



## First United eNews

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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.

### AN eNOTE FROM REV. DANIELLE

Dear First Family,

All Glory be to God for our experience together last Sunday! Thank you to everyone for the prayers, participation and presence. You all shone with Christ's Light.

We are reminded that our faith is a lifelong journey. Through 130 years and beyond we will continue to praise God with our lives of Gospel response.

This week I share with you my most recent contribution to the "Pastor's Pen." This Fort Record publication is offered by different ministers each week with a reflection on faith and life. The article highlights the joyful journey that marks a Christian life. Endings and beginnings, gratitude and delight, anguish and seeking, it is ours to live deeply in God.

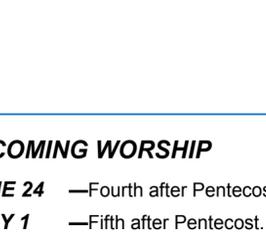
Join one another this Sunday for Jackie's sermon. Inspired by the parable of the mustard seed ([Matthew 13: 31-32](#)) we will explore what Jesus was up to, when he said that the Kingdom of Love is like the seed of a weed that grows up into a magnificent tree where others make a home! It's a story of transformation that will impact your life.

Enjoy the reading... [Click Here](#)

and the Holy Journey in the days ahead.

sweet peace to you,  
Rev. Danielle

### THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 17



Third After Pentecost  
worship led by  
Jackie St. Goddard (LLWL)

Sermon Title:

## Weed Seeds

TAIZÉ  
WORSHIP

7:00 p.m.

(Last Taizé until September)

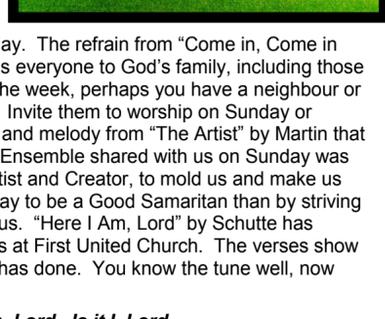


### UPCOMING WORSHIP

- JUNE 24** —Fourth after Pentecost. Worship led by Rev. Heather Koots
- JULY 1** —Fifth after Pentecost. Worship led by Jackie St. Goddard (LLWL)
- JULY 8** —Sixth after Pentecost. Worship led by Merlin Rosser
- JULY 15** —Seventh after Pentecost. Worship led by Rev. Bruce Jackson
- JULY 22** —Eighth after Pentecost. Worship led by Cathy Pearson (LLWL)

### MUSIC NOTES

As we go through this summer, let us remember the story from the Bible about the Good Samaritan. Let us practice each day being good neighbours, being kind and helpful to others. We can remember it by reading the Luke text but for me, it is a little easier to think about it by hearing a refrain of music or lyrics in my mind and heart.



I can hum or sing any time of the day. The refrain from "Come in, Come in and Sit Down" by Manley welcomes everyone to God's family, including those who are lost. Think of this during the week, perhaps you have a neighbour or friend who has lost his or her way. Invite them to worship on Sunday or simply pray with them. The words and melody from "The Artist" by Martin that the Anniversary Celebration Choir Ensemble shared with us on Sunday was really a prayer, asking God, the Artist and Creator, to mold us and make us into His work of art. What better way to be a Good Samaritan than by striving to be more Holy and more like Jesus. "Here I Am, Lord" by Schutte has become one of our favourite hymns at First United Church. The verses show the wondrous things that our Lord has done. You know the tune well, now think on the words of the refrain:

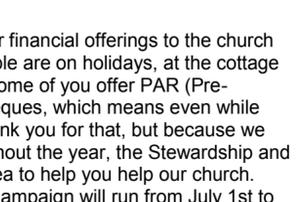
**"Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart."**

Listen to what the spirit is calling you to do!

Camille Ream  
Music Coordinator

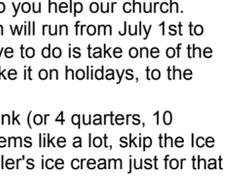
### NEWS FROM THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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General Council in  
Ottawa...



#### Confirmation Message: Spring 2012

Moderator Mardi Tindal's confirmation message welcomes youth to a new phase of their life in Christ and Christian community. May you be blessed in our community of faithfulness and joy!



#### \$1 A DAY, THE DISCIPLESHIP WAY!

Traditionally the summer months finds our financial offerings to the church decrease. This is understandable as people are on holidays, at the cottage or simply enjoying being out in the sun. Some of you offer PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance), or post dated cheques, which means even while away your offering is received, and we thank you for that, but because we are offering more this summer and throughout the year, the Stewardship and Generosity Team came up with a great idea to help you help our church. The **\$1.00 a Day the Discipleship Way** Campaign will run from July 1st to September 1st. It is quite simple in that all you have to do is take one of the marked banks home with you today. Be sure to take it on holidays, to the cottage or to the beach.

Starting July 1st, each day put one loonie in the bank (or 4 quarters, 10 dimes, a toonie, just no pennies please). If this seems like a lot, skip the Ice Cap for the day, one of Timmies coffees, or the Miller's ice cream just for that day. (Great way to avoid those extra summer calories too).

The funds raised will be used to help finance the church's ongoing ministries such as, the children's summer Sunday program, community awareness events, outreach subsidy to our renters as well as continue to raise funds for Mission and Service, hospitality, the roof and the ongoing life of our church. This is a family event, children can participate, Mom & Dad's, grandparents and friends. Let's challenge one another to uphold our discipleship as we continue to finance the ongoing ministries here in our faith community.

**A dollar a day at home or away  
A dollar a day and bills we can pay  
A dollar a day and our ministries stay  
the DISCIPLESHIP way  
~Francee Kaehn**

### LOOKING AHEAD...

**MUSIC MEETING** — June 18 at 6:30 p.m.

**BOARD MEETING** — June 26 at 6:30 p.m.

### REQUESTS FOR CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Please let the office know if there are prayer needs, people that need visiting or if you need support of any kind.

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.

We invite you to spread the news about what God is doing through First United by forwarding this email to someone.

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