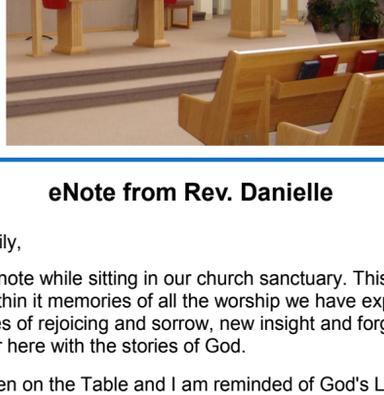




## First United eNews

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.

October 11, 2012



### eNote from Rev. Danielle

Dear First Family,

I'm writing this note while sitting in our church sanctuary. This beautiful space holds within it memories of all the worship we have experienced together. Stories of rejoicing and sorrow, new insight and forgiveness all weave together here with the stories of God.

The bible is open on the Table and I am reminded of God's Living Story with us in this space and throughout our lives. God's story weaving our own into something radiant.

I'm looking forward to being with you all this Sunday. It's part 2 of the sermon series, **The Old, Old Stories**.

We'll pick up the story at Genesis 2, with the creation of Eden, Adam and Eve. The snake of temptation will appear and we'll be challenged to consider what 'sin' means for us today.

All these sermons will build on the week prior. So be sure to catch up on any week's you've missed along the way.

[Click here to listen to last week's sermon.](#)

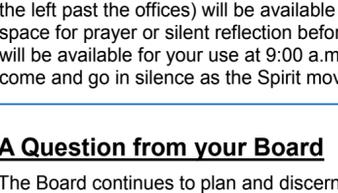
Also I invite you to join in the story and read along:

October 7- Creation: And God Saw That It Was Good **Genesis 1: 1-31**  
October 14- Paradise Lost: Adam and Eve **Genesis: 2:15-3:24**  
October 21- Two Brothers: Cain and Abel **Genesis 4: 1-16**  
October 28- The Flood **Genesis 6:5 - 9:17**  
November 4- A Tower of Babel **Genesis 11: 1-9**

Bring a friend to worship this Sunday. Share the love of God's good stories.

See you soon,  
Rev. Danielle

### This Sunday, October 14



Twentieth after Pentecost

New Sermon Series:

**"The Old, Old Stories"**

Sermon Title:

**"Paradise Paradox: Adam & Eve"**

#### Quiet Space

This Sunday we will meet again in the welcome room 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.

#### A Question from your Board

The Board continues to plan and discern the ongoing vision of the congregation. We are listening to you, the congregation and to the Spirit. For the next three weeks we will ask one question and your input is greatly appreciated. Please reply to: Jackie St. Goddard: [stgod@telus.net](mailto:stgod@telus.net)

**What First United Church ministries do you celebrate? Why?**

#### You've Got Mail...

Click [here](#) to view the October 1, 2012 Congregational Letter. Please pick up your printed copy at the Ministry in Action table on Sunday.

#### From the Faith Formation Desk

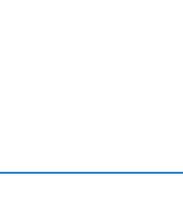
As much as we know the snow usually begins to fall in October, the first time we see the white stuff produces all kinds of mixed emotions as we crank up our preparations for winter. I hope you are staying warm and dry in this week (and month) of transitioning weather.

This week I am working on the final touches for our **Lead and Learn** gathering this Saturday morning from 10:00 to 12:00. This gathering is for anyone interested in volunteering for the Sunday morning children's program, **Growing God's Children**. If you haven't responded yet but would like to come, you are still welcome.

Have you **registered your children** yet? I would like to create a list of children and their families so we can improve our communication with you. As well, it will help us plan more effectively. There are registration forms on the **Ministry in Action** table in the church entrance.

**The Story Project** has generated some interest so far. This is an idea for an after school program for young children. There is a possibility of including a simultaneous study or spiritual practice component for parents. Let me know your thoughts. Registration forms are also on the **Ministry in Action** table. I would like to start the program October 24.

