

Mission/Outreach

- ✓ **Mission Snippet:** Our gifts for Mission & Service support the work of Iridesce. the Living Apology Project. This project was created to encourage storytelling around the 1988 decision to welcome gay and lesbian people into full membership and ministry in the United Church, a welcome that in 2009 was expanded to include people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. At the 43rd General Council of 2018 in Oshawa, Iridesce presented a play of those stories.
- ✓ Thank you to all who continue to donate to **St. Paul's Social Services Foodbank** and boots and running shoes to the **London InterCommunity Health Centre**. They are much appreciated at this time of year.

Neighbourly News

- You are invited to continue your support for ELUCO by attending the **Voices of Broadway Show Choir** fundraiser on **Sat. March 2nd at 2 pm at Siloam United Church**. The Show Choir not only has outstanding choral music but also incorporates choreography, costumes, props, and staging to present an authentic Broadway Musical Experience. Get tickets (\$20) from Janice Elliott, 519-859-7183 or at the door. For more info go to thevoicesofbroadway.com

UCW

- **UCW Presbyterial Annual Meeting, "We Are One."** Wed. Feb. 27th starting at **8:30am** with coffee at **Riverside United Church**. Guest Speaker is **Stacey Wilson, Rotholme Program Supervisor**. Registration: \$25 (Registration deadline is Feb. 20th)
- Check your church mailbox for an announcement about the UCW **Phantom Tea** and a brand-new poem by Millie Bates!
- **St. Patrick's Celebration Tea: Tues. March 19th at 1:30pm** in the Parlour. Come and enjoy. Stay tuned for further details.
- Revised date for the **Exec Committee: Feb. 18th at 9:30am**

Faith Development

- ✚ **Book Club News:** The next book: *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult on **Feb. 26th**
- ✚ **SONGS OF SOCIAL JUSTICE: Tues. Feb. 19th 7:00 pm** with refreshments served at **6:30pm**, performed by **Barrie Evans** (Guitar and Vocals) and featuring **Leah Morise** (Lead and Accompanying Vocals) Free will offering, for the London Food Bank.
- ✚ **Films at FSA: Wed. Feb. 27th – RBG (Ruth Bader Ginsburg) (2018) (In partnership with the Mission and Outreach Committee and celebrating International Women's Day (March 6th))** This inspiring documentary chronicles the political life and personal background of the remarkable U.S. Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Ginsburg. Because women human rights defenders are under threat worldwide, **Amnesty International** has chosen to focus all of this year's *Write for Rights* cases on courageous women who are peacefully advocating for human rights. Join us to watch this documentary and then write letters in support of women human rights defenders who tirelessly advocate for the rights of women.
- ✚ The **FSA Film Committee** is looking for a **new Chair** for the 2019-2020 season. For more info, please contact Anne Cummings at 519-660-6106 or cummings@uwo.ca.

Music

- **TODAY -- Feb. 17th from 1-2pm: Organ Recital with Paul Merritt (FSA's Organist Emeritus).** Bring your lunch and stay for the last in our tribute series to mark the 50th Anniversary of our Casavant Organ.
- Save the date, **Sat. March 2nd at 7:30pm** for an organ recital with the renowned organist, **Isabelle Demers**. Tickets (\$25 for general admission and \$10 for students and under 25s). You can purchase tickets: online at Eventbrite, from the church office and at the door.
- Save the Dates! The **Friday Noon Lenten Recital series** from 12 to 12:30pm will soon be upon us, March 22nd with Alastair Smyth, Baritone, March 29th with the Laudamus Bells and April 5th with Terry Head and Lynda Kennedy at the piano. Free will admission. Stay for lunch (\$8).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- The Committee invites members of FSA to notify Bob Swartman, Chair, if you wish to join any church committee. We are still looking for several people, although some committees already have a full complement. Some people may have not completed their *Time & Talent* Survey form, so please let us know if you are interested. We will try to accommodate any requests.

