



First United eNews

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An eNote from Rev. Danielle

Dear First Family,

This the final week of an incredible Summer Olympic Games. We have shared in stories of determination, perseverance, disappointment and enduring hope.

What is it that guides these athletes? What sustains each person's conviction to the sport? What is the call the athlete's hear within their hearts?

These are questions we have also in our own lives. What guides us? What sustains us? What is the call we hear?

This Sunday we continue on the adventure of life with **"A Scripture to Live! - Micah 6:8"**

This scripture passage guides us in the ways of God and opens us to hearing the call of Christ.

Last week, we explored the significance of **seeking justice** when God is our guide.

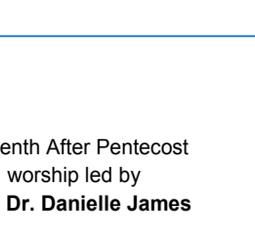
This week, we will look to **loving kindness** and how it sustains our relationships and communities.

See you Sunday!
Rev. Danielle

OLYMPIC GAMES TIDBIT

The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well.

~ The Olympic Creed



Attributed to Pierre de Coubertin, [the creed was inspired by a sermon](#) given by the Bishop of Pennsylvania on the first Sunday of the London Olympic Games in 1908. During a religious service in St. Paul's Cathedral, the bishop delivered these words, "The important thing in these Olympiads is not to win, but to take part."

The creed has been displayed during the opening ceremonies of the Olympic Games ever since.

THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 12



Eleventh After Pentecost
worship led by
Rev. Dr. Danielle James

Sermon Title:

"Called to Love Mercy"

A Verse to Live - Micah 6:8

Seeking Loving Walking

August 5, 12, and 19

GC 41 UPDATE

Today's press release from the United Church. Check out for links to information and some of the proposals that will be addressed.

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

United Church General Council Meets in Ottawa August 11-18

Toronto: Canada's largest Protestant denomination, The United Church of Canada, is holding its 41st General Council in Ottawa, August 11-18, 2012.

The meetings will take place on the campus of Carleton University. The Ravens' Nest gymnasium will serve as the main meeting space.

The General Council is a national gathering of more than 350 delegates called commissioners. Commissioners are selected by the church's 13 regional Conferences and represent an equal number of lay and ordered men and women...

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LOOKING AHEAD

TABULATOR'S WORKSHOP

August 12, following worship. If you are currently volunteering as a tabulator or are interested in finding out more about it, then this is for you. Please offer your stewardship of time for this important work, as your church is looking for people to help with counting the Sunday offerings. This means being on a roster to count on designated Sundays. The more hands that help, the less often each person needs to do it. There is a system in place and it is really quite easy and quick. Please contact the church office to sign-up.



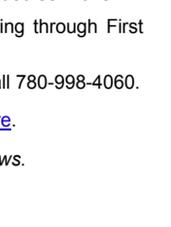
DOLLAR A DAY, THE DISCIPLESHIP WAY!

Let's challenge one another to uphold our discipleship as we continue to finance the ongoing ministries here in our faith community. There are still some coin banks available at the *Ministry in Action* table in the foyer. Each day during the summer, please put a loonie in the bank. *Thank you!*

BOARD MEETING — August 13 at 6:30 p.m.

COFFEE & DESSERT EVENING

August 15, 23 and 29, at 6:30 p.m. hosted by the Board. You can attend all three evenings or find one that suits your schedule. The gatherings are being held so The Board can share what they have learned about our congregation's direction for the immediate future and to listen to your sense of God's movement in this place. Please RSVP to the [Church Office](#).



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 to keep yourselves updated about our coming events, and to listen to our recorded sermons.

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