Faithfully yours,  
[Nancy Chegus](mailto:Nancy.Chegus)  
Faith Formation Coordinator



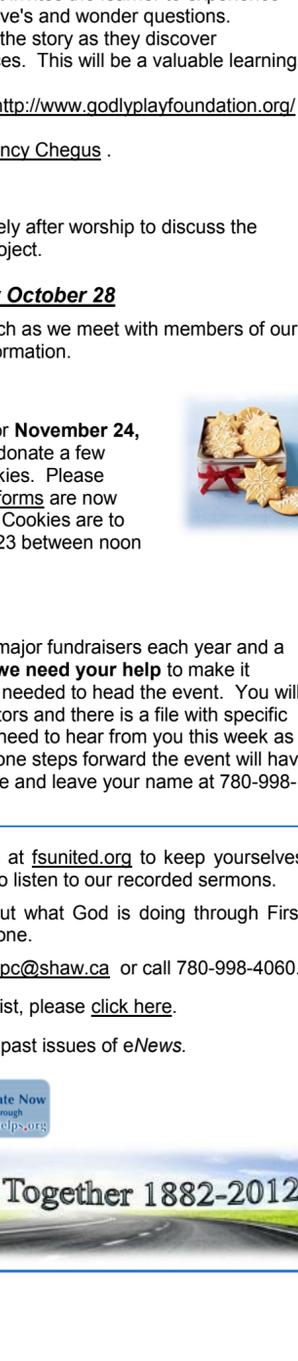
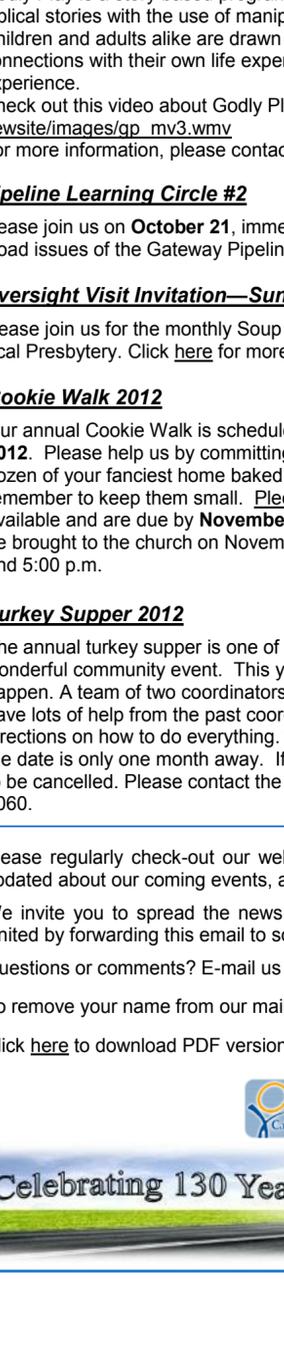
#### Library Milestone and Celebration

Our **Library Ministry** celebrated a milestone of 150 books borrowed since it's re-opening a year ago in late September 2011. It's marvelous to know that we are reading, learning and sharing in this place.

All are welcome to use the library. There are many and varied selections including novels, spiritual reading, theology, biographies and more. Join one another in the adventure of a common conversation about our world, what we believe and how we live!

The **United Church of Canada has a 2011 Annual Report**. It tells the story of our work as a denomination in Canada and throughout the globe.

Everyone involved in the United Church should have a look. A copy is available for your reading in our Library or you may **click on the image below** to view it online.



The United Church of Canada  
**Annual Report 2011**

#### What's Happening

##### Godly Play

**Saturday, October 20.** Attention: Children Program Leaders, Parents, Ministry Personnel! An Introduction to Godly Play Workshop.

Godly Play is a story based program that invites the learner to experience biblical stories with the use of manipulative's and wonder questions.

Children and adults alike are drawn into the story as they discover connections with their own life experiences. This will be a valuable learning experience.

Check out this video about Godly Play: [http://www.godlyplayfoundation.org/newsite/images/gp\\_mv3.wmv](http://www.godlyplayfoundation.org/newsite/images/gp_mv3.wmv)

For more information, please contact [Nancy Chegus](mailto:Nancy.Chegus).

##### Pipeline Learning Circle #2

Please join us on **October 21**, immediately after worship to discuss the broad issues of the Gateway Pipeline Project.

##### Oversight Visit Invitation—Sunday October 28

Please join us for the monthly Soup Lunch as we meet with members of our local Presbytery. Click [here](#) for more information.

##### Cookie Walk 2012

Our annual Cookie Walk is scheduled for **November 24, 2012**. Please help us by committing to donate a few dozen of your fanciest home baked cookies. Please remember to keep them small. [Pledge forms](#) are now available and are due by **November 4**. Cookies are to be brought to the church on November 23 between noon and 5:00 p.m.



##### Turkey Supper 2012

The annual turkey supper is one of our major fundraisers each year and a wonderful community event. This year **we need your help** to make it happen. A team of two coordinators are needed to head the event. You will have lots of help from the past coordinators and there is a file with specific directions on how to do everything. We need to hear from you this week as the date is only one month away. If no one steps forward the event will have to be cancelled. Please contact the office and leave your name at 780-998-4060.

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.

Questions or comments? E-mail us at [fspc@shaw.ca](mailto:fspc@shaw.ca) or call 780-998-4060.

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