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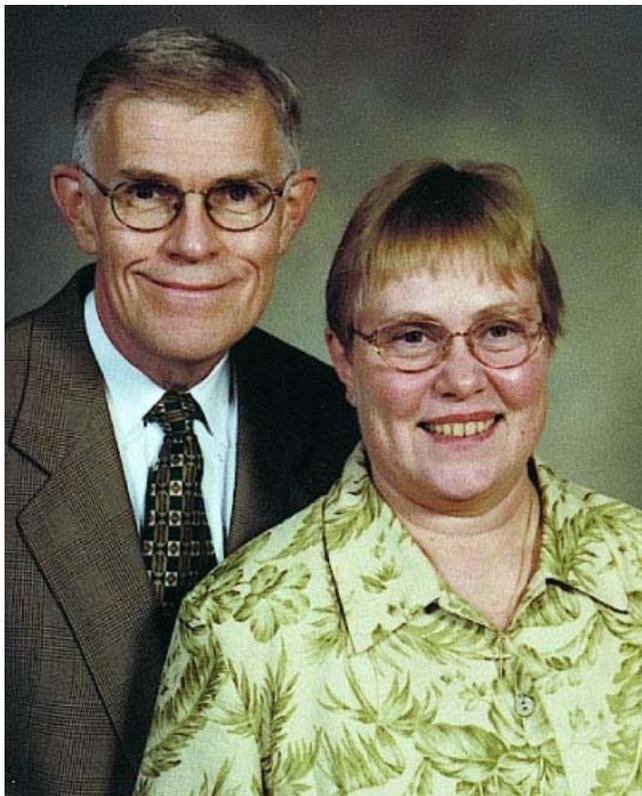


WELCOME TO FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S

If you've been away for the summer, welcome back. If you've been away for a while, we'd love to welcome you back again. This will be an interesting and exciting year at FSA. We'll be planning for the big celebration of our 175th anniversary in 2007. And Susan, David and Paul have put together a full calendar of services and events that should nourish your spiritual and musical needs. Please see the Program Guide beginning on Page 8 for a complete listing.

We have a great year ahead of us. Put yourself in this picture. Share your faith with your friends at FSA.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN LED BY JIM AND JO ANN SILCOX



Jim and Jo Ann Silcox have agreed to chair this year's Stewardship Campaign which is, for the fourth year, using the Celebration Sunday theme.

Jim and Jo Ann are long-time members of First-St. Andrew's and have devoted a lot of time and energy on a variety of projects. Jim is currently in charge of Communion preparations. Jo Ann heads the Sunday morning Bible Study and is chair of the Worship Committee.

PROUDFOOT LEGACY

by Ted Kostecki

The Council of First-St. Andrew's United Church has approved a plan to raise One Million Dollars within the church in the area of planned givings.

It has also been approved by the Board of Trustees and submitted to Council by David McKane and Ted Kostecki.

The Campaign will be called **The Proudfoot Legacy** after the famous diarist, the Rev. William Proudfoot who helped found this church which has become one of the oldest faith communities in London. The campaign will focus on the upcoming 175th anniversary of First-St. Andrew's. It was felt the anniversary was an appropriate time to strengthen the financial health of FSA to help it continue its place among the top churches of this city.

Planned giving is also an opportunity to give something back to the church when you no longer have financial needs. In this way, our members can continue to give funds in thanksgiving for the gifts that God has given them.

Our church, our programs and our ministry are important to our members. We want to ensure that it remains important to future generations who will practice their faith here.

We are a compassionate church that practices sharing, caring, giving, loving and serving. We also provide community, fun, fellowship, belonging and family to our members.

We must ensure this legacy, the Proudfoot Legacy, into the future.

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Info-Line

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

will be held Saturday October 15 from 9-noon.

Holly Bazaar

The annual Bazaar is scheduled for November 12, 9am-1pm

Tom Harpur

visits First St. Andrew's November 16th. Details on the back page of Tidings.

