

## Mission/Outreach

- **Mission Snippet:** Embracing the Spirit supports innovation in The United Church of Canada.
- **The White Squirrel Golf Tournament**
  - We're still accepting your donations for the **Silent or Live Auction** tables. Contact Margo Christodoulou if you have any questions.
  - Check us out at Coffee and Conversation where you can register for the golf, and the nature walk and the scrumptious (You can also get forms online or from the church office). See you there!
  - What's your favourite appetizer? Cheese Balls? Hot Artichoke Dip? Spinach Dip in a Sourdough Loaf? They're old news. Bid on the **Secret Auction** Item for the White Squirrel Golf Tournament and if yours is the winning bid, you will learn how to make Alsatian Bacon Tart, Hearts of Palm with Macadamia Nut topping, Pastry Cups with Smoked Salmon and Capers. Best part is you don't have to remodel your kitchen or restock your shelves to make these. See you at Coffee and Conversation!
- **Recycle Plastic Bags!** The ELUCO Food Cupboard needs plastic bags in which to pack smaller bags of bulk food. Bags sized approximately 8.5"x11" would be suitable. Bags such as outside milk bags or a little smaller would work well. Please place bags in the lower left drawer of the mail slot unit in the Atrium. Thank you for your help in recycling and assisting the ELUCO Food Cupboard.
- **Summer Camp:** Donations are now needed to send children from the Marconi Community in east London to camp. A week spent outdoors in a natural setting such as at Camp Kee-Mo-Kee is the experience of a life time for many children from low income families. Registration fees are approximately \$350.00 per child and higher for Leadership Training camps. Please contact Nancy Howard, ELUCO Community Outreach Worker for more information at 519-451-3709 or email: eluco@bellnet.ca Make your cheque out to "ELUCO" and send it to: P.O. Box 32013, London, ON N5V 5K4. You will receive a charitable donation receipt
- 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 chipping in.

## Christian Development

- We are going to have one more **Lunch Bunch**. It will be on **Thurs. June 7<sup>th</sup>** at noon at The Growing Chefs, which is where *Auberge du Petit Prince* used to be, at 460 King St. Our guest speaker will be Andre Halwa, Executive Director of the London Arts Council. The meal will be chicken parmesan and salad and tickets will be available at the church office for \$22 each.
- **SUMMER CAMP DATES!** Mark your calendars and get the offspring signed up!!
  - **Mon. July 23<sup>rd</sup> to Fri. July 27<sup>th</sup>:** Vacation Bible Camp, JK/SK – Grade 8
  - **Mon. Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> to Fri. Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>:** Vacation Bible Camp, JK/SK – Grade 4
  - **Mon. Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> to Fri. Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>:** GO PROJECT – Eco Adventure Camp, Grades 4 – 8
- **Book Club:** For the next meeting, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, we invite you to read *Forgiveness* by Mark Sakamoto. the heart-rending true story of two families on either side of the Second World War—and a moving tribute to the nature of forgiveness.

## Admin/Council Notes

- **Shopping and Gift Cards:** This is the big May 24<sup>th</sup> weekend when we can start flinging petunias, perennials, annuals and seeds into our gardens ready for the beauty of summer. Maybe even tomato plants and other veggies. We carry a multitude of cards to help you make that happen. Canadian Tire, Home Depot, Home Hardware, Walmart and of course all the grocery stores offer gorgeous hanging baskets. Help us help FSA
- **Michelle and Joyce** will be off for the week of May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup> to take time to rebound after their very deep involvement with the London Conference Annual Meeting. Please offer them your support and prayers. Since Rev. Dr. David McKane is also away at this time, Rev. Kenji Marui from Calvary United Church will be covering for any pastoral care emergencies or funerals. You can reach him Calvary Church, 519-434-5526. or through the FSA church office.

