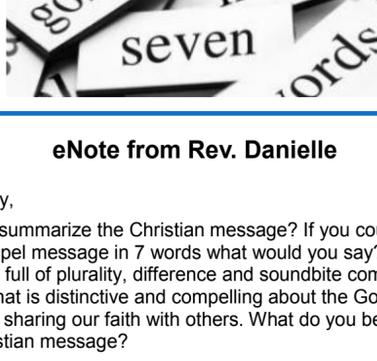




First United eNews

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.

November 1, 2012



eNote from Rev. Danielle

Dear First Family,

How would you summarize the Christian message? If you could describe the heart of the Gospel message in 7 words what would you say?

Today's world is full of plurality, difference and soundbite communication. Reflecting on what is distinctive and compelling about the Gospel might be a first step toward sharing our faith with others. What do you believe to be at the core of the Christian message?

The *Christian Century* magazine recently asked some authors to proclaim the Gospel in a maximum of seven words. Here's what they came up with. How about you?

God, through Jesus Christ, welcomes you anyhow. Martin E. Marty

Divinely persistent, God really loves us. Donald W. Shriver

In Christ, God's yes defeats our no. Beverly Roberts Gaventa

The wall of hostility has come down. Ellen Charry

We live by grace. M.Craig Barnes.

Let us reflect on our faith; taking it's beauty, challenge and hope seriously.

Then let's live it out with everything we've got!

I look forward to being with you in worship on Sunday.

Bring a friend and let's share the story!

Rev. Danielle

For the full article:

<http://www.christiancentury.org/article/2012-08/gospel-seven-words>

This Sunday, November 4



Twenty Second after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Final part in the Sermon Series:

"The Old, Old Stories"

Sermon Topic:

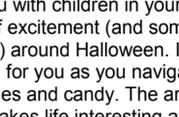
The Tower of Babel

Genesis 11:1-11

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.

Daylight Savings Time Ends!

Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night. If you forget, don't worry. You can join us in the **Quiet Space**.



Please give generously...

Please remember to bring your Food Bank donations this Sunday.

Greetings from the Faith Formation Desk

For those of you with children in your house, this can be a crazy week of excitement (and sometimes disappointment) around Halloween. I hope all has gone reasonably well for you as you navigate your way through costumes and candy. The arrival of our first snow always makes life interesting and adds to the excitement.

Our Sunday morning children's program, "Growing God's Children" began exploring the story of **The Tower of Babel** last Sunday and that will continue for another week. We are trying out some ideas we learned at the **Godly Play** workshop. If you are interested in finding out more or would like to **volunteer** for a **2 week theme**, please feel free to contact me any time by phone or email through the church office.

Our **Youth Room** will be open for some discussion time this Sunday. All are welcome. I sure like the new colours in the room. Can't wait to see it all finished.

The after school program for children in grades 1-3, "**The Story Project**," will continue next week. We are working on a **peace** theme.

Faithfully yours,

Nancy Chegus

Faith Formation Coordinator



Turkey Supper

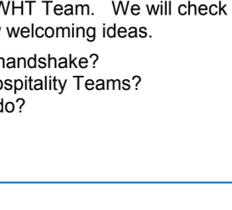
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5:00 p.m. - SOLD OUT

6:30 p.m. - Tickets available

Please come to our Annual Turkey Supper Fundraiser. Tickets are available from the Church Office (780-998-4060), from Joan (780-998-1008), or at church on Sunday. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door.

Click on the turkey for more information.



Worship and Hospitality Team Meeting

There will be a meeting of the **Worship & Hospitality Teams** on **Monday, November 12th at 6:00 pm** for **ALL** existing Team Members and anyone who might be interested in becoming a part of a WHT Team. We will check in to see what's working and introduce some new welcoming ideas.

Do you have a welcoming smile and a warm handshake?

Would you think you could be a part of our Hospitality Teams?

Would you like to know more about what we do?

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Snacks will be provided!!

Congregational Care Ministries

Congregational Care is the work of all members of the church. We are a faith community who support, encourage, visit and connect with one another. Finding ways of caring for one another is a part of being disciples of Jesus.

As we continue to grow in spirit and with people; keeping in touch is essential. We stay connected to those we see often and those we see less often.

Let's have a conversation about what "caring and connecting ministries" at First United could look like.

Wed. November 14 at 1:30pm

All are welcome to this conversation for listening and sharing. More conversations will certainly follow. Please RSVP to Rev. Danielle by email or the church office.

Looking Ahead

November 6—Bissell pick-up

November 9—Youth Group

November 11—A Service of Remembrance and Peacemaking

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

November 13—U.C.W Meeting
—Book Club

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



Above: Book of discussion, Nov. 13.

Please regularly check-out our website at 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.

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