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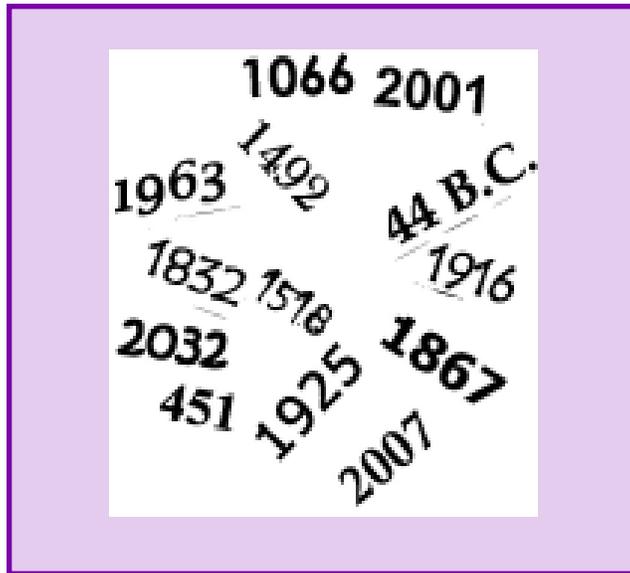
by Rev. Dr. David McKane

We all have significant dates in our lives. The year we were born. The year we graduated or were married. The year we bought our first house or started our own business. The year we immigrated or suffered a serious loss.

Such dates are important to us. They define our lives – live markers along the highway. They denote the passage of time and our place in the great journey of life.

These are other dates that we can recall. The dates of world wars or the discovery of North America, the date on the cornerstone of First-St. Andrew's or the year that the United Church of Canada was founded. The year President Kennedy was assassinated, the year Terry Fox began his Marathon of Hope.

First-St. Andrew's has some significant dates to celebrate. This year, Susan Shelstad marked the 25th anniversary of her ordination and David McKane his 35th. In June, the United Church of Canada celebrated its 80th anniversary and Dr. Frank Meadows helped us celebrate that important milestone.



In 2007, we will celebrate the 175th anniversary of First-St. Andrew's. That is a remarkable milestone in the life of any congregation. Some of you will remember the 150th and some of you will be around to celebrate the 200th in 20032.

We belong to a great congregation; to a great faith tradition;

to a great God who calls us and shapes us and transforms us over time; a God who has placed us in this place at this time to serve others.

May this summer and this year be a significant time for each of us in our faith jour-

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THE SPIRITUALITY OF WINE



*In May, the CD Committee hosted a presentation by Susan Shelstad of material based on Tom Harpur's Book *The Spirituality of Wine*. The discussion was followed by a wine and cheese reception.*

MISSION SERVICES THANKS FSA

On May 27, Mission Services of London celebrated the official opening of its expansion and renovation, adding 57 new emergency beds, 13 crashbeds, 10 longer term beds, and expanded mental health services.

Several years ago, FSA council agreed to a donation of 10-thousand dollars spread over five years to help Mission Services achieve its goal of helping the homeless.

In appreciation, one of the crashbed rooms has been named in recognition of First-St. Andrew's United Church.



A plaque has been installed at the door of one of the rooms. It reads: This room was generously supported by First-St. Andrew's United Church.

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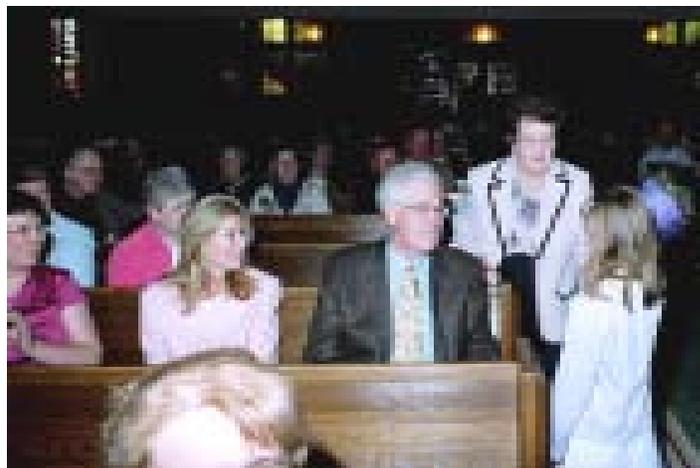
THE ROCKET'S SIDEKICK

There was no better time to honour Ray Getliffe for his work in support of the church and his contribution to Canadian Sports than during the Memorial Cup Championships being held in London.

