

Mission/outreach

- You may be aware that Loblaw's is issuing \$25.00 gift cards to consumers as compensation for a price-fixing issue. Should you wish to receive the free gift card you may register at <https://www.loblawcard.ca/>. The MOE committee suggests that you could donate your free gift card to ELUCO or St. Paul's Daily Bread to purchase necessary items for their clients. Cards for ELUCO may be left in an envelope in Nancy Howard's church mailbox; for St. Paul's, in Bill and Jean Knowles' mailbox.
- Jan. 26th at 7pm: Jazz Cabaret with the Sonja Gustafson Quintet**, a fundraiser for **ELUCO**. Enjoy some hot jazz on a cold winter night! Purchase your ticket from the church office, online at the fsaunited.com website or **TODAY** at C & C. Seating will be in cabaret style and is limited. Buy your tickets now (**\$25**) and avoid disappointment.



Christian Development

- A CD series, **Self-compassion and Loving Kindness** facilitated by Deanne and David Pederson has two weeks left in its run from **2 to 4pm on Jan. 24th and 31st**, in the Parlour. In Mark's gospel, Jesus offered two commandments; to love God and to love your neighbour as yourself (Mark 12:30-31). For some of us, on some days, our neighbours would probably want to move away if we loved them as we love ourselves. Many of us are very self-critical and are challenged to show ourselves compassion. Based on the work of Kristin Neff, Christopher Germer and Tara Brock, we will explore ways to develop self-compassion and kindness.
- FSA Book Club: Reluctant Genius** by Charlotte Gray, **Feb. 13th**.
- Films at FSA** resumes on **Wed. Feb. 28th**. **Hidden Figures** (2016) Based on the unbelievably true stories of three African-American female mathematicians, known as "human computers," this movie shows the rise of these women in the ranks of NASA in the early 1960s as they calculated the launch of astronaut, John Glenn, into orbit and his safe return. They crossed all gender, race and professional lines with their brilliance and desire to dream big. This is a very inspirational story with excellent acting. (127 min)
- Mining the Mystery, Season III – Feb. 4th, Mar. 4th and Apr. 8th** brought to you in cooperation with the **Men's Brown Bag**. If you are concerned about chronic illness in general and dementia, in particular, you will want to attend. Sessions begin at 7:30 pm and light refreshments will be provided. You are warmly invited.
 - Feb. 4th** The Mind Undermined: An Overview of Dementia - Speaker: Helen Jevnikar, McCormick Home
 - March 4th** Sharing our Experiences with Chronic Illness
 - April 8th** Mind, Body and Spirit: Spiritual Dimensions of Chronic Illness - Dialogue led by Dr. Jo Ann Silcox, Psychiatrist and Theologian and Rev. Dr. David McKane, Minister and Theologian.
- CD and the Men's Brown Bag will once again be holding a **Pancake Supper** to celebrate **Shrove Tuesday on. Feb. 14th**.

Music

- Save the date: **Wed. March 7th at 7:30**. Music at First St. Andrew's presents the [Tuskegee Golden Voices Choir](#). Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased [online](#).
- Yes, there will be a **Lenten Noontime Recital Series**. Watch for details.

Worship

- Jan. 28th** is **Baptism Sunday** at FSA. We will also welcome new members that day.
- Feb 4th: Mission Sunday** – brought to you by the M/O Committee with Nancy Howard speaking.
- Feb. 18th**: Lenten Communion
- Do you have an upcoming anniversary, birthday, new grandchild or other special event to celebrate? Why not do it with panache and do it **COLOUR!** For a donation of \$100 you can sponsor the printing of our **Order of Service** in colour for a Sunday. **Speak to the church office to make arrangements.**

Membership & Nurture

- Lunch Bunch:** The next meeting dates will be Feb 15th and March 8th. The guest speaker on Feb 15th will be Hugh Moran, Executive Director of Ontario Petroleum Institute who will speak on Ontario's oil & gas resources and of London's role as oil capital of Canada in the 1870s. and on 8th March Andrea Halwa, Executive Director of London Arts Council will be our guest speaker.

Council and Admin

- You can now pick up your **2018 church envelopes** from the box in the Atrium
- UCC News:** After extensive consultations across the church, the interim report from the Boundaries Commission is proposing 17 regional councils be established on Jan. 1st, 2019, if *Remit 1* (Three Council Model) is passed at the 43rd General Council in July 2018. Get the details online by going to our website and linking from the appropriate menu item in the **right column** of the page.
- Cards for Kids** is so grateful for your support in 2017. The cards really make a difference to the recipients. We will happily keep accepting used cards for any occasion. Thank you.
- Did you know about the V.O.N.'s free **Telephone Reassurance program**? VON volunteers provide regular telephone contact to seniors or adults with a disability to ensure their safety and well-being. Caregivers can feel comfortable leaving their loved ones alone – whether for an afternoon or for a week. Contacts made by VON volunteers occur at pre-arranged times. For more information contact: vonlondoncss@von.ca Check out their poster on our Bulletin Board.

Vision Statement

We, the people of First-St. Andrew's United Church, will continue our commitment to creating a community where all people are welcome regardless of age, differing abilities, economic circumstance, ethnic background, gender, gender identity, physical or mental health, race, or sexual orientation. All persons are welcome to take part in every aspect of our church life and witness, including membership, leadership, celebration of life passages, and marriage. Our vision is founded in the ministry of Jesus, which leads us to celebrate God through our worship and music, to counter injustice, to reach out to others in need, to preserve the environment, to engage in learning, and to grow spiritually as individuals and as a church family. As we continue on our journey of learning what it means to be an inclusive worshipping community, we understand the importance of hearing and respecting each other's stories, gifts, and skills. We celebrate the richness that this diversity brings to our congregation as it challenges us to be ever more open to new perspectives and broader awareness.

Below are the space bookings for the next week. Note that booked times may not correspond to the public aspect of an event.

<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM DevaTree CH 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Bible Study-SR 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship Service - Salvation Army Band 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM UCW Executive Meeting - SR 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM David's talk on Windows - SA 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Finance Committee meeting - LIB 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Suzuki School - SA 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Care-for-the-Caregivers-PAR 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Staff Meeting - LIB 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Great Big Theatre class - FR 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Garden Planning Committee Meeting - FR 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Brown Bag Lunch Par 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Loving, Kindness & Compassion series - CH 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Sing For Your Supper - PH, KIT, FR, SA 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Trustees meeting - LIB 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Bible Study 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Laudamus Bells - SA 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - CH 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM ELUCO - Jazz Concert - PH 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Soul Care 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Youth Group - FR, YR 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM Soul Care 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM Great Big Theatre class - FR
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