



## First United eNews

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October 19, 2012

### eNote from Rev. Danielle

Dear First Family,

This week I spent two days at our local Presbytery meeting. It took place close to Edson at *Surprise Lake Camp* - A United Church camp for all ages. The tamarack trees were vibrant orange and the wind danced across the lake waters. God the Creator was there.

Sometimes we can feel disconnected from God. As though God is hidden from us. But if we pause to feel the wind on our faces, reconnect with a word of Scripture or take time to really look at an acorn - well we see that God is never far from us.

This week take time to read some more of Genesis. It will connect you to the promise that God is never far.

This Sunday, we will read **Genesis 4** - the story of brothers Cain and Abel.

Also this Sunday - it's church in the style of *Godly Play*.

When you arrive, you will be greeted at the doors of the sanctuary. We will tell the bible story with the children and talk to one another about what the story means. It will be exciting and engaging. Come to find out more!!

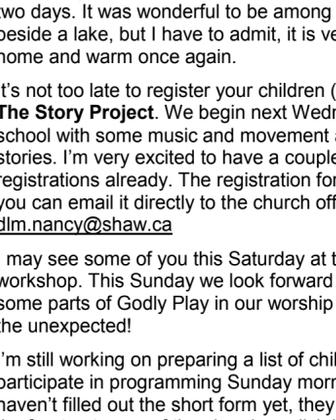
I look forward to being with you all on Sunday.

In the meantime, stay on the lookout for God - fall colours, wind, story and song, God is close by.

Rev. Danielle

### This Sunday, October 21

Twenty First after Pentecost



Sermon Series:  
***"The Old,  
Old Stories"***

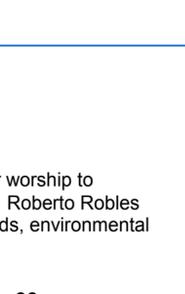
Sermon Title:  
**"Cain and Able"**

Remember the **Quiet Space** in the Welcome room from 9:00 a.m. before worship. Feel free to come and go in silence as the Spirit moves.

### Greetings from the Faith Formation Desk

This week I was officially introduced to Yellowhead Presbytery at Surprise Lake Camp where we met for two days. It was wonderful to be among the trees and beside a lake, but I have to admit, it is very nice to be home and warm once again.

It's not too late to register your children (grades 1-3) for **The Story Project**. We begin next Wednesday after school with some music and movement and sharing stories. I'm very excited to have a couple of registrations already. The registration form is [here](#) and you can email it directly to the church office or to me at [dlm.nancy@shaw.ca](mailto:dlm.nancy@shaw.ca)



I may see some of you this Saturday at the Godly Play workshop. This Sunday we look forward to experiencing some parts of Godly Play in our worship time. Expect the unexpected!

I'm still working on preparing a list of children who participate in programming Sunday mornings. If you haven't filled out the short form yet, they are available in the front entrance of the church or click [here](#).

Faithfully yours,  
Nancy Chequs  
Faith Formation Coordinator

### Looking Ahead

#### Pipeline Learning Circle #2

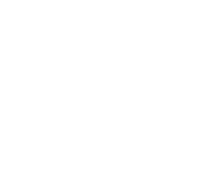
Please join us this Sunday, **October 21**, immediately after worship to discuss the broad issues of the Gateway Pipeline Project. Roberto Robles will lead us in a PowerPoint presentation about the oil sands, environmental impact and questions connected to our faith.

#### Oversight Visit and Soup Lunch—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.

#### Turkey Supper Tickets for Sale!

Tickets go on sale following worship this Sunday!  
Click on the turkey for more information.



Cookie Walk— **November 24, 2012**. For pledge form, click [here](#).

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

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