

Mission/Outreach

- **Mission Snippet:** The Centre for Christian Studies offers programs for those seeking to become diaconal ministers in The United Church of Canada.
- Spring and Summer are just around the corner **AND SO IS JUNE 9th**, so bring a friend and golf for the afternoon or go on a Nature Walk with Dave and Winnie Wake and then stay for dinner. The added bonus is that you are supporting four great organizations: St Paul's Daily Bread, Los Quinchos, Camp Kee-Mo-Kee and ELUCO. Pick up a registration form at C&C or from the office and turn it back in to the Church office.
- White Squirrel Golf Tournament is accepting your always generous donations for the Silent or Live Auction tables. Most sought after "prizes" are gift certificates for restaurants or retail stores. If you want to participate but aren't sure what to donate, you can always purchase a Shopping Card on Sunday morning. This Tournament promises to be another great FSA event that benefits so many others.
- Don't forget to write your cheque for the Grow-A-Row campaign. One dollar means five dollars in our coffers!

Trustees

- **May 15th: Living On: A Seminar on Effective State Planning** focusing on **Wills, POAs, Financial Planning, cemeteries and funeral home planning and the coordinating value of a spiritual advisor.** Learn about the practical aspects of death and the role played by the experts. Speakers: Michael Menear—Estate and Trust Planning, Karen MacDonald—Wills, Peter McCallum—Investment Advisor, Gay Waters—Cemetery Issues and the Rev. Dr. David McKane—Spiritual Guidance Issues.

Christian Development

- **Book Club** -Tues. May 8th at 7pm: *Lion: A Long Way Home* by Saroo Brierley
- **SUMMER CAMP DATES!** Mark your calendars and get the offspring signed up!!
 - **Mon. July 23rd to Fri. July 27th:** Vacation Bible Camp, JK/SK – Grade 8
 - **Mon. Aug. 13th to Fri. Aug. 17th:** Vacation Bible Camp, JK/SK – Grade 4
 - **Mon. Aug. 13th to Fri. Aug. 17th:** GO PROJECT – Eco Adventure Camp, Grades 4 – 8

FSA Heartbeats

- **Travel Plans?** David has been invited by Craig Travel to lead a tour to South Africa, **Feb. 1-22, 2019** and to Portugal/Spain from **April 12-26, 2019**. If you are interested in either of these speak to David.
- Kerry has finished his Master of Divinity program and graduates from Emmanuel on May 10th. A celebration will be held on **Sat. May 12th** from 1-5 pm at Siloam United Church, in Tolpuddle Hall. Cake, snack food, punch, water and a cash bar. (Proceeds from the cash bar will go to purchasing new seeds or seedlings for the Siloam vegetable garden project. Kerry has requested best wishes ONLY. However, a donation of fresh vegetables will be accepted and then dropped off to one of the three Foodbanks in London. Donations to the Revitalize Camp Kee-Mo-Kee campaign or to the Grow-a-Row Campaign or Habitat for Humanity London would also be welcome.

• 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.

UCW

- Save the date, **May 12th**, for our May meeting. We invite all women to meet with us at [L'Arche](#), 4448 Col. Talbot Road Drive, from 10:00 till 11:30am. Come for a short tour, video and coffee & snack all for \$4.00. Parking available. See posters and sign up.

Admin/Council News

- **Shopping Card Corner:** "It doesn't feel like Spring, but in case it ever comes, you can purchase your bulbs, flower seeds, garden equipment, and potting or garden soil using some of our Shopping Cards. We have Home Depot, Home Hardware, all of the grocery stores, Costco and Walmart for your shopping pleasure. Help us help FSA."
- Read the report from the April 4th **Community Round Table on Nurturing Spiritual Growth.** You can link to it from "Planning Committee Updates" on the right side of our webpage.

