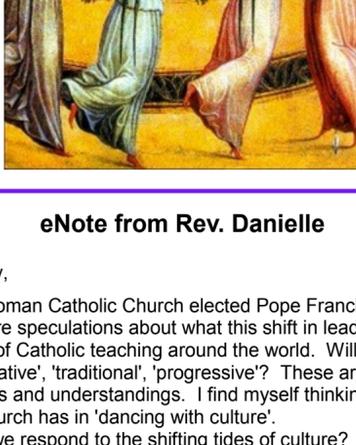




First United eNews

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Dance of the Angels.

eNote from Rev. Danielle

Dear First Family,

This week the Roman Catholic Church elected Pope Francis as their new Pastor. There are speculations about what this shift in leadership will mean for the direction of Catholic teaching around the world. Will it be more 'liberal', 'conservative', 'traditional', 'progressive'? These are words with various meanings and understandings. I find myself thinking about what role the universal Church has in 'dancing with culture'.

How do we respond to the shifting tides of culture?
Do we bend toward the culture of the day?

Is the Church's role about finding ways of being effective in the culture we find ourselves?

These are things we might consider in our shared faith at First United.

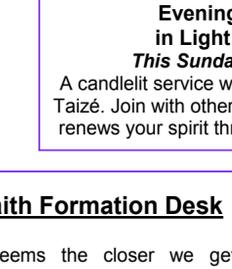
Try having this conversation with someone else this week. Talk about the ways that church and culture meet.

Enjoy what you discover together.

See you Sunday...
with joy,

[Rev. Danielle](#)

Sunday Worship



Join us this Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
For Part 5 of

The 7 Last Words of Christ

"I am thirsty." John 19:28

"It is finished." John 19:30

Rev. Dr. Danielle A. James

Following worship...

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

Life in the Basement

This Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

All youth are invited to meet in the youth room for our conversation about life and faith.

Dr. Turner Lodge Worship

This Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

First United is leading worship at the lodge on Sunday. We welcome all singers to help us share God's love.

Evening Worship

in Light and Song

This Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

A candlelit service with music in the style of Taizé. Join with others in this gentle way that renews your spirit through prayer and song.



Faith Formation Desk

It seems the closer we get to the cross the more challenging our **Lenten journey** becomes. However, to quote my own lyrics, among it all there is a **"weave of grace"** reminding us we are not alone and surprising us with **holy mystery**.

This Sunday in **Growing God's Children** we will continue with the Godly Play story, **"The Mystery of Easter."** Thank you to all the children who are helping create the footprints we are using on our Lenten path in the sanctuary.

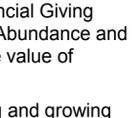
Youth: **Life in the Basement** is on this Sunday. You will explore endings and new beginnings with the focus scripture for this week.

Our adult study of the resource, **"Prisms"** concludes this week. I look forward to helping us pull together all the pieces of our previous discussions as we consider ways to use our **gifts in community**.

Faithfully yours,

[Nancy Chegus](#)

Faith Formation Coordinator



Church Finance — Where do we go from here!

An invitation from the Board

Dear First Family,

There is renewed energy in our church around the topic of Financial Giving and Stewardship. It started with our January worship series on Abundance and continued with a Congregational Meeting where we affirmed the value of stretching this culture of generosity.

The Board is committed to offering opportunities for our learning and growing together. With that in mind, The Board is hosting a one day event, with guest presenter Kathryn Hofely of the United Church of Canada Stewardship and Philanthropy unit.

The event will focus on **"Church Finance - Where do We go from Here"** and will take place **Saturday April 20th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

The day's agenda will include Kathryn's presentation and small group work for participants. These small group discussions will aim to provide feedback to the presented ideas, and plan next steps for financial stewardship within First United. This is an opportunity for all members of the church to grow in discipleship. Your insight and participation is needed and valued.

Please RSVP by **April 12th**. Lunch will be provided.
Church office at 998-4060 / fspc@shaw.ca

Looking Ahead...

St. Patrick's Day Perogy Supper – *This 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 and at the door.

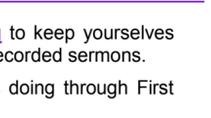


Morning of Music – Saturday, **March 23** at 9:30 a.m. An opportunity for everyone to sing and study some of the Christian Lenten music, both old and new. All are welcome! Bring a friend! For more



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. Last day of collection is **March 24th**.



Easter Lilies – Potted lilies are available for \$10 each and will be placed as decoration in the Narthex and Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. As a symbol of hope, you are welcome to take your lilies home with you after Worship on Easter Sunday. Deadline for orders is **March 24th**.



Holy Week

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.



Holy Week

Please regularly check-out our website at fsunited.org to keep yourselves updated about our special events, and to listen to our recorded sermons.

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