



Weekly Update from First – May 16, 2024

Join us for  
*Worship*



**AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH**

**SUNDAY**  
**May 19th**

**9:30 am**

*-Pentecost-*  
*-Baptism-*  
*-Communion-*

**Rev. Paul will lead Worship!**

**Mike Hardman will be the  
Worship Leader.**

**A Baptism will be celebrated.**

**Full Communion  
will be served.**

**The Band will lead the music  
with special guest, Guy  
Miskelly.**

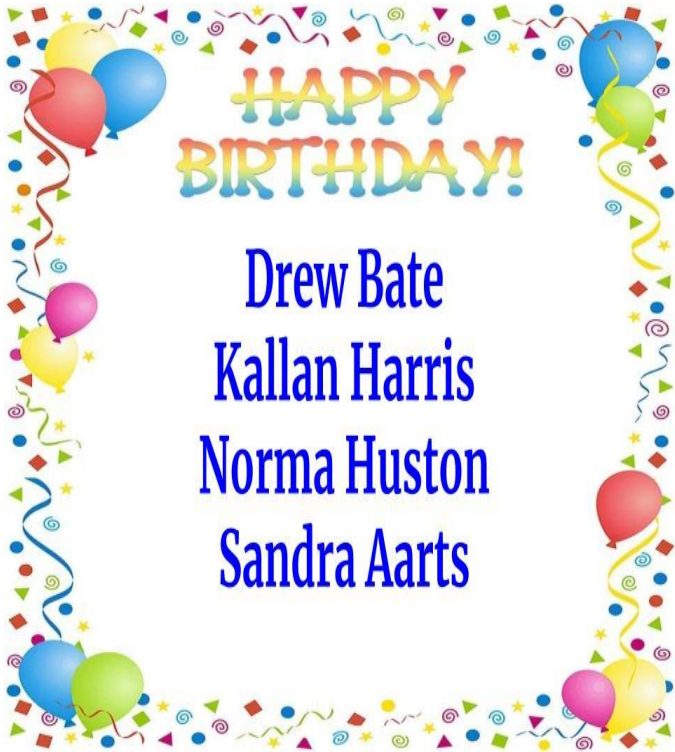
**Scripture: Acts, Chapter 2**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**TRUST... show RESPECT ... LISTEN ... then SPEAK.**

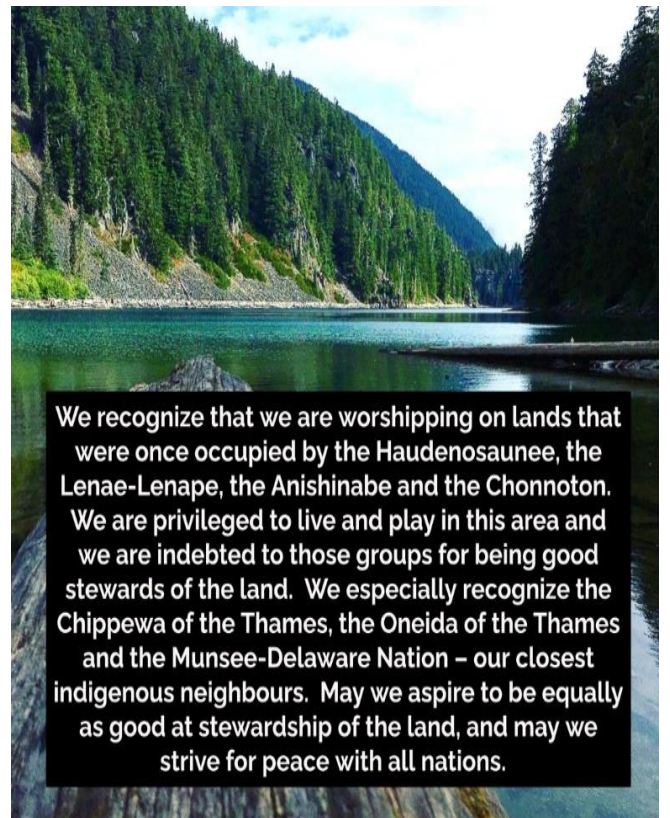


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I hope beautiful things happen to you this week, and when they do, I hope you can believe that you deserve each one of them.

