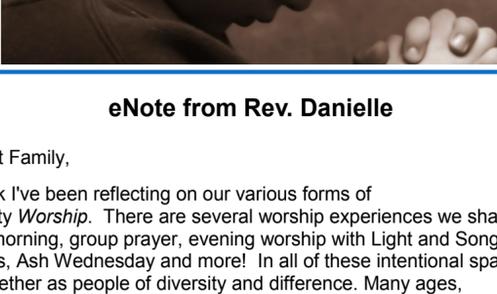




First United eNews

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 26,
2012



eNote from Rev. Danielle

Dear First Family,

This week I've been reflecting on our various forms of community *Worship*. There are several worship experiences we share - Sunday morning, group prayer, evening worship with Light and Song, Blue Christmas, Ash Wednesday and more! In all of these intentional spaces we come together as people of diversity and difference. Many ages, backgrounds, experiences and spirituality.

In worship, how can we help our children draw close to God? What would a worship experience need to encourage our seniors in their faith journeys? How might we tell the stories of the Bible so that many can engage? Oh, it is an amazing task the Holy Spirit has given to us.

Last Sunday we tried some new elements in our worship service. There was a storyteller who focused on the children, and the adults were invited to overhear the story and imagine alongside them. We also tried for congregation members talking to one another about the Biblical story. When we experiment we learn. Thank you to everyone for being willing to stretch and try for the sake of the community's connection to God.

This Sunday we continue in "The Old, Old Stories" I'll share a sermon titled: **"Covenant and Rainbows"** as we explore the story of God's great flood in Genesis 6-9.

The Resounding Handbell choir and other wonderful musicians will help us to make a joyful noise!

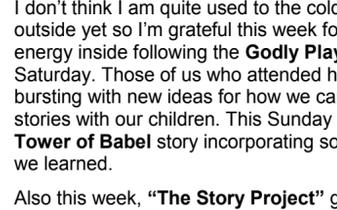
Bring a friend to church!

And I'll see you on Sunday...

with blessings,

Rev. Danielle

This Sunday, October 28



Twenty Second after Pentecost

Sermon Series:

***"The Old,
Old Stories"***

Sermon Title:

"Covenant and Rainbows"

Genesis 6-9

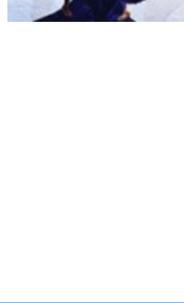
Remember the **Quiet Space** in the Welcome room from 9:00 a.m. before worship. Feel free to come and go in silence as the Spirit moves.

Followed by **Soup Lunch** and **Presbytery Visit**.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Greetings from the Faith Formation Desk

I don't think I am quite used to the colder temperatures outside yet so I'm grateful this week for the new found energy inside following the **Godly Play** workshop last Saturday. Those of us who attended have been bursting with new ideas for how we can share biblical stories with our children. This Sunday we begin the **Tower of Babel** story incorporating some of the ideas we learned.



Also this week, **"The Story Project"** got under way. Thanks to the children and families who participated in this after school program. It's not too late to join in the fun. Details are in the **front entrance** of the church or you can email me at dln.nancy@shaw.ca. We will not meet next week because of Halloween, but we will continue the Peace theme on Nov. 7.

The sign-up sheet for **Growing God's Children** has been updated. I encourage you to consider sharing your time and faith with our children on a Sunday morning. Our themes run for 2 weeks.

Faithfully yours,

Nancy Chegus

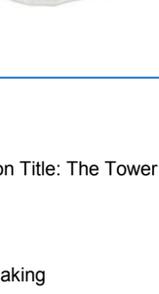
Faith Formation Coordinator

United Church Crest—Revised!

The General Council has adopted a new United Church Crest. The Crest is a story of our heritage and our future. It's symbols, colours and words show the reality of diversity and practice of unity that is core to our denomination.

Click here for the story and history of our crest:

<http://www.united-church.ca/history/crest>



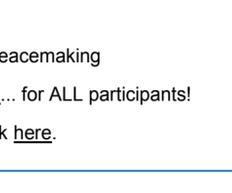
Turkey Supper

November 4

This is the last Sunday to purchase tickets to our Annual Turkey Supper Fundraiser.

It is also the last Sunday to sign-up to help, and we still need more volunteers to make this event happen. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

Click on the turkey for more information.



Looking Ahead

November 4—Final part of "The Old, Old Stories". Sermon Title: The Tower of Babel.

—Holy Communion

—Turkey Supper

November 11—A Service of Remembrance and Peacemaking

November 12—Worship Hospitality Team Meeting... for ALL participants!

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

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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