

Mission/Outreach

- **Mission Snippet:** The Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel has been a program of the World Council of Churches since 2002. Accompaniers experience the daily life—and challenges—of Palestinians and Israelis
- **Write for Rights:** Thank you to everyone who wrote letters and enjoyed a chili lunch at our annual Amnesty International Write for Rights event last Sunday. So far, we have received 25 letters in support of those unfairly jailed for speaking out in support of the environment, political activism, criticizing the government and many other human rights violations. 54 years of activism through Amnesty International has shown that words have power. If you were not able to write a letter during our Write for Rights Event, there are cases on a table in the Atrium for you to pick up and write in support of at home as well as petitions to sign. You can mail these letters yourself or bring them back to the church, mail them in the red mailbox in the atrium and we will add stamps and mail them.
- **ELUCO'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** ELUCO will hold its AGM on **Wed. April 4th, at Gethsemane Gardens at 7pm.** We will be honouring volunteers from Welcome Wednesday, Marconi community and the Board. We invite all who are interested -*Carol Langford, Chair ELUCO Board of Directors*
- **Save the Date: June 9, for the White Squirrel Tournament.** Registration begins **April 15th**, and keep your eyes peeled for more information.

Trustees

May 15th: The Long-term Planning Committee of the Board of Trustees will be hosting an **Estate Planning Seminar** focusing on **Wills, POAs, Financial Planning, cemeteries and funeral home planning and the coordinating value of a spiritual advisor.** The evening is intended to include a cross-section of the practical aspects of death and the role played by the experts.

Christian Development

- **Mining the Mystery, Season III** in cooperation with the **Men's Brown Bag.** Last session: **April 8th** - Dialogue led by Dr. Jo Ann Silcox, and Rev. Dr. David McKane.
- CD is providing a [reflective Lenten calendar](#). This week we are supporting Merrymount. Please bring in craft items. If you have any questions, contact Allyson Watson or Jane Dockrill.
- **Book Club:** The next book is *Annabel* by Kathleen Winter for the meeting on **April 3rd at 7pm** in the Parlour. Get book details from the Bulletin Board or the email blast.
- **SUMMER CAMP DATES!** Mark your calendars and get the offspring signed up!!
 - **Mon. July 9th to Fri. July 13th:** Vacation Bible Camp, JK/SK – Grade 8
 - **Mon Aug. 13th to Fri. Aug. 17th:** Vacation Bible Camp, JK/SK – Grade 4
 - **Mon. Aug 13th to Fri. Aug. 17th:** New GO PROJECT – Eco Adventure Camp, Grades 4 – 8

Worship

Maundy Thursday Service and Lunch: Please join us at **11am** on **March 29th** for a short service followed by lunch to Celebrate Maundy Thursday as we enter into the final leg of our Lenten Journey in Holy Week.

Good Friday: We are hosting Good Friday this year and Metropolitan United Church will be joining us for worship. Please come out to share in this most important service at 10:30 on **Fri. March 30th**. The joint choir will be leading the 2nd half of the service with *Requiem* by John Rutter, with guest instrumentalists on flute, oboe, cello, harp, percussion and organ. The service will conclude in silence followed by a reception in the Atrium with our friends from Met. Come and share in the hospitality and hot cross buns.

FSA Heartbeats

From Western News: The Vice-provost (academic programs) award for excellence in online teaching and learning was awarded to the Preceptor Team of the school of Occupational Therapy Faculty of Health Sciences. Our own **Ann MacPhail** is a member of this group of ten and we offer her our heartiest congratulations.