\* *Kindness* \* *Respect* \* *Fairness* \*



We recognize that we are worshipping on lands that were once occupied by the Haudenosaunee, the Lenae-Lenape, the Anishinabe and the Chonnoton. We are privileged to live and play in this area and we are indebted to those groups for being good stewards of the land. We especially recognize the Chippewa of the Thames, the Oneida of the Thames and the Munsee-Delaware Nation – our closest indigenous neighbours. May we aspire to be equally as good at stewardship of the land, and may we strive for peace with all nations.

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# Calling All 2024 Graduates!!

Whether you are graduating from Grade 8, Grade 12 or College/University, we would like to celebrate your accomplishments!

Please email Karen Auckland (27swifty@gmail.com) to participate. Please send 2 pictures - one when your grad was 3-5 years old and the second being more recent.

Along with the photos, please include:

1. Your Graduate's full name.
2. What school they are graduating from.
3. Your Graduate's post-secondary plans (college, university, trade, working, deferring, etc.). Listing specific program is much appreciated.
4. If graduating from post-secondary, please include future plans, if know.

Please email Karen Auckland no later than June 1st.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

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# ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

## UPCOMING EVENTS

More outings are being arranged for the Environmental Group. Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

Wednesday, May 22 @ 6:30 pm  
Hiking through Yarmouth Natural Heritage Area,  
47502 Sparta Line. Meet in the east parking lot.

Saturday, June 8 @ 2:00 pm  
Follow the Dorchester Mill Pond Eco Trail. Mill Road,  
Dorchester. See lots of turtles and reward yourselves after  
the hike with a treat from The Frozen Cow!

Saturday, June 22 @ 9:00 am  
Lake Margaret Trail and Pinafore Park. Meet at the south  
parking lot in Pinafore Park. Hopefully lots of birds to see!

Tuesday, July 9 @ 7:00 pm  
Waterworks Park. Meet in north parking lot.

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CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH  
(135 Wellington Street, St. Thomas)  
PRESENTS...

# CHESS

## Warriors

Bring your chess board & chess men if you have them!



If you don't have any don't worry - we have some!

WEDNESDAY  
EVENINGS

- - -

6:30 -  
8:00 PM



ALL AGES AND TALENT LEVELS, INCLUDING BEGINNERS, WELCOME



INSTRUCTION AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TERRY LANNING  
519-630-8171 or [terry\\_lanning@sympatico.ca](mailto:terry_lanning@sympatico.ca)

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# NEXT SUNDAY

REV. PAUL WILL BE AT THE REGIONAL ANNUAL MEETING SO SOME OF OUR AWESOME LAY LEADERS WILL BE LEADING THE SERVICE!

JOIN US  
SUNDAY, MAY 26TH  
AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH  
AT 9:30AM

THE SERMON WILL BE: "LIFE TOGETHER" PREPARED BY REV. GREG SIMPSON WHO SERVES AT ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH IN CHATHAM.

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# OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING

May 27th @ 6:30pm

in the Music Room



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**SAVE YOUR POP TABS**



First Church Friends!  
Please save your POP TABS to help 13 year old,  
Aliye Hac Ismail, who has spina bifida  
to get a new wheelchair!  
  
There is a container in the Fellowship (Coffee)  
Room to collect your donations.

COPING WITH LOSS:

## NAVIGATING GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT

JUNE 17, 2024  
FAYE BREKELMANS  
COMPASSIONATE GRIEF SUPPORT  
ST. HILDA'S ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
185 ELM STREET  
ST. THOMAS  
7-9 PM

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# First United Church

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Rev. Paul's drop in hours at First are  
Mondays from 9:30am to 2pm.  
Other times are available by Appointment.

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ministry of First United Church!  
Your gifts make a difference in the lives of others!!*



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