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M & S Snippets: Our gifts for Mission & Service support intercultural programs such as Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry, an exciting time for Spirit-led questioning, experimenting, and mutual learning for church leaders.

United Church Hurricane Irma Response: The United Church works with several churches and agencies throughout the Caribbean region to assist people affected by Hurricane Irma. Action by Churches Together (ACT) members are organized in various regional and national forums (including the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Cuba) that are working quickly to assist with evacuations and emergency shelter where necessary, and to plan for post-storm responses. In addition, the United Church will assist bilateral partners such as the region-wide Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA), the Cuban Council of Churches, and the Karl Lévéque Cultural Institute in Haiti as they organize their responses. Donate

- Online via our secure donation page at www.united-church.ca/hurricane-irma
- Phone: 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 and use your Visa or MasterCard.
- Send a cheque, money order, or Visa or MasterCard information with donation amount to:
 - The United Church of Canada
 - Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response
 - 3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200 Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4 (Please be sure to note "Emergency Response— Hurricane Irma" on the face of your cheque.
- **Kee-Mo-Kee Kalling:** Our First Nations Heritage Week saw 45 First Nations youth attend camp at no charge, sponsored by Sifton Family Foundation. Funded by the Peace and Justice Fund and the Brian and Belva Piercy Fund at the United Church of Canada Foundation, ten First Nations leaders came out to offer cultural programming such as lacrosse, drum-making, dance, dream-catcher-making, drumming and story-telling.

UCW

FSA Boutique Bazaar Saturday, November 18th, 10:00-2:00

Help make our bazaar a huge success by donating:

- **Gently used toys** for our **Toy Shop** Questions? Contact: **Dana Conn** 226-378-6060
- **Gently used Christmas decorations for our Holiday Decor Booth** Questions? Contact **Marilyn McBride** 226-236-2300
- **Baking** can be dropped off in Proudfoot Hall **between 9:00 and 12:00 on Fri. Nov. 17th**. Please **do not** bring baking to the church on Saturday morning! Please securely wrap and label all baking. Questions? Contact: **Jan Cram** 519-641-7380
- The team at the **Deli Table** would like you to share your jams, jellies and preserves with us. Have you tried something new in the kitchen? Did you get a group together and make a big batch of something special? We would like to have some! All culinary contributions will be gratefully received! Please be in touch with Susan McGregor at 519-472-0744 or at dsmcgregor@sympatico.ca if you have questions or would like your offerings picked up. Thank-you!
- **Collectibles:** Things of value. Things of worth to you and maybe others. Things that you once considered essential to your life. Things that now languish in your cupboard, or basement, or garage. We have the perfect solution! Donate these lovely things to the **Collectibles Table** at the Boutique Bazaar. Please contact **Heather Locking-Cusolito** (519-433-6344) or **Judith Walker** (519-432-7778) to arrange for delivery or pick-up. Deadline for items to be received is **Thurs. Nov. 16th**.
- **Knitting:** Questions or donations Contact **Millie Bates** 519-472-0029
- **Jewellery:** We are accepting good quality jewellery, gold, silver, costume, for the Bazaar. Please hand personally to Pat McGregor, or leave in the office marked accordingly.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE BAZAAR IS NOT A RUMMAGE SALE!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

- Needed 250cc (cup size) **glass Mason jars** for crab-apple jelly. Please leave on the stage. Thank you.
- A delegation from the UCW will soon be going to Ottawa to meet with MPs about their **Bread Not Stones** initiative. The aim is to heighten awareness in the PMO of this initiative. Add the date and your signature to the form letter you have been given at the door today. Then slip it into an envelope and add the address that you see at the top of the letter. Since it is going to the Prime Minister, no stamp is necessary. Just mail it for this worthy cause.

MEMBERSHIP & NURTURE

- **Today, Sept 24th**, the Affirm Committee is pleased to present ***Embracing our Diversities: Celebrating Our Transgender Friends***, after the morning service at 12:15 p.m. in the Parlour. We are privileged to have as guest speakers, Rev. Marilyn Townsend-Smith, minister at London Road West United Church in Sarnia, and her partner Paula Smith. They will share their journey as Paula transitioned from male to female within their marriage and within their church. A light lunch will be served.

