

**Welcome to First!** We're glad you are here!

**Rev. Hoeun Lee will be in the office Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm.**  
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**For Sunday, December 1, 2024 – Advent 1**

**Lectionary Readings:**

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10 (VU p. 752),  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36

**Regional Council Prayer Cycle**  
Milverton: St. Paul's



**Deadline for submission to the weekly updates is Tuesday by 4:00 p.m.**

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

To get your offering to the office you can use PAR, e transfer to [firstunitedchurch@rogers.com](mailto:firstunitedchurch@rogers.com), website donation [www.firstunitedchurch.ca](http://www.firstunitedchurch.ca) or send a cheque. 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  
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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.

**CONTRIBUTIONS ENVELOPES FOR 2025**

Please contact the office at 519-745-8487 Ext 201 or email at [office@firstunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@firstunitedchurch.ca) if you would like pre-printed contribution envelopes for 2025.

**MAILCHIMP AT FIRST UNITED**

We use Mailchimp (email) to keep you informed on any events or announcements that happen during the week and weren't included in the Weekly Update. If you would like to receive copies of Rev. Hoeun Lee's Weekly Reflections along with a copy of Bulletin and Weekly Update, also other updates of events happening at the church and sad news please email the church at

[office@firstunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@firstunitedchurch.ca) and we will add your email address to Mailchimp.

If for some reason you haven't been receiving these items but previously were – please email the church office so we can correct and update MailChimp.

**FREE KIDS' CONCERTS AT FIRST**

Registration for Kids Concerts opens for First people only next Monday, Nov 25 so it will be great to have it in the Update for this Sunday.

FREE KIDS' CONCERTS AT FIRST - 2025 TICKETS AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 25!

First United families and friends will be able to order advance tickets on Eventbrite beginning Monday, November 25. Just email [kidsconcertsatfirst@gmail.com](mailto:kidsconcertsatfirst@gmail.com) to receive registration links. Seats sold out quickly for the fall concerts so make sure to get your tickets before registration opens to the public on December 1!

Many thanks to our donors:

- The Brian and Belva Piercy Endowment Fund, United Church of Canada Foundation
- Music Performance Trust Fund, Central Ontario Musicians' Association

**TUESDAY NOON HOUR CONCERTS**

Tuesday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> – INSHALLAH (World Music – WLU), Debbie Lou Ludolph – Director.

Remember to order your lunch by Thursday NOON at [firstunitedconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:firstunitedconcerts@gmail.com). The lunch menu includes egg, ham, salmon and tuna on whole wheat bread (\$6); butter tart, date square or nanaimo square (\$2); and tea or coffee (\$2). The 1/2 hour concerts run from 12:15 - 12:45 with lunch available from 11:30.

**BAKE TABLE FOR ARTISANS AT FIRST.**

Please bring your baking, preserves etc. to the labyrinth room at 2 p.m. on Friday November 29th.

If you need to bring it in the morning put it in the kitchen by the window where tea is served Sunday mornings.

Please label it **bake table**.

**ARTISANS AT FIRST**

Saturday, November 30th here at First United from 10 am – 3 pm  
Thanks to all who have signed up to share in the efforts of this fundraiser. A few spaces still need to be filled.

Thanks to those of you who have brought in items for First's craft table. If you still have items for our table please let me know so I can arrange to pick up and price them before the event.

These are examples of the abundant generosity that we have here at First.

My current wish - Lots of guests – **please help publicize** the event to your family, friends and neighbours – pick up some posters if you have a place to display them.

Email Joan Westcott at [handatfirst@gmail.com](mailto:handatfirst@gmail.com)

**JOINT YOUTH GROUP**

Construction has finally (mostly) finished at Parkminster, which means we have a Brand New Youth Room to decorate! Join us on Wednesday, November 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Parkminster United Church as we work to build our new space. Plus we'll be talking about Jesus in the temple and what makes a space sacred.

Don't forget to mark down our final date for this (calendar) year: December 11. We will start up again in January!

We'd like to kindly remind everyone to fill out our registration forms - caregiver release forms can be found here. Youth information forms can be found here.

Come as you are! We strive to create a brave space for all of you by being an explicitly 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusive and neurodiverse accepting group! We also recognize that youth group can be intimidating for Indigenous and racialized youth, and we are committed to building a welcoming and inclusive group. Please feel free to contact us at [bethany.mcmullen@parkuc.ca](mailto:bethany.mcmullen@parkuc.ca) if you have any questions.

