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SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

10:30 A.M.

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***50TH ANNIVERSARY HYMN** **Tapestry of Love** Valerie de Jong Richard
Music and Lyrics Diana Chappell; Arr-Biran Stevens. Used with permission.

(Solo) We are different, women leading different lives.
We are daughters, mothers, we are sisters and wives.
We are single strands joined together as one
in a community of friends.

**CHORUS: These are the threads of our common lives,
These are the threads soft and strong.
Joining together women near and far
in a tap-es-try of love.**

(Solo) Flames of Spirit, red, - peaceful ocean blue.
Laughter's golden truth, vibrant colours and hues.
We are different shades, joined together as one,
in a community of joy. (CHORUS)

(Solo) Stories reaching back, joining dreams and lives
our commitment's strong—and our vision still thrives.
From all walks of life, joined together as one,
in a community of faith. (CHORUS)

(The children will gather at the front during the singing of the last verse.)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Laurel Kenney, President

**Christ be with me, Christ within me
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.**

**Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

CHILDREN'S HYMN *More Voices* #145

Draw the Circle Wide

(The young people ages 3 through high school may leave for Church School classes..)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Donna Travis, Past President

**O God, Creator of the universe and all living creatures,
forgive us when we break faith with you by failing to love as we ought.
Make us new in your image, recreate us and set us free to love you
and all your children well.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

Kyrie *from* Peace Mass

B. Chilcott

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Know that our god is good
and that even before we ask it we are forgiven.
For this and for all of God's mercies to us,
thanks be to God!

*DOXOLOGY

Hakuma Mungu Kama Wewe (x4)
There is no other God like Jehovah.

We Listen for God's Word

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON from Ruth 1-4

Helen Mahabir

"Witness" the story of Ruth and Naomi

Monologues from "Some Women Amaze Us" by Bernice Santor, The Alymer Express Ltd., Fine Print Division

RESPONSE

For the Word of God in Scripture, among us and within us.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Gloria *from* Peace Mass

B. Chilcott

Text:

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis
Laudamus te
Benedicimus
Adoramus Te
Glorificamus te.

Glory to God in the highest.
And on earth peace to all those of good will.
We praise you,
We bless you,
We adore you,
We glorify you.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam
tuam.

We give thanks to You, according to. Your Great
Glory.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius patris.

Lord God, king of heaven, God the almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son, Father.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis
Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem. Nostrum.

You who removes the sins of the world, have mercy
on us.
You who removes the sins of the world, receive our
prayer.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, Miserere nobis.

You who sits at the right hand of the Father, have
mercy on us.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus Altissimus.

Jesu Christe.
Cum sancto Spiritu in Gloria Dei Patris,
Amen.

Because you alone are holy.
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the highest.

Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Ghost in the glory of God the Father,
Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON from Luke 10 and John 11 Debbie Schram, Past President
“Fellowship and Service” the story of Martha

RESPONSE

For the Word of God in Scripture, among us and within us.
Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Rev. Dr. Kate Crawford

HYMN

Tune VU 331

**We celebrate our history, rejoice to know our past,
And thank God for those women who to the faith held fast.
They toiled in God’s service, they worshipped, worked and
prayed; and following a vision they journeyed unafraid.**

**In this world of turmoil, the call of God we heed.
And to that call stay faithful, in action, word and deed.
Thus challenged by our purpose, and struggling on the way; we journey where
God leads us, toward a better day.**

**We look toward the future, and joyfully we go
with Faith into tomorrow the seeds of life to sow.
We follow still that vision, that will not be denied,
the coming of an Eden where all in love abide.**

(Written by Betty Radford Turcott. Voices of United Church Women 1962-2002; used with permission)

We Respond to God's Word

*STATEMENT OF FAITH A Reading from *The Song of Faith*

**Yet evil does not—cannot—
undermine or overcome the love of God.**

**God forgives,
and calls all of us to confess our fears and failings
with honesty and humility.**

**God reconciles,
And calls us to repent the part we have played
in damaging our world, ourselves, and each other.**

**God transforms,
and calls us to protect the vulnerable,
to pray for deliverance from evil,
to work with God for the healing of the world,
that all might have abundant life.**

We sing of grace.

