

Welcome to First! We are glad you are here!

Rev. Hoeun will be in the office Thursday and Friday  
from 9:30am to 12:30pm

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**OFFICE CLOSED –  
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026 & MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026**

**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 April 5, 2026**

Acts 10:34-43; or Jeremiah 31:1-6  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (VU p.837)  
Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

**Rostock 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](mailto:firstunitedchurch@rogers.com),  
Website donation [www.firstunitedchurch.ca](http://www.firstunitedchurch.ca)  
or cheque. Please make cheques payable to –  
**FIRST UNITED CHURCH**

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.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**



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|-----------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------|
| April 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Maundy<br>Thursday | 7:00 pm  | First United |
| April 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Good Friday        | 10:00 am | Parkminster  |
| April 5 <sup>th</sup> | Easter<br>Sunday   | 10:30 am | First United |

**BOARD UPDATE**

First's Board met March 9<sup>th</sup>. Our top concerns are finances, governance, and what is First's direction. The Board will be holding a leadership retreat on April 18<sup>th</sup>, facilitated by Rev. Greg Smith-Young to assist the Board in envisioning First's future. Rev. Smith-Young will preach on April 19<sup>th</sup> and will facilitate a congregational conversation after the service with the congregation. Please mark the date in your calendars and come share your thoughts and ideas. The Board also approved engaging a consultant to lead us in a process to make strategic choices for First, to create a right-sized system of governance, and to make plans for implementation of the strategy and governance selected. Cognizant of the financial issues First has, funds for the engagement will come from Trustee funds appropriate for this project and not from the church's general fund. The congregation will be consulted throughout the process as we need your support to be successful!

**UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA SURVEY**

The United Church of Canada has launched a short survey inviting anyone connected to the life of the church to share their awareness and experiences with Toward 2035, the framework introduced in 2025 to guide our shared direction for the next decade. You can read more about the Call and Vision behind this work on *The Call and Vision* webpage. You will find a link to the survey in the Reflections and Ripples & Weekly Update sent out on Friday. Survey Deadline – March 31, 2026 Thank you for taking a few minutes to add your voice. Kristin Snell, Chair of the Board.

**UCW PALM SUNDAY LUNCH**



Please join us for a Crockpot Soup Lunch in Hilliard Hall on **March 29 at 12:00pm**. There will be 9 different crock pot soups to enjoy. The soups will be served with Buns/Crackers, Cake & Ice Cream, Coffee, Tea & Juice. Free will donations would be appreciated.

**MINI DAFFODIL DELIVERY**

The UCW & Pastoral Care Members will again be delivering pots of mini daffodils to our shut-ins and others. We have several volunteers already but if you can help please see Jean Hoffmann. Daffodils will be available on the Saturday & Sunday after Easter.

**UCW MEETING**

Thursday, April 2 at 1:30pm  
In the Parlour  
This month our Guest Speaker will be Rick Chambers. Come and join us as we enjoy Rick's slide presentation of the Holy Land. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL GARAGE SALE**

First United Church Garage & Plant Sale – May 1 & 2  
Friday 12pm – 5:30pm Saturday 9am – 11am  
Thursday, April 30 - Please bring your donations of clothing, linens, shoes, boots, books, purses, jewelry, records, CDs, DVDs, bikes, small appliances & electronics, kitchenware, toys, games, puzzles, baby items and decorative items for the house to Hilliard Hall.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY OF KITCHENER WATERLOO**

Late-Day Restlessness (Sundowning)  
March 31, 6-7pm  
Virtual via Zoom  
An increase in the late afternoon or early evening of agitated or upset behaviour in a person living with dementia may relate to Sundowning. Learn what this term means and how to address changes related to it.

**GRAND PHILHARMONIC CHOIR**

Good Friday, April 3, 7:30pm – Centre In The Square  
 The Grand Philharmonic Choir along with the K-W  
 Symphony and various soloists will be performing Bach's  
 Mass in B Minor.  
 For details & tickets, see [www.grandphilchoir.com](http://www.grandphilchoir.com) or  
 contact the box office at 519-578-1570.

**GREBEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

April 4 thru April 29<sup>th</sup>, Grebel Gallery, top floor  
 Nina-Bailey-Dick's powerful batiks and collages are a  
 feminist declaration of love for the land, sky, and self; an  
 invitation to embrace both the beautiful and the broken  
 parts of ourselves. This exhibit is a call to action to speak  
 up, take up space, make art, and share vulnerability – skills  
 needed for personal and collective action and healing.

**KITCHENER-WATERLOO SYMPHONY**

Morning & Night Performance  
 Saturday, April 11 at 7:30pm First United Church Sanctuary  
 Visit <https://www.kwsymphony.com/allconcerts/morning-night-waterloo> for more information.

**CFUW KITCHENER-WATERLOO**

It's that time of year again....  
 The CFUW Kitchener-Waterloo will be hosting their 2026  
 Used Book Sale at First United Church. All proceeds fund  
 scholarships for local students.  
 Donations – Wednesday, April 15 9am – 9pm  
 Thursday, April 16 9am – 6pm  
 Sale Friday, April 17 9am – 9pm  
 Saturday, April 18 9am – 1pm

**KITCHENER-WATERLOO YOUTH ORCHESTRA**

Season Finale Concert  
 Sunday, April 26 at 3:00pm First United Church Sanctuary  
 Admission by Donation

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|          | <b>Sunday Mar 29</b>                 |                        |
| 10:30 am | Worship Service<br>Palm Sunday       | Sanctuary              |
| 10:30 am | Sunday School                        | Parlour/Labyrinth Room |
| 11:30 am | UCW Crockpot Soup<br>Lunch           | Hilliard Hall          |
|          | <b>Monday, Mar 30</b>                |                        |
| 5:00 pm  | KWYO – Youth Sinfonia                | Sanctuary              |
|          | <b>Tuesday, Mar 31</b>               |                        |
| 5:00 pm  | KWYO -Youth Strings                  | Sanctuary              |
| 5:00 pm  | KWYO – Preludium<br>Strings          | Chapel                 |
|          | <b>Wednesday, Apr 1</b>              |                        |
| 6:30 pm  | Embers                               | Hilliard Hall          |
| 6:30 pm  | Sparks                               | Chapel                 |
|          | <b>Thursday, Apr 2</b>               |                        |
| 9:30 am  | Bell Choir                           | Sanctuary              |
| 11:00 am | Baileys Foods                        | Hilliard Hall/Kitchen  |
| 1:30 pm  | UCW Meeting                          | Parlour                |
| 4:00 pm  | Family Choir                         | Sanctuary              |
| 7:00 pm  | Worship Service<br>Maundy Thursday   | Chapel (4 Churches)    |
| 8:00 pm  | Gallery Choir                        | Sanctuary              |
|          | <b>Friday, Apr 3</b>                 |                        |
|          | <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>                 |                        |
| 10:00am  | Worship Service                      | Parkminster            |
| 1:00 pm  | Fridays at First                     | Hilliard Hall/Kitchen  |
| 11:00 am | Fridays at First<br>(Lunch & Supper) | Hilliard Hall/Kitchen  |
|          | <b>Saturday, Apr 4</b>               |                        |
| 9:00am   | Knitting Group                       | Parlour                |
| 1:00 pm  | Dungeons & Dragons                   | Labyrinth Room         |
|          | <b>Sunday, Apr 5</b>                 |                        |
| 10:30 am | Worship Service Easter               | Sanctuary              |
| 10:30 am | Sunday School                        | Parlour/Labyrinth Room |
| 11:00 am | Refreshments                         | Hilliard Hall/Kitchen  |

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



**March 29, 2026**

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

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| Guest Minister:                  |                               |
| Greeter(s):                      | Joan Westcott (she/her)       |
| Reader(s):                       | Nola Mott                     |
|                                  | Kristin Snell (she/her)       |
|                                  | Muriel Omand Naylor (she/her) |
|                                  | Ren Yeats (they/he)           |
|                                  | Douglas Facey                 |
|                                  | Nancy Lennox (she/her)        |
|                                  | Hannah Haworth (she/her)      |
|                                  | Kate Markwart (she/they)      |
|                                  | Isaac Morland                 |
|                                  | Lenny Muth (he/him)           |
| Lay Leader:                      | Joanne MacPhail (she/her)     |
| Serving Refreshments this month: | Stewardship/Finance           |