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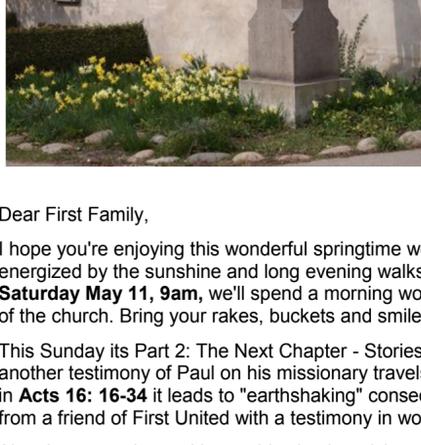
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First United eNews

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A 75 square metre plot of land in Mindeparken at Assistens Kirkegård has been allocated to the homeless cemetery initiative (Assistens Kirkegård, Denmark)

Dear First Family,

I hope you're enjoying this wonderful springtime weather! I've been feeling energized by the sunshine and long evening walks. Remember that this **Saturday May 11, 9am**, we'll spend a morning working on the spring clean up of the church. Bring your rakes, buckets and smiles :)

This Sunday its Part 2: The Next Chapter - Stories of Testimony! We'll hear another testimony of Paul on his missionary travels. When he shares his faith in **Acts 16: 16-34** it leads to "earthshaking" consequences! We'll also hear from a friend of First United with a testimony in word and song.

Also, I want to share with you this simple article out of a newspaper in Copenhagen, Denmark. It describes how an advocacy group for the homeless in Copenhagen are working to create a cemetery for the homeless of their city. I'm moved by the idea that a city which professes to take care of its people would do so in life and in death. How do you respond?

<http://cphpost.dk/news/local/homeless-get-their-own-cemetery>

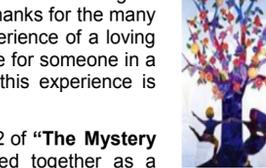
See you Sunday in worship,
with the love of Christ,

[Rev. Danielle](#)

Sunday Worship

Join us this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for Part 2 of the Worship Series "The Next Chapter: Stories of Testimony!"

NOTICE:
The **Dr. Turner Lodge** Worship Service scheduled for May 12 has been *cancelled* in lieu of Mother's Day.



Faith Formation Desk

Mother's Day may not have anything to do with our liturgical year, but it does offer an opportunity to give thanks for the many ways God's love is revealed to us in the experience of a loving family. To mother someone, can mean to care for someone in a kind and protective manner. I wonder how this experience is played out for you.



Growing God's Children: this will be week 2 of "The Mystery of Pentecost." Pentecost will be celebrated together as a church family on May 19. The children have been learning the story so they will be ready for the celebration.

Youth Group – Life in the Basement will offer a discussion on the focus scripture passage for this week from a youth perspective.

Adult Faith Formation: Check out Mini Nooma – videos and discussions helping us connect our faith to our everyday experiences – May 22, 29, June 5, 12.

Faithfully yours,

[Nancy Chegus](#)

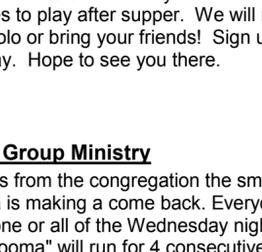
Faith Formation Coordinator



Upcoming Events

Stewardship Saturday: Spring Cleanup

This Saturday, May 11 is our Stewardship Saturday and Spring Clean Up day. Men and women are needed to clean both inside and outside our church property. Women could you bring rags and men brooms for the parking lots and gardening tools. We will start the fun at **9:00 AM** and end by 12:00 noon. Bring your family and let's share the work. Hope to see you there! Phone Ted at 780-998-1982 if you have any questions.

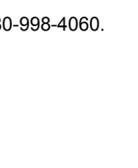


Potluck and Game Night

The **CARE Ministry** invites all singles in the congregation for a potluck supper & games night on **Sunday May 27 at 5:30** in the church basement. Donna Goertzen & Carol Peterson will be your hosts. Please bring a dish to share and board games to play after supper. We will need help with set-up and clean-up. Come solo or bring your friends! Sign up at the ministry in action table this Sunday. Hope to see you there.

Mini-Nooma: Small Group Ministry

In response to requests from the congregation the small group ministry, Nooma is making a come back. Everyone is welcome to come for one or all of the Wednesday night sessions. This "mini-Nooma" will run for 4 consecutive **Wednesdays May 22, 29, June 5 and 12, from 6:30-8:00** p.m. You'll have an opportunity for small group conversation, faith study and fellowship. See what God has in store for you. Join us for community, conversation and connection! For more info, contact [Rev. Danielle](#).



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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