

Welcome to First! We are glad you are here!

We welcome Rev. Fred Monteith this morning.

For Emergency Pastoral Care please see below:
February 10 to 16, 2026 – Rev. Brenda Torrie
Phone 519-886-1471(ext 101), revbrendat@emmanueluc.ca

February 17 to 23, 2026 please contact Rev. Joe Gaspar
(Parkminster United Church) at 519-504-9835 or
revjoe@parkuc.ca. Rev. Hoeun is taking study leave this week.

Office is closed Monday February 16 due to Family Day Holiday.

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 22, 2026

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32 (VU p.759);
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Fergus: Melville 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
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Etransfer to firstunitedchurch@rogers.com,
Website donation 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.

CURRENCY FOR KIDS

If you have any leftover coins from trips to other countries, you are encouraged to donate them to this U.C.W. project. The coins are given to Family & Children Services of Waterloo Region to help kids in need. The green container can be found on the table just outside the sanctuary.

TUESDAY NOON HOUR CONCERTS

Join us on **Tuesday Feb 17th** for our FREE Noon Hour Concert here at First, featuring **KWS Brass Quintet**. The Concert runs from 12:15 to 12:45. Please remember to pre-order your lunch by Thursday NOON at 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.

PANCAKE SUPPER

Please join us for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 17 from 5:00pm – 6:30pm. The menu includes 3 pancakes, 2 sausage and /or baked beans. Free Will donation – All are Welcome.

KITCHEN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE MODERATOR

We will be participating in this six-part video Lenten series with the Moderator beginning Tuesday February 17 with the *Praying with Scripture* group which meets every Tuesday morning at 9:00 am via Zoom. The Zoom link for *Praying with Scripture* can be found on our church website under the section Events. We invite you to join us in this time of exploring faith, food and the power of invitation. Each week we will watch the video together and then have a discussion. Please know that this is a safe space to share and to have a good discussion.

There is a devotional book for this series entitled: 'Bless, Break, Share: Recipes for Faithful Living.' I have purchased some copies of the book for us at a discounted rate. I currently have four (4) books available. Please let me know if you would like a copy of the book.

I hope you will join us – all are welcome! Please email me at macphail@golden.net to let me know if you will be joining us on Tuesday at 9:00 am, so I know who to let in to our Zoom meeting. Also, on the United Church of Canada website each week will be a recipe – this week there is a recipe for Pancakes.

To find out more about this Lenten Series:
<https://united-church.ca/kitchenconversations>

Joanne MacPhail

PIANO RECITAL

Saturday, February 21, 2:00pm, Sanctuary
The Congregation is invited to a Piano Recital featuring students of Kathleen King Martin.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

GRAND PHILHARMONIC CHOIR

Martin Palmeri's Misatango
Saturday, March 7th, 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)

MTSpace

Wednesday, February 11, 7:00pm, University of Waterloo Art Gallery
MTSpace has partnered with Textile and UWAG to host an open mic and potluck event in the middle of an arts installation. Come experience *i look to the skies*, by Palestinian-Canadian artist Jude Abu Zaineh.

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.

MENNO SINGERS FAMILY OF CHOIRS

Sign up to sing with the Mennonite Mass Choir as we join Menno Singers to perform Johannes Brahm’s Schicksalslied (Song of Destiny) and Karl Jenken’s The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at Centre in the Square with soloists and members of the Kitchener Waterloo Symphony, conducted by Brandon Leis. Rehearsals begin on Monday nights on February 23, 2026.

www.mennosingers.com.

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>

Friday Lenten Organ Recitals

Church of the Holy Saviour, 12:15pm
33 Allen Street East, Waterloo
Soup Luncheon following recitals (Suggested Donation \$10)
February 20th – Mark D. Himmelman
February 27th – Bradley Moggach

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY WATERLOO WELLINGTON

Virtual and In-Person Education Sessions

You can register over the phone by calling our office at 519-650-1628 (Cambridge Area), 519-836-7672 (Guelph Area) or 519-742-1422 (Kitchener Area)

Advanced Care Planning, February 19, 10:30-11:30am

Virtual via Zoom

What is Advanced Care Planning in Ontario? They will be discussing substitute decision makers as it pertains to health care, types of decisions and resources to assist you in ‘Starting the Conversation’.

	<i>Sunday Feb 15</i>	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall
	<i>Monday, Feb 16</i>	
	FAMILY DAY	OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 pm	Scouts	Hilliard Hall
	<i>Tuesday, Feb 17</i>	
7:30 am	Noon Hour Concert Prep	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
12:00 pm	Noon Hour Concert	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Pancake Supper	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<i>Wednesday, Feb 18</i>	
9:30 am	Let’s Talk About It	Parlour
6:30 pm	Embers	Hilliard Hall
6:30 pm	Sparks	Chapel
7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Emmanuel
	<i>Thursday, Feb 19</i>	
9:30 am	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Baileys Foods	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
4:00 pm	Family Choir	Chapel
4:00 pm	MT Space	Labyrinth Room
7:00 pm	Gallery Choir	Chapel
	<i>Friday, Feb 20</i>	
1:00 pm	Fridays at First	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<i>Saturday, Feb 21</i>	
9:00am	Knitting Group	Parlour
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Labyrinth Room
1:30 pm	Piano Recital	Sanctuary
	<i>Sunday, Feb 22</i>	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Sunday School	Parlour/Labyrinth Room
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall

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



February 15, 2026

Minister	Rev. Hoeun Lee
Music Director	Kathleen King Martin
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Guest Minister:	Rev. Fred Monteith
Greeter(s):	Shirley Irish
Reader(s):	Douglas Facey
Lay Leader:	Rick Heemskerk
Serving Refreshments this month:	UCW