## NEIGHBOURLY NEWS

**Cards for Kids** sincerely thanks everyone for their recent donations. We are busy up-cycling all of your lovely cards. We have expanded our recipients beyond the Salvation Army and My Sister's Place and hope to continue doing so. Thank you again.

## Hour Worship Calendar

- May 27<sup>th</sup>: Worship Committee Service
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Service at Kee-Mo-Kee
- June 10<sup>th</sup>: Communion
- July 1<sup>st</sup>: Worship on the Lawn for Canada Day
- July 8<sup>th</sup>: Worship on the Lawn with the *Blessing of the Animals*
- July 29<sup>th</sup>: Worship on the Lawn for *Pride Sunday*

## Music

- Mark your calendars and prepare for an enchanted May evening! The FSA Strings will present its annual Spring Concert on **Wed. May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**. Freewill offering.
- **Visitors from Nashville!** Join us on **Wed. June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** for an evening of sacred choral music presented by the *Open Door Singers*, youth in grades 7-12 from Belmont United Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee. Free will offering.

## COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

**Tidings** is looking for a new editor to take over the reins with the production of the September issue. If you would be interested in this rewarding role at FSA or want more information about what is entailed, please contact Pat McGregor.

Membership & Nurture

- **The Affirm Committee** has reserved a block of 30 tickets for FSA for the High School Project production of **Prom Queen: The Musical**, at the Grand Theatre on **Sun. Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 2 pm For those who do not want to go home between the service and the beginning of the play, we will show a short video and have a discussion in the Fireside Room about some of the issues in the play, while eating our brown bag lunches. At the end of the performance, a few of the actors will talk with us about what it meant to be in the play and will respond to our questions. Tickets are \$30 (cash or cheque only) and will be sold at Coffee and Conversation during the months of May and June. Tickets will also be sold in the church office **from May until Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>**. No tickets will be available at the group rate after Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Any questions: Contact Anne Cummings, cummings@uwo.ca or 519-660-6106 or Jo Ann Silcox, silcox3@sympatico.ca or 519-642-2152.
- **Membership and Nurture News:** “Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they are worthless but because they are priceless.” For those hardworking FSA volunteers who missed Rev. Michelle’s stirring appreciation for all you do during our Volunteer Appreciation Sunday on May 6, our heartfelt thanks. FSA simply would not work without you. We are a better place because of all you do.
  - Speaking of appreciation, we are thankful that Gerry Meacham has taken on the role of Coordinator for driving requests. If you are able to drive someone in your area to church service on Sunday or if you require a drive on Sunday, please contact Gerry at 519-850-6309 or gerrymeacham@gmail.com.

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

<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>10:30 AM - 11:30 AM</u> <u>Worship Service - Pentecost Service</u></li> </ul>	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Office Closed Today</u></li> <li>• <u>6:30 PM - 10:00 PM ProMusica - CH</u></li> </ul>	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Staff Meeting - LIB</u></li> <li>• <u>6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Soul Care</u></li> </ul>	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sewing Group - FR</u></li> <li>• <u>11:00 AM - 2:30 PM Getting Ahead - PH, KIT</u></li> <li>• <u>12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Brown Bag Lunch Par</u></li> <li>• <u>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM White Squirrel Committee meeting - SR</u></li> </ul>	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Ordination Service Rehearsal - SA</u></li> <li>• <u>1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Laudamus Bells - SA</u></li> <li>• <u>7:00 PM - 10:00 PM FSA Strings rehearsal - SA</u></li> <li>• <u>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - CH</u></li> </ul>	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>9:00 AM - 8:00 PM Elections Ontario Advance Poll - CH</u></li> <li>• <u>9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Great Big Theatre Company - SR</u></li> <li>• <u>7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Soul Care</u></li> </ul>	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>9:00 AM - 8:00 PM Elections Ontario Advance Poll - CH</u></li> <li>• <u>1:00 PM - 9:30 PM Soul Care</u></li> <li>• <u>7:00 PM Ordination Service S, PH, KIT</u></li> </ul>
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