Anniversary Service

Nov 20. With guest preacher Mary Jo Leddy

Denise Pelley

will perform October 15th in a benefit concert at FSA sponsored by Meals on Wheels. Reception at 7pm, Concert at 8pm.

The Canadian Celtic Choir

has organized a concert at FSA on November 5

SUSAN FULLERTON

By Jean Wright



"The chair of council is the acknowledged Chief Executive Officer, selected by the congregation to oversee the temporal and participate in the spiritual leadership of the church". Policies and Procedures (FSA) Sec.6.5

Does this sound like a young, red-headed French horn player from the Maritimes who rides a motorcycle? Indeed, Susan fills the role of CEO with intelligence and wit. She loves our historic building, the ministry, the music, and the outreach. When she was appointed Counsel for the Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) in London, a friend from Dalhousie Law School invited her to FSA. Over the years she joined the choir, the Finance Committee, "Out of the Cold", worked at the bazaar, and in January became Council Chair.

Susan grew up in Bedford where she also sang in the choir, played in the Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra, majored in music at Dalhousie—and played summers for the 'Changing of the Guard' on Parliament Hill.



Professionally she is VP of the Middlesex Bar Association, sits on various National PGT committees, is in the Opera Guild, and volunteers in numerous charitable events.

What is her vision for FSA? She likes to see new people as engaged and involved as long-standing members and believes our tradition of openness and social responsibility offers many opportunities.

Susan Fullerton is a bright, friendly woman, modest and unassuming, who has a genuine concern for people and the role of the church in their lives and the community. As we prepare for our 175 Anniversary, she is the ideal Chief Executive Officer for FSA.

WORKSHOP ON WILLS

When Terry Shiavo's feeding tube was removed in a controversial case in Florida last spring, it generated a huge legal and moral battle... one that could have been avoided by a so-called Living Will.

A number of our FSA members who are lawyers and Financial Planners have agreed to explain the legal issues involved in Death and Dying. We are planning to hold that workshop in October.

The sessions will be held at 11:45 following the morning Worship Service. More details will follow in the weekly bulletins.

JOAN AND MICHAEL BANCROFT

By David Flynn



Caring and mystery have sustained the Bancrofts during their 35 years in London. Trained as a teacher, Joan switched to pastoral care, before completing a certificate in that field in 1988. She has since served at UH, St. Joe's, and FSA as well as churches in St. Thomas and Saskatoon.

Mike retired July 1 from the UWO Chemistry Department and the mysteries of science. After he successfully lobbied the government to build a synchrotron facility, awarded to the University of Saskatchewan in 1999, he was appointed for three years as its first Director and remains a Board member. In acknowledgement, he was recently made an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Memories of FSA for Joan include involvement in CGIT, UCW, M&S, and as Board Secretary. Both Joan and Mike were Elders, taught Sunday School, assisted the Youth Group, and found friends in *Come Join Us*. Joan is also a member of the Thursday Bible Study.

What next? Joan still does pastoral care at UH and through the FSA Visiting Team. Mike is co-developing a UWO program to explore the mysteries of science and art, using his insights as a scientist and a pianist. Both curl, play tennis, and golf. Finally, they both occasionally care for Ethan, their two year old grandson.

For the Bancrofts, FSA represents both caring—through its outreach programs—and mystery—through the preached and studied Word, and the music.

Caring and mystery—part of the strengths of Mike and Joan—and FSA.



TOM HARPUR HERE NOVEMBER 16TH



Tom Harpur will be at First-St. Andrew's United Church on wednesday November 16th at 7:30. Harpur is one of Canada's most recognized authors on religion. He is the author of nearly 20 books and two children's books. His most recent books, *THE PAGAN CHRIST* and *THE SPIRITUALITY OF WINE* have been best sellers. This will be a lively evening of Harpur's sometimes controversial ideas and his take on the state of religion in Canada.

Tickets are \$20 and available in the office.

