

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

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OFFICE CLOSED –
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026

OFFICE HOURS – JULY 2nd TO AUGUST 27th

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

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 August 9, 2026

Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28
Psalms 105: 1–6, 16–22, 45b
(VU pp. 828–829 Parts One and Two)
Romans 10:5–15; Matthew 14:22–33

Armenian Evangelical 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 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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE – MARK BROOKER

A memorial service will be held for Mark Brooker (February 15, 1968 – June 10, 2026), older son of Walt and Mary Joan, brother of Jay, husband of Sol Ruiz (Madrid, Spain), at the Elmvale Presbyterian Cemetery, Elmvale, Ontario at 11:00am on Monday, August 3.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE – BETTY VICKERS REID

There will be a Celebration of Life for Betty Vickers Reid at Terrace on the Square on Saturday, August 15th.
1:30-2:00pm - Visitation
2:00pm - Sharing of memories by her family and friends, followed with a time of fellowship and light refreshments.
All are welcome.

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

VOLUNTEERS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

We are looking for volunteers to host coffee time after the service for Sunday August 9th.

UPCOMING JOINT SERVICES		
EVENT	DATE	TIME
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

BROADVIEW MAGAZINE

The September/October issue of the Broadview Magazine will be a special one dedicated entirely to small churches; celebrating the creativity, resilience and faithfulness of small churches across Canada, offering encouragement, practical ideas and hope for their future.

Broadview is offering a pre-publication discount. If we order 10 or more copies, the cost will be \$5 per copy. Please let the office know if you are interested in ordering a copy.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

You can help!

Summer can be a difficult time for people in our community. Your Outreach Committee is aware of a few ways you can help.

The House of Friendship is completing their project, Welcome Home: Friendship Village. Your gift today can provide the essentials that turn a space into a home:

- Cleaning supplies (\$40)
- Towels and household basics (\$80)
- Bedding or basic furniture pieces (\$150)
- A basic bed frame (\$300)

<https://houseoffriendship.org/friendshipvillage/>

The need for emergency food hampers and meal programs is particularly high this summer. You can help with Supporting hunger relief across Waterloo region by connecting people with nutritious food, mobilizing community support, and offering simple ways to donate, volunteer, or access food assistance.

<https://www.thefoodbank.ca/>

The Waterloo Regional Police Service is once again challenging the community to take part in its ninth annual Backpack Challenge. The challenge encourages businesses and residents to purchase new backpacks, lunch bags, school supplies, or gift cards to be donated to children and families in need.

<https://wrps.ca/backpacks>

Please reach out as you are called and able or speak to one of the members of the Outreach Committee for more help if you are unable to access the information online.

Cathie Stewart Savage,
On behalf of First United Outreach

GRASSY NARROWS WALK TOWARDS MERCURY JUSTICE & FREEDOM



River Run 2026
Join Grassy Narrows for their walk towards Mercury Justice & Freedom

Date: September 23rd, 2026

Time: 12:00 pm

Location: Downtown Toronto, exact location TBD

Grassy Narrows people are powerful leaders in the movement for Indigenous sovereignty and environmental justice. They have shown that together we can fight for justice against all odds and make real gains. Please see Ripples, Reflections and Weekly Update for more information to register for this event.

	Sunday, August 2	
10:00 am	Joint Worship Service At Parkminster	Sanctuary
	Monday, August 3	
	OFFICE CLOSED	
	Tuesday, August 4	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	Wednesday, August 5	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	Thursday, August 6	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP	Classroom/Kitchen
11:00am	Baileys Foods	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
1:30 pm	UCW Meeting	Parlour
	Friday, August 7	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	Saturday, August 8	
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Parlour
	Sunday, August 9	
10:30 am	Joint Worship Service with Emmanuel, Parkminster, Westminster	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen

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



August 2, 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:
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Reader(s):
Lay Leader:
Serving Refreshments this month: