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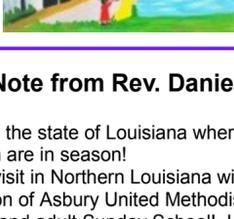
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First United eNews

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.

April 11, 2013



Artist: Clementine Hunter (1950's)

eNote from Rev. Danielle

This note comes from the state of Louisiana where the dogwoods are in bloom and crawfish are in season!

We had a wonderful visit in Northern Louisiana with David Burroughs. His home congregation of Asbury United Methodist welcomed us for two worship services and adult Sunday School! Having a learning time every Sunday for ALL ages is just how they do it in these parts. It keeps discipleship formation at the forefront of their church mission.

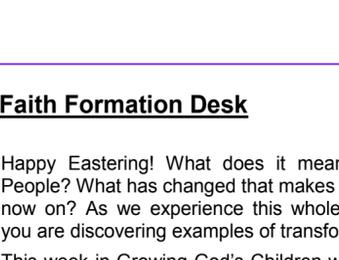
God's Spirit is at work in different cultures and communities. We visited a cotton plantation worked by generations of Black slaves where the Spirit used Clementine Hunter (a black woman born on the Melrose Plantation) to lift up a new style of American folk art. Jesus talked about a God who was faithful and enduring. It seems that the people of Louisiana know this God who has seen them through change, liberation, floods and hurricanes.

This week I am reminded that God's Spirit is working in places beyond my everyday scope.

As Christ seeking people, we stretch ourselves to learn from others and celebrate God's universal presence.

Blessings from the road,
[Rev. Danielle](#)

Sunday Worship



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

Sermon Title:
A Different Kind of Hero

Preacher:
Jackie St. Goddard (LLWL)

Meet Jackie St. Goddard...

Jackie has been a member at First United since 1970. She is married to Lorne, has two grown married children and two grandsons, Kelly and Rory. She has been a Licensed Lay Worship Leader in Yellowhead Presbytery for six years. Jackie is currently Chair of the Board at First United.



Faith Formation Desk

Happy Eastering! What does it mean to live as an Easter People? What has changed that makes everything different from now on? As we experience this whole Easter season, I hope you are discovering examples of transformation along the way.



This week in Growing God's Children we continue with a Godly Play experience of The Lord's Prayer.

The youth are welcome to Life in the Basement this Sunday for some discussion about The Call of Saul.

Faithfully yours,
[Nancy Chegus](#)
Faith Formation Coordinator

JNAC Invitation

The Joint Needs Assessment Committee has reviewed the results of the first congregational survey. Thank you for your feedback!

Moving forward, you are invited to a **coffee & dessert conversation time** following worship on Sunday, **April 14**. In advance, please consider a few questions...

To read more, click [here](#).

Church Finance Workshop

Saturday, April 20, 9:30 a.m.

Workshop, learning and LUNCH. Please RSVP to fspc@shaw.ca or 780-998-4060 for this 'not to miss' event!

Click [here](#) for more information.

Canada Day : Urgent

The City of Fort Saskatchewan has made a few changes to the Canada Day format, and they have asked if we will still be doing a hamburger booth on July 1st. We do have some options and this may be the year to change our focus a bit but still be part of the festivities and host a fundraiser at the same time. We require one or two people to organize this. I will need your reply no later than April 22, 2013 and will discuss the options available. Contact [Jackie](#) at 780-998-3851.

ICPM: Bissell Centre Lunch



Every Sunday the Bissell Centre holds a Church service and offers a free lunch for about 300 inner city people. Various churches organize the volunteers and prepare and serve the lunch. On **Sunday, April 28, First United Church and Ottwell United Church** are hosting the Bissell Lunch. We need two sets of volunteers: some to prepare sandwiches, fruit, veggies, sweets, etc., and some to go to the Bissell Centre for to join them for their service and serve food afterwards. The sign up sheet is in the foyer.

Spring Concert: Alberta Bound

The Josephburg Choral Society will be joining in community with First United Church on Saturday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and are available in the church foyer today. Children 12 and under are free.

[Click here](#) to see the poster.

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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