

Tidings

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Alton Ross

YOU KNOW HIM!

The man who comes to church and then only stays for half the service. The man who doesn't like Frank or Catherine's sermons?!

By Susan Carscadden-Mifsud

Alton Ross does not leave church early....indeed, he is one of First-St. Andrew's most faithful members and very rarely misses any part of a Sunday Service. He quietly serves our community of faith in his modest, unassuming way.

Susan: Where DO you go when you leave the Sanctuary?

Alton: Well, we have one master tape recorder which feeds into a bank of 10 tapes and they are up behind the chancel, where the old organ used to be. I tape the entire Sunday service on a 90-minute tape and each week, I have to flip all 11 tapes just before the sermon begins.

Alton confessed, with a snicker of delight, that the odd person has ventured to that room for some supplies during a service and jumped when they heard his voice!

Susan: How did you get the job of making these tapes?

Alton: I became involved when the new sound system was installed five or six years ago. I was working with Doug Jones and I guess I opened my big mouth and that was it.

Susan: What is the reason for having these tapes?

Alton: It was originally started to provide tapes for shut-ins. But now, there aren't many tapes borrowed from week to week. I still believe there is a need, though. I wish we could find people who would deliver a tape each week to a shut-in.

My conversation with Alton made me realize what an important role these tapes could play in maintaining connections with members of our church family who cannot come to church. He is dedicated to continuing to offer this service for those in need.

Not only did I learn about the Tape Ministry during my visit, but I also had the opportunity to meet Kay, Alton's wife. Did you know that Kay Ross began singing in our choir when she was fourteen years old? Having been baptized at FSA (then St. Andrew's Presbyterian), she found it difficult to "follow" Alton to the Baptist church after they were married.

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Kay: One week, we attended the Baptist church in the morning and the United church in the evening. The next Sunday, we would reverse it. Eventually, after we had our first child, we couldn't keep that up so we stayed at First-St. Andrew's.

Having left Prince Edward Island many years ago, Alton still speaks of The Island as home and Kay verifies that he is a true "Islander". Alton and Kay celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June '94. I look forward to a day soon when we might all be able to see Kay and Alton in church together.

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

By Chris Silcox

First-St. Andrew's Youth Group will be having a "Gym Riot" in the Lower Hall to bring out as many interested young people as possible. This group is open to a wide variety of ages and personalities from the older public school guys and gals (around Gr. 7/Gr. 8) to the high school ranks. The Gym Riot is composed of four teams in a unique competition to beat old and new friends at uncommon team-oriented games. The day of the event will be **Saturday, September 17 from about 3 pm to supper time. A dinner will be provided (likely pizza) at the conclusion of the Gym Riot.** This event will correspond with the rehearsals for "Uniquely Yours" which is open to all youths. We hope to see as many of the youths as there are in existence but those of you who will at least take the first step will not be disappointed. **Call CHRIS SILCOX, 642-2011, if there are any questions about this or the youth group.**

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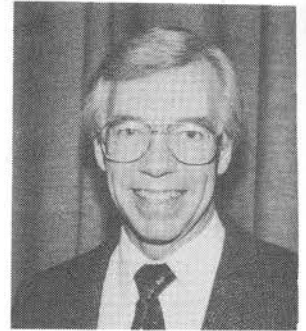
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Council Reports To You:

By Doug McGregor, Chair



Doug McGregor

Council last met on June 14th. A number of things have been happening over the summer - the Access Project is making exciting progress; the Working Party, led by Barry Moore, has been very active; Bill Watson and Emily Woods, volunteers to co-chair the Stewardship Campaign this fall, have been planning and working with others.

This will create exciting developments very shortly! The Working Party is planning communication with the congregation and will progress in many ways before it reports to the annual meeting next year. Anniversary Sunday on November 20th will see the conclusion of the Stewardship Campaign, and the new access addition should be open by then. Staff and committees have planned a full slate of programs for the fall, and it promises to be a time of glorious activity and rejoicing.

One outcome of progress by the Working Party is the sense that this congregation is moving forward, and making important progress. The Party (which still insists it is "working"!) is providing focus on the report of the 1990/91 Vision Committee. Continuing challenges and needs are easy to identify; what also comes out clearly are accomplishments and progress. We look forward with anticipation to hearing further from the Working Party in the months ahead.

By Pamela Commodore

On Saturday, June 11/94, the teens of First-St. Andrew's held a car wash to raise funds for The Youth Action Centre. They raised \$200 and washed 38 cars before we were rained out. The teens had a great time and we plan to do more car washes for future fund raising.

Info-Line

TONY GAZZARD ANNIVERSARY PREACHER

On Sunday, November 20, First-St. Andrew's will celebrate its 162nd Anniversary with guest preacher, the Rev. Tony Gazzard, minister of First-St. Andrew's from 1980-1988. Plan to be a part of this celebration.

UCW PRACTISES RECYCLING ON OCTOBER 22 9-11 am

The Thursday Evening Unit of the UCW is sponsoring the Fall Rummage Sale in the Lower Hall on Saturday, October 22, 9-11 am. You can help by finding items in your home which you no longer need and bringing them in so others can buy them, or you could help the UCW organize and sell items or buy items for your own use.

ACCESS! THE PICTURES TELL THE STORY.

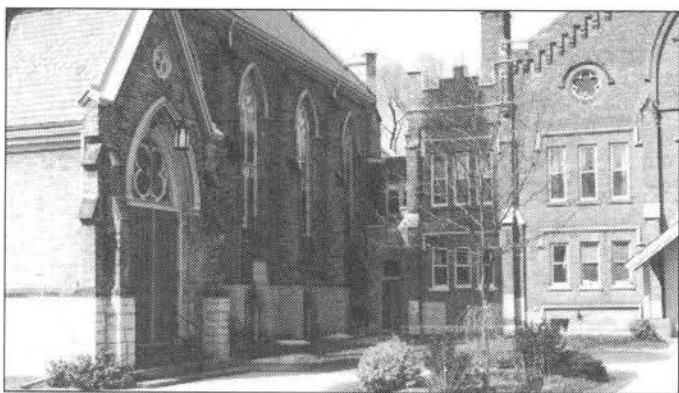
By Russ Gonder

The story of the Access project has been told in words on a regular basis in the Access Update reports that have appeared with the Sunday order of service. Tidings provides the opportunity to tell the story in pictures, starting with the sod turning ceremony continuing up until a few weeks ago.