**YOU ARE LOVED. YOU MATTER TO US. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

Blessings, Bethany McMullen and Rebecca Whiting

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS**

On **Sunday December 22** (4th Sunday in Advent) we will be welcoming new members to First United. If you are interested in becoming a member or transferring your membership, please speak to Hoeun or email him ([rev.hoeun.firstunited@gmail.com](mailto:rev.hoeun.firstunited@gmail.com)) or call the church office (519-745-8487). The class will be Thursday, December 5 OR Saturday, December 7 depending on availability.

**A CHRISTMAS PARTY**



**Sunday, December 7th**  
**5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

You are invited to A Christmas Party. Pot Luck Dinner or Donation. Come and Enjoy Fun, Food, Fellowship (Caroling, Games, Entertainment) Please call or email: Jean Hoffmann 519-746-7184 [jeanhoffmann921@gmail.com](mailto:jeanhoffmann921@gmail.com) So we can set a place for you and your family and friends.



**Christmas Around the World**

Sunday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. At First United.  
Featuring: Gallery Choir, Family Choir, Handbell Choir  
Congregational carols  
Free; an offering will be received



**White Gift Sunday will be**  
**December 8 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 17. These will be received during the service on December 8 and could be dropped off at any time before that if you are not able to attend in person.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### **CONRAD GREBEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE EVENTS: INTERESTED IN PASTORAL TRAINING?**

Conrad Grebel University College at the UWaterloo offers a two-year Master of Theological Studies degree for people from a range of academic backgrounds. Integrate academic study and practical internships to prepare for a pastoral role in congregations, chaplaincy in hospitals, prisons, or elder care facilities, or social service work in varied settings. Full-time Canadian/permanent resident MTS students are eligible for full tuition scholarships. Learn more at [www.uwaterloo.ca/theological-studies](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/theological-studies).

<b>Sunday, Nov 24</b>		
10:30 am	<i>Worship</i>	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Sunday School	Labyrinth Room
12:00 pm	MTSpace	Chapel
11:45 am	Intercultural Lunch & Learn	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
4:00 pm	MTSpace(Ukrainian Dance)	Labyrinth Room
5:00 pm	MTSpace(PYM)	Hilliard Hall

<b>Sunday, Dec 1</b>		
10:30 am	<b>Worship</b>	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Tastes Like Home	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
4:00 pm	MTSpace(Ukrainian Dance)	Labyrinth Room
5:00 pm	KWChamber Music Society	Sanctuary/Narthex/Kitchen

<b>Monday, Nov. 25</b>		
10:00 am	MTSpace (BID)	Chapel
5:00 pm	KW Youth Orchestra	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Scouts	Hilliard Hall
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 26</b>		
8:00 am	Noon Hour Concert /Prep	HH/K/Sanctuary
10:00 am	MTSpace (BID)	Chapel
10:30 am	Noon Concert Musicians	Parlour
5:00 pm	KW Youth Orchestra	Sanctuary/Labyrinth Room
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 27</b>		
1:00 pm	Blind Dinner	Chapel/Kitchen
6:30 pm	Embers/Sparks	Hilliard Hall/Labyrinth Rm
7:00 pm	SHOW Board Mtg	Parlour
<b>Thursday, Nov. 28</b>		
10:00 am	MTSpace (BID)	Chapel
10:00 am	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Artisans at First	Kitchen
4:00 pm	Family Choir	Chapel
5:00 pm	Soccer Shots	Hilliard Hall
5:00 pm	KWChamber Music Society	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Gallery Choir	Chapel
<b>Friday, Nov 29</b>		
9:00 am	Artisans at First	Hilliard Hall
10:00 am	MTSpace (BID)	Chapel
1:00 pm	Artisans at First	Labyrinth Room
1:00 pm	Fridays at First	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
8:00 pm	Artisans at First	Hilliard Hall/Parlour
6:30 pm	Conrad Grebel Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Saturday, Nov 30</b>		
7:30 am	Artisans at First	HH/K/P/LR
9:00 am	Knitting Group	Labyrinth Room
1:00 pm	Dudgeon & Dragons	Labyrinth Room
5:00 pm	Conrad Grebel Concert	Sanctuary

## WEEKLY UPDATE

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



**November 24, 2024**

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Serving refreshments this month: Pastoral Care