

First United Church

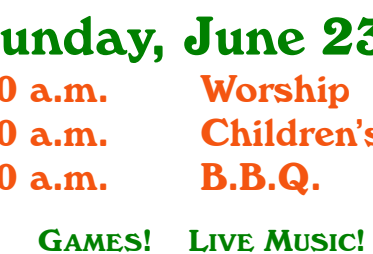
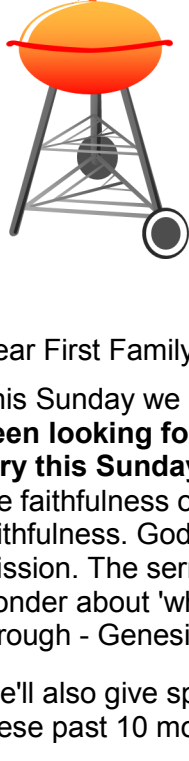
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First United eNews

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.

June 20, 2013



Celebration and Feast Sunday, June 23

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Children's Games
11:30 a.m. B.B.Q.

FREE FOOD! GAMES! LIVE MUSIC! PRIZES!

Dear First Family,

This Sunday we have an opportunity to welcome others to worship! **If you've been looking for a "special Sunday" to invite a friend or family member - try this Sunday June 23!** Plans are underway for worship that celebrates the faithfulness of God. We'll talk about trust as the ignitor of God's faithfulness. God calls, we trust and move forward for the sake of Christ's mission. The sermon will explore the practice of trusting God and help us wonder about 'what we're willing to put on the altar of God's heart'. Read through - Genesis 22 for an incredible story of trust.

We'll also give special thanks to **Nancy Chegus** for her ministry with us these past 10 months. Nancy's time with us ends on June 30.

Our thank-filled worship will overflow onto the front lawn for a **Community-wide BBQ with games and activities for children**. It's a great Sunday to bring a friend to church!

I look forward to being with you all!

Blessings,
[Rev. Danielle](mailto:Rev.Danielle)

Sunday Worship, June 23

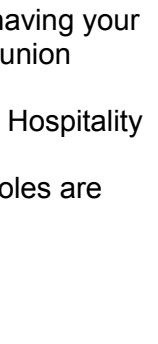
Join us this Sunday, at 10:00 a.m.

Sermon Title:
Putting Our Future on the Altar
Rev. Dr. Danielle A. James

Community Celebration and Feast!

Faith Formation Desk

I'm looking forward to our worship and community celebration this Sunday. There will be food and activities for the whole family. Hope to see you there!



This is my last Sunday with First United. I have certainly enjoyed my time with you over this last year, introducing Godly Play to the children and their families, preparing talk sheets for the youth ministry, offering adult study time, and participating in the music ministry. Thanks for your welcome and the privilege of accompanying you on your journey.

Faithfully yours,
[Nancy Chegus](mailto:Nancy.Chegus)
Faith Formation Coordinator

Worship Hospitality Team Members and Leaders

Do you like being welcomed on a Sunday morning? Do you enjoy having your family greeted with warmth? Do you appreciate having Holy Communion prepared with care and love?

If you answer is Yes, why not consider being part of a Worship and Hospitality Team (WHT).

There are six teams that each coordinate two months a year. The roles are varied and use many different gifts.

Here are the teams, months and roles that are needed:

January & July Pink Team	Team Leader: Marg Chaba 780-449-1512 margchaba@shaw.ca	Needed: Two greeters
February & August Green Team	Team Leader: Cathy Pearson 780-998-9380 pearsonc@shaw.ca	Needed: New Team Leader Three greeters Reader
March & September Yellow Team	Team Leader: Eleanor Heesing 780-992-0944 heesing@shaw.ca	Needed: Greeters
April & October Blue Team	Team Leader: Wendy Farquhar 780-998-3030 wendyfarquhar@hotmail.com	Needed: New Team Leader Two greeters Reader
May & November Orange Team	Team Leader: Francee Kaehn 780-998-7614 franceek@shaw.ca	Needed: Two greeters
June & December Purple Team	Team Leader: Sandra Woods 780-996-3276 Sunrise.1963@hotmail.com	Needed: One greeter

Internal Finance Audit—Completed

An internal audit was held on April 13, 2013 for the First United financials for 2012.

Random envelope and PAR accounts were selected and reconciled to the annual tax receipt. No areas of concern were found.

Financial reports and backup documentation for 2 months were examined. Areas of concern are as follows:

- 1) 5 cheques were issued with no corresponding backup.
- 2) Gifts in Kind documentation was not complete. Some documents were signed and dated and others were not.
- 3) Interest and service charges were recorded in the general ledger using the same month for the whole year; should be stated what month they pertain to.
- 4) Payments were made using the statement only; no invoices attached.
- 5) Cheques paying invoices were not issued in the same month.
- 6) Bank reconciliations were missing for the memorial fund and Choir fund.
- 7) Minutes of the board meetings were reviewed and recommended that all reports submitted to the board should be kept on file with the minutes.
- 8) Planned Giving policy needs to be reviewed as investments made were out of the scope of this policy.

All items have been reviewed by the current treasurer and changes have been implemented.

Thank you to those who were on the audit team: **Darlene Sapach, Brian Prochnau, Andrew Prochnau** and our Treasurer **Joan Prochnau**.

Please contact Treasurer Joan Prochnau for further conversation:
finspc@shaw.ca

Community Connections: Kitchen Help Wanted

First United has an ongoing partnership with the **Adult Day Support Program**. This summer, we will deepen our community connection by preparing lunches for the program's eleven clients. This is a great way to extend outreach and hospitality. **We are looking for two volunteers every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 – 1:30 throughout the summer**. Duties include: shop for food (you are given a float), prepare lunch, serve and clean-up. Please sign-up in the foyer for one day or many. For more information, call Edna at 780-998-0240.

Upcoming Events

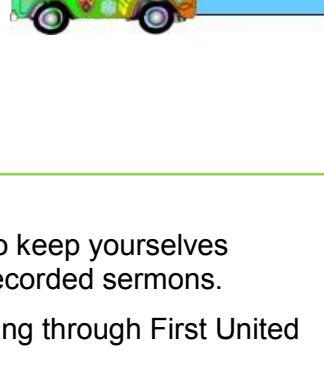
Celebration Choir

Next rehearsals: Tonight at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

Casting all sopranos, altos, tenors and basses to sing in celebration and to praise God with their voices! Director: Brent Orchard. Accompanist: Marlee Gates. Music Coordinator: Camille Ream, reamc@telusplanet.net.

Summer FUNdraiser

Starting July 1st, we will begin our summer FUNdraiser called Travel Across Alberta where our congregation will take an imaginary journey across Alberta! Summer often means that church members are away on holidays. Usually financial support is down (unless you give by PAR). Of course the expenses remain the same! This summer we will have a bit of fun with the holiday theme and fundraiser at the same time. Watch for details June 30!



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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