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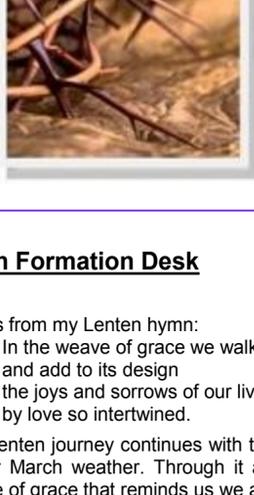


First United eNews

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.

March 7, 2013

Sunday Worship



This Sunday: Part 4 of The 7 Last Words of Christ

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
Matt 27:46

Rev. Dr. Danielle A. James

Join us this Sunday at 10:00 a.m.!

Following worship...

- Adult Learning Circle
- Spiritual Gifts Discovery
- Drop-in Sermon Conversations

Faith Formation Desk

Words from my Lenten hymn:

In the weave of grace we walk this road
and add to its design
the joys and sorrows of our lives
by love so intertwined.

Our Lenten journey continues with the unpredictable nature of our March weather. Through it all runs God's amazing weave of grace that reminds us we are not alone.

This week in **Growing God's Children** we begin a new Godly Play story called **The Mystery of Easter**. The children will experience an introduction to the relationship of Lent to the Mystery of Easter.

Adult learning circles continue after worship this week.

Faithfully yours,

[Nancy Chegus](#)

Faith Formation Coordinator



Youth Group Update

A huge *Thank You* for the last couple of weeks...

The Murder Mystery Dinner was a great success and everyone showed up looking absolutely fantastic in their costumes. WOW!! I will put our first photo frame together for the Youth Room!

And our Sunday Morning Study was packed this last week with seven youth... some good digging into God's Word, sharing our successes and our prayer requests! It makes such a difference to connect every week!

~ Eleanor

Next event...

Friday, March 8

Drop off: 7:00 p.m. at First United Church

Pick up: 10:00 at First United Church

Bring: Minimum \$10 contribution

We are putting together "Birthday Party Bags" for the Food Bank this week.

Youth Group is open to all youth grades 7-12.

If you would like more information about the Youth Group, call Eleanor Heesing at 780-992-0944.

Music Notes

The Music Ministry invites you to join us on **March 23** to our first **Morning of Music** which will focus on our Lenten Music. This will give us an opportunity to sing our Lenten Music, both old and new.

On Sunday mornings, we take the time to sing with all that we have but don't always think about what the lyrics are saying to us or why the music is so meaningful on a particular day. On March 23, we will also take the time not only to sing our Lenten music but also to listen to the music and reflect on the lyrics. What do you think of when we talk about Lenten music? Do you have a Lenten piece that is particularly meaningful to you? Where did you hear it first? Is it the music or lyrics that are most important to you?

Please join us in the sanctuary on **March 23** at **9:30** for a "**Morning of Music**".

Discernment of Ministry for Karen Martin

God has given all of us gifts and skills that can be used for the Kingdom of God.

Some of us feel a particular call to exercise our gifts and skills in the Ordered Ministries of the Church.

The United Church of Canada offers a discernment process for members to explore the meaning and direction of this call.

Karen Martin is currently discerning her call with an appointed discernment team. Together they are 6 months into a year long process.

As members of First United and the spiritual family of Karen Martin, we celebrate God's nudging in Karen's life.

We extend our love and prayerful support as Karen continues on this journey of discernment.

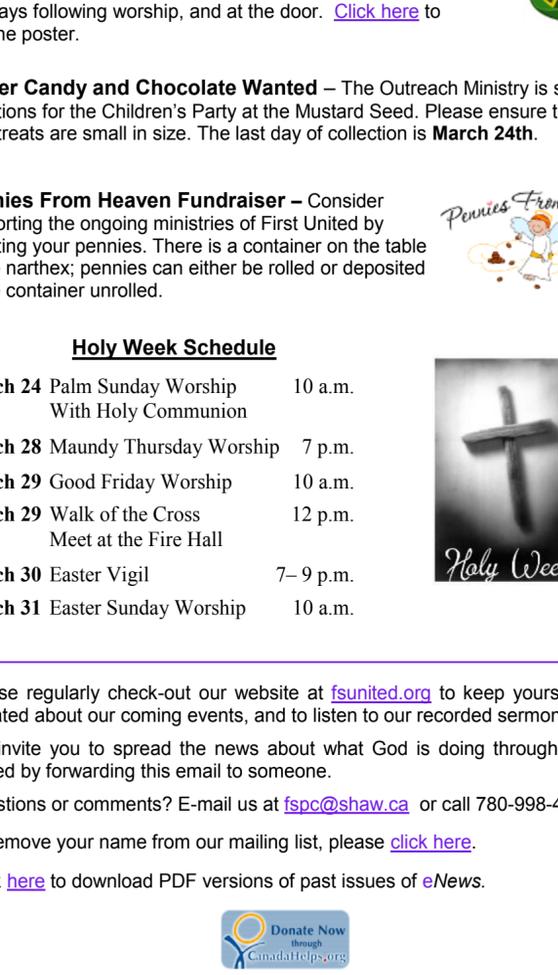
May the love of God surround you.

May the strength of Christ's presence be yours.

May the gentleness of the Holy Spirit bring you clarity and joy.

Giving Generously to Your Church!

A little humour to consider...



Sabbatical Care Team

In upcoming months the Church Board will seek the congregation's input on ways we will use the sabbatical time for congregational development and spiritual growth. There is an immediate need for three people to be part of a Sabbatical Care Team, with the primary task of listening and responding to the congregation about the congregational sabbatical needs and plans. If interested, please contact Jackie St. Goddard (Board Chair) at 780-998-3851, stgod@telus.net.

["What is a Sabbatical"](#)

Looking Ahead...

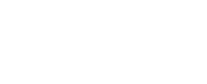
Perogy Making Work Bee – *This Saturday, March 9* starting at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Calling all men and women, those experienced at making perogies, and those who have never made them but would like to learn how... please join us! The perogies will be used for the St. Patrick's Day Perogy Supper on March 16.

Braden Gates Concert – *This Saturday, March 9* at the Dow Centre, Shell Theatre, 7:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.fortsask.ca/ftsk_thingstodo/events.

St. Patrick's Day Perogy Supper – *Saturday, March 16*, 5 – 7 p.m. Only \$12 for a full serving and \$8 for a half serving. Tickets are available at the church office, on Sundays following worship, and at the door. [Click here](#) to see the poster.

Easter Candy and Chocolate Wanted – The Outreach Ministry is seeking donations for the Children's Party at the Mustard Seed. Please ensure that your treats are small in size. The last day of collection is **March 24th**.

Pennies From Heaven Fundraiser – Consider supporting the ongoing ministries of First United by donating your pennies. There is a container on the table in the narthex; pennies can either be rolled or deposited in the container unrolled.



Holy Week Schedule

March 24 Palm Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
With Holy Communion

March 28 Maundy Thursday Worship 7 p.m.

March 29 Good Friday Worship 10 a.m.

March 29 Walk of the Cross 12 p.m.
Meet at the Fire Hall

March 30 Easter Vigil 7–9 p.m.

March 31 Easter Sunday Worship 10 a.m.



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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