The Access sod turning ceremony. April 3, 1994.

Just so we don't forget.



The "Before" picture.

The after picture will have to wait. The current estimate for completion is the first week of November.



Excavation of the site. April 12, 1994.

The foundation of the church was found to be in good shape and the new concrete reinforced Access foundation was poured.



The foundation is poured.

During construction, the Access finance committee decided to raise money by drilling for oil. (If you believe this paragraph so far, perhaps I can interest you in an unbelievable land deal. ed.) The drilling rig was actually for the new elevator shaft.



Drilling for oil at FSA.



The basement walls are added.

"A TECHNICOLOUR PROMISE" A GONE FISHING MUSICAL PRESENTATION

By Spencer Inch

On May 1, 1994, the members of *Gone Fishing* presented a musical drama called *A TECHNICOLOUR PROMISE* as part of the 11:00 AM Sunday service. The drama was presented using actors, musicians, dancers, waves (yes waves) and of course, the *Gone Fishing* Choir.



The main floor is in, the foundation has been back-filled, and the main floor walls started. The new elevator can be seen to the back left.



The entrance and main floor walls take shape. July 14, 1994.

Construction has proceeded in a timely fashion with few unanticipated difficulties. The basement of the new structure will be completed first so that we can use the new washrooms even before the main floor is ready. Access to the parlour through the usual door will be made available as soon as possible. One cannot view the construction progress without becoming caught up in the excitement!



The sign on the front lawns shows the community what the commotion is all about. We all anxiously await its completion some time in November.



The Gone Fishing Choir displays their costumes. Notice the animals two by two.



A pensive moment.

The kids did a great job! By all accounts the story was well told, the music was grand, the storm was dramatic, and Mr. Noah, Mrs. Noah and the animals reached land safely. We thank the kids and their many helpers for adding a very special touch to our worship service.



A storm on the way to a promise of new life.

ALL THIS IN FOUR DAYS!

By *Stuart Robb*

The 70th Annual Meeting of London Conference was held Forest, Ontario, May 12-16, 1994. As well as our staff members, Catherine, Emily, Frank and Marion, Maggie Montgomery and I attended as Lay delegates to Presbytery. In addition to regular delegates, there were 70 teenagers and 60 children who had their own program. One of the children who attended was Laura Cavers of First-St. Andrew's.

The Theme this year was "Engaging the Bible" and in this connection we had two theme addresses by Dr. Gerald Sheppard, Professor of Old Testament Studies at Emmanuel College who talked about how to read and understand the Bible. I plan to bring some of my learning to our Thursday Morning Bible Study group. Conference opened and closed with Communion Services, and each day the Conference concluded with a worship service.

Some of the reasons for holding an Annual Meeting are:

1. To admit to the ministry of the United Church persons who have satisfactorily completed the requirements. Included this year were five newly qualified candidates who were ordained; one who had received Theological training in England was admitted as an Ordained Minister; one who had left the Ministry for several years was re-admitted and one was designated as a Lay Pastoral Minister.
2. To honour two Ministers who served the Church for at least 50 years and eight Ministers who are retiring from full-time pastorates.
3. To hear reports from the six divisions of the Conference. Space allows me to comment only on two of these reports. The other Divisions are Communications; Stewardship; Ministry, Personnel and Education; and the largest of all, Mission in Canada.

The report of the Finance Division affects us directly since we contribute annually through Presbytery to the Conference. For the first time in many years, the assessment on the Presbyteries has been reduced.

The World Outreach Division gave a very interesting report on progress being made on a joint project with the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in the village of Wake Tiyo to make the village economically independent. Money for this project has been donated by many people from most congregations in the Conference, including our Church.

4. The consideration of resolutions and petitions submitted by various congregations on matters which they consider to be of importance to the life of the Church. This year the Petitions (usually asking General Council to do something) covered such items as Baptismal Policy, Training of future Ministers, the new Hymnbook (presently being compiled), Prayers in the House of Commons, the riots in Mexico, Ecumenical Spirituality, the Third Millennium Stewardship Fund, etc.

One resolution which may have an impact on us, is that for the next two years at least, travel to the annual meeting will not be paid by Conference but be the responsibility of Presbyteries, Charges and delegates.

5. The election of the Conference Executive for 94/95 included the President Elect, Rev. Rick Hawley of Siloam United Church and the Installation of the new President, Mrs. Sheila Duffin.

WELCOMING NEW CANADIANS

By *Pat Tripp*

Under the auspices of First-St. Andrew's Social Action Committee and through the Refugee Host Program of the Cross Cultural Learner Centre, several members and friends of First-St. Andrew's volunteered in early 1993 to participate in a program linking newly arrived refugees to Canada with Canadians. Two First-St. Andrew's teams were formed. This is a personal description of my experience as a member of one team. Other team members are Phyllis Barnes and Pat & Charles Shaver.

Soon after volunteering we were given a thorough briefing about the hosting program, and then introduced to Janet and Mekonen Mohamadneka, a young Eritrean couple newly arrived from Greece. Eritrea was a northern province of Ethiopia, over which a long civil war was successfully fought, and is now a separate country. Learning about Eritrea was just the beginning of my hosting-experience education.

Janet and Mekonen are a thoroughly delightful couple, full of fun, warmth, optimism and appreciation for being in Canada. Mekonen spoke English well, and we have watched (and hopefully helped) Janet's English improve since our first meeting. Both are now working at the Radisson Hotel - Mekonen in the Banquet Department and Janet in Housekeeping. Mekonen worked as an industrial electrician in Eritrea, but has so far been unable to get work in that field. Janet has taken several word processing courses since her arrival in Canada. We have entertained each other in our homes, dined on Eritrean and Canadian food, celebrated Canada Day together and watched maple syrup being produced. Our conversations have touched on both Canadian and Eritrean life and customs, and sparked some very interesting discussions about each other's backgrounds and ways of life. There is nothing like the genuine and reflective queries of newcomers to make you think about your own way of life.

