

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

Rev. Hoen Lee will be away as follows –
Study Leave - Monday, June 29th until Sunday, July 5th.
Vacation - Monday, July 6th thru Tuesday, July 14th.

**For Emergency Pastoral Care in Rev Hoen's absence,
please contact
Rev. Brenda Torrie
Phone 519-886-1471 ext 101
revbrendat@emmanueluc.ca**

OFFICE HOURS – JULY 2nd TO AUGUST 31st

Starting Thursday, July 2nd to Thursday, August 27th the office will be open **Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00pm.**

VACATION OFFICE COVERAGE:

Carla will be on vacation from June 29th, returning July 13th.
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 July 12th, 2026

Genesis 25: 19-34; Psalm 119: 105-112 (VU p. 841); Romans 8: 1-11; Matthew 12: 1-9, 18-23

Dublin 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,
Website donation www.firstunitedchurch.ca
or cheque. Please made 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.

CHAIR OF THE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

We regret to inform you that Kristin Snell has resigned from the Board and the Envisioning Team. Her letter of resignation mentioned some of her other time commitments and her need to take care of herself as well. We really appreciate all the time and effort Kristin has put into her work for First United and are pleased that she plans to continue in the many other ways she supports First United.

Cathie Stewart Savage has agreed to be interim Chair of the Board until other arrangements are made.

FUTURE PLANNING TIMELINE

Apr 19 – All Day Board Retreat with Rev. Greg Smith-Young
Apr 20 – Worship & Congregational Conversations that Matter with Rev. Greg Smith-Young
Apr 21 – Jun 12 Envisioning Team and individuals working with Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne
Jun 13 - All Day Board Retreat with Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne
Jun 20 – Half Day Board Retreat with Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne
Jun 21-Aug 9 – Envisioning Team & Board Members working with Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne
Aug 10 – Board Meeting following new format
Sep 13 - Worship & Congregational Conversations that Matter with Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne
Sep 13-Oct – Congregational Conversations that Matter led by Envisioning Team
Late Oct - Congregational Meeting to make decisions on the future of First United

WEEKLY UPDATE

Joanne has generously offered to prepare the weekly updates while the office is closed. If there is information you would like included in the weekly update for July 5th and July 12th, please email the information directly to Joanne MacPhail at macphail@golden.net.

STEM CAMP

We welcome STEM camp back to First United, weekdays from June 29 to August 28. STEM camp is a not-for-profit organization offering fun and educational summer camp experiences for kids 5-13 at many sites across Ontario. Participants have the opportunity to grow

their skills in science, technology, engineering, and math while having an amazing time. While a lot has changed over the years, one thing remains the same: STEM Camp's mission to inspire Canadian youth through hands-on STEM activities.

However, what that looks like continues to evolve. For example, as robotics and coding rose to importance, STEM Camp's programming evolved too. They have tonnes of fun with online and offline coding, robotics and more!

As artificial intelligence (AI) has become rooted in our society, STEM Camp's programming is set to evolve again, Students continue to learn in a fun and engaging environment with amazing experiments and fundamental lessons.

UPCOMING JOINTSERVICES		
EVENT	DATE	TIME
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

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT WATERLOO WAYSIDE

Waterloo Wayside is pleased to announce a new employment opportunity for the position of **Program Coordinator**. See in our Ripples and Reflections and Weekly Update for the link to the position description. Applicants are asked to email their résumé and cover letter no later than Friday July 10, 2026, to: recruitment@waterloowayside.org to be considered for this position. Please include **"Program Coordinator Application"** in the subject line of the email.

The primary function of the Program Coordinator is to foster a caring and welcoming community at Waterloo Wayside while coordinating our programs and supporting the Program Leads, as outlined in the position description.

Thank you for helping us share this opportunity within the Waterloo community.

Kind regards,

H. Jack Slothouber
Secretary, Waterloo Wayside Board of Directors

<https://waterloowayside.org/>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 & 30th from 2pm – 5pm) in the Covenant Chapel and the main Sanctuary at St. Andrew’s.

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

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

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

	Sunday, July 5	
10:00 am	Joint Service	Emmanuel
	Monday, July 6	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	Tuesday, July 7	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	Wednesday, July 8	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	Thursday, July 9	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP	Classroom/Kitchen
11:00am	Baileys Foods	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	Friday, July 10	
7:30 am	STEMP CAMP	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	Saturday, July 11	
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Parlour
	Sunday, July 12	
10:00 am	Joint Worship Service	Emmanuel

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



July 5, 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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<p>Guest Minister: Greeter(s): Reader(s): Lay Leader: Serving Refreshments this month: UCW</p>