Ray played in the NHL with Montreal and one of his legendary achievements was when he coined the nickname "Rocket" for his fellow teammate Rocket Richard. Ray ended up with two Stanley Cup rings. He was inducted into London's Sports Hall of Fame last year.



Ray Getliffe receives a London Knights Hockey Sweater from "Mini-Rocket" David Mckane and the President of the Canadian Hockey League David Branch. Looking on are Ray's great grandson Kent Hill and Ethan Spencer, an avid London Knight's fan.



Ray's wife Lorna Getliffe is presented with flowers from her great granddaughter Margaret Hill as members of the Getliffe family look on.

Info-Line

ORGAN FESTIVAL

The Royal Canadian College of Organists is holding its meetings in London July 17-July 21. World class organ music can be heard at a variety of churches, including First-St. Andrew's.

On Sunday July 17, 7pm, Paul Merritt begins a Progressive Organ Recital at FSA. It moves to three other locations during the evening.

On Monday July 18th, the concert at FSA, 8pm, features Peter Planyavky of St. Stephan's Cathedral, Vienna, Austria.

JEAN GORWILL

By Mary McKim

"The 24th of May is the Queen's birthday, If you don't give us a holiday we'll all run away" was the chant of school children when Jean was young, and lucky enough to share the birthday, and celebrate with a holiday. This year's celebration should be very special.

Jean can surely claim the longest membership at FSA, having joined in 1929 when it was still St. Andrew's, and Dr MacGregor, husband of Marion Keith, was minister. Her family moved from New St James, and her father continued as an Elder along with others who made the change. A "Marion Keith Supper Club" met weekly.

Jean was born in the family home in North London, and has spent her life in the area. She attended

St. George's, Central Collegiate, UWO and OCE, (then in Toronto.) Her father, a banker, worked for London Loan. An elder brother, a United Church minister, served his last full charge at Canadian Memorial Church in Vancouver. The younger, a physician, has a son and granddaughter also in that profession. Jean's first year teaching was in Chesley. She then returned to London and South SS, where she was asked to organize the Library, and supervised students during "spares" in addition to classroom teaching. She remained at South for nearly forty years.

Jean was a member of the University Women's Club, and for a time it's treasurer. She is the lone survivor of her teaching contemporaries. At FSA she was an Elder, and also on several committees. She is a skilled and dedicated gardener.

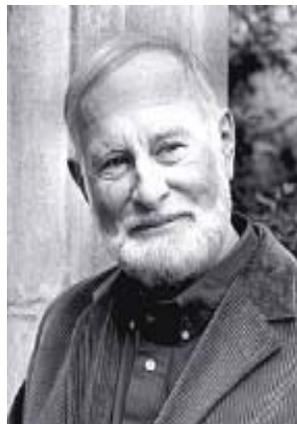
Life altered for Jean last August when she fell, fracturing her pelvis. Rehabilitation at Parkwood followed. 'Til then she was driving, and claims 20/20 vision with the ability to read without glasses! The decision to move to an apartment was a difficult one, but she looks at home surrounded by her beautiful furniture. The period of disability was brief and she attended "Anything Goes" at Stratford six weeks after her fall, her host a former student now in his 80th year! She mentioned another former student, now retired, who visits whenever he comes to London.

She is again attending Sunday services.

First St Andrew's is proud to honour this amazing and determined woman, a faithful member for seventy-five years!



HARPUR HERE IN NOVEMBER



Broadcaster, TV Host and author Tom Harpur will be the speaker for the Proudfoot Lecture Series on November 16th. Harpur has written nearly 20 books, his most recent being *The Pagan Christ*.

This promises to be a lively evening.

The Proudfoot Lecture series was inaugurated last year for the purpose of inviting speakers who would stretch our thinking and deepen our understanding. Our guest last year was Bishop John Spong.

