

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

Rev. Fred Montieth will be on vacation November 16<sup>th</sup> until November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

For Emergency Pastoral Care during Fred's absence please contact:  
Rev. Joe Gaspar from Parkminster United at 519-885-0935 Ext. 23 or [revjoe@parkuc.ca](mailto:revjoe@parkuc.ca)

**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.



### **Sunday November 23 – Reign of Christ Sunday**

Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Luke 1: 68-79 (VU pp. 900-901);  
Colossians 1: 11-20; Luke 23: 33-43

Regional Council Prayer Cycle  
Drayon Pastoral Charge



**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](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  
16 William St. West  
Waterloo ON N2L 1J3

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.

Also, we have collection plates at the end of each aisle in the Sanctuary for you to place your envelope giving each Sunday.



### **TRIBUTE FOR JEAN ARNETT**

The flowers placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday November 23 are in memory of Jean Arnett and to celebrate of her Birthday. There will be cake after the service in Hilliard Hall to celebrate Jean's birthday and Ken & Jean Arnett's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. They would have celebrated this special event this past summer.

### **NOON HOUR CONCERT**

On Tuesday November 18 Noon Hour Concert:

Larry Larson – trumpet; Lori Gemmell - harp

Remember to pre-order your lunches by Thursday Noon at [firstunitedconcerts@gmail.com](mailto: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!

### **40 DAYS OF ENGAGEMENT ON ANTI-RACISM**

You are invited to the next session at First United on Wednesday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm when the session will focus on the connection between mission and racialization. The online presentation will be a Bible study where the speakers will explore their own reflections. This will be followed by a discussion in our group. Come share your thoughts and hear others'. Anti-racism is not always an easy topic for conversation but participants to date are finding this a good opportunity for that conversation. We invite you to join us. The First United team for this series: Zoe Fingas, Yoonjoo Shin and Joan Westcott

### **PRE-ORDER FROZEN PIES**

Your pie order can be picked up on November 29<sup>th</sup>. At the Artisans at First Bake Sale table.



### **ARTISANS AT FIRST BAKE SALE INFORMATION**

Last year's sale was such a success because of our congregation's many wonderful donations of baking, jams, preserves and treats of all kinds.

We would like to make up 24 plates of

Christmas cookies. All baking is to be delivered to the Labyrinth Room on Friday November 28<sup>th</sup> between 1:30 – 2:00 pm. If you need to deliver earlier, please label "FOR THE BAKE TABLE" and put in the kitchen in front of the tea and coffee window. Christmas Cookies can come in a container for us to plate. All other baking and treats are to come plated or boxed ready to sell. Come to Hilliard Hall each Sunday to choose plates and containers that you may wish to use for the baking.

Any questions: contact: [bieman@worldline.ca](mailto:bieman@worldline.ca)

### **ARTISANS AT FIRST 2025**

First United will be hosting Artisans at First 2025 on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. This is a market of a wide variety of new handcrafted items by thirty or more crafters from Waterloo Region and beyond. The event also includes a large bake sale and a lunchroom.

There are still a few spaces available for vendors.

Anyone interested in being a vendor should contact Joan Westcott at [handatfirst@gmail.com](mailto:handatfirst@gmail.com)



### **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN – WEEK 3- Theme: CREATIVITY**

Our Stewardship campaign this year will be in collaboration with Emmanuel. After some discussion between the two Stewardship Teams, it made sense to organize the campaigns together and to form one Stewardship Campaign Team. By working together, we will be sharing the work and resources and providing continuity for the worship on each of the Sundays while the campaign is running. This campaign will run the first 4 weeks of November starting Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The program chosen for this year's campaign is called "Change Makers".

A 'Change Maker' is a risk-taker, someone who puts their faith into action to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Jesus was a 'Change Maker'. This week of focusing on being Changemakers in the tradition of Jesus, we call upon our creativity with ease, not with anxiety. We don't have to come up with a grand scheme to obliterate injustice, no matter how much we wish we could. We are thinking of things that could make a small, ordinary, but important difference in our community, in people's lives. Again, these ideas are gestating as they wait to hatch someday. As we continue playing with this metaphor of tending the nest, what is continuing to develop in your imagination?

### **JOINT YOUTH GROUP**

We will be meeting November 19<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-8:30pm at **Parkminster United Church**

Join us for the youth group **Olympics!** Come for a fun night of **egg racing and cotton projectiles** leave with the victory title and *hopefully* no scrambled eggs.

We hope to play our well known favorite game **Telestations** if we have time and talk about alternatives for the youth group sleepover! We look forward to seeing you there!