Hour Worship Calendar

- April 29th: Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey preaching plus guest musicians from Music United.
- May 6th: Children's Music Sunday
- May 13th: Baptism
- May 27th: Worship Committee Service
- June 3: Service at Kee-Mo-Kee
- June 10th: Communion

Membership & Nurture

- **DRIVERS REQUESTED:** M&N is looking for volunteers, willing to drive people to and from Sunday Worship. Gerry Meacham has graciously offered to coordinate this service. She will do her best to connect people who live in the same geographical area of the city. If you are willing to drive, please contact Gerry by telephone at 519-850-6309 or by email at gerryeacham@gmail.com.
- **SPRING CLEANING MAILBOXES:** As our personal Spring tidying project M&N is looking at congregational mailboxes to see if they are current and up to date. If you are aware of mailboxes that are no longer required or people in our congregation who don't have a mailbox, please contact Kathryn Skelly in the church office personally by email at mail@fsaunited.com or by phone at 519-679-8182. This project will begin the first week in May.
- If you, or anyone you know, is in need of some **spiritual or pastoral care** please feel free to contact Rev. Dr. David McKane, our visitation minister, or Dr. Jo Ann Silcox, our pastoral care visitor. David can be reached by telephone: 519-473-2626 or email: dsmckane@sympatico.ca. Jo Ann can be reached by telephone: 519-642-2152 or email: silcox3@sympatico.ca.
- **Affirm Committee:** The Affirm Committee has reserved a block of 30 tickets for FSA for the High School Project production of **Prom Queen: The Musical**, at the Grand Theatre on **Sun. Sept. 23rd** at 2 pm. For those who do not want to go home between the service and the beginning of the play, we will show a short video and have a discussion in the Fireside Room about some of the issues in the play, while eating our brown bag lunches. At the end of the performance, a few of the actors will talk with us about what it meant to be in the play and will respond to our questions. Tickets are \$30 (cash or cheque only) and will be sold at Coffee and Conversation during the months of May and June. Tickets will also be sold in the church office **from May until Aug. 22nd**. No tickets will be available at the group rate after Aug. 22nd. Any questions: Contact Anne Cummings, cummings@uwo.ca or 519-660-6106 or Jo Ann Silcox, silcox3@sympatico.ca or 519-642-2152.

Neighbourly News

- **Riverside United Church Speaker Series** -The RUC Affirm Committee presents **The Church and the Gender Binary** on **May 1st at 7pm**.
- **HOUSES OF WELCOME, HOUSES OF PRAYER:** The Centre for Jewish-Catholic-Muslim Learning at King's University College invites you to take part in an exciting new interfaith initiative. Come and meet members of London's Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities, share in their prayer times, learn about their places of prayer and their history in the London community. Come to the London Muslim Mosque (151 Oxford Street West) on **Sun., May 6th**, at 1:00 PM. All are welcome for this free event. To register, please contact the Office of Campus Ministry at lisa.caeiro@kings.uwo.ca.

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

<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Bible Study-SR</u> • <u>10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship Service - Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey and Music United Guest Musicians</u> • <u>2:30 PM Suzuki School Year End Recital - SA</u> 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Kiwanis Stars meeting - SR</u> • <u>11:00 AM - 2:30 PM Getting Ahead - PH, KIT</u> • <u>3:00 PM - 8:00 PM Bridges Out of Poverty - PH, KIT, FR</u> • <u>6:30 PM - 10:00 PM ProMusica - CH</u> 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Ken Martin Window Install (2nd floor)</u> • <u>12:30 PM - 3:30 PM Bazaar Conveners meeting - CH</u> • <u>1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Worship Planning meeting - SR</u> • <u>6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Great Big Theatre class - FR</u> • <u>6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Soul Care</u> • <u>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Worship/CD Committee-- CH</u> 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sewing Group - FR</u> • <u>11:00 AM - 2:30 PM Getting Ahead - PH, KIT</u> • <u>12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Brown Bag Lunch Par</u> • <u>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Garden Planning Meeting - SR</u> • <u>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Sing For Your Supper - PH, KIT, FR, SA</u> • <u>6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Soul Care</u> • <u>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Kee-Mo-Kee - SR</u> 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Bible Study</u> • <u>1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Laudamus Bells - SA</u> • <u>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - CH</u> 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM DevaTree PH</u> • <u>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Youth Group - YR, FR</u> 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>7:00 AM - 9:00 PM DevaTree PH</u> • <u>10:00 AM - 3:30 PM Soul Care Quiet Day - no Parlour bookings</u> • <u>12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Funeral Reception - CH</u> • <u>2:00 PM Funeral - Hazel Morris - SA</u> • <u>6:00 PM - 10:00 PM After Hours-FR</u>
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