Tickets are \$20 and will be on sale in the church office this sum-

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

The semi-annual sale was once again successful : raising well over two thousand dollars for the work of the UCW.



MEET TOM FULLERTON

By Sue Scorgie



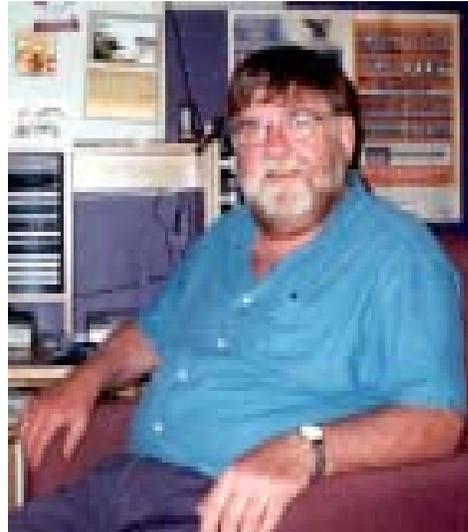
Many of you may already be familiar with Tom Fullerton. For those of you who are not, let me introduce you...

Tom is a mountain of a man with a kind and gentle spirit. For the past year and a half, he has generously donated his time to the Hospitality Meal Program at First-St. Andrew's.

Every week, Tom makes his way to a variety of stores in London seeking the best price on everything from romaine lettuce to canned tomatoes. Teams 1 to 4 rely on Tom to gather the supplies needed for their weekly meal. Each of our four Hospitality Meal teams has their own preferred menu and Tom has become the expert on what they need and the best place to acquire it.

Once he has gathered the supplies, he delivers them each Monday to FSA in time for the chefs to begin preparation. He remains on call for any forgotten items and has taken the time to post his phone number in the Out of the Cold Book. Recently he has been dispensing business cards that read, "OUT OF THE COLD - Missing something? Can't find an item that should be there? Call Tom at...." He always displays a willingness to help and to ensure that every meal we serve is a success.

Tom was born in Montreal and lived there with his parents and brother. He acquired a "working knowledge" of French but does not consider himself to be completely bilingual. At the age of eighteen, he left Montreal, joined the Navy and took up residence in Halifax. During his years in Halifax, Tom married and raised two children. After a variety of jobs he pursued his dream of attending College and became a junior high school teacher of Math and Science.



While in Halifax, the family was faced with the decision of purchasing a cottage or a boat. Tom's son, Jeff, loves to sail and so the "cottage" became a 23-foot sloop. Jeff helped his Dad learn to sail and the family had many wonderful adventures in the waters around Halifax and Mahone Bay, N.S.

Tom has an interest in music and plays the organ and the piano. He played in various rock bands in Halifax from 1967 to 1982. Although he can read music, he prefers to play by ear. A quick demo for me was enough to convince me that he is quite talented.

Both of Tom's children are now adults and living in the Wortley Village area of London. Jeff is married and has three children. Tom's daughter Susan is familiar to all of us. Susan sings in the FSA choir, is a successful lawyer, former Chair of Finance and our new Chair of Council. With both Jeff and Susan residing in London, "Maritime Tom" relocated in 2001 and became a Londoner. He loves the Wortley Village area of London and enjoys living in close proximity to his family.

How else does Tom fill his spare time? He is a crossword puzzle fanatic, a licensed ham radio operator, a bridge player and he loves to read. He enjoys helping friends with home repairs, particularly plumbing. He was spotted in and around Wortley Village about a year

ago, sporting an orange T-shirt and assisting the NDP.

Tom is a pleasure to work with and his wonderful sense of humour is always welcome at FSA. So when you pass Tom in the hall or see him at a Friends of Music event, please stop and say hello. We are fortunate that the winds were at his back and the tides have carried him our way.

KIWANIS MUSIC FESTIVAL IS A HIT.....

First-St. Andrew's and the Kiwanis Music Festival teamed up this year to provide Londoners with a chance to play their music and listen to some of the best being played.

We had about a thousand young people in our church, over a three week period. More than 90% of the string activity was held here and we were by far the busiest venue in the Festival.