I have been amazed by the faith and confidence with which both Janet and Mekonen have faced their new lives in Canada. Although I can't speak for what they have gained from the program, I know I have learned far more than I had expected - about Eritrea, about pluck and determination. Above all, I have gained a new understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of this country.

WORSHIP & PICNIC AT PEARCE WILLIAMS

By Lionel Morise



Catherine, Paul, FSA teen campers and staff

Good attendance, wonderful worship, perfect weather. The picnic at Pearce Williams, on Sunday, June 5, was a great success. Members of the youth group directed parking and welcomed the members of First-St. Andrew's to the service/picnic. The teens were also predominantly involved in the worship service, along with Catherine Moore, Paul Merritt and Marion Jackson Tyler. The theme of the service was the Family and it was well portrayed.



Everyone is watching the messy eaters.

After the service the teens sprang a surprise on the Picnic Committee, a pie eating contest. Most participants wore as much of the pie as they ate, with Chris Silcox finishing his pie first.



Maggie Montgomery, Jill Minion and Ellen Denny

A picnic lunch, made up of all the dishes brought by the congregation, was served in Pearce Hall and eaten throughout the picnic grounds. The food was delicious. Then the activities began. Various groups at First-St. Andrew's organized and ran activities such as a fish pond, face painting, hit the sack (not enough room here to explain this game!), a water balloon toss, baseball, volleyball and much more. A special thanks to the Candy Clown (who **was** that, anyway?) I can honestly say fun was had by all!

If you're sorry you missed the picnic, cheer up! Plans are in the works for next year, same weekend, same location. Hope to see you all there!

The teens also camped for the weekend.



Sheila Cull, Aaron Best, Karen Pergau, Tara McLellan, Jeff Beynon, Dana Roberts

OPEN HOMES - A MULTICULTURAL EXPERIENCE

By Pamela Commodore

The Social Action Committee and members of First-St. Andrew's hosted families from the Cambodian Community. On April 10, 1994, we held a Pot Luck dinner at the church. There were tasty casseroles, savory salads and delicious desserts.

After dinner, there was a pinnate which the children enjoyed. Later everyone retired to the Fireside Room where the children played games and the adults had coffee and conversation. Two ladies from the Cambodian Community showed slides and spoke of what life in Cambodia was like. It was an evening enjoyed by all.

On May 24, 1994, the Cambodian Community hosted members from First-St. Andrew's for lunch in their community. We were able to try some delicious Cambodian dishes along with some old Canadian favourites.

Both dinners were very enjoyable experiences, and successful efforts at bridging the gap between two different communities.

80th ANNIVERSARY MARIAN KEITH CLUB

unique, on-site mystery, still flowering among us

Part Three (of four): **Its Founder and Guide**

By Louise Wyatt

As the old saying goes, if all the world were paper and all the sea were ink, there is no way I could ever capture Mrs. MacGregor adequately, in words.

To begin, take a pair of dark, bright, sort of welcoming eyes, a pleasant, natural voice and smile, a soul unassuming, genuine, fully at peace with herself. Of her, people said things like "quiet, gentle-mannered" (always emphatically adding) "but firm"; high principled; wearing plain inconspicuous, timeless long-sleeved, high-necked clothes, often navy blue, sometimes with an antique pin at the throat. Nobody has mentioned the scriptural passage Matthew 10:16, advising the disciples to be wise as serpents, innocent as doves, but this might sometimes have been relevant for ministers' wives. At any rate, for Esther (the name means "star"), there was no wearing of heart-on-sleeve, nothing of the superficial, instead depths of reserve. She was warm rather than effusive. "My dears" sometimes was said in meetings. "Dearly beloved" was reserved for rare late personal letters. I cannot remember her even referring to her own writing, a word which to this day I want to print, WRITING. She never permitted, let alone encouraged, adulation or the glamorizing immaturities of hero worship - like my feeling that I could hardly wait to be 17 to become a member of THE MARIAN KEITH CLUB. The age restriction must have helped combat this half-baked attitude. She was no seeker after the headlines of fame: the applicable words were unpushy, non-obtrusive, un-self-aggrandizing. She did not exploit her literary reputation.

In my experience, she did not fuss, she did not pry, she did not pose, she did not panic. She must have known how to produce balance and proportion - what people forty or fifty years later were beginning to call "getting your priorities straight". I wonder how she got so much done. In many of her congregation years, she was completing a novel every two years or so and there were two young nieces in the home. And there had been her launching the Delta Rho - The Daughters of Ruth - for the age group just beyond the MKC - and the Sunday fireside evening open houses at the manse, after evening service, fondly remembered by a friend who was at them. It was a good thing, as another friend said, that there was also her sister at the manse to handle the meals and keep the household wheels going smoothly. Memories of her seem to ring bells of phrases: "vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, is not easily provoked, doth not behave itself unseemly, rejoiceth not in iniquity."

Perhaps you can meet her in some stories. Was her fine Italian brand of wonder which had me, the most negative, melancholy and unhelpful of her flock, be the one to give (however



Louise Wyatt

unwillingly) a speech on optimism. True to form, I remember beginning "I thought of asking you people to read a particular scriptural passage in advance, as preparation, but I was sure you wouldn't." (This got a general laugh - though unintended and unforeseen by me.)

There is another Mrs. MacGregor story from later in their days here, when Dr. MacGregor was back preaching but still somewhat recuperating from injuries suffered in a California accident. One day, after church service, someone said to his wife: "That was a good sermon this morning. I know that you wrote it." Said Mrs. MacGregor: "If I had I would have been proud to have." The social dexterity of this quick reply may well have been learned and honed in the typical and desirable requirements of its being a matter of self respect in Scottish Presbyterian homes, to hold one's own in the repartee of family rhetorical free-for-alls on action or behaviour.

