



## 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 7, 2012

### eNote from Rev. Danielle

Dear First Family,

This weekend, worship occurs on a poignant day for our country and the world. Remembrance Day is the appointed day of honouring casualties of both World Wars. In 1921, the red poppy was adopted as Canada's office symbol of Remembrance Day. The day has also come to mark our ongoing remembering of casualties of all wars around the world.

When you arrive to worship, a white poppy will greet you. This white poppy is a symbol of peace that's been around since 1933. Pinned alongside a red poppy it reminds us to actively work for peace in the world and for an end to all war.

This Sunday we will pause to remember what has been, and renew our hope in God's great peacemaking initiative through Jesus.

The peace of Christ be with you.

I'll see you in worship.

Rev. Danielle

### This Sunday, November 11

Twenty Fourth after Pentecost

#### A Service of Remembrance and Peacemaking

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

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! I hope you are safe and well as we try to maneuver through all this snow. It's great snow for playing in, but not so much for driving. Let's play!

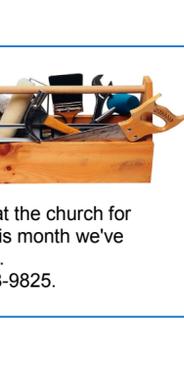
This Sunday families will worship together and there will be activities for the children in the foyer. I look forward to being with you and the children this Sunday. The youth are welcome to stay in worship. Their next discussion time – "Life in the Basement" – will be Nov. 18.

This week's Story Project had to be postponed because of the weather. We will finish our peace theme next week. The time will be 3:30 to 4:30. It's not too late to check us out if you have children in grades 1-3.

Faithfully yours,

Nancy Chegus

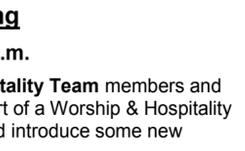
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### Property Stewardship Saturday

This Saturday, November 10 at 9:30 a.m.

It takes many hands to keep this building in tip-top shape!



The 2nd Saturday of each month you are invited to meet at the church for 9:30 a.m. for little projects around the church building. This month we've got a hand railing to secure and some patchwork to tackle. If you'd like more information call Jim Sheridan at 780-998-9825.

### Worship and Hospitality Team Meeting

Next week, Monday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m.

This meeting is for ALL existing **Worship & Hospitality Team** members and anyone who might be interested in becoming a part of a Worship & Hospitality 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!!

### Book Club

Next week, Tuesday, November 13 at noon

Members of the church community and beyond are welcome to join us for monthly Book Club discussions. You are invited to bring your lunch for a one hour session where we discuss the novel we've read and reflect on the insights within our own lives. Come for one or come for all!

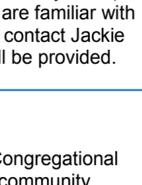
November 13: **Heaven is For Real** by Todd Burpo

December 11: **The Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins



### Yellowhead Presbytery News

Our local Yellowhead Presbytery met in October. At the gathering there was time for education, conversation, and congregations got to share their joys and laments. Please click [here](#) to read the report.



### Church Bookkeeper: Finance Team

First United Church is looking for a volunteer bookkeeper. This person will be part of the Finance Team (consisting of the Treasurer and Data Entry Clerk). We estimate that the role will take 3-4 hours per week. If you are familiar with Simply Accounting, Excel and book-keeping principles please contact Jackie St. Goddard at [stgod@telus.net](mailto:stgod@telus.net) (780-998-3851). Training will be provided.

### Congregational Care Ministries

Conversation **next Wednesday, November 14 at 1:30pm**. 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.

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 9** —Youth Group

**November 11** —Twenty Fourth After Pentecost  
—A Service of Remembrance and Peacemaking

**November 12** —Office Closed  
—[Worship Hospitality Team Meeting...](#) for ALL participants!

**November 13** —[U.C.W Meeting](#)  
—[Book Club](#)

**November 14** —Congregational Care Ministries Conversation  
—[Story Project](#)

**November 18** —Twenty Fifth After Pentecost  
—Soup Sunday  
—[Evening Service of Light and Song](#)

**November 20** —Bissell pick-up  
—Board Meeting

**November 23** —Drop-off your cookies between noon and 5 p.m.

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

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