**The fullness of life includes
moments of unexpected inspiration and courage lived out,
experiences of beauty, truth, and goodness,
blessings of seeds and harvest,
friendship and family, intellect and sexuality,
the reconciliation of persons through justice
and communities living in righteousness,
and the articulation of meaning.**

**And so we sing of God the Spirit,
who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation,
animating all energy and matter
and moving in the human heart.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jane Graves, Past National President

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC Mbelembele atwale (x4)

The Lord is ruling both sides of our lives.

*THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

VU542

**We give you but your own, what e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dorothy Preston, Past President

**O God, you have given to us beyond our wildest dreams,
and we are called to be thankful.**

**Empower us, Our God, to respond generously, wisely and compassionately,
so that our gifts combined with the gifts of others,
may follow the pattern of Jesus Christ and become a living, loving blessing.
In the name of love we pray, Amen.**

*VOICES UNITED #595

We Are Pilgrims

Servant Song

*GREETING

Millie Bates, Past President

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*COMMISSIONING

Friends, sisters and brothers in Christ,
we do look forward in faith to the future.
Go with joy, sowing seeds of life
answering the call of God.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

A Celtic Blessing

R. Watson Henderson

POSTLUDE

Atawale, atawale mwambiye yesus atawale
Let Jesus control your life.

Haleluhya amen, haleluhya amen (x4)
Leaders will sing "*Alleluia Amen*"
The congregation will respond "*Amen*".

MUSIC NOTES

For the reason of the gender oppression and inequality imposed to women in Africa; most of African women feel that they have lost their potential. They think that they have remained inactive and voiceless in both churches and in society. While in Canada, immigrant women realized the major role of women for advocating for the economic and spiritual growth, fight against poverty and spreading the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to all nations would be their aim and focus.

Since June 2005, when Nabita and her family came to Canada, she started to sing with her children as a way of glorifying God and then, immigrant ladies were mobilized to come together and form a singing group. Through the building of relationships Joy in the Harvest Drum Choir encourages spiritual growth supported by prayer and fellowship. Our women's community development programs are aimed at addressing the challenges of being in a new country and new culture.

Encouraging each other through music has brought all of us together as one family and we get an opportunity to discuss about the deep poverty in which immigrant women are living. We, Immigrants women decided to go beyond the singing as entertainment model and decided to initiate "Women Cultural bridge Initiative for Self-Empowerment, Inc.". This organization is organized exclusively for charitable, literary, educational and counseling purposes and will thrive in a gender equitable society in which women have access to education, jobs, violence free homes, economic independence and life skills training to benefit opportunities in the host country.

For more information, check the UCW bulletin board by the Chapel.

MEMBERS	POSITION	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
Nabita Nyarukundo	Chairlady/Choirmaster	Democ. Republic of Congo
Elaine Mkandoe	Secretary	Kenya
Golelive Mboko	Member	Democ. Republic of Congo
Pandora Saydee	Member	Liberia
Batachoka Magambo	Member	Democ. Republic of Congo
Zarfe Abebe	Member	Ethiopia
Zahara Hussein	Member	Ethiopia

UCW 50th ANNIVERSARY M & S Project for 2012

First-St. Andrew's U.C.W. has sent \$500 to this Anniversary Project in Morogoro that will fund midwife training courses for women of the Morogoro Women's Centre in Tanzania. Women will be trained in maternal care and then go out to use that training in village contexts. Each course will train 25 women, which costs \$20,000 plus covers travel, accommodation, food, classes, a medical kit and a solar LED lighting system. As Christian women we want to share a gift of hope with our un-named sisters in Tanzania, Africa.

FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH, LONDON UNITED CHURCH WOMEN 50th ANNIVERSARY—January 1, 2012

Life Members = £ Charter Members = € Past President = * Executive = √

£ €	Donna Jean Andrews	€	Helen McLeod
£ €	√ Eva Archibald	£ €	Gerry Meacham
	* √ Millie Bates	£	Anne Pattison
£	Gertrude Cole	*	Dorothy Preston
£ €	* √ Jean Comfort	*	Aggie Ramsden
€	Barbara Corbet	£ *	Deborah Roberts
	√ Audrey Coulthard	€	Shirley Savigny
€	Jane Graves	*	Debbie Schram
£	Jean Gorwill	£ €	√ Louise Slater
£	Margaret Hamilton		√ Sally Smith
£ €	* √ Laurel Kenney	€	√ Jeane Stewardson
£ €	* Annabelle Logan	€	Laura Swartman
£ €	Lorraine MacDonald	*	Kay Thorfinsson
€	Edith McCosh	£ *	Donna Travis
£ €	June McKay	*	Liz Wheable
€	Mary McKim	£ €	√ Margaret Wonfor
£ €	√ Lu McLean		

TODAY

USHERING AND RECEPTION Barry Tiffin, Narthex Co-ordinator,
Deborah Roberts, Louise Slater, Jeane Stewardson, Annabelle Logan,
Lorraine MacDonald, Aldis Murray, Margaret Wonfor

COFFEE and CONVERSATION

Please join us downstairs in Proudfoot Hall.