(The following is a translation of an article that appeared in a German newspaper during a trip to Germany by Paul and Enid Merritt)

“AN ORGAN FEAST FOR THE EYE AND EAR”

...says Paul Merritt, a visitor to Weener, Ostfriesland, during a visit to the Organeum here, which houses many historical instruments. Paul and his wife Enid are from London, Ontario Canada, where he is the Director of Music at First-St. Andrew's United Church. They are part of an Organ Historical tour in North Germany and Holland conducted by Harold Vogel, a recognized leading authority on the interpretation of German organ music from the Renaissance and Baroque periods.

The area along the coast of the North Sea, between Hamburg, Germany and Groningen, Holland is the only region in Europe where seven centuries of organ culture can be experienced. “It has been wonderful visiting these beautiful old churches and playing more than 20 instruments built by Arp Schnitger,” Mr. Merritt said. The oldest organ in Ostfriesland is from the 15th century, and Jurgen Ahrend built the most modern one in 2004. While admiring the architecture of the area, our traveler friend noted that it must be easy for residents to take this beauty for granted but for the tour visitors the area was a Mecca, with these most colourful and beautiful instruments housed in historic churches.



Paul and Enid admire a Harpsicord in the ORGANEUM in Weener, Germany

JOELI ROBERTSON AND THE NURSERY

by Susan Scorgie and David Flynn

Although most of you are familiar with our beloved custodian Rusty, you may not know his “other half,” Joeli. For many years, Joeli was active in Elmwood Presbyterian but when Rusty started to work at FSA Joeli felt it was where she wanted to bring their young son Scott.

Joeli used to comment that everyone referred to her as “Rusty’s wife”. Now, since Judy Cull’s retirement from our Nursery this spring, Joeli is known to many in the congregation for her work in the Nursery at FSA, along with her helper, Nadine Reeves.

There have been some changes in the nursery, along with a continuation of the activities which have made these early members of our congregation feel welcome. Some of the physical changes include the “Dutch Door” for safety, fans for ventilation, and a small refrigerator. Weekly sign-in forms record names, ages, parent/guardian contact, pager number and any special instructions. Food allergies are noted since a wide variety of snacks are offered each week. Toys in the nursery have been updated for safety and are sanitized each Sunday.

Theme resources come from Childreach, and the weekly crafts are in line with the theme. Each child has her or his own “cubbie” that stores crafts, and any items that belong to the child. Nursery attendance averages 8 or 9 children each week but Joeli and Nadine look forward to September and the return of familiar faces.

Joeli has lived her early life in South London. After studying Early Childhood Education at Fanshawe and after twelve years of experience in the childcare field, she is now Operations Manager for Ontario for Kinderville Childcare Facilities, a very senior position for someone so young.

Rusty and Joeli first met at Millar Berry Farms where Rusty was her supervisor. Perhaps it was her berry picking skills which first caught Rusty’s eye but obviously there was a mutual attraction and they have remained a deeply committed couple with strong family values.

Like two halves of an apple, Rusty and Joeli complete and complement each other. We are truly blessed to have them both as members of our FSA family.



Joeli Robertson does some activities with two children in the nursery.

SUMMER SERVICE MUSIC



Each summer, Paul Merritt organizes the musicians who play for the 10:30am service in the Lower Hall. Pictured (left) are Kathleen Gahagan, Harp, and Margaret Tretheway, Flute. They were among many musicians who took part in the services

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

MARRIAGES

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

June 25, 2005	Linda Banks and John Hamilton
July 9, 2005	Jacqueline Kelly and Michael Graham
July 9, 2005	Michael Roberts and Raymond Egan
July 9, 2005	Sarah Barker and Campbell Brown
August 19, 2005	Sarah Smith and Michael Oldaker
August 20, 2005	Sherry Curran and Jeffrey Beynon
August 27, 2005	Rachel Conron and Scott Boorman

BAPTISMS

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

June 26, 20005	Lily Alexandra Aziz, daughter of Matthew and Sarah Aziz
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DEATHS

"Well done good and faithful servant."

