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M & S Snippet: Our gifts for Mission & Service support the United Church Women child poverty initiative, *Bread Not Stones*. We sing thanksgiving for the UCW's work to end child poverty!

Kee-Mo-Kee Kalling: *Camp is for Everyone*: The founding documents of Camp Kee-Mo-Kee list the desire to "construct and operate a campsite...for all members, adherents and non-members of the United Church of Canada, generally and particularly for those living within the boundary of the Middlesex Presbytery." First-St. Andrew's holds worship at camp every June. Riverside and Trinity bring their youth out every fall for a weekend. As we continue to evolve the programming at camp, we hope everyone will take the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of our beautiful respite in the woods

- To purchase a **2018 Church Calendar**, contact Barbara Dalrymple, 519-433-4460. Cost: \$6.00
 - The United Church alternative gift catalogue, **Gifts with Vision**, is now on-line at www.giftswithvision.ca. There are a few copies on the table in the Atrium.
 - **Little White Christmas Tree** — Christmas Share — For **ELUCO**: Our Little White Tree will have "ornaments" with names of stores. Margo and her helpers will have the appropriate gift cards at the table before church in the Atrium and during Coffee and Conversation. These gift cards will be distributed by Nancy Howard to folks in the ELUCO Community. Pick up your gift cards using your debit card, cash or cheque. If you choose a large denomination gift card, why not go in with a friend to buy it? You will know you have made some less fortunate folks in our ELUCO Community have a better Christmas. Thank you!
- Bulletin: Amazing generosity from our congregation! Here's a summary of how you supported our White Christmas Tree program over the past two Sundays through the Shopping Card desk. We were given 37 gift cards totaling \$1,295.** This will help to make a wonderful Christmas season for many of our ELUCO families, and is very much appreciated. There are still two weeks left if you haven't had a chance to make your contribution yet.

Christian Development

- **FSA Film Series, 7 p.m. in the Chapel: Change in Date from Nov. 29 to Dec. 6 - Collateral Beauty (2016)** When a successful New York advertising executive suffers a great tragedy, he retreats from life and seeks answers from the universe by writing letters to Love, Time and Death. When his notes bring unexpected personal responses, he begins to understand how even the deepest loss can reveal moments of meaning and beauty. This is a moving film about the grief process and the meaning of life with a stellar cast of Will Smith, Helen Mirren, Kate Winslet. 96 min.
- **FSA Book Club: Dec. 5th** at 7pm. ***The Wonder*** by Emma Donoghue.
- The Youth are gathering for a year of learning about local First Nation communities and how they might be a part of the journey to reconciliation. They plan to culminate their journey with a "mission trip" with Jane in August 2018. Awareness, mutual learning for the congregation and fundraising begins now. Youth will be selling their homemade wares on Sundays and will take orders. Come out and see what they are up to in Proudfoot Hall on Sunday after church.
- The children and youth of FSA, featuring the **Jr. Joyfuls** and **Joyful Singers** look forward to presenting to you "A Play in a Manger" Christmas musical on **Dec. 17th**. We hope you are looking forward to this festive Christmas celebration at the Sunday morning service.

Music

- **Wed. Nov. 22nd at 7:30pm: SHADES OF AUTUMN**, a concert by the **First-St. Andrew's Strings** (Director, Bruce Richardson) with featured guest, Lynda Kennedy, pianist. We invite you to come and enjoy music by T. Albinoni, B. Bartok, E. Bloch, A. Piazzolla, P. Tchaikovsky, P. Warlock and others. Reception following. Admission – Freewill offering
- **THE GIFT OF THE MAGI** – a one-act Christmas opera, is coming **Dec. 8th and 9th**. We have a great package deal for you! Treat yourself to a dinner **catered by Sebastian's** at FSA before the performance. Go to the link from the *Magi* slide on the home page of our website to get your tickets online. Want to be there for the music but can't make it for the dinner? Tickets are also available from the church office for the performances only and for a **matinee on Sat. the 9th**.