I never saw her awkward. She was still at our church when Thornton Wilder introduced his new novel with: "Of all the arts, Goodness has the longest awkward age." She might have relished this with a smile.

I've permitted myself to wonder what modern poet she would have liked - maybe Donald Davie, from Yorkshire, whose work of collected poems, also his Oxford Collection of Religious Verse, have both appeared in print recently.

I think she must have been good at working with others by sowing implications, the import of which might have been slow to dawn, but which might have emerged years later with even some vital influence.

This must have been true of what one MKC member called "her little occasional homilies". I recall none of them but I do remember clearly after all those years, the love of her voice quoting to the Club, some lines of Coventry Patmore: "O woman, lovely woman, how hast thou cheapened Paradise". Well, no. Who would care to be a cheapener of ideal delight?

Of course there were some people - I know of three - who did not find Mrs. MacGregor a kindred spirit. One independent one was much freer and more enterprising, more flexible and more modern in outlook - both by upbringing and temperament. I think she felt that Mrs. MacGregor's outlook on life was too static, too confined, too looking toward the past.

I, myself, have deep misgivings about the lines from Charles Kingsley: "Be good sweet maid" (OK) but "let who will be clever"? My mother's home full of sisters, all eager for good schooling, would not have taken kindly to this down-putting of intelligence and its full use (Hey - give to the world the best you have) and goodness. I'm not sold on the disavowal of God's endorsement of the utmost use of our mental capacities. I'd rather settle for "let us use our best abilities as best we can", and not sniff down what mental powers we have. Presumably, she'd have been more reasonable than the quotation.

Marian Keith - Esther MacGregor - was a good encourager of people, to develop in their own best ways and she in hers. She never went on the public political platform like her contemporary

Nellie McClung, whose campaign resulted in the 1929 Canadian acknowledgment of women's legal personhood, but I'm sure she'd never have warned or dissuaded MKC's off the public platform. I can clearly remember one of her leading members - Alice (Doll) Darch, later Mrs. Frank Cole, addressing a huge rally, the biggest audience hall in the city, somewhere in the series of meetings on referenda to abolish the Ontario

Temperance Act somewhere between 1919 and 1923. I was there and remember Alice - petite, young and fair and wonderfully in control of herself and everyone else in that huge, silent crowd - eloquent, reasonable and moving all at once - giving to the world the best she had. To my knowledge, Mrs. MacGregor didn't use that way, and she hoped we would use ours, rather than using hers. She wanted blossoming plants - not carbon copies or clones.

Changes...

First-St. Andrew's United Church: a Christian Ministry nurturing spiritual growth through worship, fellowship, learning and action.

BAPTISMS

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

Megan Grace Bereznick
Forrest Klaus Madinger
Ronald James Stewardson
Paul Douglas Sullivan

Next Baptism: October 23

DEATHS

"Well done, good and faithful servant"

Brian Robert Beck	May 19
Lloyd Neelson McAninch	June 6
Marjorie Jean Morrison	June 21
Gladys Irene Nash	June 8
Lodewijk (Louis) Adriaan van Baardwijk	May 29
Celia Erma Van Patter	June 25

MARRIAGES

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

May 6	Joyce Marie Davis David Andrew Budge
June 4	Nancy Elaine Durko James Andrew Griffiths
June 4	Ainslie Alison Meadows Steven James Wemyss
June 18	Kristen Anne Seabrook Christopher Alfred Paterson
June 25	Adrienne Cara-Lea Sadler Mark Andrew Smith

NEW MEMBERS

"We pray for God's power to help you do all the good things that you hope to do and that your faith makes you want to do."

Received by Confirmation on May 29th



Back: Frank Meadows, Dana Roberts, Karen Pergau, Matt Kleiber
Centre: Tedd Smith, Kathryn Carter, Dana Smith, Jeff Beynon
Front: Catherine Moore, Michael Cornelissen, Debra Orvidas, Marion Jackson Tyler

Members received on May 29th



Back: Jim Swartman, Jan Swartman, Kay Hillier, Jack Hillier
Centre: Nancy Hilborn, Betty Ansari*, Illoana Smith, Sherry Whitehorne
Front: Jim Harvey, Stacey Harvey, Beverley Harvey, Andrea Trussler, Jonathan Storie*
Missing Edna Catherwood, Linda Kulkarni, John Wilkey, Norma Wilkey

* Received by Confirmation

Next Reception of New Members: November 13

MEMBERSHIP

On November 13 at the 11:00 a.m. service, we will have new members joining us through confirmation, by transfer and by reaffirmation of their faith. Prior to this, there will be a New Members' Evening on Thursday, November 10th, 7:30 p.m. in the Church Parlour. If you would like to become a member of First-St. Andrew's, please call the church office and one of our staff will be happy to contact you.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Preparation for marriage is important because marriage is important - to the persons involved, to society in general, and to God. First-St. Andrew's works in co-operation with Westminster College to offer classes. The next Marriage Preparation session will be held Nov. 25-26 (Friday night and Saturday) at Westminster College. Call the church office or speak to one of the ministers for details.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

A Baptismal preparation session is held prior to every Baptism (usually the Thursday evening) to further prepare the parents who are bringing their children for Baptism. We explore the meaning of Baptism, and prepare for the Sunday service. The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated September 18 and October 23. Call the church office if interested.



TWENTYSOMETHING

If you are between the ages of 18 and 29 (or feel like you are!) this is a group for you. We meet at least once a month. In the past, we have played mini-golf, gone bowling, had fondue parties and pot-luck suppers. As well, we have involved ourselves in volunteer work for the church and the community. We are really a fun bunch! Let's get together after church on September 25th to meet each other and to plan something new. Contact person - Marlon Jackson Tyler, 679-8182.