July 10, 2005	George Leslie Bowie
August 1, 2005	Isabelle Mary Cowle
August 18, 2005	Margaret Ashwell Williams

FROM THE WEST

Reverend Kevin Johnston has begun his first ministry after Ordination. He will spend the next three years, at least, in a 2-point charge in Saskatchewan, Lang-Milestone, which is 45 minutes southeast of Regina.

Kevin and his partner, Roger Snyder, had several FSA visitors this summer. Willis Buckingham took these pictures during one of those visits.



*(Above) Milestone United Church, Kevin's home church.
(Below) Roger and Kevin relax in their home.*



RAY GETLIFFE HONOURED

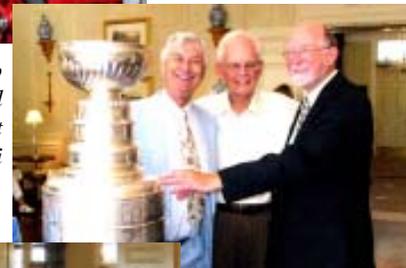
Ray Getliffe, a member of First-St. Andrew's, won the Stanley Cup twice... in 1939 and 1944. But it wasn't until this August that he was able to hold it and show it off to his friends and family.

Ray is the third oldest Stanley Cup winning alumnus. The NHL decided to honour 40 of its alumni by letting them have the cup for a day... just as the players on a winning team are able to do now.



(Left) August 4, 2005, started with Ray riding an antique fire truck down Dundas Street with the Stanley Cup perched behind him. He took part in a photo session at Western Fair during the morning.

(right) Ray shows off the cup to Rev. David McKane and Community Development Coordinator Ted Kostecki



(Left) Ray with his family at a reception at the Hunt Club. He was joined by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and friends.

THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY NETWORK

by Jean Comfort

In August, 2003, the women's groups of FSA—the Isabelle Getliffe Sewing Group, the Knit Wits, and the UCW—united into one organization: the Women's Ministry Network. The purpose was to bring women of FSA together to share ideas and talents, to create with hands and minds, and to grow in relationships and understanding through work, play and study. Some women participate in all three groups. New members are always welcome.

The Isabel Getliffe Sewing Group Named after a much loved, now deceased member, the sewing group meets in the Fireside Room **Wednesdays from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm, April to November.** Members of this group vary in ages and abilities but their attention to detail is visible in their creative output—bridge cloths, casserole covers, baby books, aprons, for example. There is a special demand for Raggedy Ann Dolls, often ordered in advance. Much of the Fall Bazaar profit comes from the efforts of this group. Although they have been meeting since April, now is the most exciting time to join as they prepare for the Bazaar in November.

The Knit Wits This group of enthusiastic knitters gets together in the Sun Room or the Parlour on the **2nd Tuesday of the month from 1:00-2:30 pm.** They are a warm, friendly and caring group who ply their knitting needles with great gusto as they create hats, mittens and scarves for the needy on London's streets. Join them **Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 1:00 pm** for a new season.

The United Church Women : All women of FSA are invited to join one of the three units.

Morning: 9:30 am, 2nd Wednesday, 1 Grosvenor St., Social Room.

Afternoon: 1:30 pm, 1st Thursday in the Parlour.

Evening: 7 or 7:30 pm 3rd Tuesday in the Parlour.

The UCW Executive coordinates activities, plans large events, checks financial statements and makes decisions for the use of moneys raised. In addition to speakers and luncheons/pot luck suppers (see the list for September later in this issue), \$26,000 will be raised through

- Monthly Green Envelopes, twice-yearly Thank Offering Envelopes, Phantom Tea Offering, and Flower Fund contributions
- Interest from bequests of former members
- Two Rummage Sales (April and October) which are church supported events organized by the Thursday Unit
- Holly Bazaar—Nov. 12, 2005 this year—organized by the UCW but very dependent upon contributions of sale items and general assistance from the whole congregation.
- We use the money raised for various projects at FSA—e.g. renovations and new equipment for kitchens, parlour, nursery—church-related organizations—e.g. \$15,000 to M&S, donations to ELUCOC, Limberlost and Southdale Chaplaincies, Five Oak Resource Centre, Camp KeeMoKee—and London organizations—e.g. Mission Services, Daily Bread, Children's Aid Society, London Interfaith Counselling Centre.

All women of the church—along with non-members—are welcome to join us for work, play and study by becoming part of the Women's Ministry Network.

Please see page 11 of Tidings (United Church Women) for a list of upcoming events)

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED CHURCH: "IT HASN'T BEEN EASY"

The United Church of Canada marked its 80th anniversary this past June. Since its formation in 1925, the United Church has been at the forefront in taking action, speaking and reaching out to heal broken lives and a broken world.

In 1928, it dared to create the Missionary and Maintenance Fund as a way to minister to others in Canada and around the world. During the Depression, it enabled the church to provide aid to western farmers and to organize soup kitchens, hostels, food and clothing depots, and employment centres in cities across the country.

That fund became the Mission and Service Fund and is now one of Canada's oldest charitable funds. Each year, United Church members contribute nearly \$30 million to the Mission and Service Fund. First-St. Andrew's members provide 22% of our envelope givings to the Fund, about \$115,000. The UCW contributes another \$15,000.

Rev. Dr. Frank Meadows was our guest speaker at FSA on the 80th anniversary. His sermon was titled "It's Never Easy", a reference to trying to get union among the Presbyterians, the Methodists and the Congregationalists. He ended his sermon with this paragraph: "The United Church has never been one to get out the white wash. We've taken the risk of tackling the tough issues even though it has often been painful and costly. A Lutheran minister said to me once, 'The rest of the churches in Canada owe a great debt of gratitude to the United Church. You tackle the tough issues openly while the rest of us set back and wait for you to get the job done. Then, for the most part, we quickly and quietly adopt the same position that you have struggled to achieve' "

Frank ended with "So Happy Birthday United Church. It's never easy; it never has been easy, but it has been more than worthwhile because the Gospel has been proclaimed in word and deed."



The service at FSA celebrating the 80th anniversary of the United Church of Canada ended with a luncheon in the Lower Hall. And afterward, Ralph King invited the children in the congregation to step outside and strike the Pinata he had prepared.

Pinatas go back to the time of Marco Polo in China and were a celebration of good luck. Now, they are a fun activity and Ralph has prepared many a pinata over the years for the kids in the congregation to enjoy.

LOOKING AHEAD

By Rev. Dr. David McKane

It is an honour for both Ted Kostecki, our Community Development Coordinator, and First-St. Andrew's, that he has been chosen to take part in the Arnprior Assembly in early November in the small town of Arnprior in the Ottawa Valley.

The Moderator of the United Church, Rt. Rev. Peter Short, has called the assembly of 100 church leaders to his historic church in his hometown, to conduct "a prayerful dialogue on ministry in the third generation of the United Church of Canada".

A panel of former Moderators considered more than 600 people who had expressed an interest in attending. They had their pick of people in positions of leadership – ordained ministers, staff associates, lay leaders and staff at Conference Offices. Participants were invited in their own capacity and have no formal responsibility for representing a particular group or set of interests.

In calling the meeting, the Moderator noted that, after 80 years, the United Church stands on the threshold of the third generation of our life and mission. And he wonders what ministry God will require of us in the next generation. He has invited leaders in the church to come together to ponder that question and enter in deep conversations about where it leads us. They will have the insights of ten former Moderators, church historians and a large number of others in attendance from whom to discern what is required of us in this time of transition from one generation to another. The Moderator will let this discussion inform his report to the next General Council in 2006.

In some ways, this invitation completes a cycle for Ted. He was a delegate to the last General Council in Wolfville, NS, where the moderator was chosen. He's know the moderator since he was a teenager in Arnprior, where they both lived, where neither of them knew what the future held. And now, fittingly, they're both "coming home" to the banks of the Ottawa River to ponder the future of the church they both love and serve.

