



## First United eNews

The place where you'll find up-to-date information about what's happening, what's new and what to expect in the church community.

February 24, 2012

Dear First Family,

This week our Board is busy preparing for the "All Church Gathering" this Sunday, Feb 26.

This is the annual congregation meeting that is mandated by the United Church of Canada to help us as a faith family keep the lines of communication for dreaming, business and planning open and clear.

We need your voice and your participating during this "All Church Gathering." Plus there's going to be a Soup Lunch!

### Top Reasons to be at the "All Church Gathering!"

4. You will hear about the plans and current work in our ministry areas!
3. You will connect with other members of the church-nurturing community.
2. You will realize that the work of the church can be enjoyable AND efficient!
1. You will take an active part in moving First United forward in ministry of 2012 and beyond.

It takes all of us to do God's work!

There will be a programme for children.

This Sunday is also the first Sunday of Lent and a new sermon series.

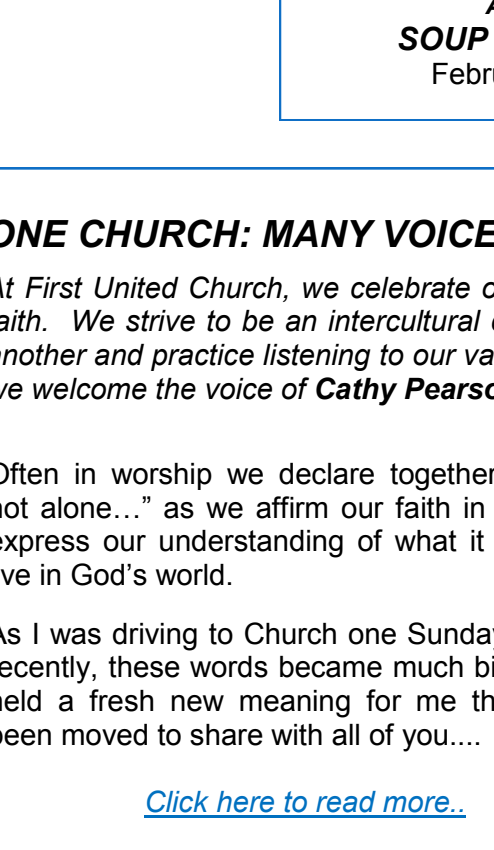
On Shrove Tuesday we had a joyful Mardi Gras celebration with over 60 children joining us from the local Boys and Girls Club.

On Wednesday there was a Service of the Ashes, which marked the beginning of Lent. And this season will take us through to Holy Week and Easter six weeks away.

There is so much to be thankful for as we continue our journey with Jesus. Ever close to the Spirit of God through his presence and teachings, we will walk with him this Lent.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday for worship and the "All Church Gathering."

abundant peace and joy to you,  
Rev. Danielle



### NEW LENT SERMON SERIES:

February 26—April 1

### "The Last Week- Draw Close to Jesus"

Join us as we enter the story of Jesus' last week in Jerusalem.

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**THIS SUNDAY...**

**ALL CHURCH GATHERING  
AND  
SOUP SUNDAY**

February 26.

### ONE CHURCH: MANY VOICES

At First United Church, we celebrate our diverse stories and experiences of faith. We strive to be an intercultural community where we learn about one another and practice listening to our varied perspectives. For today's column we welcome the voice of Cathy Pearson...

Often in worship we declare together "We are not alone..." as we affirm our faith in God, and express our understanding of what it means to live in God's world.

As I was driving to Church one Sunday morning recently, these words became much bigger, and held a fresh new meaning for me that I have been moved to share with all of you....

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A Sister in Christ,  
Cathy Pearson



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### ADULT SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

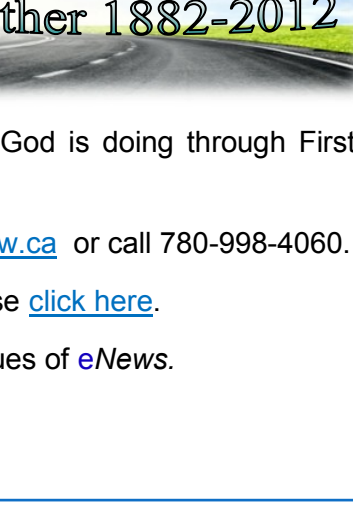
A new 4 week session March 16, 30, April 13, and 27. Thank you to new leaders. Hope to see everyone for a learning and sharing experience.

**Beginning March 16**, join us for conversation, connection and community. Using the Rob Bell "NOOMA" video series "a series of short films that explore our world from the perspective of Jesus". This is an invitation to search, question and join the discussion as we discover more about ourselves, each other and living in God's ways.

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Location:** First United Church

(Child care provided upon request)



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**—Friday, March 2 at 1:00 p.m.

**PEROGIE MAKING WORK BEE**—Saturday, March 3 at 10:00 a.m.

**ST. PATRICKS PEROGY SUPPER**—Saturday, March 17 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Please regularly check-out our website at [fsunited.org](http://fsunited.org) to keep yourselves updated about our coming events, and to listen to our recorded sermons.

## Celebrating 130 Years Together 1882-2012

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