**Future dates:** December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup>

Blessings, Emma Baker and Bethany McMullen



### JOYOUS LIGHT

The Choirs of First United Church presents:  
**Seasonal Music Program**  
Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

**Handbell Choir, Gallery Choir and Family Choir.**  
Please join us for lovely seasonal music and a congregational caroling.  
A free will offering will be taken.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE EVENTS AT PARKMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**

November 23 – Brenna Baker, WOW Stewardship Support Staff, will preach at a Stewardship Sunday service with a focus on legacy giving. Following the service she will lead a legacy giving workshop, intended to help people think about and plan how they can leave a lasting legacy to the church through their will, a life insurance policy or other deferred gifts, where the gift is realized sometime in the future. More details about registration will be provided later if you are interested.

#### **MENNO SINGERS**

Sunday November 30, 2026 at 7:00 pm Three Choirs at Christmas. Ring in the Advent Season with choral favourites, readings and carols, sung by Menno Singers, Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir and Menno Youth Ensemble. Trillium Luther Church (22 Willow St., Waterloo). Adults \$30, Students \$5. Tickets at the door or online at <http://www.mennosingers.com>

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY'S SENIOR PROGRAMS**

**Senior Social Club:** Nov. 26; Dec 10; Jan 21; Feb 25 – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Main Library Auditorium Room (35 Albert Street, Waterloo)  
**Majestic Tiles Club** – Nov 19; Dec 3; Jan 7; Feb 11; Mar 4 – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Main Library Auditorium Room  
**Chinese Conversation Circle** - (learn basic Mandarin, know Chinese food and culture) – Jan 14; Feb. 4 – 3:00 – 5:00 pm – Main Library Auditorium Room

#### **GRAND PHILHARMONIC CHOIR**

Winter's Night – Satuday November 29, 7:30pm at Trillium Lutheran Church, 22 Willow Street, Waterloo. Lori Gemmell (harp), Grand Philharmonic Chamber Singers, Mark Vuorinen, conductor. Britten: Ceremony of Carols.  
Tickets can be purchased at the box office at Center In The Square or online: [www.centreinthesquare.com](http://www.centreinthesquare.com) or phone: 519-578-1570

|                 | <b>Sunday Nov 16</b>      |                               |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>10:00 am</b> | <b>Joint Service</b>      | <b>Emmanuel United Church</b> |
| 4:00 pm         | MTSpace                   | Hilliard Hall                 |
|                 | <b>Monday, Nov 17</b>     |                               |
| 9:00 am         | Baileys Foods             | Hilliard Hall/Kitchen         |
| 4:00 pm         | MTSpace                   | Chapel                        |
| 5:00 pm         | KWYO – Youth Sinfonia     | Sanctuary                     |
| 7:00 pm         | Scouts                    | Hilliard Hall                 |
|                 | <b>Tuesday, Nov 18</b>    |                               |
| 8:00 am         | Noon Concert Prep         | Hilliard Hall/Kitchen         |
| 12:00 pm        | Noon Hour Concert         | Sanctuary                     |
| 5:00 pm         | KWYO -Youth Strings       | Sanctuary                     |
| 5:00 pm         | KWYO – Preludium Strings  | Chapel                        |
|                 | <b>Wednesday, Nov 19</b>  |                               |
| 9:30 am         | Let's Talk About It       | Parlour                       |
| 6:30 pm         | Embers                    | Hilliard Hall                 |
| 6:30 pm         | Sparks                    | Chapel                        |
| 7:00 pm         | Anti – Racism Program     | Parlour                       |
|                 | <b>Thursday, Nov 20</b>   |                               |
| 9:30 am         | Bell Choir                | Sanctuary                     |
| 11:00 am        | Baileys Foods             | Hilliard Hall/Kitchen         |
| 4:15 pm         | Family Choir              | Chapel                        |
| 7:00 pm         | Gallery Choir             | Chapel                        |
|                 | <b>Friday, Nov 21</b>     |                               |
| 1:00 pm         | Fridays at First          | Hilliard Hall/Kitchen         |
|                 | <b>Saturday, Nov 22</b>   |                               |
| 7:00 am         | Garden Club (Holly & Ivy) | Hilliard/Kitchen              |
| 9:00 am         | Knitting Group            | Parlour                       |
| 1:00 pm         | Dungeons & Dragons        | Parlour                       |
|                 | <b>Sunday, Nov 23</b>     |                               |
| 10:30 am        | Worship Service           | Sanctuary                     |
| 11:30 am        | Refreshments              | Hilliard Hall                 |
| 10:30 am        | Sunday School             | Parlour/Labyrinth Room        |
| 1:30 pm         | Schneider Male Chorus     | Sanctuary                     |

### WEEKLY UPDATE

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



**November 16, 2025**

|                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Minister             | Rev. Hoeun Lee       |
| Music Director       | Kathleen King Martin |
| Church Administrator | Sheena Curwood       |
| AV Technician        | Harold Arnett        |
| Custodian            | Jay Brooker          |
| Assistant Custodian  | Craig Lennox         |

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#### **Chair of the Board**

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Guest Minister: Rev. Brenda Torrie  
Greeter(s):  
Reader(s):  
Lay Leader:  
Serving Refreshments this week: