



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.

September 5, 2012

Back to Church Special!

Dear First Family,

It's back to school time. And that means Back to Church also! I'm looking forward to welcoming you all back home to church after any summer time away. We're in a sermon series about conversations with God that will encourage you to do the same. There are opportunities to grow and serve. There is music that will inspire you to connect with Spirit and neighbour.

The Sunday morning Children's Ministry is vibrant and lead by wonderful members of the congregation.

A renewed Youth Group Ministry is starting on Friday September 14 - see information below.

The [Book Club](#) and [Faith Discovery](#) groups are underway.

Family Programming this month includes - the [Fall Festival](#), [Harvest Moon Coffeehouse](#), [Old-time Community Tea](#) and a [Faith Formation](#) field trip on Sept 19.

- if interested in any of these contact the office and see descriptions below.

It certainly is the time of "Back to Church Specials!", because God and each one of us can contribute to God's special, unique and meaningful work in the Fort Community.

Welcome Back.

See you in worship this Sunday!
Rev. Danielle

THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9



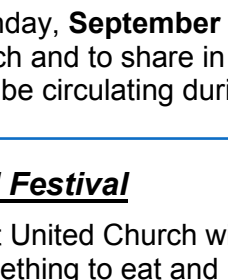
Fifteenth after Pentecost worship led by **Rev. Dr. Danielle James**

Sermon Title: **"Recognizing Home"**

NORTHERN GATEWAY PIPELINE "LEARNING CIRCLE"

September 9, immediately after worship.

All are welcome. We'll be led by Roberto Robles, P.Eng, learning about the route and structure and environmental considerations of the pipeline.



"I would encourage each of you to attend one or more of the upcoming learning circles. It's an opportunity to practically step into God's Wisdom found in Micah 6:8." - Karen Martin

[Click here to read Karen's article.](#)

LOOKING AHEAD

Families First Society – Parent Link Centre

...for Fort Saskatchewan and Sturgeon County invites the community to their ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CELEBRATION! Monday, **September 10th** at the Legion beginning at 6:30 p.m.

[Click here for more information](#)

Soup Sunday

Sunday, **September 16**. Everyone is invited to stay after worship for a soup lunch and to share in fellowship. If you would like to help out, a sign-up basket will be circulating during the service today.

Fall Festival

First United Church will once again have an outdoor event for children, something to eat and refreshments, at the downtown Fall Festival. There will also be a huge bake sale taking place during the event and followed that evening by the Harvest Moon Coffeehouse.

We need Your Help...

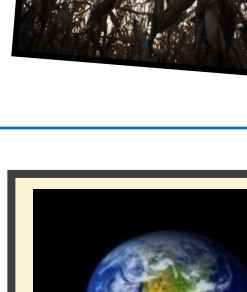
The **bake sale** at the Fall Festival will be a congregation wide event with proceeds going to the fundraising line of our budget. Please bring your delectable donation to the church on **Friday Sept. 21 before noon**. Contact the church office if this will not work for you.

4 to 5 people are needed to help out with the **kids event** (they will be doing a simple fall craft) and to help look after handing out food/juice and the draw basket. The event is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (waiting confirmation on this). Please call Terri at 780-998-1892 or Jackie at 780-998-3851 if you can help out.

Harvest Moon Coffeehouse

Help us spread the word...

Saturday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m. Continuing the festivities of the **Downtown Fall Festival**, First United Church is hosting a **Harvest Moon Coffeehouse** in support of the **Canadian Food Grains Bank**. Local musicians unite together in a intimate coffeehouse setting while you sip Fair Trade coffee eat fabulous desserts. Headlining musicians: Peter Nolan and Friends and The Gates Family. Cover charge applies.



[Click here to view the poster.](#)

Youth Group Ministry

It's back!!

Youth Group Ministry starts on Saturday, September 14th. We are going to start the year with a trip to the Corn Maze so bring your sense of adventure, a warm jacket to sit by the campfire and \$10 to get in the gate.

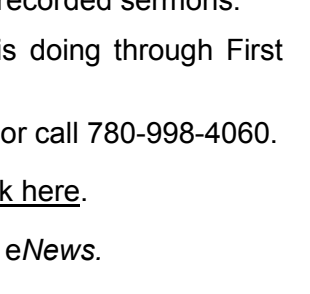
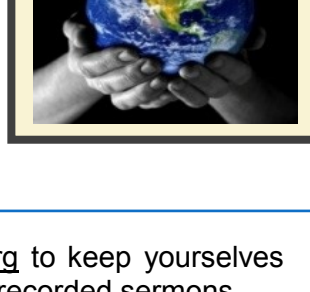
Date: Friday, September 14th, 2012

Drop off: 6:00pm at First United

Pick up: 10:00pm at First United

RSVP: no later than Tuesday, September 12 (we need to arrange rides there and back!) Contact: Bill & Eleanor Heesing at 780.992.0944 or heesing@shaw.ca

A 'letter of introduction' and calendar of events for the months of September through December will be emailed to you once we have received your contact information!!



Banff Men's Conference: ReDiscovering Awe

October 12-14, 2012

Banff Centre, Banff Alberta

A gathering for all men sponsored by the United Church of Canada. Keynote **Bruce Sanguin**, speaker and author. Go to www.banffmen.org for more details and to register.



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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