Music

- **Save the Date for *Elijah* – Sat. April 21st at 7:30pm.** Tickets (\$35) are now available from the Church Office or online at www.fsaunited.com
- **Music Matters is coming to FSA. *Music United*** is hosting Music Matters conference from **April 27th through April 29th** at the same time as the **Revitalize** theological conference at Metropolitan UC. The two are working together. Music Matters will be offering numerous workshops with a joint worship service on the Friday evening and a mini hymn festival on the Saturday evening after a day of workshops. We are looking for homes to billet our executive, since Music United has a very limited budget. If you can help, please contact Terry Head at 519-679-8182 ext. 3, or music@fsaunited.com. If you would like to know more about *Music Matters* or *Music United* please visit www.musicunited.ca

UCW

- **Spring Rummage Sale, April 14th.** Gather your good used items — jewellery, clothing, toys, household items, electronics and bring them to the Proudfoot stage. Then, tell your friends and neighbours to come to FSA on the 14th for some great treasure-hunting! Proceeds go to UCW designated charities.
- **Thurs. Apr. 5th:** The Dundas Street Centre UCW invites FSA UCW to a celebratory Spring morning of boutique shopping (9 am), entertainment (10 am) and a delicious potluck luncheon (11:30). The morning show, **O Valiant Hearts** is a Song Salute to the End of the Great War, featuring Norm Abbot, Nancy Quinn and Jordan Baldwin (Tenor/Violinist) with MCs, Beckie Clark and the Rev. Keith Rameshwar. For the Potluck, indicate whether you prefer to bring a main course, salad or dessert, on Sign-up sheet, on our FSA UCW Bulletin Boar

The Bulletin

for Sunday, March 25

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



Admin/Council

Easter Flowers: If you would like to donate to **the Memorial Easter Flowers Fund** to decorate the Chancel, contact the Church Office with your name and the person(s) you would like to honour that day. Make Cheques out to "First-St. Andrew's U.C.W."

Easter Appeal: It is a tradition at First-St. Andrew's to give its members and friends an opportunity to make an "extra" donation to the church at Easter. For the next two Sundays, the order of Service will include an "Easter Appeal" envelope. Please give your prayerful support, in recognition of the three touch-stones developed by the Planning Committee: Faith; Service and outreach; Arts and music programs – (FSA).

Shopping Card Corner: Our supplier has notified us that the popular \$250 Loblaws cards are still available, but will be "unmarked", although loaded with \$250. As well, they currently have some Air Canada \$500 and \$1,000 cards available with a 2% discount if any of you are planning a trip. With Easter coming up, we have stocked up on all our grocery cards, and also have some Laura Secord cards available. Sorry we weren't able to provide your cards last Sunday, but our debit machine has now been replaced ready for this Sunday. We have a great selection of cards available for you to choose from as you prepare to celebrate Easter. Those "few dollars" you contribute every time you support the Shopping Card project will help us meet our 2018 objective of \$6,500 net profit. Help us help FSA

Below are the space bookings for the next week. Note that booked times may not correspond to the public aspect of an event.

<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palm Sunday • 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Bible Study-SR • 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Big Circle Breakfast PH, KIT • 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship Service • 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM Jane Austen Society (JASNA) - PAR • 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Magisterra Soloists - Young Performer's Award - CH 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM Getting Ahead - PH, KIT • 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Choral Celebration Rehearsal - SA • 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM ProMusica - CH • 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Care-for-the-Caregivers-PAR • 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Property Committee--Lib. 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Staff Meeting - LIB • 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Choral Celebration Rehearsal - SA • 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Great Big Theatre class - FR • 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Soul Care • 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM FSA Choir Good Friday Dress Rehearsal - SA 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Maundy Thursday Lunch prep - KIT • 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM Getting Ahead - FR • 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Brown Bag Lunch Par • 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM Choral Celebration Rehearsal - SA • 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Sing For Your Supper - PH, KIT, FR, SA • 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM DevaTree - YR • 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM UWO Choral Celebration - SA, PH, CH, FR, Par 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM DevaTree - CH • 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Maundy Thursday Lunch prep- PH, KIT • 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service and Lunch • 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Laudamus Bells - SA • 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - CH 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Closed Today • 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM DevaTree - CH • 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Good Friday Reception - PH, KIT • 10:30 AM Good Friday Service Joint with MET, DSCUC + FSA - SA 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM DevaTree - CH
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