

Welcome to First! We are glad you are here!

Welcome to our siblings from Emmanuel and Westminster United Churches

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

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE

**May 11th thru May 17th, please contact
Rev. Brenda Torrie 519-886-1471, ext 101**

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 May 17, 2026

**Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (VU p. 787)
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11**

Exeter 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, 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.

UCW THANK YOU

The UCW would like to thank the congregation and friends for their donations to the Garage Sale. A huge thank you to all the helpers who came and shared their time and energy throughout the weekend. It was a very successful sale!

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers in the Sanctuary have been placed by the Arnett Family in honour of Jean Arnett and for everyone celebrating Mother's Day.

COVENANTING SERVICE

You are invited to the covenanting service of Rev. Brenda Torrie's call to Emmanuel United Church.

When: May 31 – 3:00pm,

Where: Emmanuel United Church Sanctuary

Preaching: Rev Jenny Stephens

Presiding: Rev. Roz Vincent-Haven

There will be a cake reception following the service. Rev. Brenda looks forward to celebrating this milestone with you.

UPCOMING SERVICES		
EVENT	DATE	TIME
Joint Service at First United	Sunday, May 10	10:30 am
Joint Service at Emmanuel	Sunday, May 17	10:00 am
Joint Service at First United	Sunday, May 24	10:30 am
Communion Sunday	Sunday, May 31	10:30 am
Joint Service at Westminster	Sunday, June 7	10:30 am

COMMUNITY EVENTS

RED DRESS DAY ART SHOWCASE

May 2 – 16, Grebel Gallery, 140 Westmount Rd N, Waterloo Curated by MCC Indigenous Neighbours with art by indigenous artists. Visit the exhibit at the Grebel Gallery, and/or participate in the **Call 30 activity** in the gallery on Thursday, May 14 (5pm – 7pm). Co-hosted by MCC and Feather & Cross. More information available at uwaterloo.ca/centre-peace-advancement/grebel-gallery

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY WATERLOO WELLINGTON

Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI)

Virtual via Zoom – May 15th, 12pm – 1pm

In this session learn about signs and symptoms of Mild Cognitive Impairment as well as tips and strategies for living well.

To register over the phone please call 519-650-1628 (Cambridge Area), 519-836-7672 (Guelph Area) or 519-742-1422 (Kitchener Area)

TRANSFORMING LONG-TERM CARE FOR WELL-BEING

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 1 p.m.

Location: Conrad Grebel University College

Attend this discussion-based presentation at Conrad Grebel University College with architect Rudy P. Friesen, who will offer perspective from his career working with communities and organizations to transform long-term care through ethical design. All are welcome. Visit – grebel.ca/events for additional information.

51ST ANNUAL WATERLOO REGION INTERFAITH COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

DATE: Wednesday May 20th, 2026

TIME: 7:00 am – 9:00 am

WHERE: Bingemans Ballroom,
425 Bingemans Centre Drive, Kitchener

Please register through Eventbrite. Tickets are \$50 or \$275 for a table of 6. Youth (25 and under) \$25. Sales end May 11, 2026.

For more information email:

InterfaithCommunityBreakfast@gmail.com

Printed tickets also available at Erb and Good Funeral Home, Waterloo.

FOURTH CLIMATE JUSTICE VIGIL

The Fourth Climate Justice Vigil will take place on:

DATE: Sunday May 24th, 4:00 pm

LOCATION: St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Kitchener.
56 Duke Street West, Kitchener.

The speaker is to be determined.

MTSPACE – TELL!

After an exhilarating World Theatre Day, we're back for another edition of TELL! Join us for a chill relaxing evening as we gather for a community potluck. This is also the space to share with the wider community just about anything you feel like sharing. Bring your talents, recipes, stories and calls to action to the community. Regardless of whether it's a finished work or a work-in-progress, this is your space to experiment and play. We love to see it.

NOTE: Please include an ingredients list if you decide to bring any dishes for the potluck.

DATE: May 25, 2026

TIME: 7:00 pm

WHERE: Chapel, First United Church

MTSPACE – HIRING YOUTH FOR THE SUMMER

MTSpace is inviting youth aged 15 – 30 to apply for summer positions in administrative work, inventory management, digital marketing and public relations. Please visit <https://mtspace.ca/> to review eligibility requirements before applying. Applications can be made by emailing resume and cover letter to jobs@mtspace.ca by May 18, 2026.

DANCE CAMP – CEDAR HILL UNITED CHURCH

Get Ready to move, groove and praise through dance this summer! Join us for an inspiring week of Christian Contemporary Dance led by instructor Kirk Easy in a fun & supportive environment for children & youth. Light refreshments will be provided each day. Participants will take part in a finale dance performance during the church service on July 12th. Each participant will receive a Certificate of Completion following the performance.

To register call 519-623-1820, or visit cedarhillchurch@bellnet.ca

Registration fee \$30 per participant.

When – July 6 – 10th

Ages 6 – 12 11am – 12:30pm

Ages 13-19 1pm – 2:30pm

Where – Rice Hall, Cedar Hill United Church

241 Cedar St, Cambridge

Sunday, May 10		
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Sunday School	Parlour/Labyrinth Room
11:00 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
Monday, May 11		
Tuesday, May 12		
Wednesday, May 13		
6:30 pm	Embers	Hilliard Hall
6:30 pm	Sparks	Chapel
Thursday, May 14		
11:00 am	Baileys Foods	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
4:00 pm	Family Choir	Chapel
7:00 pm	Gallery Choir	Chapel
Friday, May 15		
Saturday, May 16		
7:00 am	Garden Club of KW	Parking Lot
9:00 am	Knitting Group	Parlour
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Parlour
Sunday May 17		
10:00 am	Joint Service – at Emmanuel	Emmanuel

WEEKLY UPDATE

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



May 10, 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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Minister (Westminster):	Rev. Roz Vicent-Haven (she/her)
Greeter(s):	Jean Hoffman
Reader(s):	Douglas Facey (he/him)
Lay Leader:	Rick Heemskerk (he/him)
Serving Refreshments this month:	Property