ham, gravy, cranberry sauce, mustard, dinner rolls, coffee, tea, juices will be provided. Members are asked to bring a salad/vegetable or dessert to share. A free will offering to cover expenses will be gratefully accepted. Funds received over costs will go to The Wayside Centre.

To help us judge quantities of meat please confirm your attendance in advance, by December 16th.

Sign up digitally: https://forms.gle/7B6uWNFvTq4z2df37. You can also contact Heather Jacklin at 519-807-1431 or hjacklin88@gmail.com The Collaboration Team

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

White Gift Sunday will be December 6th this year.

The tradition of White Gift Sunday started in 1904. Gifts were brought to the church wrapped in white so that no one else would know what you could bring and thus all could share in the joy of giving regardless of income. These gifts were distributed to families in need.

For the last few years, First United has gathered gifts for the guests who come to our Fridays at First meal. For some of these people, this is the only gift they will get. Others look forward to getting a bag of items that they can share with friends and family.

Lists of suggested items and green bags will be available at the church starting Sunday November 22. These will be received during the service on December 6 and could be dropped off at any time before that if you are not able to attend in person. They will be distributed on Friday December 18 following the Christmas Dinner for Fridays at First.

BROADVIEW MAGAZINE RENEWAL

We have renewed *Broadview Magazine* subscriptions for all members of our congregation who asked to continue receiving issues. This year you will get 6 issues of the award winning United Church Broadview for just $30. Please make cheques payable to First United Church, with "Broadview" on the memo line or eTransfer to **firstunitedchurch@rogers.com**. The **Deadline is *Nov 30, 2025***.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE ART OF GETTING MARRIED (MT SPACE PERFORMANCE)

Tuesday, December 1st at 7pm at The Registry Theatre

The Art of Getting Married is a solo show written and performed by MT Space's Artistic Director, Pam Patel, and directed by MT Space's Founding Artistic Director, Majdi Bou-Matar. Through multidisciplinary storytelling, this semi-autobiographical piece shares the challenges of navigating an interracial relationship while honouring a traditional upbringing and cultural familial obligations.

Pam is going to be doing this performance as a fundraiser performance of a solo show she hasn't done in over a decade, so it is a one night only event. MT Space is working towards establishing an endowment in partnership with the Waterloo Region Community Foundation so that the Majdi Bou-Matar Bursary can remain as a permanent support for artists. Tickets can be purchased for $100 each or two for $185. A donation receipt will be issued for ticket buyers. To reserve your ticket visit – canadahelps.org.

	Sunday, November 22	
10:30 am	Worship Service with Rev. Greg Smith-Young	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Farewell Gathering for Rev. Hoeun	Hilliard Hall
	Monday, November 23	
9:00 am	MT Space	Chapel
5:00 pm	KWYO – Sinfonia	Sanctuary
	Tuesday, November 24	
7:30 am	Noon Hour Concert Prep	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
12:00 pm	Noon Hour Concert	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	KWYO – Youth Strings	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Girl Guides	Youth Room
7:00 pm	SHOW Board Meeting	Parlour
	Wednesday, November 25	
6:30 pm	Embers	Hilliard Hall
6:30 pm	Sparks	Chapel
	Thursday, November 26	
9:30 am	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Family Choir	Chapel
7:00 pm	Gallery Choir	Chapel
	Friday, November 27	
9:00 am	MT Space	Chapel
9:00 am	Artisans at First	Hilliard Hall
1:00 pm	Fridays at First	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
1:30 pm	Artisans at First	Labyrinth Room
8:00 pm	Artisans at First	Hilliard Hall/Parlour
	Saturday, November 28	
7:00 am	Artisans at First	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen Parlour/Labyrinth
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Parlour
2:30 pm	Gordon Burnett – Recital	Chapel
6:00 pm	KW Chamber Music	Chapel
	Sunday, November 29	
10:30 am	Worship Service with The Very Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall

WEEKLY UPDATE

of happenings, events and concerns of our

First United Church Family



November 22, 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

Guest Minister: Rev. Greg Smith-Young
Greeter(s): Karen Fries
Lay Leader: Joan Westcott (she/her)
Serving Refreshments this month: Pastoral Care