Our own Bruce Richardson was one of the organizers and in a letter expressed this sentiment: "On behalf of the Kiwanis Festival Board, I extend our most sincere thanks for remarkable reception and collaborative spirit with which we were received by First-St. Andrew's.



.....AND SO IS THE GERANIUM SALE

Each year in May, Marg Leonard organizes a sale of potted geraniums and hanging baskets. And each year, it's a success, earning two thousand dollars that goes to the work of FSA. What makes it successful are not only the buyers of the plants, but Marg's helpers who unload the truck and serve customers all day.



“BLESS NOW O GOD THE JOURNEY”

by Roger Snyder

As most of us are aware Kevin Johnston, a member here at FSA, has been working on requirements to become an ordained minister within our denomination. The process towards ordained ministry for Kevin has been a long one. Back in 1978 he began studies at Ontario Bible College towards ministry in the Baptist Church. After 2 years of study he discerned that this was not an appropriate call for him at that time.

Soon after Kevin & I became involved at FSA in early 1991 he once again began to feel the call to ministry and spent several years wrestling with his ongoing call. He received wise counsel from Rev. Dr. Frank Meadows and enrolled in the Lay Preachers programme offered by Middlesex Presbytery. During this time his call to ministry was affirmed and he began the process of discernment toward ordained ministry with a committee chaired by Rev. Dr. Barry Moore and other members from Presbytery and FSA. Kevin took a one-year Arts programme at Kings College (UWO) in 2000-2001 and began formal studies at Emmanuel College in 2001. During his preparations for ministry he also carried out chaplaincy ministry at Parkwood, University Hospital, and Granite House. He was placed in Virden, MB for his internship last year and has enjoyed being student minister at the Fingal Pastoral charge (near our home in Port Stanley) since last July.



The ‘fine Fingal folk’ have a history of embracing student ministers (including Diane MacPherson) and have greatly fine-tuned his ministry skills.

Kevin graduated from Emmanuel College earlier this month and has received his Licentiate in Theology (LTH). He has recently been called to his settlement Pastoral Charge for at least the next three years. Lang-Milestone is a 2 point charge located 45 minutes southeast of Regina in Twin Valleys Presbytery of Saskatchewan Conference.

Throughout the journey he & I have been travelling we have remained very grateful for the tremendous ongoing support of both individuals and the congregation of FSA as a whole. We will both treasure the nearly 15 years of involvement in the life of this vibrant and caring community. The many aspects of the rich life offered in our community, including our amazing music programmes, and the strong commitment to the M&S fund and to local social justice issues will serve us well as we move west to minister in “The Land of the Living Skies”.

WRITING FOR RIGHTS

The second Amnesty Letter Writing Campaign at First-St. Andrew’s drew 85 people at the beginning of May. More than 155 letters were written and 91 Post Card appeals sent out. Letter writers are urged to express their feelings to governments who condone torture, rape and false imprisonment. Plans are in the works for a third Letter writing afternoon in about six months.



The day was organized by Paul Mansell on behalf of the Stewardship Mission Outreach Committee of FSA.



Some of the 85 participants in the Write-A-Thon for Amnesty International

MARCHING FOR RIGHTS

More than 200 Londoners showed their opposition to the war in Iraq this spring.

Demonstrators gathered in Victoria Park on the second anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Iraq. They marched through the downtown to the steps of First-St. Andrew’s. Inside the Lower Hall, organizers served hot chocolate while the marchers talked about Iraq. The London demonstration was one of a number held across Canada.



Be part of ensuring the future of First-St. Andrew’s United Church through a planned gift.

Changes...

**First-St. Andrew's United Church:
a Christian Family encouraging spiritual
growth through worship, friendship, learning
and action**

DEATHS

"Well done good and faithful servant."

March 12, 2005 Donald Robert Beck
March 26, 2005 Mary Beattie
March 30, 2005 Grace Kinch
April 9, 2005 Howard Wesley Baldwin
April 20, 2005 Helen Surlan
May 10, 2005 Frank Davis Brooks
May 11, 2005 Donald L. Kipp
May 12, 2005 Margaret E. Hosie
May 15, 2005 Harold William Alden Potter

NEW MEMBERS

"We pray for God's Power to help you do all the good things that you hope to do and that your faith makes you want to do."