In preparing for the Arnprior Assembly, Ted is anxious to hear from anyone who has some thoughts on the future of our United Church.

What a wonderful opportunity for Ted. What an honour for FSA.



Ted Kostecki, Community Development Coordinator, First-St. Andrew's

FSA'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY NEARS

During 2007, we will celebrate the 175 anniversary of First-St. Andrew's. This is a remarkable milestone in the life of a remarkable congregation.

Plans are underway to make this a memorable year in the life of FSA. For example, a small dedicated committee has been researching and planning a history of FSA which will come out in book form. And all committees of Council have been pondering projects.

The anniversary will require planning and execution by the congregation to be a success. Please consider helping.

FSA YOUTH COUNCIL: FAITH FUN FRIENDSHIP

By Erin Linforth

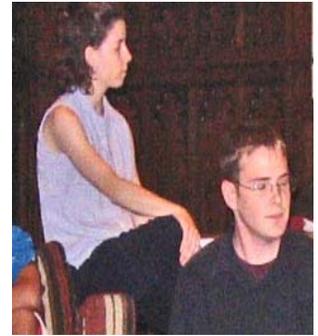
For the past four years we have had the privilege of watching the young people of First St. Andrews bring together their faith, fun and friendship. As facilitators for the Youth Council, Jordan and I help young people develop their own events, and help them explore issues that they feel are important.

Faith Through activities like Bible Study with the Simpsons, Labyrinth Walks, discussions, and faith-exploring games, the Youth Council takes the opportunity to explore and challenge their beliefs while learning about the beliefs of others. Every year we gather our ideas together to create a full worship service. Last year the group explored the Noah story through dramatic bible readings and discussions. This end-of-the-year service is entirely the product of the Youth Council's ideas and creativity.

Fun From skating, bowling and movies in the winter, to picnics and trips to the waterpark in the spring, these kids know how to have fun!

Friendship We have been very fortunate to have friends from other denominations join our Youth Council. By meeting once a week, we get to know and respect each other very well.

Are you in grade 7-12? Looking to discover more about your faith? Want to have fun and build friendships while doing so? The Youth Council has started up again for the 2005-2006 school year. Contact Erin or Jordan at 657-0515 for information. Consult the weekly bulletin for upcoming Youth Council events!



Erin Linforth and Jordan Berard

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO KATRINA

The United Church has, once again, teamed with its partner, the Church World Service.

This is an ecumenical humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches. It was very active in sending relief supplies to the areas hit by the Tsunami last year. Like that disaster, the devastation in Louisiana and Mississippi will take a long time to clean up.

Those wishing to donate funds should make their cheques payable to The United Church of Canada and mark them "Hurricane Relief".

Donations can also be made through FSA marked "Hurricane Relief". The funds will be forwarded to Church World Service in the U.S and are eligible for tax receipts.

WORSHIP SERVICE ON CD

The Sunday 10:30 Worship Services are recorded each week and available on CD.

If you'd like to order a copy of a service, please contact Ted Kostecki, or the office at 679-8182 or leave a note on the collection plate. Copies of the service are available for a nominal donation to the church to cover the cost.

FSA Program Guide

Fall 2005

WORSHIP

September 4	16th after Pentecost 10:30 am in Lower Hall Rev. Dr. Susan Shelstad
Sept 11	17th after Pentecost. 10:30 in Main Sanctuary Rev. Dr. Susan Shelstad.
Sept 18	18th after Pentecost 9am and 10:30am Rev. Dr. David McKane
Sept 25	19th after Pentecost 9am and 10:30am Rev. Dr. David McKane
October 2	World Wide Communion Sunday 9am and 10:30am Rev. Dr. David McKane
October 9	Thanksgiving Sunday 9am and 10:30am Rev. Dr. David McKane
October 16	CELEBRATION SUNDAY 10:30 service only Rev. Drs. David McKane and Susan Shelstad.
October 23	23rd after Pentecost 9am and 10:30am Rev. Dr. Susan Shelstad
October 30	24th after Pentecost Music Sunday 10:30am service only Rev. Dr. David McKane
November 6	Remembrance Day New Members 9am and 10:30am Rev. Dr. David McKane
November 13	26th after Pentecost 9am and 10:30am Rev. Susan Shelstad
November 20	Anniversary Sunday 10:30am service only Guest Preacher Mary Jo Leddy The Salvation Army Band
November 27	1st of Advent 9am and 10:30am Lessons and Carols
December 4	Communion 9am and 10:30am Rev. Dr. David McKane

