

Welcome to First! We are glad you are here!

For Emergency Pastoral Care please see below:

January 25 to February 9, 2026 – Rev. Hoeun Lee

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**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 February 15, 2026

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 (VU p.725); Psalm 99 (VU p.819)  
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Temple Hill 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

Etransfer to [firstunitedchurch@rogers.com](mailto:firstunitedchurch@rogers.com), Website donation [www.firstunitedchurch.ca](http://www.firstunitedchurch.ca) or 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

Please make 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.

#### **CONTRIBUTION RECEIPTS**

2025 Contribution Receipts which were not picked up were mailed on February 5.

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS ENVELOPES FOR 2026**

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 2026.

#### **PAR INFORMATION**

Due to a system upgrade, the changes to the PAR contributions will not be reflected in January 2026. We have been assured the changes will take effect in February 2026.

#### **KITCHEN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE MODERATOR**

Join us this Lent for Kitchen Conversations with the Moderator, a six-part video series exploring faith, food, and the power of invitation, hosted by The Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath. Drawing inspiration and recipes from the United Church's Lenten devotional, "Bless Break Share: Recipes for Faithful Living", we're getting in the kitchen with guests from across the church, including book contributors, United Church you, and the Moderator's own family.

Starting Shrove Tuesday, February 17, we'll be breaking bread at a church each week throughout Lent, reflecting on how food can nourish both body and soul, and how in joining around the table, we connect to something deeper than ourselves.

Find out more: <https://united-church.ca/kitchenconversations>

Subscribe to our denomination's YouTube channel to follow Kitchen Conversations as each episode is released: <https://www.youtube.com/@UnitedChurchCda>

The Lenten devotional, "Bless Break Share," is available from [UCRDstore.ca](http://UCRDstore.ca): <https://ucrdstore.ca/collections/bless-break-share>

#### **YOUTH**

We'd love to invite you to join us for a fun and relaxed board game night. **On February 11th at Parkminster United Church!**

We'll be coming together to reflect on Black History Month, share some of our lived experiences, and learn from one another in a meaningful way. Since we didn't get a chance to finish our games last week, we'll also be picking those back up and enjoying a relaxed night of fun with board games together.

Future Dates: **March 4th**, March 11th

**NOTICE: February 25th meeting moved to March 4th!**

#### **UCW**

Please join us Thursday, February 5 in the Parlour at 1:30pm. We will have a special guest speaker – Carolyn Wilkie. Carolyn will be speaking to us about Community and Home Services.

UCW of Western Ontario Waterways invites you to 'WALK WITH ME'. This is an Online gathering taking place Tuesday, February 10. Please see poster on bulletin board outside of Hilliard Hall. For further information please contact Edith Coyle (519-744-9066) or visit <https://wowrcucc.ca/event/wow-ucw-gathering-walk-with-me/>

#### **TUESDAY NOON HOUR CONCERTS**

Join us on **Tuesday Feb 10th** for our FREE Noon Hour Concert here at First, featuring **KW Woodwind Quintet**.

The Concert runs from 12:15 to 12:45. Please remember to pre-order your lunch by Thursday NOON at [firstunitedconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:firstunitedconcerts@gmail.com). Menu: egg, ham, salmon or tuna sandwich on whole wheat (\$6); butter tart, nanaimo or date square (\$2); tea or coffee (\$2). Donations are also very welcome. Copies of the full schedule are available in the Narthex or at [firstunitedchurch.ca](http://firstunitedchurch.ca).

#### **NEW FUNDRAISER**

Have you ever spotted a new building rising and then tried to remember the building it is replacing? As you know, there is the possibility that part or all of the First United Church building could be replaced. Do you have a picture to remind you of the current building?

Some of you may have seen the watercolour prints of First United Church by artist Debbie Ellis in her display at Artisans at First 2025. Following up on a suggestion by a member of the M&P Committee, Debbie has agreed to support sales of the prints as a fundraiser for First United Church. You will have the opportunity to purchase blank greeting cards or matted prints which are 8x10" or 11x14". To place your order see the display in Hilliard Hall on February 1 February 8 or contact Joan Westcott at [handatfirst@gmail.com](mailto:handatfirst@gmail.com).

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### **CONRAD GREBEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

Conrad Grebel University College invites student residence applications for the 2026-27 academic year. Grebel is an enthusiastic residence community, rooted in Christian values, that houses University of Waterloo students on the UWATERLOO campus. Students in any year of study are welcome. Learn about rooms, spaces, food, fees, and important dates at [uwaterloo.ca/grebel/apply](http://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/apply).

**Registration for Ontario Mennonite Music Camp (OMMC) is now open!** Running from August 16–28, 2026, OMMC is a place where youth develop and enrich relationships, faith, musicality, and leadership in a fun and supportive summer camp environment. Based in Waterloo, ON. Register by April 15 for the early-bird discount. **More information at [greibel.ca/ommc](http://greibel.ca/ommc)**

### **MENNO SINGERS FAMILY OF CHOIRS**

Sunday, February 8 – 3pm

Join choristers and instrumentalists for a (re-scheduled) Mid-Winter Hymn Sing at Waterloo North Mennonite Church, hosted by Menno Singers and the Menno Youth Ensemble. A variety of selections from the Voices Together hymnal and ample room for requests will be sure to warm your mid-winter spirits as we raise our voices in song. Admission is by donation.

### **GRAND PHILHARMONIC CHOIR**

Martin Palmeri's Misatango

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm, St Matthews Centre, Kitchener  
Imagine a music experience that combines the traditional beauty of the Latin Mass with the emotional intensity and rich, dramatic colours of Argentinian tango!  
Also on the program: Whitacre: *Five Hebrew Love Songs*; Runestad: *The Hope of Loving*; Manswell: *Stick with Love*  
Tickets: \$40, \$20 for students and under 30s, \$10 for high school and younger)

### **KITCHENER WATERLOO COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA**

Join us on **Saturday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church** (50 Erb St. W., Waterloo) for a heartwarming evening of music that brings family and friends together.

While their original program has been postponed as their scheduled soloist is indisposed, they're excited to present a special Valentine's concert filled with heart-warming passion and beauty. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors, and \$18 for university and college students.

High school students and younger music enthusiasts attend free of charge. Tickets are available at the door, or you may reserve you seats online- <https://www.kwco.org/feb14-2026>

	<b><i>Sunday Feb 8</i></b>	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Sunday School	Parlour/Labyrinth Room
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall
	<b><i>Monday, Feb 9</i></b>	
5:00 pm	KWYO – Youth Sinfonia	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Parlour
7:00 pm	Scouts	Hilliard Hall
	<b><i>Tuesday, Feb 10</i></b>	
7:30 am	Noon Hour 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><i>Wednesday, Feb 11</i></b>	
6:30 pm	Embers	Hilliard Hall
6:30 pm	Sparks	Chapel
	<b><i>Thursday, Feb 12</i></b>	
9:30 am	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Family Choir	Chapel
4:00 pm	MT Space	Labyrinth Room
7:00 pm	Gallery Choir	Chapel
	<b><i>Friday, Feb 13</i></b>	
1:00 pm	Fridays at First	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<b><i>Saturday, Feb 14</i></b>	
9:00am	Knitting Group	Parlour
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Labyrinth Room
5:00 pm	Grand River Friendship Society	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<b><i>Sunday, Feb 15</i></b>	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall

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



**February 8, 2026**

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Music Director	Kathleen King Martin
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Greeter(s):	Frank Watty
Reader(s):	Nola Mott
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Serving Refreshments this month:	UCW