

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

Welcome to our quest this morning Adam Cresswell.

Adam Cresswell (he/him) – Executive Director of The Hub Community Network, one of the largest Youth and Young Adult ministries in the United Church of Canada

Since growing up in the UCC Adam has been serving young people in our Church in churches, camps, and his own ministry for almost 20 years. In 2015 Adam founded "The Hub Community Network" a grassroots ministry for youth and young adults that lives to connect young people with the liberating love of Christ and empower them to build a more just and inclusive world. Adam and The Hub are convinced that the future of the UCC can be a bright one if we invest and support tomorrow's church today by building up our young people in faith, justice, and inclusion. Adam works with over 70 volunteers at The Hub and directs the work of The Hub's local chapters that have existed for a decade in cities across southern Ontario. Adam is excited to connect with UCC members who want to see the growth of young people in our churches.

Rev. Hoeun will be on study leave to attend the (Re)Generate leadership program online with the Moderator this week.

During this time, for emergency pastoral care needs, please contact:

Rev. Whitton Daley (Cedar Hill United Church)

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Sunday May 18th – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Lectionary Readings:

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148: (VU p. 870-871); Revelation 21:1-6;
John 13:31-35;



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.

BROADVIEW MAGAZINE RENEWAL

It's time to renew or start your annual subscription. Our Current Group Expiry date is July/Aug 2025. Get 8 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 May 20, 2025.**

UCW PROJECT – "CURRENCY FOR KIDS"

UCW has received approval to proceed with "Currency for Kids" project from the Outreach Committee and the Church Board. A box will be placed at the back of the church each week for donations. Jean Hoffman will be responsible for it and the money will be handed over to TCF every three months.

Thank you for your consideration of this very worthwhile project and your generosity.

Jean Hoffman

YOUTH GROUP

Hello Friends!

Join us for our next meeting on May 14th from 7-8:30 at First United Church.

Come ready to explore the concept of being a fisher of people, create your very own fishing net and compete in a fun (fake) fishing game outdoors depending on the weather! We look forward to talking about how our May 2nd film screening outreach project went!

Upcoming Dates: May 28, June 11.

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 rebecca.w.westminster@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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

Blessings,

Emma Baker, Bethany McMullen and Rebecca Whiting

CONVERSATIONS WITH HOEUN

Will continue on Tuesday, June 3rd at 1 p.m. in the Chapel. It is an hour of getting to know our Minister, Rev. Hoeun Lee and members of the congregation through conversation and refreshments. Each month, we come together for some informal time together in a small group to help foster these relationships. If you are interested in some lively interactions and goodies, please contact Nola Mott at (519-884-4851).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

EMBRACING AGING AS CULMINATION
Annual Spirituality and Aging Seminar | Friday, June 6, 2025, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. Guest speaker Dr. Carol Orsborn, author of seven books that embrace spiritual aging as life’s culmination. For seminar details and pricing, visit uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/embracing-aging-culmination

MUSIC THERAPY AND PARKINSON’S RESEARCH

Tian Ip, is the Music Director at Listowel Mennonite Church and also a doctoral researcher at Wilfrid Laurier University.

Recruitment Opportunity:
This study, sponsored by Mitacs and Parkinson’s Society Southwestern Ontario, aims to investigate the efficacy of using music therapy to predict the decline of Parkinson’s disease. We will do this by having the participant play on the drums while Tian Ip plays on the keyboard. Data is collected digitally and analyzed to identify trends and patterns. Thus, we need both participants with Parkinson’s and healthy participants. Participants only need to come in once for about 1-5 hours. No music experience is necessary!

For more information:
Dr. Demian Kogutec
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	Sunday, May 11	
10:30 am	Worship – 4th Sunday of Easter	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Sunday School	Parlour/Labyrinth Room
	Monday, May 12	
9:00 am	Bailey’s Foods	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
7:00 pm	Scouts	Hilliard Hall
	Tuesday, May 13	
1:30 pm	Property	Parlour
7:00 pm	Collaboration Meeting	Parlour
	Wednesday, May 14	
3:00 pm	Outreach	Parlour
6:30 pm	Sparks	Labyrinth Room
6:30 pm	Embers	Hilliard Hall
7:00 pm	Joint Youth Group	Parlour
	Thursday, May 15	
4:00 pm	Family Choir	Chapel
7:00 pm	Gallery Choir	Chapel
	Friday, May 16	
4:00 pm	Fridays at First Appreciation Dinner	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	Saturday, May 17	
7:00 am	Garden Club – Plant sale	Outdoor Parking Lot
2:00 pm	MTSpace (Ukranian dance)	Hilliard Hall
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Parlour
	Sunday, May 18	
10:30 am	Worship – 5th Sunday of Easter	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Sunday School	Parlour/Labyrinth Room
2:30 pm	Intercultural Youth Choir	Chapel
6:00 pm	MTSpace (Cinema Club Project)	Parlour

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



May 11, 2025

Minister	Rev. Hoeun Lee
Music Director	Kathleen King Martin
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Serving refreshments this week: Property	