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

We welcome Rev. Paul Ellingham,
Royal Canadian Legion Padre
and the
KW Kool Big Band

Rev. Hoeun will be away from the office
Monday, November 2nd – Sunday, November 8th

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE
Joe Gasper
revjoe@parkuc.ca
Phone 519-885-0935 x35

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Judges 4:1–7; Psalm 123 (VU p. 847)
1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Matthew 25:14–30

Cape Croker Pastoral Charge

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.

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.

RESULTS FROM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday October 25, 2026, the congregation voted on the pathway for the future of our church. We had a good attendance by both in-person and those on a Zoom link. The decision was clear and was made on the first secret ballot with a majority of over 50%. It was decided that the pathway we would take for the future of our church is: **Pathway B** – **Collaboration Leading Toward Amalgamation**. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this decision please contact Cathie Stewart Savage, Acting Chair of the Board (email: css2303@gmail.com) and Marilyn Gerrietts, member of the Envisioning Team (email: mgerriet@stfx.ca).

As next steps the Board decided to schedule **Special Board meetings** with specific topics as we plan for collaboration leading towards amalgamation for each meeting. The first two special Board meetings would focus on the process for amalgamation and setting timelines. The dates selected for the first of these meetings is: Monday November 9 (which is also a regular Board Meeting) **Monday November 16 and Monday November 30**. Each of these Board meetings begin at 7:00pm and are held in the Parlour. All Board meetings are open to anyone who wants to attend. If you are able, we encourage you to attend the Special Board meetings to assist us in our discussions.

The Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council has on their website a tool kit that will assist us with these Discussions. The name of the tool kit is Tool Kit #7 (https://wowrcucc.ca/toolkits/) – if you would like to review this ahead of the meetings.

As we move forward in this lengthy process, we will need assistance from as many participants as possible. If you would like to volunteer your time to participate, please contact Cathie Stewart Savage (email: css2303@gmail.com) or Mary Joan Brooker (email: mjwbrooker@me.com).

We would like to thank all of you who were able to participate in the Congregational Meeting whether in-person or via Zoom. For those of you who were unable to attend we hope you will assist us by your commitment to support the decision that was made and perhaps participate as we move forward in planning for our future.
Cathie Stewart Savage, Acting Chair of the Board

REV. HOUEN LEE FAREWELL

Sunday November 22nd will be the last time Rev. Hoeun Lee will be worshiping with us. We will be having a reception after the service in Hilliard Hall. We would also like to collect for a farewell gift for Hoeun. In order to contribute to this gift you can:

E-transfer funds to giftingatfirst@gmail.com with a note "Gift for Hoeun" , or

Make a cheque out to First on Stage with a note on the cheque "Gift for Hoeun", or

Place cash in an envelope labelled "Gift for Hoeun" and drop off at the church office or put in the collection plate or mail to the church. These envelopes will be available in the Narthex each Sunday.

We would like to have all contributions collected by Sunday November 15th.
Thank you, Joanne MacPhail, on behalf of the M&P Committee

UCW GARAGE SALE
On behalf of UCW, please know how much we appreciated your generosity in supporting our Garage Sale with your donations and time! Your help with setting up, days of sale, and cleaning up made our sale a very successful and profitable event. Thank you so much!!!! Edith Coyle

TUESDAY NOON HOUR CONCERTS
Join us on **Tuesday November 10th** for our FREE Noon **Hour** Concert here at First**,** featuring the **Kestral Quartet with Talia Hatcher, double bass.**
Allene Chomyn & Elspeth Durward - violins
Rebecca Diderrich- viola, Miriam Stewart-Kroeker - cello
Talia Hatcher - double bass
Please order your lunch by THURSDAY NOON at firstunitedconcerts@gmail.com
The menu offers egg, ham, salmon or tuna on whole wheat bread($6); butter tart, date or lemon square($2); coffee or tea ($2). Cash only please DONATIONS are also very welcome and necessary to allow us to continue.

MESSY CHURCH – STORM CHASERS
When: November 14th, 4:00pm – 6:30pm
Where: First United Waterloo, meet in Hilliard Hall
Join us for crafts, games, worship and dinner. Family friendly. All ages are welcome. Free will offering is appreciated.

PIES FOR SALE
We will be making Apple, Cherry, and Blueberry pies on Wednesday November 18th in the church kitchen. Help is also needed during the morning and early afternoon on the 18th.