GROUPS FOR FRIENDSHIP AND LEARNING

THIRTYSOMETHING

Are you, or have you ever been, thirtysomething? Do you enjoy an informal, fun-loving atmosphere? Do you need to unwind on a Friday evening or perhaps find an outlet for your creative energies? Do you enjoy variety in recreational activities and, in particular, do you enjoy festive meals? If so, it sounds like Thirtysomething is the group for you! Contact Brenda or Gary, 641-2619, or Susan, 232-4973, for the details of our next gathering.

KUMJINUS

Kumjinius is for folks who are somewhere between Thirtysomething and Bifocals, single or coupled. This group meets about five times a year in a social setting to enjoy the company of old and new friends. Co-ordinators for this year are Donna & Ed Ellis and Ted & Shelley Kosteki.

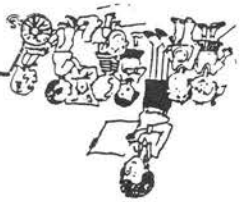
BIFOCALS

Begins a new season on Tuesday, October 25. Come and enjoy good food, warm fellowship and varied programmes. Interested? Phone Stan or Muriel Harris, 473-2453.



"HAVA/JAVA & JUICE"

An informal group for parents and preschoolers offering networking and support. Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Contact Liz Galbraith (471-3439), Nancy Stanlick (451-9491), or Marlon Johnson Denny (433-0319).



UCW

The purpose of 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 7:30 p.m., in the Church Parlour; the second Wednesday, at 9:30 a.m., at I Grosvenor Gate; the third Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m., in the Church Parlour. New members are always welcome. Contact the U.C.W. president, Gertrude Bergey, for more details.

Prism is a program for single parents and stepparents that can help adults get in touch with their own feelings about what has taken place in their family and help rebuild the family unit.

Kaleidoscope is designed for adults who grew up in single-parent and stepfamilies and who may still have unresolved feelings of grief to work through.

First-St. Andrew's plans to offer the adult program **PRISM** in October, 1994. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please notify Catherine Moore as soon as possible. Confidentiality is the essential ingredient in all programs.

OUR SENIORS AND THOSE WITH SPECIAL

NEEDS

The Rev. Herb Wontor visits our seniors and others on a regular basis. There are approximately 90 people with whom Herb keeps in touch.



COUNSELLING TEAM

Under the direction of the Ministerial Staff who provide individual spiritual direction to those seeking help where requested, the Counselling Service is staffed voluntarily by three members of the congregation whose professional training and daily work experience is in the counselling context.



Mr. Kerry Hill, a management consultant and career counsellor, provides personal counselling and detailed vocational assessment by appointment when mutually convenient. Mrs. Ardath Finnbogason-Hill, a nurse-educator with considerable experience in personal counselling, and Dr. 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.

This service is offered monthly on the third Tuesday evening, in the church offices, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. to members of the community as well as to the members of First-St. Andrew's as we attempt to reach out in Christ's name as well as to renew our commitment to Him.

Referrals may be made through Ardath Hill at 657-3116 or 657-3000. Please feel free to contact the Ministerial staff for further details or speak to any of the counsellors directly.

DIAL-A-PRAYER

For a moment of meditation in a busy or a quiet day, please call our Dial-A-Prayer at 439-6838. Anyone who can contribute prayers or a devotional message is asked to call Jim Hendry, 471-8492.



SHUT-IN COMMUNION

We will celebrate the opening of Access by Worship and Holy Communion in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in the ParLOUR offered by the U.C.W. The Pastoral Care Team will be in touch with our shut-in members at the appropriate time in the Fall.



RIDES FOR SENIORS

Al and Grace MacIntosh have the responsibility of arranging rides to church for seniors who would otherwise not be able to join us on Sunday morning. Call them at 472-2408 if you are a senior or know a senior in need of Sunday transportation, or if you would be prepared to drive.



COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Every Sunday, following our 11:00 a.m. worship, the congregation is invited to remain after service 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. Co-ordinators: Deanne Pederson (432-1583), Donna Fraleigh (672-6116)

BENEVOLENT FUND DONATIONS

Social Action invites donations to Benevolent Fund to be used at the discretion of the ministers. Donations may be put on the offering plate in an envelope marked "Benevolent Fund" or given to one of the ministers.

FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS

The Social Action Committee invites the gifts of canned or packaged foods at each Sunday Service. Boxes in the Narthex are ready to receive them. Baby food can be brought any Sunday each month. The committee delivers food to the Daily Bread Food Bank at St. Paul's Cathedral.



FURNITURE DONATIONS

People with excess furniture are invited to call Tom Magee, 432-6719, to arrange for pick up. This furniture would be distributed to needy families such as refugees.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Open to all adults wanting to explore the essentials of faith, and what it means to be a member of a community of faith. Some come for a refresher, others to prepare for confirmation or reaffirmation of faith. The course, called Basic Christian Beliefs, will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 12 - Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m., location to be decided. Facilitators: Catherine Moore and Frank Meadows. For more information, contact one of the ministers or the church office.



VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

The Volunteer Management Committee was put into place to encourage each of us to discover, develop and offer our gifts and talents, and to match our gifts with the volunteer needs of our church. We thank all of you who have read our yellow volunteer booklet and have responded by filling out the yellow volunteer cards. The information is entered into the church computer and helps groups and committees looking for our gifts and service. We hope to be in touch with you in the Fall Stewardship Visitation.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO SERVE

is always appreciated.

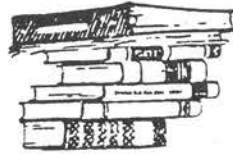
The Christian Development Committee invites gifts of money to this fund so that children and young people of our congregation may be assured of participation in programs or events requiring funding, such as: Gone Fishing; Youth Retreats; Leadership Training events; Kaitos; Camps; Conference Events. Your help

FUND

CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

be held after the Access opens.