FAMILY POTLUCK—5:00-7:00 pm in Proudfoot Hall. All are welcome.
Bring your favourite dish to share.

LECTIONARY READINGS for Sunday, February 5

You may wish to use these in your personal devotions this week.

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOSPITALITY MEAL

Guests Last Week: 165 Tomorrow: Team 2



RUN THE CHURCH FOR A DAY: January 29, 2012

Charlotte Ann Bell

to celebrate the marriage of her daughter, Heather Eaman to Brad Dundas
which took place on January 28, 2012.

**FSA VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITY**

Hospitality Meals—Last year, our volunteers served a total
of 7,040 meals, which is an average of 156 people per
meal. This is an increase from 2010, when an average of
136 people came to each meal. If you would like to help,
we are in need of two volunteers. Please contact Jane
Westmorland at 473 1273 or westmorland@sympatico.ca.

Unleash your Creative Side—looking for help to revitalize artificial floral arrange-
ments. Call or Email Donna Travis at 519 672-6116 or dmross@sympatico.ca

LOST & FOUND—A silver Scottish pin was found after the Burns Supper.
It will be in the Office.

UNITED CHURCH REMITS Pastoral Charges and presbyteries across Canada are voting this year on whether to add three documents to our Manual as Statements of Faith. If the remits pass, the 1940 Statement of Faith, A New Creed and A Song of Faith would be added as "subordinate standards" (subordinate to scripture). They would join our current sole statement of faith, in the Doctrine section of the Basis of Union. The FSA Council will be voting on these in January, February and March. Since A Song of Faith is not well known in our church, we have decided to use it in worship, reciting sections of it for 12 weeks until the end of March. The whole text, and each statement of faith, can be found on the United Church of Canada website: www.united-church.ca

HOW TO WRITE A SERMON There will be a workshop for anyone interested in the process of how to write a sermon on Monday, February 13 from 7-9pm, in the library. This is open to the congregation as a whole, and there is no expectation that you would necessarily offer a sermon as a result. However, for those open to the opportunity, we are looking to compile a list of folks willing to preach on the occasional Sundays when clergy cannot be present. This workshop is a step towards equipping you if you feel called to that task.

HOW WILL YOUR FAMILY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN 2012?: THE GUIDING STAR PROJECT

The families of the FSA church school are looking to create a guiding star to help us shine a light into the places that are in need this year. Children will be given a coloured 5-point star on which the family can list 5 specific acts or behaviours make a difference. This star will be a guiding star for the year 2012.



A bulletin board will be set up in the fireside room to post our guiding stars.

As the weeks pass, families are encouraged to take photographs, record short journal entries in a word processor, show artifacts of the work that has been done and bring them to Chris and Monique to post so we can inspire each another to stick with and follow our guiding stars throughout the year! Start talking with your family and the 5 points of your star; we look forward to getting your stars back at the church and to seeing your progress! Please contact us with any questions you may have at m.c.silcox@rogers.com or 226-663-2048. Many thanks, Chris & Monique Silcox.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will soon be having their first meeting. As part of confirmation they will be finding sponsors. You may be asked to work with a young person, please say "yes".

MUSIC AT FIRST-ST. ANDREWS

BAROQUE FEST 2—SUNDAY, February 5th at 2:30 p.m.

**Valerie de Jong, Soprano, Janice Coles, Alto, Jordan Baldwin, Tenor Dylan Wright, Bass
Margaret Trethewey & Sharon Kahan, Flute Ben Gitter & Adrian Wright, Cello
Paul Merritt, Organ
FREEWILL OFFERING**

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT Kate will be offering three "Evenings with A Mystic", for anyone interested in delving a little into the depths of the human encounter with God. Mystics are those rare people who seem able to walk closer to God than the rest of us, and who bless us with their vision of the divine. Set aside the first Wednesday of February, March and April, 7:30-9pm in the Parlour for a chance to get to know a mystic - and yourself! On Wednesday, February 1 we will meet Julian of Norwich, an English mystic of the fourteenth century. Our evening will include reading, discussion and prayer.