Membership & Nurture

- ✓ **Are you a newcomer to First-St. Andrew's?** If so, we would love to get to know you better. Contact Glenna Hall at glennajhall@gmail.com or 519-657-1631 or Heather Locking-Cusolito at johnCUSolito009@sympatico.ca or 519-433-6344. We look forward to hearing from you.
- ✓ We are happy to report that the **Photo Directories** have arrived and are available in the mailboxes of those who had their photo taken. Some additional directories are available through the office on a first-come; first-served basis. We are also working on a digital version.
- ✓ **The Archives Committee** is looking for someone with the skills to build and maintain a digital archive of relevant church documents. Willis Buckingham is available to orient the willing volunteer to existing files and systems. Anyone interested? Please contact: Willis Buckingham at 519-619-4120 or wjb13@rogers.com or Heather Locking-Cusolito at 519-0433-6344 or johnCUSolito009@sympatico.ca
- ✓ **February is Black History Month:** (from the Affirm Committee) Audre Lorde (1934-1992) described herself as a "black, lesbian, mother, warrior, poet" and was an accomplished American writer who focused on the intersections of race, gender, class, and sexual identity. She is best known for her collection of speeches and essays, *Sister Outsider* and her semi-autobiographical novel, *Zami: A New Spelling of My Name*. She taught in many colleges and universities in both the U.S. and Germany and was a crusader against bigotry and oppression of minority groups



The Bulletin

for Sunday, February 17, 2019

Admin/Staff Tidbits

- **Shopping Card News: Important Trivia:** Did you know when you purchase a Loblaws shopping card you can also use it at No Frills, Zehr's, Value-Mart, Real Canadian Superstore, National Grocers and SuperValu? Your Metro shopping card also works at Food Basics and your Sobey's cards are good at IGA, Foodland, FreshCo, and Safeway. Stop by on Sunday to stock up.
- Mark your calendars for our **Lenten Meditation and Mindfulness Series:** using some of the poetry of the great poet Mary Oliver who just died on Jan. 17th, 2019. This six-week series runs from **Wed. March 13th to Wed. April 17th inclusive from 1:30-3:00pm.**
- **Latest FSA Planning Committee Report - Service and Social Action - now available:** This report summarizes a community round table held on Fri. Nov. 9th, 2018. Four major social issues were identified: Housing, Mental Health and Addictions, Food Security and Caring and Supportive Community. Print copies are now available in the narthex and atrium and on line on our website. (Go to PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATES and find the link). The Planning Committee wants to know which issue you see as being most important. After reading the report you can give your opinion by putting a note in Steve Elson's mailbox, by sending an e-mail to stephenelson2@gmail.com. A link to an on-line survey follows: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZRYGK7V>.
- Mark your calendars for this special event! **The Wearable Art Sale 2019**, a show of original, unique pieces that can be worn, including garments, purses, hats, scarves, jewellery, and more. All works are hand made by London area artisans **March 15th 7-9, evening reception; March 16th, 10:30-5; March 17th 12-4. HERE** at First-St. Andrew's. See more at the Wearable Art Website <http://www.wearableartsale.com/> We welcome volunteers willing to help with hospitality during the show. Please contact Kathryn Patton, our Hospitality Coordinator, if you are able to assist at k_patton@rogers.com or 519-641 8779.
- Save the Date: **March 24th after Worship for the 2019 Annual Meeting.** The Staff will be offering a lunch after worship that day so that you can stay for the ACM. Come and hear about the great year here at FSA, and dream about what is next!
- **St. Patrick's Day Lunch.** Please come and join us for an Irish worship service on St. Patrick's Day with Rev. Dr. David McKane preaching, and then stay for an Irish lunch of Corned Beef and Cabbage... and Green Beer! You don't want to miss it!

Below are the Space Bookings for the next week. Remember, booking times do not necessarily correspond to the public aspect of an event.

<p>17</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 - Honouring Black History Month</u> • <u>1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Organ Recital - SA</u> 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Office Closed for Family Day</u> • <u>9:00 AM - 12:30 PM UCW Executive meeting - SR</u> 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Student Ministry Supervision - Sun Room</u> • <u>4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Council--PH</u> • <u>6:00 PM - 9:30 PM 7:00pm Songs of Social Justice concert - CH</u> • <u>6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Great Big Theatre Class - YR</u> • <u>6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Soul Care</u> 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Regional Council - CH</u> • <u>12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Brown Bag Lunch Par</u> • <u>5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Sing for your Supper - SA, PH, KIT, FR</u> • <u>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Soul Care</u> • <u>7:00 PM - 10:00 PM ProMusica Council meeting - SR</u> 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Bible Study - Par</u> • <u>2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Laudamus Bells - SA</u> • <u>3:00 PM - 4:30 PM Ad Hoc Planning Committee meeting - LIB</u> • <u>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - SA</u> 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>7:00 AM - 5:00 PM DevaTree - CH, LIB</u> • <u>7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Soul Care</u> 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>7:00 AM - 5:00 PM DevaTree - CH, LIB, SR, FR</u> • <u>9:30 AM - 6:30 PM Soul Care</u>
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