December 11	Pageant 10:30 am only
December 18	4th of Advent Rev. Dr. David McKane
December 24	Christmas Eve. 7 p.m. Rev. Dr. Susan Shelstad 10 p.m. Rev. Dr. David McKane
December 25	Christmas Day 10:30 only. Rev. Dr. David McKane.
January 1, 2006	10:30 Service only Rev. Dr. Susan Shelstad
January 8	Epiphany Communion 9am and 10:30am Rev. Dr. David McKane
January 15	First After Epiphany 9am and 10:30am Rev. Dr., David McKane

MUSIC

The Music Ministry puts faith into action as it serves the congregation, reaches out to the community and develops a bond of love and spiritual growth among its participants. Consider the many opportunities to rejoice at First-St. Andrew's in 2005-06.

THE CHOIRS

Come sing with us!

THE SENIOR CHOIR

Our Senior choir leads in worship at all 10:30 am services as well as presenting a number of concerts each year. Rehearsals are each Thursday from 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Please contact Paul Merritt at 679-8182 or 679-9173.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

The Junior Joyfuls (ages 4-8) led by Margaret Bereznick and the Joyful Singers (ages 8 and up) led by Paul & Enid Merritt always welcome new members. Joyful activities will begin on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30pm. If your children would like to be a part of the excitement, please call Margaret Bereznick at 474-6877 or The Merritts at 679-9173.

THE YOUTH CHOIR

Plans are being developed for opportunities for the youth of our church to share their musical talents with us. Keep you eyes open for future notices!

LAUDAMUS BELLS

The Laudamus Bells, now in its 34th year of offering praise at First-St. Andrew's, is reaching out for new members in readiness for the fall season. Men and women who read music and can commit to a weekly practice on Monday evening from September through May are invited to join our friendly, enthusiastic group, and to let Barbara know of others in the community who may be interested. Please call Barbara Plante, Director (472-4586 or 461-1202) for further information, or leave your name at the Church Office (679-8182).

THE FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S STRINGS

The FSA Strings is an accomplished performing group that has enjoyed increased exposure over the past years. As our very talented high school students graduate and continue their careers at distant universities, however, openings become necessary to fill.

If you are (or have been) an active string player and are from high school age to *much older*... and wish to play with the FSA Strings, please contact Bruce Richardson. Our first rehearsals will be Sunday, September 25th after church and Thursday, Sept. 29th, evening, with the choir, for our first performance, Sunday, October 2nd. Please leave both your phone number and e-mail address at 473-1023.



The FSA Strings get a standing ovation following a special concert in the Sanctuary in June



THE CONCERT SERIES

Our well-known Concert Series features world-class artists, performing in a beautiful space at very affordable ticket prices. Through the generous support of Friends of Music, First-St. Andrew's sponsors a wide variety of concerts as a musical outreach to the community. Highlights of the upcoming season include a performance of the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah with Symphony Hamilton and our choir, a return visit by the St. Lawrence String Quartet and Opera Gala II with our choir and outstanding soloists. For information on these and our other concerts, please see our forthcoming 2005-2006 brochure.

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: Joeli Robertson

CHURCH SCHOOL

Regular Church School classes begin on Sunday, September 11th at the 10:30 a.m. service.

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

Church School Coordinators: Chris and Monique Silcox (293-3960)

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

Young people in grade 9 and up are invited to join the Confirmation Class. If you're interested, please call Susan Shelstad at 679-8182.

