



First United eNews

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September 14, 2012

eNote from Rev. Danielle

Dear First Family,

Today I'd like to give you an update on the Roof Project. It was a year ago that the need for roof repair was identified. As a congregation, you all set to the work of raising necessary funds. You told the story of this place and the ministries supported within this building. You used the talents of fundraising, event planning and community partnership to encourage generosity for the project. One of our congregation members told our story to Rivard Roofing and they came in with a quote that was generous with labour and talent.

The work is planned for this fall.

To date we have raised \$30,082 We continue to need financial support to meet our goal.

See you in worship this Sunday!
Rev. Danielle

This Sunday, September 16



Sixteenth after Pentecost worship led by
Rev. Dr. Danielle James

Sermon Title:
"Recognizing Home"
Part 3 of the Sermon Series

Baptism Celebration



Evening Worship in Light and Song – This Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

A candlelit service with music in the style of Taizé. Join with others in this gentle way that renews your spirit through prayer and song.

This Sunday is Soup Sunday!

Quiet Space

Beginning **this Sunday**, September 16, we will offer space for the intentional practice of silent reflection **prior** to worship. The welcome room (last room on the left past the offices) will be available for anyone seeking a dedicated, quiet space for prayer or silent reflection before participating in worship. This room will be available for your use at 9:00 a.m. for 45 minutes. All are welcome to come and go in silence as the Spirit moves.

2nd "Learning Circle"

Last Sunday we had a good conversation and survey of the broad issues involved in the pipeline project. Here's a link to an **Information Summary Sheet**, that was presented last Sunday. Stay tuned for our second leaning circle in October.

Music Notes

Wisdom in Silence

As I write this note today, I think of a wonderful day that I had this summer in Jasper. Jasper is one of my favourite places to be - this trip has gone on in my family for generations. My Mom went to Jasper with her parents. My parents took us as children. We took our children, and now our grandchildren. Each time, we always go to Pyramid Island - it is a special quiet place for us. As I walked across the bridge to the island in July, I remembered many of the other times that I had been there. This time was different - I was by myself. I wasn't alone though, I felt the presence of God with me. There was a serenity on the island this time as I watched the glass like lake and heard not a breath of wind, only a few birds. I found a bench and sat - I am not sure how long - it didn't matter...

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Camille Ream
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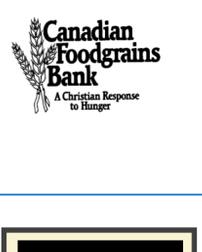
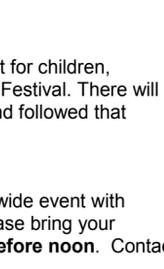
Looking Ahead

Youth Group Ministry—Tonight!

It's back!!
Youth Group Ministry starts on Friday, 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 Heeing at 780.992.0944 or heeing@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!!



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 that proceeds going to the fundraising line of our budget. Please bring your delectable donation to the church next **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.](#)



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.



Lawn care

Thank you to those who have helped with the lawn care this summer. The growing season is not over yet, so if you are able to help out, please sign your name to a week on the list at the *Ministry in Action* table.

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