First-St. Andrew's United Church has one of the finest church libraries! Located between the office and the Chapel, books are available for all ages and areas of interest, for serious reading or for pleasure. The Library Team invites you to come in and browse and borrow and read! Check out our new books and the new Childrens Centre. An OPEN HOUSE will



LIBRARY

Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

VISION TV is our television network. The United Church is one of the faith groups who shares in this network committed to seeing the world through the eyes of faith. SPIRIT CONNECTION is the specifically United Church magazine program seen



VISION TV - SPIRIT CONNECTION

These events are sponsored by a partnership of First-St. Andrew's Adult Ministry, Middlesex Presbytery Division of Mission in Canada and their Christian Development Team, and Westminster College.

RALPH MILTON, STORYTELLER, will share in both events. He will use both Biblical and personal stories as food for thought and discussion. Ralph is a noted United Church author and publisher of Wood Lake Books. His most recent book, *Man to Man*, is available in the Church Library and for purchase at the Resource Centre. In *Man to Man*, he retells the story of David in a humorous and thought-provoking way. He lets David's story shed light on modern man's dilemmas and struggles.



RAINBOWS is...

At present our team consists of about twenty-four members who offer additional care and support to our shut-ins, to those who are ill or bereaved or in a special kind of need. They visit approximately every month to two months. If you know of anyone who needs extra support or if you are one who could offer the support, please call Catherine Moore, 679-8182.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

In addition to the hospital visiting and crisis counselling done by the full-time paid accountable ministers on staff, pastoral care is offered in a variety of ways:

Today, many school age children live in single-parent family homes. In addition, many children live in stepfamilies and have serious difficulties adjusting to their new family situations.

When a change takes place in the family - whether it is death, divorce, separation, or abandonment - it has a profound effect on the whole family. Children as well as adults grieve over the loss of a loved one who was once a part of their everyday lives.

Grief is an expression of love. It is a normal human reaction to a significant loss. But frequently, children are not able to express their grief verbally, so it surfaces in their behaviour, schoolwork, as a physical ailment, or it affects their emotional development. Even those children who appear to have adjusted well are often struggling inside with the churning emotions of grief.

Effective support programs for children and adults who have experienced death, divorce, separation, or abandonment.

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PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH

SENIOR HIGHS



This new group will get together for lunch on Sunday, September 25 to talk about "older Teen" interests, concerns and ideas. Why is Senior High life both full of fun and at times stressful? Plan to come and talk about it and get on board with each other.

Time of Entry: Age 16 in 1994. 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Leaders: Barrie Evans, Shelley Kostocki

CANADIAN GIRLS IN TRAINING

For GIRLS ages 12-17. A place where a girl can be herself and share with others. Purpose: *To Cherish health, Seek Truth, Know God and Serve Others.* Many women of our church, and in Canada, value their CGIT roots! Starts Wednesday, September 21. Meets every Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m. Special event: Horseback Riding on Saturday, Sept. 17.
Leaders: Joan Beavers, Helen Mahabir.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Teen Confirmation Class is for those in Grade 9 or older who want to do some serious learning about the Christian faith and lifestyle in preparation for Baptism/Confirmation. The learning includes classes, projects, a Saturday retreat, accompanying a member of the pastoral care team on a couple of visits and more. Initial gathering on Sunday, October 30 in the Upper Room for pizza lunch. Talk to Marlon Jackson Tyler for further information or to get your name on the list.



THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Starts Sept. 15, 9:15 a.m. in the Parlor or Fireside Room. You can make Thursday morning a really special time each week! Come join these welcoming men and women who consider the weekly scripture passages in the light of today's world. It is a wonderful way to learn from the Bible, a few verses at a time. Based on The Whole People of God curriculum, it prepares us for the Sunday Worship Service. You are invited! Refreshments served.

SUNDAY MORNING AT THE CHURCH

Two opportunities

1. **In the Parlor** -- Sometimes lectionary Bible Study, sometimes faith issues, sometimes a short study series -- the group decides. Always rich in learning and fellowship.
2. **In the Kerygma Room** -- This group will 'have a go' at the Gospel of Luke-Acts. Both groups will begin Sunday, September 11 at 9:15 a.m.

KERYGMA: THE BIBLE IN DEPTH



A thematic approach to the Bible, giving a "whole-Bible" grasp of the book we generally read and study in bits and pieces. Ten themes involve the interaction of God and people in both Old and New Testaments.
Leadership: JoAnn Silcox.

Sign up for this group now and through September. First gathering will be Wednesday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m. The group will decide the frequency of gathering.

THE "DECADE GROUP"

1988-98 was named "The Ecumenical Decade for Churches in Solidarity with Women" by the World Council of Churches. A group was formed at First-St. Andrew's. It has enabled persons to study Scripture and theology from a feminist perspective, to lead in worship, and to organize an event with Lois Wilson. A second event, "Their Stories, Our Lives, Part 2" is planned for January. The Decade Group would welcome new people at their next meeting, September 27. For more information, phone Linda Badke 432-5420, Dorothy McPhedran 471-9662 or Phyllis Barnes 667-7022.

PARENTING



Giving an overview and basic understanding of various aspects and complexities of parenting.
 * For parents of children to 18 years of age.
 * Leadership input and discussion.
Leader/Facilitator: Dr. Linda Wilmshurst
 6 Monday evenings beginning Monday, October 17th.
 Cost: \$30 per person for the series. (If financial assistance would enable you to participate, please contact Marlon, 679-8182)
Note: The Children's Ministry and Youth and Young Adults Ministry are making plans for follow-up Parenting courses in the winter. These courses will enable parents of children and teens to work on specific challenges and furthering skills.

FOCUSING ON TEMPORARY MEN'S ISSUES

"MAN TO MAN"

Friday evenings, October 21st at 8:00 p.m. in First-St. Andrew's Parlor. An evening for men to talk and share and discuss the challenges of being men.

"THE DILEMMA OF BEING MALE"

Saturday, October 22 from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Siloam United Church. For men and women to better understand the challenges and confusions of men caught in the midst of much change.

Cost \$15.00. Information flyers and pre-registration forms available on Narthex tables and at the Church Office.

The year is divided into six units, each with its own logo and significance. This year a seasonal BANNER will hang in the sanctuary and chapel during each Unit.

