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

Rev. Hoeun will be in the office
Wednesday and Thursday
from 9:30am to 11:30am

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

Sunday, November 22, 2026

Deuteronomy 34:1–12;
Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17 (VU pp. 805–806)
1 Thessalonians 2:1–8; Matthew 22:34–46

Wingham 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.

UPCOMING SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

On Sunday October 25, 2026, the congregation voted on the pathway for the future of our church. It was decided that the pathway we would take for the future of our church is:
Pathway B – Collaboration Leading Toward Amalgamation – (2-4 year from partnership to amalgamation) – we enter a formal collaborative relationship with another church or organization, building on joint ministries.

As next steps in our planning process we are scheduling Special Board meetings. The first two of these meetings will focus on the process for amalgamation and setting timelines. The dates selected for these meetings is: **Monday November 16** and **Monday November 30**. Board meetings begin at **7:00 pm** and are held in the **Parlour**.
The Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council (https://wowrcucc.ca) 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.

We will be scheduling future Special Board meetings and the topics for these meetings will include discussions of Finances; Pastoral Care; Staffing; Property and Governance. These Special Board meetings have not been scheduled as yet. Further announcements will be made when these meetings are scheduled.

No decisions have been made as yet as we are in the very early stages of planning for amalgamation. If you are able, we encourage you to attend these Special Board meetings to assist us as we move forward in this lengthy process.

If you would like to volunteer your time to participate in other ways, please contact Cathie Stewart Savage (email: css2303@gmail.com) or Mary Joan Brooker (email: mjwbrooker@me.com).
If you have any questions or concerns 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).
Blessings to each of you,
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 17th** for our FREE Noon **Hour** Concert here at First**,** featuring the **Guy Few, trumpet and Stephanie Mara, piano.**
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

ANNUAL HOLLY & IVY GARDEN CLUB SALE

When: Saturday, November 21st 10:00am – 2:00pm
Where: Hilliard Hall, First United Church
Come and view our selection of hand made crafts, urns and table arrangements. NEW this year: you can pre order your planter pot (urn) on line. Please use the following link - https://forms.gle/SvNZ89VMMee1wTGe8
Thank you for your patronage and see you there!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

When: Saturday, December 5th 5:30pm – 8:00pm
Where: First United Church, Hilliard Hall



Join us for our Annual Christmas Party. Get ready to enjoy some fun, food and fellowship. This is a potluck gathering, please bring a favourite dish to share (or make a donation if you prefer). The program will include carolling, poetry, Christmas Bingo (with prizes) and Worship.

FOUR CHURCHES CHRISTMAS PARTY



Mark Saturday, December 19th on your calendar! Plan to celebrate a Christmas dinner with our friends from the four Waterloo United Churches here at First United. We hope to see many First United families joining in the spirit of the season. Watch the Update for more information. The Collaboration Team

BROADVIEW MAGAZINE RENEWAL

We have renewed *Broadview Magazine* subscriptions for all members of our congregation who asked to continue receiving issues. This year you will get 6 issues of the award winning United Church Broadview for just $30. Please make cheques payable to First United Church, with "Broadview" on the memo line or eTransfer to **firstunitedchurch@rogers.com**. The **Deadline is *Nov 30, 2025***.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION SESSION

When: Monday, November 23rd at 2:00pm
Where: Chartwell Terrace on the Square, 100 Caroline St S
Chartwell Terrace on the Square invites seniors in the community, along with family members and caregivers, to an upcoming Senior Transportation Information Session – a presentation with a representative from Grand River Transit about MobilityPLUS and other transportation options available to older adults in Waterloo Region. This is a great opportunity to learn more about accessible transportation, eligibility, registration, booking services and the options available to help seniors remain independent and connected in the community. Please confirm attendance and the total number of guests by November 20th by contacting Wendy Clawsey at Chartwell Terrace on the Square at wclawsey@chartwell.com or 226-792-0593.

	Sunday, November 15	
10:30 am	Worship Service and	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Sunday School	Parlour/ Labyrinth Room
11:30 am	Refreshments	Hilliard Hall
4:00 pm	Fully Alive	Chapel/Kitchen
	Monday, November 16	
9:30 am	Pastoral Care Meeting	Parlour
4:00 pm	MTSpace (TELL!)	Chapel
6:00 pm	Engaging Men Program	Youth Room
7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Parlour
	Tuesday, November 17	
7:30 am	Noon Hour Concert Prep	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
12:00 pm	Noon Hour Concert	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	KWYO – Youth Strings	Sanctuary
	Wednesday, November 18	
9:30 am	UCW Group – Pie Making	Kitchen
6:30 pm	Embers	Hilliard Hall
6:30 pm	Sparks	Chapel
	Thursday, November 19	
9:30 am	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Baileys Local Foods	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
4:00 pm	Family Choir	Chapel
7:00 pm	Gallery Choir	Chapel
	Friday, November 20	
1:00 pm	Fridays at First	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
	Saturday, November 21	
7:00 am	KW Garden Club	Hilliard Hall/Kitchen
9:00 am	Knitting Group	Parlour
1:00 pm	Dungeons & Dragons	Parlour
	Sunday, November 22	
10:30 am	Worship Service with Rev. Greg Smith-Young	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Sunday School	Parlour/ Labyrinth Room
11:30 am	Farewell Gathering for Rev Hoeun	Hilliard Hall

WEEKLY UPDATE

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

November 15, 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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Greeter(s): Alice Bieman (she/her)
Lay Leader: Douglas Facey (he/him)
Serving Refreshments this month: Pastoral Care