

**Welcome to our siblings from Emmanuel United,
Westminster United and Parkminster United Churches
We are glad you are here!**

Rev. Hoeun Lee will on vacation –
from Tuesday, August 11th thru Monday, August 17th

**For Emergency Pastoral Care in Rev Hoeun’s absence,
please contact
Rev. Gaylyn McLean
Forest Hill United Church
Phone 519-744-3481**

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 16, 2026

**Genesis 45:1–15; Psalm 133 (VU p. 856)
Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32; Matthew 15:(10–20), 21–28**

Rob Roy 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

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.

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

ARTISANS AT FIRST 2026
Artisans at First 2026 is scheduled for Saturday, November 28th
here at First United. This fundraiser for First United is a market of
25+ vendors selling their handcrafted creations. There are still a
few openings for vendors. If you are interested in donating a few
items you have handcrafted to First United’s table at the market,
now is the time to be creative. Items for First’s table will be
collected in early November. The event on November 28th also
includes a large sale of baking by First United participants plus a
lunchroom. Any questions should be directed to
handatfirst@gmail.com. Joan Westcott

UPCOMING JOINT SERVICES		
EVENT	DATE	TIME
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.

	<i>Sunday, August 9</i>	
10:30 am	Joint Worship Service At First	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<i>Monday, August 10</i>	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<i>Tuesday, August 11</i>	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<i>Wednesday, August 12</i>	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<i>Thursday, August 13</i>	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP	Classroom/Kitchen
11:00am	Baileys Foods	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<i>Friday, August 14</i>	
7:30 am	STEM CAMP	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	<i>Saturday, August 15</i>	
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Parlour
	<i>Sunday, August 16</i>	
10:30 am	Joint Worship Service at Westminster United	Sanctuary

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



August 9, 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
email: firstunitedboardchair@gmail.com

Guest Minister:
Greeter(s): Sandy van der Meulen (she/her)
Reader(s): Nancy Lennox (she/her)
Lay Leader: Cathie Stewart Savage (she/her)
Serving Refreshments this month: UCW