

**Welcome to First!**  
We are glad you are here!

**EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE**  
Rev. Hoeun Lee 519-745-8487, Ext. 208

**OFFICE HOURS – JULY 2nd TO AUGUST 31st**  
Starting Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> the office will be open **Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00pm.**

**VACATION OFFICE COVERAGE:**  
Carla will be on vacation from June 29<sup>th</sup> returning July 13<sup>th</sup>. During this time office will be closed. The email and the voicemail will be monitored during this time. If you require assistance, please either email the office or leave a voicemail.

**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 June 28, 2026**

**Genesis 22:1–14; Psalm 13 (VU p. 734)**  
**Romans 6:12–23; Matthew 10:40–42**

Mitchell: Main Street 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.

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.

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY**  
The flowers in the Sanctuary have been placed by the Property Committee for Father’s Day and in special memory of Rick Heemsker.

**JOINT YOUTH GROUP**  
Join us on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at First United Church as we celebrate our final youth group meeting before the summer!

We’ll be putting the finishing touches on our Butterfly Garden Outreach project, enjoying a tasty treat, and playing a fun game of Telestrations. We’ll also set aside some time to share words of appreciation and encouragement with one another as we wrap up another great year together.  
**Future Dates:** Stay Tuned !

**SPRING BOARD UPDATE**  
The Board had a very productive session on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> with The Very Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne. The second session takes place on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The Board will provide more information after the 2<sup>nd</sup> session. Please mark your calendars for Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> when The Very Reverend Dr. Carmen Lansdowne will preach and facilitate an important meeting after church.

Rev. Houen will begin a Noon Hour Prayer time on Wednesdays, starting Sept 16<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel.

The Board approved up to \$5,000 from the Robert M. Laing Memorial funds to support a Children & Youth Coordinator for Sept. 2026 – June 2027. This position was supported through a grant and trustee funds this year, however the grant is ending, so support will now just be from Trustee funds dedicated to youth and children.

The Board received the report from the 2024 financial review from Clarke, Starke & Diegel. A review engagement is a limited assurance engagement, and the firm does not express an audit opinion. It is helpful to have financial statements that have been reviewed if applying for funding. Please email the Board Chair if you would like an electronic copy sent to you.

Greg Case was appointed as the congregational chair to fill Rick Heemskirk’s shoes.

First’s Marriage Policy was reviewed. The spirit of the policy is the same; adding an introduction and updating language were the main changes.

Rev. Hoeun has stepped back from the Envisioning Team in order to focus on ministering to the congregation while the Envisioning Team, Board, and Congregation take ownership on the future direction of First.

Rev. Hoeun Lee and Rev. Brenda Torrie from Emmanuel United will cover each other’s vacation and study leaves. Services will be held in the presider’s home church. This is an opportunity for collaboration between the congregations and saves both congregations the cost of pulpit supply. The arrangement will be reviewed in November.

Paul Warder was approved as treasurer. Paul is a member of Westminster United, and has experience with Power Church, the accounting software being used. He will not be a signatory on First’s bank accounts.

Whether you are away, traveling or at home,

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

UPCOMING JOINTSERVICES		
EVENT	DATE	TIME
At First United	Sunday, June 28	10:30 am
At Emmanuel	Sunday, July 5	10:00 am
At Emmanuel	Sunday, July 12	10:00 am
At First United	Sunday, July 19	10:30 am
At First United	Sunday, July 26	10:30 am
At Parkminster	Sunday, August 2	10:00 am
At First United	Sunday, August 9	10:30 am
At Westminster	Sunday, August 16	10:30 am
At Emmanuel	Sunday, August 23	10:00 am
At Parkminster	Sunday, August 30	10:30 am

**VOLUNTEERS FOR JULY AND AUGUST**  
We will be looking for volunteers to host coffee time after the service for Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, and August 9<sup>th</sup>. Please stay tuned for further details.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**CONRAD GREBEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

Interested in exploring vocations of ministry and service, deepening your understanding of Christianity and the church, or seeking personal enrichment? The Master of Theological Studies program at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo could be a great fit for you. Apply to start this fall. Full tuition scholarships available for full-time Canadian Students. [uwaterloo.ca/theological-studies](http://uwaterloo.ca/theological-studies)

**PROJECT PLOUGHSHARES 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT**

Where – Grebel Gallery  
 When – Tuesday, June 23 @ 7pm  
 Come and meet some of the people and archival materials behind Project Ploughshares’ peace and disarmament efforts over the last 50 years. Light refreshments will be provided. Please visit their website for more information - [uwaterloo.ca/centre-peace-advancement/grebel-gallery](http://uwaterloo.ca/centre-peace-advancement/grebel-gallery)

**CANADA DAY ORGAN RECITAL**

When – July 1 @ 12:15pm  
 Where – Church of the Holy Saviour Anglican  
 33 Allen St E., Waterloo  
 Please come and enjoy a recital featuring works by Canadian Composers. There will be hotdogs & lemonade served following the recital. Suggested Free will offering of \$10.

**THE ART OF LIED & MÉLODIE**

Free admission to Masterclasses and Concerts. This Festival/workshop, now in its third year is a unique coming together of select pianists and singers to explore some of the finest songs written by composers like Franz Schubert, Robert Schumann, Claude Debussy, Hugo Wolf, Johannes Brahms, Jacques Ibert and Maurice Ravel among many others.

Where – St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church  
 (Corner of Weber St & Queen St)

Masterclasses take place weekday afternoons (July 23, 24, 27, 28, 29 & 30<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 5pm) in the Covenant Chapel and the main Sanctuary at St. Andrew’s.

Evening Concerts are at 7pm on  
 Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> Friday, July 31 Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup>

Attendees are invited to contribute to the Douglas Haas Music Ministry Enhancement Endowment Fund. For additional information please visit – <https://theartoflied.com/>

	<b>Sunday, June 21</b>	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Sunday School	Parlour/Labyrinth Room
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
12:00 pm	Property Development	Parlour
2:00 pm	NDP of Ontario	Hilliard Hall
	<b>Monday, June 22</b>	
	<b>Tuesday, June 23</b>	
	<b>Wednesday, June 24</b>	
6:00 pm	Joint Youth Group	Parlour
	<b>Thursday, June 25</b>	
11:00am	Baileys Foods	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<b>Friday, June 26</b>	
	<b>Saturday, June 27</b>	
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Parlour
	<b>Sunday, June 28</b>	
10:30 am	Joint Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30am	Sunday School	Parlour/Labyrinth Room
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen

**WEEKLY UPDATE**

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



**June 21, 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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**Chair of the Board**  
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Guest Minister:  
 Greeter(s): Nola & Ken Mott  
 Reader(s): Nancy Lennox (she/her)  
 Lay Leader: Cathie Stewart Savage (she/her)  
 Serving Refreshments this month: UCW