David and Marilyn Beach
Phyllis Beauchamp
William Beauchamp
Jeremy and Ofelia Manning
Randy and Nicole Martin
Jennifer McGibbon
Denis and Susan Merrill
Susan Speake
Amanda Van Herten
Scott Wilson

MARRIAGES

*"Love is always supportive, loyal, helpful and trusting.
Love never fails!"*

April 30, 2005 Kathryn Carter and Jacob Skelly
May 7, 2005 Nicol Lagerwerf and Brad Ross
May 14, 2005 Kathleen Pickering and Joshua Weresch
May 21, 2005 Tara McAninch and Ken McLaren
May 28, 2005 Kristen Rivard and Gerald Dove

BAPTISMS

"I will be with you always, even until the end of the world"

May 8, 2005
Benjamin James Bere, son of Pamela and James Bere
Emily Sarah Bouck, daughter of Michelle and Gary Bouck
McKinley Grace Ellison, daughter of Rebecca and Mark Ellison
Derik Michael Koustrup, son of Christine and Michael Koustrup
Nathaniel Marcus Manning, son of Ofelia and Jeremy Manning
Brayden Edward Martin, son of Nicole and Randy Martin
Grace Ethel Forsyth MacPhail-Wagner, daughter of Ann MacPhail and Graham Wagner
Harrison William James Silcox, son of Monique and Christopher Silcox

THE KNIT WITS

By Carol Leenders

Our "knit a row and watch it grow" group of *KNIT WITS* has produced more than 100 items in just 3 months for children and adults who are cold and in need in our community.

Our hats, scarves and mitts have been "warmly" appreciated by a public school and various city social services.

We meet monthly, and "Ooooh and Aaaah" over each other's finished items, (and some of us want to "cover" them!!). The enthusiasm of this group is contagious and productive.

Sheila A. has taken a 6 week "stash of yarn" to Florida and our fledgling beginner, Marion W. is so excited with her new passion she now knits up a "storm" on "Planes, Trains and Automobiles"!

Our thanks to all who have donated money, yarn and time to this group.

A group of doctors, lawyers, and businessmen in New York are knitting. They believe knitting to be an antidote to stress. Their motto is "MAN enough to knit, and STRONG enough to purl"!

The *KNIT WITS* meet the first Tuesday of each month in the Nursery - from 1:00 to 2:30 (ish) p.m.

Beginners and experienced knitters are always welcome.

SIXTY YEARS OF MINISTRY RECOGNIZED

Susan was ordained 25 years ago and David was ordained 35 years ago. And in May, the Ministry and Personnel Committee and the congregation of FSA congratulated the pair on their work and ministry.



Rev. Dr. Susan Shelstad and Rev. Dr. David Mckane prepare to share some anniversary cake at Coffee and Conversation

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

By Jacob Feeney

On Saturday May 7th the Circle of Friends went on a wildflower walk led by Pat Tripp. The walk was held on an absolutely perfect, clear, sunny evening in Windermere Parkland along Medway Creek. As we walked behind the Elsie Perrin Williams estate, we saw a wedding taking place outside. The trip was mostly for fun and so that everyone could spend time together, but another reason was so that we could learn about wildflowers. Pat announced there would be some quizzes along the way about the flowers and she handed out prizes at the end after the final quiz.

Some of the flowers we saw were white and red trilliums (the provincial flower of Ontario), trout lilies (named after its fish-shaped leaf), raspberry canes, May apples (named for their resemblance of apple trees), bloodroot (named after its red sap, also has red roots), violets, Jack-in-the-pulpits (sorry, no Davids or Susans!), and Solomon's seal. I liked the red trillium the most because I thought it looked the best. There were about 20 people of all ages in the group.

My favourite parts of the walk were goofing around with the other kids (that's right, I'm a kid!) and being the photographer. Thank you, Pat!

Below: The Circle of Friends and their families get a lesson in wildflowers from Pat Tripp.