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

Will begin on Sunday, September 11th from 9-10 a.m. in the Music Room (upstairs).

The Fall study will be on "Those Peculiar Parables" followed by "Untangling Thomas."

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

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10 am in the Parlour. This popular lectionary Bible Study group 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.

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 it from a spiritual perspective. 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.

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 September 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 Shirley 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 used a farm outside London owned by Tom McLarty. The amount raised by FSA members this year was 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. We are asking member or FSA to join together after the service September 11 at FSA for a Corn Roast to celebrate this year's campaign.



FRIENDSHIP & LEARNING GROUPS

FSA SUPPER CLUB (FORMERLY BIFOCALS)

The newly renamed Supper Club meets for Pot Luck and Entertainment, fellowship and varied programs. A warm invitation is extended to everyone. Gathering is at 6:15pm and Pot-Luck Dinner at 6:30. Dinner is followed by a singsong led by Paul Merritt and a program. This year's fall line-up is an interesting one:

Oct. 25th: "Escape Ecuador". Wilf and Leaurie Noordemeer take us on an audio-visual presentation of the Central highlands, visit Indian Markets, Explore the Amazon Jungle and take a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Galapagos Island.

Nov. 22nd: Dr. Terry Peters, an FSA member, will present "Virtual Reality in the Operating Room". He will demonstrate the use of Modern Imaging Technology that guide the surgeon during minimally-invasive operations in the brain and heart. Dr. Peters is a Scientist at the Robarts Research Institute and a Professor of Radiology, Medical Biophysics and Biomedical Engineering at UWO.

New members and guests are always welcome. Call Shirley Wynne, 474-4788, or June McKay, 471-5668, for information.

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.

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 1:30 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.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday Unit pot luck supper at Annabelle Logan's, Sept. 8, 5:30 pm

Wednesday Unit lunch at Elspeth Watson's, Sept. 14 at 10:30 am. Speaker: Marilyn Hart, past president of London Conference.

Tuesday Unit in the Parlour, Sept. 20 at 7 pm. Speaker: Julia Ferguson, London Woman of the Year, on "Volunteering".

BRIDGE GROUP

The Marathon Bridge Group has started its season under the coordination of Jim and Jean Young. Jim and Jean are looking for additional participants for games starting in October. For information contact the Youngs at 681-8119.

ISABEL GETLIFFE SEWING GROUP

Meets Wednesday from 9:30am - 2pm. Everyone interested in hand and machine sewing, cutting and stuff is welcome. Coffee is provided. Bring a lunch. The group prepares items for sale at the annual Bazaar in the fall.



Above: Some of the members of the Sewing Group on a Wednesday morning.

THE KNIT WITS

A group of experienced and beginner knitters get together on the first Tuesday of each month from 1pm-2:30pm. They produce items for children and adults who are cold and in need in our community. For information, call Carol Leenders, 432-1233.

A FINAL WORD

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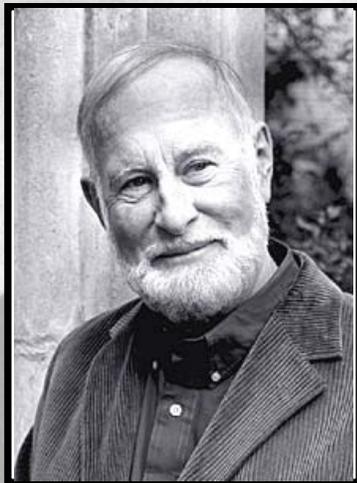
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The Proudfoot Lecture Series was inaugurated in 2004 by First-St. Andrew's United Church for the purpose of inviting speakers who would stretch our thinking and deepen our understanding on a wide range of contemporary topics.

Called after our founding minister, the Proudfoot Lecture Series seeks to provide both the church and the wider community with seminal thinkers who will remind us of our rich Canadian heritage and invite us to explore the future.

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