JESUS IN YOUR IPOD—We will be walking through the Sundays of Lent this year with another sermon series on music. Make your communications of songs or hymns to Kate, and some will be selected in partnership with the gospel texts to help us hear God speaking to us in Lent 2012.

Tuesday, January 31st— SUPPER CLUB 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us for a POT LUCK SUPPER, Sing-song and presentation by our guest, MICHELLE GATT from SENIORS ACCESS, LONDON. She will outline some of the resources and guidance available to Seniors...(post -retirement planning, Home care resources, Assistance for those who are caring for elderly loved ones, Long Term residences). This is sure to generate some interesting conversation and questions. Guests, please call June McKay 519-471-5668

LIVING AND WORKING AS MISSION PERSONNEL in a cross-cultural context overseas is a unique opportunity and offers many gifts and challenges. These challenges are best met by people who have a deep and growing Christian faith, who are flexible, mature, resourceful, and who can live with ambiguity. These persons have a healthy sense-awareness, the ability to deal with unusual circumstances and are able to handle occasional high levels of stress. They have a strong commitment to God's mission of justice and peace for all, and particularly for those who are marginalized or oppressed. Know someone like this? Please encourage them to consider overseas mission service through The United Church of Canada. <http://www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/global/overseas/>

THE EAST LONDON UNITED CHURCH OUTREACH MINISTRY (ELUCO) is hosting a concert June 10th, 2012 at Dundas Street United Church to celebrate music and mission and to mark the 87th anniversary of the United Church of Canada. A free will offering will be taken that day to support ELUCO's food security programs. This is a reminder to choir members and an invitation to choral singers in our congregations to join us for this musical adventure! We will be singing a couple old anthems and hymns with new arrangements and some brand new material and even a little touch of jazz – from Beethoven to John Rutter to Oscar Peterson.

Rehearsals for the mass choir will be at Rowntree United Church will be Saturday mornings from 10:45 to 11:45 commencing February 04, 2012. Please note that both facilities are handicapped accessible. For more information see your choir director or send an e-mail to concert2012.eluco@hotmail.com

AMNESTY WRITEATHON and LUNCH - SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Another opportunity for LUNCH after church! The MOE folks will be preparing their famous soups, along with rolls and goodies. This will be by donation to pay for postage and, hopefully, a donation to this wonderful organization. There will be letters to write and cards to sign to help folks in seemingly impossible situations. So mark your calendar NOW.

SHOES - SHOES - SHOES

We are still looking for Adult Running Shoes (or similar) and even winter boots for our homeless folks here in London. These are delivered by Bill and Jean Knowles to the London Inter-Community Health Centre who distribute them to these unfortunate folks. Just place same in the box by the mailboxes in the Atrium. Thank You.

ST. PAUL'S DAILY BREAD—

As numbers continue to increase and many new folks are arriving every day, our needs are ever increasing. While any nonperishable food is always appreciated, there is also a great need of toiletries such as toothpaste/brushes, deodorants, razors, shaving cream, toilet paper, etc. These are necessary items needed by our clients but unaffordable after rent, etc is paid from minimal funds. Thank you.

A Volunteer Opportunity -

The DAILY BREAD Board is canvassing all contributing Churches to secure a volunteer Treasurer to compile reports. Approximately 10 hours a month would be required. If interested and for more information, please contact Jane Moffat, Co-Ordinator at 519-434-8979.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held following worship on February 12 in Proudfoot Hall, with lunch provided (donations to defray costs welcome). At this important meeting our last year is reviewed, the budget for this year is set, and nominations are received for leadership positions. Please plan to attend.

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION. Stan Hill has signalled that he will be stepping down from the Board of Trustees at the rise of our Congregational meeting. We are required to give two weeks notice of this resignation, and of the intention to appoint another Trustee at the upcoming meeting.

Motion for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to be held February 12, 2012

MOTION: That the congregation of First-St. Andrew's United Church, Middlesex Presbytery, London Conference hereby:

Determines and directs that for the year 2012, it will carry only the insurance in the attached policy;

Ecclesiastical Insurance Co. Policy #0102687FB01.5.0

Acknowledges that the limits in such insurance policy or policies may be less than the full replacement cost of the buildings insured under the attached policy or policies;

Releases the Trustees of First-St. Andrew's United Church from any obligation to maintain insurance coverage with higher limits than that provided in the attached policy or policies, and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Trustees of First-St. Andrew's for all claims with respect to such obligations.

