

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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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 19, 2026

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (VU p. 836)
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Londesborough 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. Please made cheques payable as follows –

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.

REMINDER – KITCHEN

When using the kitchen, please ensure that the stoves are all turned off and that the fridges and freezer doors have been properly closed. Over the past two weeks, a burner on the stove has been left on overnight.

UCW

A BIG THANK YOU to all who gave so generously of their time and talent in making our Palm Sunday lunch so successful!! UCW appreciated your help.

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.

FIRST UNITED'S FUTURE

How do we see First United in the future? How will we continue to be disciples of Christ and show God's love as a congregation? Share your thoughts to help us with our envisioning process. We will have a guest minister who will preach and then facilitate a conversation after church in Hilliard Hall.
April 19: Rev. Greg Smith-Young, Growth Animator.
Soup will be served during the conversation time after church.
June 14: The Very Rev. Carmen Lansdowne, former United Church Moderator.

MESSY CHURCH – MESSY SOIL



The Parable of the Sower
Games, Crafts, Worship, Dinner
Saturday, April 25th – Hilliard Hall
4:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Bring the whole family! Free will offering - pay what you can. For additional information, email:
faithdevelopment.firstunited@gmail.com

THEN LET US SING! GET YOUR OWN COPY

We have been using the new hymn book *Then Let Us Sing!* in worship and with the choir since it came available. Some of us would like to have copies for ourselves. These can be ordered individually from UCRD. When ordered individually the cost including tax and shipping will be \$52.88 each. If we combine our orders, we can eliminate the shipping charges and that would reduce the cost to \$36.60 each. If you would like to have your own copy and are interested in making a bulk order, please sign the sheet in the narthex, or email Cathie at css2303@gmail.com.

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.

SAVE THE DATE – AN EVENING WITH FANNY

May 3rd – 6:30pm Dessert & coffee to be served at
7:00pm Music Program

Please join us for an evening of dessert and music!
For more information or to pick up a ticket please contact the church office. Tickets are \$10

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ST MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH ORGAN RECITALS

Organ Recitals & Soup
Wednesday, April 22nd
Music Starts at 12:00pm, Soup Lunch 12:30pm
Sebastian Meadows-Helmer & Lana Moses, violins
Scott Knarr, Organ
Free will donations gratefully accepted.

TAIZÉ SERVICE

Wednesday, April 15th at 7:30 pm
Cedar Hill United Church
Please join us for our Taizé Service. The theme of this service will be Easter Joy. The service will be a quiet time of singing, readings and reflection. There will be an opportunity for candle lighting and laying-on of hands if you wish.

MENNONITE MASS CHOIR

To cap off their 70th Anniversary Season, on May 21st at 7:30pm the Menno Singers is sponsoring the Mennonite Mass Choir in a performance of Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace, and Brahms' Schicksalslied, all at the Centre in the Square with members of the KW Symphony Orchestra, led by Artistic Director Brandon Leis. Tickets are available through Centre in the Square.

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

HOSPICE WATERLOO REGION

Free event in Cambridge Area for those Navigating a life-changing diagnosis, with Drs Sammy Winemake & Hsien Seow

Thursday, April 16, 2pm – 4pm, Cambridge Centre for the Arts
 You'll learn the 7 Keys that help patients and families feel more in control, ask better questions, and get the care they actually want. Attendees will receive a complimentary copy of the bestselling book and workbook – Hope for the Best Plan for the Rest.

For more information and to register
<https://www.waitingroomrevolution.com/event-details/cambridge-navigating-a-life-changing-diagnosis>

GRAND PHILHARMONIC CHOIR

CHORAL COUTURE - Saturday, April 18th at 7:30pm
 Conrad Centre for the Performing Arts
 Experience beautiful music, paired with unique uncycled fashions.

Tickets \$45, \$20 Students & under 30, \$10 Children
 Please visit www.grandphilchoir.com for details and tickets, or phone 519-578-1570.

SENIOR INFORMATION FAIR

Saturday, April 18th Drop-In 1pm – 4pm

You are invited to attend a Senior Information Fair at St. Louis Gym, 77 Willow St, Waterloo. A great opportunity to meet over 30 professionals from many areas impacting seniors” live to ask questions about what is available to help. Admission & refreshments are free.

KITCHENER-WATERLOO YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Season Finale Concert

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

	Sunday Apr 12	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Sunday School	Parlour/Labyrinth Room
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall
	Monday, Apr 13	
7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Parlour
	Tuesday, Apr 14	
5:00 pm	KWYO -Youth Strings	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	KWYO – Preludium Strings	Chapel
	Wednesday, Apr 15	
8:00 am	CFUW Book Sale	HH/C/P/K/N/Y
6:30 pm	Embers	Labyrinth Room
6:30 pm	Sparks	Offsite
	Thursday, Apr 16	
8:00 am	CFUW Book Sale	HH/C/P/K/N/Y
9:30 am	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Family Choir	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Gallery Choir	Sanctuary
	Friday, Apr 17	
8:00 am	CFUW Book Sale	HH/C/P/K/N/Y
1:00 pm	Fridays at First	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	Saturday, Apr 18	
8:00 am	CFUW Book Sale	HH/C/P/K/N/Y
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Labyrinth Room
	Sunday, Apr 19	
10:30 am	Worship Service	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



April 12, 2026

Minister	Rev. Ho Eun 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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Chair of the Board

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Guest Minister:	
Greeter(s):	Alice Bieman (she/her)
Reader(s):	Douglas Facey (he/him)
Lay Leader:	Kate Markwart (she/they)
Serving Refreshments this month: M & P	