Below: The students from the Archibald Vocational Institute in St. Augustine, Trinidad, stand in front of bookshelves stocked by gifts of books from the UCW. It was a campaign organized by Dawne and Neville Mahabir.



HONDURAS MISSION

By Barb Dalrymple

Mission and Outreach takes many paths. Thank you to all of you who donated prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses that you no longer needed. Dozens of your glasses traveled in hockey bags to Honduras with a medical team from Peterborough. Once in Honduras, they traveled to remote mountain villages in pickup trucks with doctors and dentists who provided medical and dental care to hundreds of families that cannot afford to see a doctor or a dentist.

Deteriorating eyesight is a problem for all of us as we age, but especially in countries such as Honduras where people work in the hot sun from dawn till dark without proper eye protection. My daughter who translated for the team told me that it was a joy to see the looks on people's faces who found glasses that met their needs. "I can thread a needle and sew again"; "These are glasses for ME"; "Now I can read my Bible" were some of their responses. Muchas gracias amigos for the gift of improved eyesight.



Above: Barb Dalrymple's daughter, Libby, looks on as a woman in the honduras is able to see what she is reading for the first time.

Below: The first pot of Fair Trade Coffee at Coffee and Conversation was brewed by Marageret Trethewey, Catherine Leatherdale, Ched Radoja and Barbara Plante. FSA members have generously supported the "Taste for Justice" Fair Trade initiative by helping purchase the coffee.



SCENES FROM THE SANCTUARY



Left: Children's Story time with Susan

Below: The Youth Council's presentation of "Let's Plan A Sermon" during worship in May.



Above: Joshua Priess has good reason to joyously ring the bells. He has been chosen "Artist in Residence" by the Music Committee of First-St. Andrew's. Joshua is not only a member of the Laudamus Bell Choir, but is also finishing a degree in Honours Music, Theory and Composition. Joshua has written works in a variety of styles.

FSA Program Guide

Summer 2005

WORSHIP

July 3 7th After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Susan Shelstad

July 10 8th After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Susan Shelstad

July 17 9th After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. David McKane

July 24 10th After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. David McKane

July 31 11th After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. David McKane

August 7 12th After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. David McKane

August 14 13th After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. David McKane

August 21 14th After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Susan Shelstad

August 28 15th After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Susan Shelstad

Sept 4 16th After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Susan Shelstad

Sept 11 17th After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Susan Shelstad

Sanctuary

MUSIC

SUMMER MUSIC

Once again our summer services will be held in the Lower Hall where we will be led in music by some of our own pianists, vocal soloists and instrumentalists. The less formal worship and cooler temperature this more intimate space affords are things to be looked forward to for these few weeks each year.



CABENA CONCERT

I just received a call from Barrie Cabena's son, Daniel, about a possible concert here in August. Daniel is a fine counter tenor currently studying at McGill University in Montreal and he and his father will be giving a short recital tour in Guelph, Kitchener/Waterloo and here in London. The London date is Tuesday, August 16, 2005 at 7:30 pm

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CRADLE ROLL

A kit called *Growing in God's Love* is sent to families with a new baby to help celebrate important events to age 3.

Coordinator: Martha Bere (641-6947)

NURSERY

Our nursery is available at both services for infants to two years. The nursery room is next door to the Chapel on the main floor.

Coordinator: Jolie Robertson

CHURCH SCHOOL

Regular church school classes will end on May 15th, but there will be group sessions from then until Labour Day Sunday. Summer teachers are needed, so if you can help, please contact Chris and Monique.

Check out the Children's Library off the Fireside Room!

Church School Coordinators: Chris and Monique Silcox (293-

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

TEENS IN TRANSIT (TNT)

For young people in grades 7 and 8. This group meets on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am in the Upper Room during the regular church school year.

Leader: Nancy Howard (289-0540)

TEEN CONFIRMATION CLASS

A class of nine young people was confirmed on Sunday, May 1 (see picture below)

A new class will begin again in the fall.



Above: This year's confirmation class. Richard Allen, Jamie Baldwin, Cameron Berznick, Jake Carapella, Martha Elliott, Michelle Galbraith, Kent Sullivan, Daniel Vis, Patrick Vis.