A WARM AND COMMITTED STAFF WELCOMES ALL CHILDREN!

Sunday Co-ordinators: Jeannette Eberhard and Emily Woods
Resource Co-ordinators: Nancy Hutchinson and Heather Huston
Treasurer: Louise McLarty

Infants to Two Years - located near the Parking Lot door

Three Year Nursery (for those born in 1991) - located across from the Nursery

Kindergarten (for those born in 1989-90) - located over the Parlour

Grade One - meet in the Music Room

Grades Two to Six - meet in the Fireside Room.

SECRET PALS

This new venture was a great success last year with twenty pairs of children and adults developing new friendships. The program will be offered again this fall, running September to May. Through letters in the red Secret Mailbox, secret pals get to bridge the generation gap and get to know our church family better. Next May, the secret identities will be made known at an "Unmasking" event.

Co-ordinator: Bev Lindsay. Assistance would be welcome!



A unique program of Christian Development and Music for children Grades 1-6. The program emphasizes Christian study, worship, music education, creative activities and community.

Parents are expected to participate in supper preparation twice during the term - once as organizer and once as helper. The cost of the program only covers the cost of the supper:

Cost:	1 child	\$28.00
	2 children	29.50
	3 children	31.00

Christian Development Scholarship Funds available.

Co-ordinators: Paul Merritt and Marion Jackson Tyler.

POP 'N' POPCORN

for girls and boys in Grades 5 and 6 on FRIDAY EVENINGS
once a month. A group just to make friends and have fun!

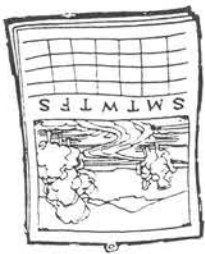
Activities have included skating, mini-golf, carolling, bowling, movies....

Co-ordinators are 3 sets of parents: Virginia & Bob Rogan, Sharon & Dennis Lunau, and Janice & Jim Elliott



YOUTH MINISTRY

HEY, when were you born?
Take a look at this lucky list!
1982, 1981, 1980, 1979, 1978, 1977, 1976
If your year is there, then HURRAH!
you're for Teen stuff at the church.



All young people of the church are invited to participate in as many of the YOUTH ACTIVITIES as possible. Programs and events include: Sunday Snack and Group, Senior Highs, Youth Choir, Canadian Girls in Training, Confirmation Class (Grade 9 up), Teen Handbells, Retreats, Musical, Church service (helping with Church School, Nurseries, Ushering, etc.)

TAKE SPECIAL NOTICE OF THIS! ALL TEENS

Big Musical this Fall!
Starts Sunday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m.
It's called "UNIQUELY YOURS".
Needed: Singers, actors, dancers, people to work on staging, painting, properties, costumes, make-up, tickets, promotion, etc. We need EVERYBODY!



Rehearsals and other work -Sundays at 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. other times as necessary
Performances -Saturday, November 12 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, November 13 at 2 p.m.
Directors: Gregg Berznick, George Jolink, Glenda Pennington



SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH GROUP

This is the Group where Teens of all ages can meet, eat, visit, sing, have fun and talk about life, questions and other Teen stuff. This fall we'll focus on preparation for the Musical and just be at home in our Upper Room. See you September 11.
Leaders: Pamela Commodore, Lionel Morisse



THE "MIXED PEALERS"

"Mixed Pealers", a group of adults who can read music, meet on Mondays from 7:30-9:00 p.m. commencing Monday, September 12th. Please contact Helen Inch - 471-0826.

THE TEEN RINGERS

Teen Ringers rehearse on Thursdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Our group is open to any teen in Grade 7 or above. If you are interested in playing handbells and are able to commit to the Thursday rehearsals, we would love to have you join our group. Our first rehearsal will be on Thursday, Sept. 15. Please contact Susan Carscadden-Mitts for more information about Teen Ringers. Home: 232-4973 or Work: 433-3147.

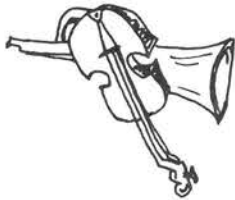
THE GONE FISHING PRIMARY MUSIC

HANDCHIME/HANDBELL CHOIRS

These groups for children in Grades 1 - 6, are an integral part of the Gone Fishing program. For details see Gone Fishing in the Children's Ministry section.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Come play with us!



The Ministry of Music seeks to use instrumentalists during worship as well as at special programs during the year. Small ensembles and soloists provide occasional preludes to worship and accompaniments to anthems on Sunday mornings. Please contact Paul Merritt, 679-8234 or 679-9173 (home).

AT FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S

Music

CONCERT SERIES

Through the generous support of "Friends of Music", First-St. Andrew's sponsors an excellent Concert Series which presents a wide variety of musical programs including organ recitals, vocal concerts, choral/orchestral concerts and instrumental recitals, as a musical outreach to the community. Please see our 1994-1995 brochure for the details of this year's series.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

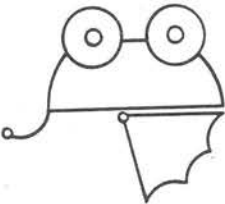
CRADLE ROLL

Each new baby in the congregation is welcomed into the church family with our "Growing In God's Love" mailing. Several messages up to age three celebrate important events in baby's life. Be sure to let the church know when your new baby arrives! We have welcomed nine babies so far this year: Ashley Bruzas; Ronald Stewardson; Megan Bereznick; Aidan Hillborn; Jeffrey Consalves; Samuel and Jacob Jackson Belanger; Kaylin Cornelius; Meghan Wolfenden. Co-ordinator: Nancy Stanlick

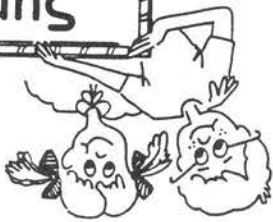


NURSERY

The Infant-Two Year Nursery is available each Sunday during the 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, in a loving, caring atmosphere with dedicated caregivers. Co-ordinators: Judy Cull, Donna Fraleigh, Mary Gonder.