Membership & Nurture

- **Nov. 20th is Transgender Day of Remembrance**, a worldwide day to memorialize people who have been killed due to hatred or fear of transgender and nonconforming gender people. It is also a day to increase awareness of the difficulties faced by transgender people and to consider action to help improve their lives.
- We are pleased to welcome to our service this morning, **Martin McIntosh, Coordinator of the Red Scarf Campaign at the Regional HIV/AIDS Connection** for the blessing of the red scarves. This is the sixth year for FSA to participate in their project of passing out red scarves in downtown London during HIV/AIDS Awareness Week to raise awareness of the services provided for this disease. FSA's Knit Wits and friends have knitted more than 80 scarves that have been artfully displayed by George Jolink in the Chancel for the blessing.
- **Free yarn** in the Atrium for any knitter or crocheter to make mittens, scarves, toques, prayer shawls to be distributed to people in need.

Nominating Committee

We are looking for people who would be interested in serving on the **Worship Committee**. If you think this might be your niche, please talk to Jo Ann Silcox at 519-642-2152.

Lunch Bunch

The **Lunch Bunch** will have our next noon-time on **Thurs. Nov. 23rd**. We usually have between ten to twenty people. We each bring a sandwich and gather at 12 noon in Proudfoot Hall. Coffee and tea are available. **Professor Emeritus Bruce Lundgren** will be our featured speaker and the topic will be "Charles Dickens - inventing Christmas."

The Bulletin

for Sunday, November 19, 2017

We are an inclusive Christian family, encouraging spiritual growth through worship, friendship, learning and action



Worship - November is **Anniversary Month**: Plan to join us as we celebrate our past and look forward to our future.

✚ **Tues. Nov. 21 – Proudfoot Lecture** – The Very Rev. **Dr. Gary Paterson**, former Moderator of the UCC, will lecture on “**Spiritual...and Religious**” Tickets (\$10) online (from our website) at C & C and at the door.

✚ **Sun. Nov. 26** – The Rev. **Dr. Kate Crawford**, as a former FSA minister, will be the guest preacher. She will also be assisting Rev. Michelle with Communion.

Christmas is coming. The Worship Committee will be selling FSA **hand-crafted pewter ornaments** for your tree as a fund-raiser. Get them **TODAY** at C & C. Hurry while supplies last.

Council and Admin

-Pledge Forms: Please return your pledge forms to the church no later than **Mon. Nov. 20th**.

-The Shopping Card Table was a beehive of activity last Sunday as we sold a record number of cards - over \$3,000! Some of you were new clients, and some, like Chris Lindsay and Ann Cummings waited in line because "If I don't have my FSA Shopping Card, I don't go shopping." We have stocked inventory for groceries, for gas, for the drug store, for restaurants, for gifts - and of course for the ELUCO White Christmas Tree program. Will you become one of our "regulars" this week?

Neighbourly News

Brassroots presents its annual Christmas concert on **Sat, Dec. 9th**, 7:30pm at St. James Westminster Church. Our annual celebration of the Joy of Christmas features guests Stephen Holowitz and the Choir of St. James Westminster Anglican Church, offering festive fanfares, carols and seasonal favorites. **Pay-What-You-Can at the door**, with our best wishes for the holiday season!

FSA Heartbeats

The memorial service for **Stan Hill**, former chair of our Council, will be **TODAY at 2pm** here at FSA. Our condolences to Muriel and the family.

Below are the space bookings for the church for this coming week. Note that the times booked do not always correspond to the public aspect of an event.

<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM DevaTree CH 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM BAZAAR PH 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Bible Study-SR 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Anniversary Celebration: Blessing of the Red Scarves 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Gift of the Magi Rehearsal - SA 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Youth Mission Group - SR 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM JASNA- PAR 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Funeral Service for Stan Hill - SA 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Funeral Reception - PH, Kit 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM FSA Strings-SA 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM Getting Ahead - PH, KIT 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM ProMusica - CH 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Property Committee--Lib. 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM FSA Strings-SA 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Pastoral Relations--SR 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Staff Meeting - LIB 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Soul Care 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM Proudfoot Lecture - SA, PH, KIT 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sewing Group FR 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Trustees meeting - LIB 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM Getting Ahead - PH, KIT 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men'sBrownBagLunch Par 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Sing For Your Supper - PH, KIT, FR, SA 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM FSA Strings Concert-SA,CH, Par 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM FSA Strings reception - Atrium 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Bible Study 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch Bunch - PH 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Laudamus Bells - SA 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Gift of the Magi Rehearsal - SA 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM DevaTree PH 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Choir - SA 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM DevaTree PH 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Council Executive Meeting - SR 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM DevaTree PH 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM Great Big Theatre class - FR
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