YOUTH COUNCIL

The Youth Council meets every second Wednesday from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Upper Room. Keep an eye on the Sunday church bulletin for other special events.

Advisors: Erin Linforth & Jordan Berard (657-0515)

ADULT DEVELOPMENT



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

All members of the congregation, regardless of previous Bible study exposure, are invited to take part in an hour long study on Sunday mornings, from 9 – 10 a.m., in an informal setting, with a very friendly group of persons, over coffee. We have finished for this season, but will begin again on Sunday, September 11th.

Facilitator: Dr. Jo Ann Silcox (642-2152)

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10 am in the Parlour. This popular lectionary Bible Study group is over for this season, but will begin again on Thurs. Sept. 8th. It is guaranteed to make you laugh and help you grow in your Christian faith. Why not join us this fall?

Facilitator: Susan Shelstad (679-8182)

DREAM GROUP

Come and discover the amazing world of your dreams. We meet usually on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Parlour. We do not meet from June to August.

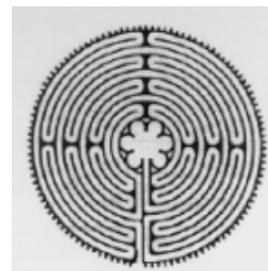
For more information, contact Anne Cunningham (433-9663) or Susan Shelstad (679-8182).

SPIRITUALITY ON TAP

An informal evening of a movie and discussion about faith in a pub-like setting. Watch the announcement insert for dates, movies and times.

LABYRINTH WALK

Our next walk will be on Sun. Sept. 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Hall as preparation for the busy fall season.



OTHER LIBRARY

Our church library contains many wonderful things — good books for all ages, videos, and periodicals — all for your use. Come in and check us out! New material arriving all the time.

CD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Donations to this fund are used to help children, young people and adults attend programs and events such as youth retreats, camp, and Conference events. The fund is currently low after sending several children to camps last summer. Your help is appreciated.

PASTORAL CARE

In addition to the pastoral care provided by David McKane and Susan Shelstad, members of our congregation reach out to others in a variety of ways.

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER

This group is for those who find themselves in the role of caregiver, and who are feeling a bit overwhelmed. Please contact Heather Bedford (685-1714) or JoAnn Silcox (642-2152) for further details.

CONGREGATIONAL VISITING TEAM

Our Congregational Visiting Team comprises members of our congregation who offer ongoing support to our shut-ins. We have a visiting team of 30 who maintain contact with the members of our congregation on a regular basis, and especially at birthdays and holiday times. If you are interested in becoming involved in this very rewarding experience, please call David McKane (679-8182)

PRAYER CHAIN

Do you need prayers for yourself or others? Call Maureen at the office (679-8182) and the name or concern will be passed through the prayer chain. First names only will be used unless permission is granted to use the full name. Confidentiality will be respected.



Above: On Communion Sundays, special healing prayer stations are available to those who wish to pray for a friend, or loved one

COUNSELLING TEAM

There is a counselling service available to FSA members staffed voluntarily by the following: Kerry Hill, a management consultant and career counsellor, Ardath Finnbogason-Hill, a nurse-educator with considerable experience in personal counselling, and Jo Ann Silcox, a psychiatrist, work as a team to provide initial assessment and follow-through counselling for individuals, couples, families or groups facing personal transitional crises. Referrals may be made through Ardath Hill at 657-3000.

RIDES FOR SENIORS

If you need a ride to and from church and/or church events, please call Helen and Bill Cockshutt (858-9454).

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Every Sunday, following our 9 am and 10:30 am worship services, the congregation is invited to remain for refreshment and the deepening of friendship. This is an opportunity for each person to make contact and share his/her journey as a valued individual within our community of faith. Volunteers are needed to make and serve coffee and to clean up.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

A Baptismal preparation session is held prior to every Baptism (usually the Thursday evening) to prepare the parents who are bringing their children for Baptism. We explore the meaning of Baptism, and prepare for the Sunday service. Our next baptism is scheduled for Sept 25th. Call the church office if interested. (679-8182).