Christian Development

- We want to make it easy for you to register youth and children for our programs at FSA. Download the form from our webpage, print it and complete by hand. Then you can just bring it into the office or mail it to FSA (attention: Jane Dockrill). Presto!
- **FSA Film Night: Wed. Sept 27th at 7pm** in the Parlour: ***A Man Called Ove***: This film tells the story of Ove, who has become a curmudgeon after the recent death of his beloved wife.
- **FSA Book Club: Dec. 5th 7:00pm** - *The Wonder* by Emma Donoghue.

Neighbourly News

- **God, Empire and Violence:** Lecture Weekend, **Oct 20-22nd** at **Wesley-Knox United Church**. **John Crossan**, a highly respected Jesus scholar, explores the role of violence in the Bible, Jesus' ministry and first-century Christianity as a response to oppression and violence, and implications for us in the global west today. [Get details and registration information.](#)
- There are 20 seats (2 tables) reserved for FSA members and friends at the **Mission Services Dinner**, which will be held on **Thurs. Nov. 16th** at the Convention Centre. Early bird cost is \$75 per person. **ONLY 4 seats are left.** Contact David Knoppert (519-668-4063 OR davidknoppert@sympatico.ca) ASAP.

The Bulletin

for Sunday, September 24, 2017

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



Admin/Council

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.

New Appointment: On behalf of the Council of First-St. Andrew's, the Ministry and Personnel Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of **Kathryn Skelly** as our new part-time administrative assistant. In response to the posted advertisement, 23 applications were received, and 5 applicants were selected for interviews. One of these applications was from Kathryn, a lifelong member of FSA, who filled the position on a temporary basis in early September, and has quickly adapted to the demands of the role. Welcome, Kathryn!

Notice of Congregational Meeting: Notice is hereby given that a brief Congregational Meeting will be held, in the Sanctuary, immediately following Worship on Sunday October 8th to secure approval for the appointment of Dr. David McKane as Visitation Minister for a one-year period, 12 hours a week, beginning in mid-October 2017, in accordance with the results of the recent Ministry and Mission Profiles completed over the summer.

Worship

Sun. Oct 1st is World Wide Communion, a special day in our Worship calendar.

- November is **Anniversary Month**: Join as we celebrate our past and look forward to our future.
 - ✚ **Sun. Nov. 5** – Remembrance Day Service, the Rev. **Michelle Down**, preaching
 - ✚ **Sun. Nov. 12** – The Rev. **Dr. David McKane**, as a former FSA minister, will be a guest preacher.
 - ✚ **Sun. Nov. 19th** – The Rev. **Anne Beattie-Stokes**, former minister of White Oaks United Church, will be our guest preacher
 - ✚ **Tues. Nov. 21** – **Proudfoot Lecture** – The Very Rev. **Dr. Gary Paterson**, former Moderator of the UCC, will lecture. The topic will be announced at a later date. Tickets (\$10) will go on sale in late October.
 - ✚ **Sun. Nov. 26** – The Rev. **Dr. Kate Crawford**, as a former FSA minister will be a guest preacher. She will assist Michelle with Communion.

Music

- Thanks are expressed to Lynda Kennedy for stepping in for Terry Head today. Terry is currently in Halifax working with 7 handbell choirs, leading workshops for the ringers, and conducting a final concert there. This event was planned well over a year ago, before Terry started working at FSA, and was postponed a couple of times.
- Save the date, **Sat. Oct. 21st at 7:30pm** for the **Fall Hymn Festival** with combined choirs, brass quintet and organ. Free will admission.
- Music at First-St. Andrew's and the Don Wright Faculty of Music are joining hands to host the **Canadian Brass on Wed. Nov. 15th**. This promises to be a sold-out event. Tickets: Adults-\$35, Students/Seniors-\$25. Avoid disappointment! Order your tickets online. Go to the link from the Canadian Brass slide on our home page.