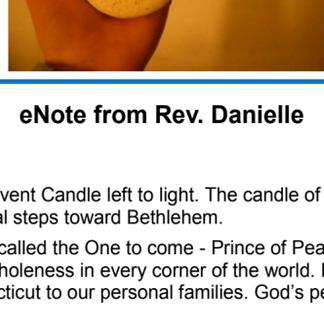




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eNote from Rev. Danielle

Dear First Family,

There's only one Advent Candle left to light. The candle of Peace will be our guide during the final steps toward Bethlehem.

The Prophet Isaiah called the One to come - Prince of Peace. He will lead us in ways that bring wholeness in every corner of the world. From Syria to Egypt. From Connecticut to our personal families. God's peace can be known.

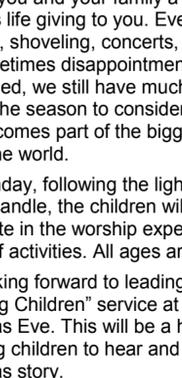
This is the promise we have been extended. Side by side, in prayer of heart and prayers of action God's peace can shine brightly in our lives.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday.

Shalom, La Paix, Salam, Wetaskiwin,

[Rev. Danielle](#)

This Sunday, December 23



Fourth of Advent
worship at 10:00 a.m.

Sermon Series:
The Arrival

Sermon Title:
"The Arrival of Peace"

Greetings from the Faith Formation Desk

Our journey toward Bethlehem is almost complete. In this short time before Christmas I wish for you and your family a time to reflect on all that is life giving to you. Even as life is full of activities, shoveling, concerts, get-togethers, and sometimes disappointments when hopes are dashed, we still have much to be thankful for. 'Tis the season to consider how our own story becomes part of the bigger story of God's love in the world.

This Sunday, following the lighting of the fourth Advent candle, the children will be invited to participate in the worship experience with a variety of activities. All ages are welcome.

I am looking forward to leading the "Christmas for Young Children" service at 5:30 on Christmas Eve. This will be a half hour service for young children to hear and celebrate the Christmas story.

Last Sunday the children were delighted to open the special gifts that were made for them by Ted Griffiths, Kathy Cline, and Richard Thompson. Many thanks for the beautiful Noah's Ark filled with animals. This is a wonderful addition to our growing children's space.



Peace and joy,
[Nancy Chegus](#)
Faith Formation Coordinator

Board Announcement

After 12 years as your church Treasurer, Al Gummesen has tendered his resignation to the Board of First United.

The Board sincerely thanks Al for his exceptional ministry and service to the people of First United Church. In accordance with the United Church Manual the Board has elected Joan Prochnau as the new treasurer effective January 1, 2013. Al and Joan will work collaboratively during this time of transition. We look forward to celebrating Al and his ministry in early 2013. Stay tuned for details!

Christmas Eve Worship
December 24

- 5:30 p.m. Christmas for Young Children
- 7:00 p.m. Family Christmas Worship
- 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

*Invite a friend!
All Are Welcome!*

Volunteers needed for Christmas Eve

We are asking for helpers to participate in making our Christmas Services an enjoyable experience for everyone. The areas or need are:

- 4 greeters for the 5:30 p.m. service
- 2 more greeters for the 7:00 p.m. service
- 1 more greeter for the 10:00 p.m. service
- 1 Hospitality team leader to prepare the communion elements for the 10:00 p.m. service. Bread and juice will be at the church.
- 4 tabulators. Two for the 7pm service and two for the 10pm service.

If you would like to help out, please email the church office at fspc@shaw.ca.

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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