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Stewardship Mission Outreach is involved in the Hospitality Meals, preparing baby layettes, organizing food collection for the Youth Action Centre and St. Paul's Daily Bread, actively supporting the ELUCOC in special projects, working with St. Marys United Church in support of the Canadian Food Grains Bank, and occupying a chair on their board, sending two members to the LIFT Council meetings and more.

HOSPITALITY MEALS

This program runs year round on Mondays, 5:30 p.m. providing hospitality meals for more than 100 persons. One hundred or more volunteers have been involved, many of them from other churches. For information, contact Tom and Shirly Wynne at 474-4768, or the church office, 679-8182.

FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS

Please keep in mind the Committee's food collection for St. Paul's DAILY BREAD. Baby food is also a special need and may be left at any time. Baskets are placed at the entrance of the Chapel, and Narthex and Atrium entrances of the Sanctuary where you may leave your donations. Financial contributions are also welcome. Thank you for helping others!

GROW-A-ROW PROJECT

Over the past five years, money has been provided for the Canadian Food Grains Program through the efforts of St. Marys United Church and FSA. Donations are matched 4:1 by CIDA. This summer, the project is once again using a farm outside London owned by Tom McLarty. Last year, FSA members raised just over \$4,000. During the past several years, members of FSA and St. Marys United have donated more than \$84,000 to the Grow-A-Row project and when matched by the government, that means \$420,000 worth of food was shipped to countries where the need is high.



(Clockwise): Will Joles, Bill Knowles, Jean Knowles, David Knopert and Tom McLarty. This group of would-be farmers, except for Tom who really does farm, helped kick off the Grow-A-Row project at FSA in May)

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

All persons twenty and over who enjoy fun are invited to join with the Circle of Friends. Look for information in the weekly bulletin. Contact Ann MacPhail for more information at 645-8867. Please see a related story on page 7.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

The purpose of the UCW is to unite women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and to provide a medium through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service. First-St. Andrew's has three units meeting monthly as follows:

The first Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlour

The second Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at 1 Grosvenor Gate

The third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the church parlour

New members are always welcome.

BRIDGE GROUP

The Marathon Bridge Group has concluded another successful year under the under the coordination of Jim and Jean Young, with score-keeping help from Louise Slater. The eventual winners for the year were Donna Travis and Susan Wark. Congratulations. You can check out the serious action in the pictures below.



FRIENDSHIP & LEARNING GROUPS

FSA SUPPER CLUB (FORMERLY BIFOCALS)

The newly renamed Supper Club meets for Pot Luck and Entertainment, fellowship and varied programs. This past season featured guest speakers Deanne and David Peterson on "It's All About Relationships", Gib Cole taking us on an armchair trip across Canada, Dr. Mike Bancroft talking on "The Canadian Light Source, and David McKane revisiting Ireland. New members and guests are always welcome. Call Shirley Wynne, 474-4788, or June McKay, 471-5668, for information.



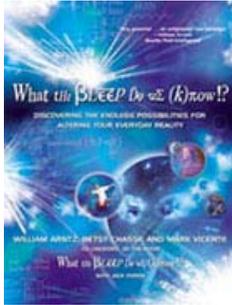
Above: Hat Nigh at the Supper Club



A FINAL WORD



]Suggested reading and viewing for you this summer from the Christian Development Committee...



God, Galileo, and Geering is a course of study based on the writings of Lloyd Geering, New Zealand's award-winning theologian and teacher. It is designed for groups and individuals who are troubled by the gap between Christian teachings and the realities of life in the universe we now recognize. Robert Jones guides readers through three of Geering's pivotal books — *The World to Come*, *Tomorrow's God*, and *Christian Faith at the Crossroads*, and explores the relationship of Christianity to the cosmos, culture, and humanlife.

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Getting Oriented leads readers on an adventurous trek to discover and unlock the treasures of Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and Taoism. Paul Alan Laughlin sketches out an alternative, enlightened version of the Christian faith that draws upon the mystical dynamic of those great Eastern religions. With special attention to new ways of viewing God, humanity, Jesus, and the Bible, he offers a unique, compelling, and refreshing vision of Christianity for the Third Millennium.

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Paperback, 304 pages

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