Releases the Board of Trustees of First-St. Andrew's United Church from any actions taken on behalf of the congregation in respect of property held by the Board in the name of the congregation and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Trustees of First-St. Andrew's from all claims with respect to such decisions taken during the year 2011.

In order to amend our Statement of Policies and Procedures, the Council is required to give notice of motion at least two weeks prior to the vote at the Annual Congregational meeting. Therefore, the Finance Committee is proposing the following, which has already been approved by the Council. The motion to be considered is as follows:

Motion: That the Annual General Meeting February 12, 2012 of the Congregation of First-St. Andrew's United Church (FSA) approve Finance impacted revisions to the "FSA Statement of Policy and Procedures."

The substance of these revisions is to clarify the role of Treasurer, and lines of accountability. The proposed changes are available for review in the Narthex and Atrium of the Church.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE recommended to Council at their December 2011 meeting that the requirement for a maximum of three Terms of Office for members of Committees be removed. The motion notes that the removal of set terms does not apply to Committee Chairs, who retain the current terms of office, or to the Board of Trustees who have their own terms of office, as do the Presbytery Representatives. This motion was approved by Council and the following motion therefore will be added to the Agenda of the AGM to be voted on by the congregation, since it involves changing our Policies and Procedures:

MOTION: that the requirement for a maximum of three Terms of Office for regular FSA committee members be removed and the wording in the Statement of Policies and Procedures in Sections 3.2.7, and any other references to these terms be changed accordingly. The change in wording in Section 3.2.7 will be changed from:

“It is recommended that no member of the congregation serve on any one committee for more than three consecutive terms. However, where there will be more than a 60% turnover of membership on any committee and in the opinion of the Nominating Committee an unacceptable impairment of the operation of the committee would thereby result, the congregation on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee may extend for a further term or terms on a committee of a person whose term would otherwise extend beyond the three term recommendation.”

To

“Regular committee members may extend their three year terms indefinitely if they so desire and if this is sanctioned by the Chair of their Committee. This does not apply to members of the Board of Trustees, Presbytery Representatives, or Church Officers, all of whom have their own Terms of Office. The summary of all Terms of Office is listed in Appendix A of the Statement of Policies and Procedures for First-St. Andrew’s United Church.



KEEP THE DATE— for more information please check our website or the bulletin boards in the church

FEBRUARY	5	10:30 am	Regular Worship
		2:30 pm	Baroque Fest (2) with Bach Cantata
	12	10:30 am	Baptism
		11:45 am	Lunch and Annual Congregational Meeting
	19	10:30 am	Mission Sunday, guest preacher, the Rev. Matthew Stevens
	21	5:30 pm	Pancake Supper (Shrove Tuesday)
	22	7:45 pm	Ash Wednesday Service

**WEEK AT A GLANCE—
JANUARY 2012**

- 29** 9:00 Bible Study
10:30 Service
2-4 FR in use
5-7 Family Potluck
- 30** 5:00-6:00 Suzuki, Sa
5:30 Hospitality Meal, T2
- 31** 9:30 Staff
6:00 Supper Club

FEBRUARY 2012

- 1** 12:00 Brown Bag Lunch
6:30 Joyful Singers
6:30 Jr. Joyfuls
7:00 ELUCO, SR
7:30-9:00 Evening with a Mystic, Par
- 2** 10:00 Bible Study
7:30 Choir
- 3** 9:15 UCW Exec
5:00-7:00 Rental, FR
- 4** **9:00-4:00 Rental, FR**
- 5** 9:00 Bible Study
10:30 Service
12-5 P. Merritt, Sa
2:30 Baroque Concert, Sa

Newcomers and visitors are invited to sign the Guest register in the Atrium or Narthex. If you are able, please join us after the service for **Cake, Coffee and Conversation** in Proudfoot Hall. Choose a pink mug so that we may introduce ourselves to you.

FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S STAFF
 Rev. Dr. Kate Crawford, *Minister of Worship & Administration*
 Rev. Tom Hiscock— *Part-time Supply Minister*
 Paul Merritt, *Director of Music*
 Debra Low, *Church Administrator* Maureen Scarborough, *Administrative Assistant*
 Geoff Bottomley *and* Valerie DeJong, *Custodians*