

Mission/Outreach

- **Mission Snippet:** Wesley Urban Ministries provides meals, housing and pastoral support for homeless people, refugees and the working poor in Hamilton, ON. The people at Wesley become family to those on the margins.
- Remember our **Grow-a-Row** project is now in full swing. Pick up an envelope from the tables in the Atrium or Narthex. One dollar donated equals five thanks to the federal government's matching grant.
- **St Paul's Social Services - Food Bank and Fellowship Centre:** Please don't forget this worthy cause when doing your shopping! Hunger does not take a summer holiday!
- **Save the Date:** The Annual **Corn Roast** will be **Sept 9th** after Worship in Proudfoot Hall, a great time to catch up with your FSA friends and begin a new church year.



Faith Development

- **Book Club: Sept. 18th,** *Forgiveness* by Mark Sakamoto. the heart-rending true story of two families on either side of the Second World War.
- **Rally Sunday** will be Sept. 16th. Mark your calendar.

Membership & Nurture

- **The Affirm Committee** has a block of tickets for FSA for the High School Project production of **Prom Queen: The Musical**, at the Grand Theatre on **Sun. Sept. 23rd** at 2 pm. Tickets are \$30 (cash or cheque only) and will be in the church office **until Aug. 22nd**. No tickets will be available at the group rate after Aug. 22nd. Any questions: Contact Jo Ann Silcox, silcox3@sympatico.ca or 519-642-2152.
- You are invited to the 4th Annual **Pride Parade Picnic** on **Sun. July 29th**. The service will be at 10:30am on the church lawn, followed by a BBQ. You will be entertained by London's SOUP Ukulele Group and there will be games for children. Please bring your lawn chairs, noise-makers, and a supportive spirit for this very fun and important outreach to our community.
- As part of our pastoral care we have a team of people who call members in a caring way. Because of several retirements on our team we are looking for several new caring callers. If you can be of help, please call Annabelle Logan at: 519-471-2518 or email her at: nanabelle@rogers.com
- While you drink your lemonade after church each Sunday, don't forget to stop by the card sales table in the Atrium and purchase all your gift card requirements. We look forward to seeing you each Sunday ☺.
- First-St Andrew's is once again undertaking a **photo directory** for our congregation. The benefits are many, including your own personal directory and one free 8X10 inch photograph, as well as the opportunity to purchase photos as thoughtful gifts for friends and family. Starting in August, you can expect a phone call from a member of FSA so that you can book an appointment for your photo. The photos are scheduled to take place during the weeks of **Sept. 24th, Oct. 9th and Oct. 15th**. Stay tuned for updates.



Neighbourly News

- **My Sister's Place** is in need of **coffee mugs**. If you have too many, could you please share? Bring your donations of coffee mugs to FSA on Sunday morning and we will deliver them to My Sister's Place on your behalf.

Admin/Council

Have you noticed that a new garden has "sprouted" at FSA? A vertical garden has been built in the FSA parking lot with a variety of herbs, flowers and vegetables. Geraldo Rivera, who has a company, Yermis Garden, that sells organic vegetables and herbs to local restaurants, has been working with Bob Swartman on the project. Lots of peppers, various herbs, tomatoes, beans, carrots and lettuce have been planted. Jane Dockrill and her kids have plans to make spaghetti sauce from the tomatoes she planted near the Atrium door and will use the spices from the vertical garden. We hope the Bridges group can help themselves to our produce as well. Check out the project this week and then watch us grow!



Our Summer Worship Calendar

- July 29th: Worship on the Lawn **for Pride Sunday**
- Aug. 5th: Barbara Cunningham preaching in Proudfoot Hall
- Aug. 12th: Kerry Stover preaching in Proudfoot Hall
- Aug. 19th: David McKane preaching in Proudfoot Hall
- Aug. 26th: David McKane preaching in Proudfoot Hall
- Sept. 2nd: David McKane preaching in Proudfoot Hall
- Sept. 9th: Rev. Michelle Down preaching in the Sanctuary

Rev. Michelle's Corner

Michelle and Joyce have both been elected by their peers to represent them as **Commissioners to General Council**. This is the National meeting of the United Church of Canada that happens once every three years. It is such an honour and privilege to be nominated and then elected to represent London Conference. This privilege comes with a huge responsibility, and as the church transitions into its new identity, we will be there as voting delegates on all the matters that shape the new formation of the United Church of Canada. Yes, it means that it takes us away from a Sunday of church here at FSA on July 22nd, but we are praying that you will support our work not only for First St. Andrew's but also for the larger church. The theme for this year's General Council is Risking Faith, Daring Hope. We are praying that you will live into this theme over the summer. Please listen in to General Council LIVE from July 21st-28th. The General Council will be live-streamed from Durham College in Oshawa, and so you can watch and listen to all of the events of the court that are happening, including inspiring worship. Tune in! You can find us at www.generalcouncil43.ca Thanks for your support, and for your Risking Faith and Daring Hope.



Below are the space bookings for the coming week. Note that the booking times do not necessarily correspond to the public aspect of an event.

<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>7:00 AM - 5:00 PM</u> DevaTree - CH, LIB • <u>10:30 AM - 11:30 AM</u> Worship Service - Kerry Stover preaching 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>8:00 AM - 4:30 PM</u> Vacation Bible Camp - CH, FR, PH, KIT, SR 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>8:00 AM - 4:30 PM</u> Vacation Bible Camp - CH, FR, PH, KIT, SR 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>8:00 AM - 4:30 PM</u> Vacation Bible Camp - CH, FR, PH, KIT, SR • <u>9:00 AM - 2:00 PM</u> Sewing Group - FR • <u>12:00 PM - 1:00 PM</u> Men's Brown Bag Lunch Par 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>8:00 AM - 4:30 PM</u> Vacation Bible Camp - CH, FR, PH, KIT, SR 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>8:00 AM - 4:30 PM</u> Vacation Bible Camp - CH, FR, PH, KIT, SR 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>9:30 AM - 6:30 PM</u> Soul Care
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