CHURCH SCHOOL



Sunday Sept. 11 11 a.m. Rejuvenating Sunday

The whole Church Family will worship in the Sanctuary and Year Nursery and the Kindergarten will be available if desired.

Sunday, September 18 11 a.m. Regular Classes Begin

Starting Sept. 18, all children in Kindergarten to Grade Six begin the Worship Service with their families. After the Children's Story or Hymn, the children meet in the Fireside Room for some time together, then classes follow.

The focus of the Church School program is *The Whole People Of God* curriculum, based on the weekly lectionary so that parents and children are learning stories from the same Biblical texts each week. "At Home" Paks help families to follow up at home what is happening in the Church School and worship.

Come and worship at First-St. Andrew's as we remember the story of the church from its earliest days until now, as we baptize our young and share in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, as we receive new members and celebrate our mission to the world. Our regular times of worship are at 9:15 a.m. in the chapel and 11:00 a.m. in the main sanctuary. On the first Sunday of the month we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the chapel at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Worship Schedule:

September 11	9:15 & 11 a.m.	A service of gathering and re-affirming the covenant of our Baptism.
September 18	9:15 & 11 a.m.	The Sacrament of Baptism. Preacher - The Rev. Catherine Moore
September 25	9:15 & 11 a.m.	During this service we will recognize and covenant with our three candidates for ministry - Charlotte Ann Bell, Maggie Montgomery, and Betty Sangster. Preacher - The Rev. Frank Meadows
October 2	9:15 & 11 a.m.	World-wide Communion Sunday. The Sacrament of Holy Communion. Preacher - The Rev. Frank Meadows
October 9	9:15 & 11 a.m.	Thanksgiving Sunday. Preacher - The Rev. Catherine Moore
October 16	9:15 & 11 a.m.	Mission Festival Sunday. Preacher - The Rev. Lawrie Fetter
October 23	9:15 & 11 a.m.	The Sacrament of Baptism. Preacher - The Rev. Catherine Moore
October 30	9:15 & 11 a.m.	Music Appreciation Sunday. Preacher - The Rev. Frank Meadows
November 6	9:15 & 11 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday. Preacher - The Rev. Frank Meadows
November 13	9:15 & 11 a.m.	The Reception of New Members. Preacher - The Rev. Frank Meadows
November 20	9:15 & 11 a.m.	The 162nd Anniversary of the congregation. Preacher - The Rev. Tony Gazzard

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 with us at First-St. Andrew's in 1994/95.

THE CHOIRS

Come sing with us!

THE SENIOR CHOR

Our Senior Choir leads in worship at all 11:00 a.m. services and other special services, as well as presenting a number of concerts each year. Rehearsals are each Thursday from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Lower Hall beginning September 8. Please contact Paul Merritt, 679-8234 or 679-9173 (home).

THE TEEN CHOR

Open to all Teens who are in Grade 7 - O.A.C.'s, this choir will be preparing a musical "Uniquely Yours" under conductor Gregg Berezick, for performance on November 12 and 13. Don't miss the first rehearsal for this exciting venture on Sunday, September 11 at 9 a.m. As the choir is an integral part of the Teen program, see Sunday Morning Youth Group in the Youth Ministry section for more details. Please contact Paul Merritt, 679-8234 or 679-9173.

THE GONE FISHING CHOR

This choir, for children in Grades 1-6, shares its gift of music through occasional singing at worship services and annually presents a Musical in the spring. It is an integral part of the Gone Fishing program. For more details, see Gone Fishing in the Children's Ministry section.

THE HANDBELL CHOIRS

Come ring with us!

LAUDAMUS HANDBELL CHOR

The Laudamus Handbell Choir, now in its 24th year of offering praise at First-St. Andrew's, seeks new members for the Fall of 1994. GENTLEMEN AND LADIES: a warm welcome awaits you in our friendly group! We would particularly welcome some of the gentlemen so we could make use of the heavier bells! You need only a love of music and ability to read. Learn to play challenging arrangements from classical to contemporary repertoire. Opportunities include training, ringing for Sunday worship, weddings, recitals (church and community), workshops and festivals. Weekly rehearsal: Monday, 1:00-3:00 p.m. starting Sept. 12. Please call Barbara Plante, Director, 472-4586 or 461-1202 for further information, or leave your name at the Church Office, 679-8182.



Heather

Frank

Catherine

Paul
Emily

Please take time to read the following pages carefully. Then, as you plan your activities for the fall, be sure to include some of these church programs on your agenda. Your presence will add strength to what we do here. And you, in turn, will be enriched by what you will experience here. We hope that you have been having a good summer, and are looking forward to the fall every bit as much as we are.

Now, it's one thing to make it easier for everyone to get into our beautiful church building. It's something else again to make it worthwhile for people to enter. That requires careful programming, something that the staff and all the volunteers at F.S.A. are very committed to. In the program guide that follows you will see the results of our efforts in that regard. Under the banner of our congregational motto, "Rejoice, Renew, Reach Out", we have planned worship services, opportunities for study and learning, hands-on activities to meet the needs of our community, music and theatre that will gladden our hearts. As you participate in these activities you will make new friends and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that we enjoy within our congregation.

But this has not been a normal quiet summer, not by a long shot. Even as I sit here at my desk on a July morning, there is a racket outside that makes it almost impossible to think. Cement mixers are mixing; power saws are sawing. A large mechanical compacter is pounding the ground so hard that the building is vibrating. And I'm told that there is worse to come! All of this is to be expected, of course, when your office window overlooks a construction site. And, in fact, it is very exciting to watch the "Access Project" moving ahead and taking shape. I can hardly wait to see just what it will look like by the time you are all reading this letter.

Normally it's pretty quiet around the church in the summertime. People are away on holidays - off on a trip, up at the cottage, out on the golf course. "We'll see you in September!" many folks said to me as they were leaving church on a June Sunday.

Dear Friends,



FSA Program Guide

Fall 1994