



First United eNews

March 6, 2012

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.

Dear First Family,

The journey of lent continues. We are now in the second week as we "draw close to Jesus" during his last week in Jerusalem.

As a church we've been reading the Gospel of Mark together; Chapters 11-16. It's the dramatic story of Jesus moving toward Good Friday and Easter Glory and it's also the story of the many characters who journeyed with Jesus along the way.

This upcoming Sunday, March 11 we'll hear the story of Judas and how he walked with and away from Jesus during the last week. I wonder what Judas learned about Jesus during this time? I wonder what Judas has to teach us?

Thank you for telling others about the life and work of our church. I urge you to keep inviting folks to come and experience the Good News happening among us.

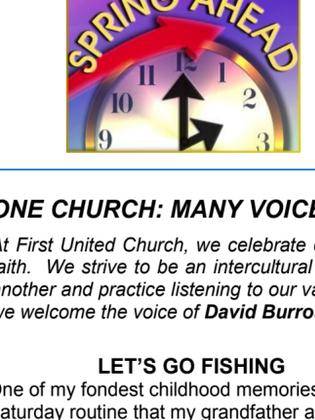
Tell a friend. Bring a neighbour.
Forward this eNews to someone else!

Together let us "draw the circle wide" of God's community.

peace and grace to you all,
Rev. Danielle

PS: See you in worship!

THIS SUNDAY...



LENT SERMON SERIES:

**"Come Draw
Close to Jesus"**

MARCH 4 SERMON TITLE:

**"The Last Week- Judas and
Jesus"**

Part 3 of 6



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS THIS SUNDAY...

**Don't forget to spring you
clocks one hour forward.**

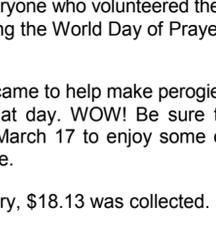
ONE CHURCH: MANY VOICES

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 **David Burroughs**...

LET'S GO FISHING

One of my fondest childhood memories is the Saturday routine that my grandfather and I had each Spring and Summer. They were pre-teen years of playing baseball, mowing grass, and fishing....

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David Burroughs

OUR GRATITUDES...

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time on March 2nd. It was First United's turn hosting the World Day of Prayer. A total of \$474 was collected.

PEROGY MAKING WORK BEE - 37 people came to help make perogies on Saturday. There were 4353 perogies made that day. WOW! Be sure to come to the St. Patrick's Day Perogy Supper on March 17 to enjoy some of their work. Tickets are available at the Church office.

PENNIES FOR U.C.W. - For January and February, \$18.13 was collected. Thank you!

COMING EVENTS...

LENTEN STUDY: ADULT SMALL GROUP MINISTRY - Beginning this Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. As we journey through this Lenten Season, one way to deepen our understanding of its meaning is through reading, reflection and conversation. Together we will explore *Simply Jesus: A New Vision of Who He Was, What He Did, and Why He Matters*, by N.T Wright. This author is a former Bishop in the Anglican Church, currently teaching at the School of Divinity at the University of St. Andrews. His writing style is engaging, vibrant and thought provoking, and opens door to lively discussion about a 'Jesus' we thought we knew but are invited to re-discover.

Gatherings will be March 7th (Introduction), March 14, March 28th and April 4th. (There will be no study on March 21st.) For more information, or to reserve a copy of the book, (you may also buy this book at any Chapters location) please contact Heather at the Church office. **Come for one or come for all!**

NOOMA: 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.

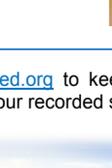
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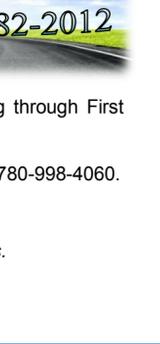


ST. PATRICKS PEROGY SUPPER-

Saturday, March 17 from 5-7 p.m. \$12 for a full order, \$8 for a half order. Tickets available at the Church Office, purchase them after worship on Sunday, or get them at the door.



BOOK CLUB - March 13 Book Club is cancelled. We look forward to next month, on **April 10** at noon, where we will discuss the book **"The Help"** by Kathryn Stockett. Members of the church community and beyond are welcome to join us!



Please regularly check-out our website at fsunited.org to keep yourselves updated about our coming events, and to listen to our recorded sermons.

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