

FirstMet Sunday School family newsletter - September 12, 2020

The Lord is my shepherd
I shall not want
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures
And leadeth me beside still waters
He restoreth my soul

To our wonderful FirstMet **children, youth, young adults, families, & community!**



The time has come! We hope you're all enjoying **school**; however, wherever, whenever your learning takes place! In the excitement, challenge and uncertainty, God is with us.

God is with us in all of our learning adventures as they happen!

Sunday school families - watch your mailbox for your **YOU ARE LOVED** backpack tags.
Not in Sunday school? Let us know if you'd like one and we'll mail one to you.

Right now you have enough to read, so this week's newsletter is short and sweet!

Be sure to tune in to tomorrow's livestreamed service, for the start of the **Season of Creation**, a time to celebrate God's abundant gifts, and our connection with nature.

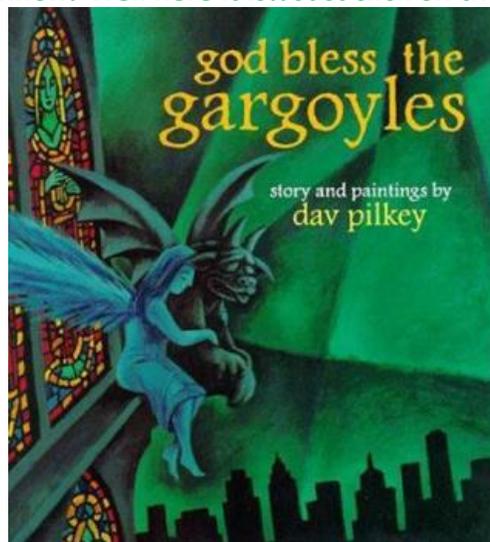


You know we love you and miss you, and can't wait to see your beautiful faces again. Know that the wheels are turning and that Sunday school *will be back* – we'll let you know as soon as it is!

Our Outdoor Treasure Hunt carries on as the leaves crunch underfoot! Here's the latest find for clue #17 - a dog with a toy. (okay, technically not outdoors, but she's watching for her loved ones outdoors!)



Remember last week when we promised you a Gargoyle story, read aloud by our very own Reverend Shelagh MacKinnon? Well here it is!! Just click on the link and enjoy!



<https://youtu.be/HPH17NyqA3g>



Next up in our FirstMet Pet Show!!

We're delighted to introduce you to Athena!!



Athena was much loved by her family for 10 years, and although she is no longer with them, she had many happy years of rolling in the sun and playing with her toys. Her favourite places were high off the ground, including the kitchen counter! Athena showed God's love with her patience and serenity, always spending time with whoever needed her the most.

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Scripture this week

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-46

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast, and the parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl.

<sup>33</sup> He told them still another parable: The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough"

Family talk: Have you ever used yeast in baking? What do you think Jesus means when he compares the kingdom of heaven to yeast?

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Please join us as a community of First Met families, at meals or bedtimes, as we pray:

Thank you for the world so sweet,  
Thank You for the food we eat,  
Thank You for the birds that sing,  
Thank You, God, for everything.

By Edit Rutter Leatham

from A Small Child's Book of Prayers, Illustrated by Cyndy Szekeres

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### Coming up:



**Camp Pringle has opened up more weekend cabin rentals!**

Visit their website or connect with Micia at the church for more info ☺

September 27<sup>th</sup> – join us on livestreaming to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Friendship Club!

October 4<sup>th</sup> – be sure to catch our livestreamed **Orange Shirt Day** service

Outdoor Sunday School is on the horizon – stay tuned and stay safe!

Next week – a list of mental health and well-being resources for helping us get through these new times.

~Micia Kanstrup, Sunday School Leader

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**Our vision statement:** To teach and nourish God's transformative love in an inclusive spiritual community, to share stories of Jesus and the Bible to enable children and youth to develop a spiritual framework for life, to involve and encourage all in worship, outreach, and community engagement, to give and teach tools to our children and youth, core beliefs, and practices of the United Church, and to witness children, youth and families happily engaged in church activities. ☺

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