Please place your order for pies after church each Sunday or by contacting me or by delivering your order with the money to the office by Sunday November 15th. Put Alice Bieman on the front of the envelope. Pies may be picked up on Sunday November 22nd or during the week by contacting Alice Bieman to schedule a time for pick up.

Questions about any part of the bake sale should be sent to bieman@worldline.ca. Your help is greatly appreciated.

ARTISANS AT FIRST BAKE SALE NOVEMBER 28TH

Last year's bake sale was a huge success because of the congregation's many wonderful items of baking, jams, preserves and treats of all kinds. All baking is welcome.

We would like to make 24 plates of Christmas cookies. Please send Christmas cookies in a container for us to plate.

All other baking should come plated ready to sell. You may pick up supplies that may suit your baking each Sunday in Hilliard Hall.

All baking should come at 1:00 on Friday November 27th to the Labyrinth room for us to price.

If you need to deliver earlier in the day, place your baking in the kitchen where coffee is served each Sunday. Please put your name on the containers with a label For The Bake Sale.

If you can help set up on Friday or during the sale on Saturday please email me at bieman@worldline.ca

FROM THE JUSTICE TEAM

1) The Ontario Government continues to neglect natural habitats and the environment by prioritizing infrastructure projects that worsen green house gas emissions and environmental degradation. Today there will be a petition at coffee hour to acknowledge the climate crisis.

2) **UNHOUSED, UNHEARD & UNBROKEN, SCREENING & DISCUSSION**

When: Sunday, November 8, 11;30am
Where: Mount Zion Lutheran Church, 29 Westmount Rd S
Mount Zion is hosting a showing of the SHOW film "Unhoused, Unheard, and Unbroken" followed by a discussion of the realities of homelessness in older adults. All are welcome, no admission charge.

3) WATERLOO HEALTH COALITION

When: November 11th at 6:30pm
Where – Waterloo Public Library
The Waterloo Health Coalition would like to fill the Waterloo Public Library Auditorium with supporters of Public Health Care. Please stand up on November 11th and join together to defend our cherished institution. During the Twon Hall there will be three experts presenting the facts. They would like to demonstrate to the media and our Governments that our Region supports a public system.
Thank you, Shirley Irish

NEIGHBORING UNITED CHURCHES

WESTMINSTER SPAGHETTI SUPPER & BAKE SALE

Mark your calendar! Westminster United Church's annual Spaghetti Supper & Bake Sale will take place on Thursday, November 12, 2026 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm.
Enjoy all-you-can-eat spaghetti with your choice of sauce, salad, rolls, and beverages. Meat, vegetarian, and gluten-free options are available. You can dine in or take out. Delicious home-baked desserts will be available for purchase at the bake sale.
Pay what you are able! Everyone is welcome.
Westminster United Church, 543 Beechwood Dr, Waterloo

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DACAPO CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT

When: November 14th - 7:30pm
November 15th - 3:00pm
Where: Trillium Lutheran Church, 22 Willow St., Waterloo
This concert is featuring music that flows from loss & fear to hope; with guest cellist Miriam Stewart-Kroeker. Please visit their website www.dacapochamberchoir.ca for additional information.

	Sunday, November 8	
10:30 am	Worship Service and	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall
	Monday, November 9	
5:00 pm	KWYO – Sinfonia	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Parlour
	Tuesday, November 10	
7:30 am	Noon Hour Concert Prep	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
12:00 pm	Noon Hour Concert	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	KWYO – Youth Strings	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Girl Guides	Youth Room
	Wednesday, November 11	
3:00 am	Outreach Committee	Parlour
6:30 pm	Embers	Hilliard Hall
6:30 pm	Sparks	Chapel
	Thursday, November 12	
9:30 am	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Family Choir	Chapel
7:00 pm	Gallery Choir	Chapel
	Friday, November 13	
1:00 pm	Fridays at First	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	Saturday, November 14	
8:00 am	Zonta	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
9:00 am	Knitting Group	Parlour
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Parlour
2:00 pm	Messy Church	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen Labyrinth Room
	Sunday, November 15	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall
4:00 pm	Fully Alive	Chapel/Kitchen

WEEKLY UPDATE

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



November 8, 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: Rev. Paul Ellingham
Greeter(s): Jan & Jud Maillette
Lay Leader: Lee Willingham (he/him)
Serving Refreshments this month: Pastoral Care