

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

Rev. Hoeun Lee will be in the office Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 am to 3 pm.
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Sunday, February 16th – Sixth after Epiphany

Lectionary Readings:

Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Psalm 1 (VU p. 724); 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20;
Luke 6: 17-26



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, e transfer to firstunitedchurch@rogers.com, website donation 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.



The flowers in the Sanctuary are placed in loving memory of Doug Leask, who passed away on February 8th, 2024.

ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

Reminder that the Annual Meeting is on March 9th, 2025 after the service.

If you haven't completed your Annual Report please submit as soon as you can. We hope to finalize the Annual Report by February 17th. Please send electronically to the **new address only** (not the church office). firstunited.annualreport@gmail.com

Please submit Financial reports to treasurer, Paul Miller
pmiller0324@rogers.com

TUESDAY NOON HOUR CONCERTS

Join us on Tuesday Feb. 11th for our FREE Noon Hour Concert. **This week's performance is: Larry Larson, Mary Jay and Phil Sequin – Trumpets - Music-On-The-Go (MOTG).** Remember to pre-order your lunches by Thursday Noon at firstunitedconcerts@gmail.com. (egg, ham, salmon or tuna on whole wheat \$6; butter tart, nanaimo or date square \$2; tea or coffee \$2) See you there!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REQUEST

The Nominating Committee is working to provide a full slate of board members and committee members for 2025 for the Annual Meeting which is coming up on Sunday, March 9.

All of the committees and the Church Board would be happy to welcome new members. If you know someone you think might be interested in joining a committee or the Board please speak to them or let the Nominating Committee know. If you have a keen interest in a specific area yourself, let us know.

In particular we want to let you know that there are several positions on the Church Board called congregational representatives. These positions are a good way to join the Board and learn how it operates.

We are looking for a vice chair of the Board as well as a recording secretary.

This year we are also looking for members for a new Communications Committee. The committee will provide support for staff to expand our online presence with younger generations including short videos and podcasts and will continue our engagement and outreach through our website, newsletter and social media.

Here are the committees and some possibilities for you to consider: Worship, Pastoral Care, Property, Outreach, Faith Development, Justice Team, Affirming/Inclusion, Ministry and Personnel, Stewardship/Finance, Nominating.

The Nominating Committee is Marg Dickson, Muriel Omand-Naylor and Mary Joan Brooker. We would be happy to hear from you.

SENIOR SING-ALONG AND MORE – GOLDEN HYMNS AND FELLOWSHIP

Join us for the February "Senior Sing-Along and More!" Experience an afternoon of joyful hymn singing, heartwarming fellowship, and fun surprises.!

DATE: Thursday February 20th

TIME: 1:30 pm

LOCATION: First United Church Chapel

Bring a friend, your love for music and your best singing voice! We can't wait to see you there.

Mark your calendar for upcoming dates of Senior Sing-Along and More: March 20; April 17; May 15; June 19

MT SPACE CHELSEA'S STORY ONLINE WATCH PARTY

The performance coincides with Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Canada on February 20th to 22nd

Thursday Feb 20 at 1:00-3:00 pm – performance online

Friday Feb 21 at 1:00 -3:00 pm – performance online and at First United – optional Arabic translation

Location: Labyrinth Room (those who want to watch it together in person)

Saturday Feb. 22 at 1:00-3:00 pm - performance online – optional Ukrainian translation

All performances are followed by a Q&A.

Live virtual performance and discussion with facilitators and actors. If needed, the script will be available.

Register for free here: www.sascwr.org/chelseas-story

BLACK HISTORY MONTH WORSHIP SERVICES



February 16 (Pulpit exchange)

First United and Cedar Hill United will once again hold a pulpit exchange in February.

It is an honour to welcome a Black voice to our pulpit as Rev. Whitton Day, originally from Jamaica, joins us as our guest preacher while Rev. Hoeun preaches at Cedar Hill United.

February 23 (Joint Black History Month Service)

First United will host a Joint Black History Month Service on February 23 with Emmanuel and Westminster. Rev. Brigid Maya (St. Mathew's United Church), a distinguished Black preacher and theologian, will deliver a powerful message. Following the service, the Intercultural Lunch and Learn will feature West African cuisine and an engaging discussion on interculturalism and anti-racism with Rev. Brigid.

Sunday, Feb 9		
10:30 am	Worship – 5th After Epiphany	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Congregational Townhall Meeting	Hilliary Hall/Kitchen
3:00 pm	Laurier Academy of Music	Narthex/Sanctuary
4:00 pm	MTSpace (Cinema Club Project)	Parlour
Monday, Feb 10		
9:00 am	Baileys Foods	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
5:00 pm	KWYO – Sinfonia	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Scouts	Hilliard Hall
7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Parlour
Tuesday, Feb 11		
8:00 am	Noon Hour Concert Prep	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
12:15 pm	Noon Hour Concert	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	Property Committee	Parlour
5:00 pm	KWYO – Strings	Sanctuary
5:15 pm	KWYO – Preludium Strings	Chapel
Wednesday, Feb 12		
6:30 pm	Sparkes	Labyrinth Room
6:30 pm	Embers	Hilliard Hall
Thursday, Feb 13		
10:00 am	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Family Choir	Chapel
7:00 pm	Gallery Choir	Chapel
	Friday, Feb 14	
1:00 pm	Fridays at First	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
Saturday, Feb 15		
9:00 am	Knitting Group	Parlour
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Labyrinth Room
Sunday, Feb 16		
10:30 am	Worship – 6th After Epiphany	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Intercultural Lunch and Learn – West African Cuisine	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen

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



February 9, 2025

Minister	Rev. Ho Eun Lee
Music Director	Kathleen King Martin
Church Administrator	Sheena Curwood
AV Technician	Harold Arnett
Custodian	Jay Brooker
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Greeter(s):	Lynn Blake-Dickson
Reader(s):	Nola Mott
Lay Leader:	Hannah Haworth
Serving refreshments this month: Worship	