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Betty Sangster

BETTY SANGSTER'S FAITH JOURNEY

By Joyce Meadows

When Betty Sangster was born, she was delivered by her own father, the doctor at the United Church hospital in remote Bella Coola, B.C. The new parents looked at their scrawny infant and said to each other, "Is this the best we can do?"

Betty now laughs and says that she soon filled out, and those of us who know her now would say to her parents, "You couldn't have done better!". She has grown emotionally, intellectually and spiritually throughout her faith journey, and is now one of three First-St. Andrew's candidates for ordered ministry in the United Church.

She brings to this vocation intelligence, warmth and energy, as well as maturity and wisdom. A longtime friend, Sheila Alton, recalls, "Our children were the same age, and you could count on Betty for acceptance, sympathy, optimism and understanding."

Betty grew up in northern B.C., and then came east to finish high school at Albert College in Belleville. She went on to train as a nurse at Stratford General Hospital. In 1964 she moved to London and started working as a pediatric nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital. She was soon attending evening services at FSA, when Alex Farquhar was minister.

Since then Betty has been active in almost every aspect of the church including Senior Choir, Bell Choir, Session, Stewards, Gone Fishing and CGIT. But her church involvement has not been limited to the local congregation. Her interest in music and worship has involved her in committees at every level of the church.

Recently she has been active on the Hymn Book Committee of General Council. Ask Betty about the new United Church hymn book *Voices United*, the culmination of this committee's work, and she lights up with enthusiasm and excitement. Because she was on this committee, we at FSA had the opportunity to be a "test market", trying out new hymns at a series of hymn sings led by Betty on Sunday nights at the church a couple of years ago.

The faith journey has many twists and turns, and the spring of 1992 was a time of crisis for Betty. Her marriage ended, and her parents were both killed in a tragic car accident. In the process of picking up the pieces of her life at this time of grief and loss, she experienced God's healing presence and the support of the church community.

These experiences intensified the sense of what she calls "God's nudging" her to move in a new direction, a feeling she had had for some time. It became clear to her that preparation for ministry was the next step. Not without fear and trembling, she enrolled at Western for pre-theology courses, and last fall she began her theological studies at Emmanuel College in Toronto.

This summer, Betty has been serving a three-point charge in rural New Brunswick as a summer student minister. She appears to be thriving on the challenges of ministry in an area burdened by poverty, unemployment, alcoholism, and an unusually high rate of cancer. But she also has found the vitality of a growing church community in one congregation in particular where people, especially women, are finding new strength through their church involvement.

What has it been like for Betty to move from being an active layperson to pastoral ministry? "I feel more accountable for how God is made to come alive in the community where I live", she says. She is committed to a congregational ministry, and puts a premium on day-to-day pastoral work. "Some of the best work of the church is done at this level. The best way to be servants of God is to love people in God's way, to meet them where they are in their struggles and to be there with and for them."

We look forward to having Betty among us again at FSA when she returns at the end of August, hearing all about her summer experiences ... and her wonderful laugh!

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LONDON CONFERENCE AT SAULT STE. MARIE

May 25-28, 1995

By Catherine Moore



Catherine Moore

The Annual Meeting of London Conference was held in the Ramada Inn on the Trans-Canada Highway, hosted by Algoma Presbytery. These folks were great hosts, having tried to anticipate the every need of six hundred visitors. They greeted us in yellow hardhats, decorated creatively with familiar sights of the Algoma district.

Frank Meadows, Maggie Montgomery and Catherine Moore attended for First-St. Andrew's. Rev. Rick Hawley of Siloam United Church, London, has

begun a two year stint as President of London Conference. Mrs. Sheila Duffin has now become Past President. Next year, this meeting will convene under our very own roof at First-St. Andrew's.

The theme speaker was Jim Taylor, Wood Lake Books, author, editor and former editor of The Observer. Music at Conference was led by the very talented Keith Hagerman, minister at Kintore and soon to be at St. John's, Stratford, with Rev. Joyce Kelly. Four people were ordained by Conference: Gary Carruthers, David Morton, Alan Rush and Leanne Trask. In the usual United Church fashion, delegates worked from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., pausing only to eat and sing and pray and discuss and visit with each other. The border guards at Customs certainly know about the united Church in London Conference after that weekend, because we were all taking the American short-cut to get there and back, as quickly as possible.

DID YOU KNOW?

Maggie Montgomery received her BA degree from King's College and will enter Emmanuel College this September.

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MAY COMMUNION: THE BENEFITS OF ACCESS

By Ann Denny



Marie Stoate and Herb Wonfor

The church is about acceptance and inclusiveness. The recently completed Access renovation is a perfect example of this Christian spirit at work. The Access project proved its worth at a communion service held this spring. On May 31st, a special communion for shut-ins and pastoral care team members was held in the sanctuary. It was two years since this service had taken place, postponed due to the Access project renovations. Herb Wonfor gave the sermon, followed with communion led by Frank and Catherine. Eighteen seniors, as well as their family and friends, attended the service and then continued on to the parlour for tea.

The U.C.W. served a delicious tea with goodies creating a cosy atmosphere in which people chatted comfortably. Care was taken to ensure that everyone felt included. Special thanks should go to all those people who made arrangements for transportation to the church.

Frank mentioned in his closing words that with the "elevator working all the time, there is no problem in getting in any Sunday." It is now possible to access most levels of the church, including the parlour and lower hall, anytime that one might wish.

The sight of a row of walkers set along the wall was very moving; people who haven't been to church for years can now come every week. Catherine said that it was "marvellous to see people getting into the church so easily."

Verna Taylor is "overwhelmed"; a member for sixty years, she hadn't been to church for six years. Aldis Murray, a new member who has M.S. and is dependant on her scooter for getting into the church told me, "The Access project is an answer to a prayer I made years ago when I was first disabled." Edith Pack, also a new member of First-St. Andrew's, was a church organist for seventy-five years. When asked about the renovation she replied "I love it. Good organist."

Katharine Ross last came to church ten years ago. She had been a member all her life, but when she could no longer climb stairs that was it - "Nice knowing you!" It was "only because of the Access that I got here." Another bonus was the tasteful way in which the new structure was blended with the old. "So nice that they didn't wreck the line of the church", Mrs. Ross commented - a worry that caused her to be opposed to the project when it was first discussed. "One of the best things they (the church) ever did."

The Access project meant holding off on giving a May communion at all for two years; however, judging by the reactions, it was well worth the wait.

ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS

From the Earth Stewardship Committee

A wide variety of organic wastes can be composted safely at home. These include vegetable peelings and other kitchen scraps as well

MEET THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE!

By Elspeth Watson, Chair

There are fifteen of us and three loyal volunteers. Not all could be present for the photograph!

The purpose of the Worship Committee, as defined in the Statement of Policy and Procedures, is "to oversee the conduct of and physical arrangements for all services of public worship at First-St. Andrew's, including regular Sunday Morning services, the celebration of the sacraments of baptism and holy communion, funeral and memorial services, and any other special services as may, from time to time, be held."

Under one umbrella, 10 sub-committees are each responsible for a specific department: banners, baptism, communion, representative from music, flowers (with U.C.W.), 9:15 service, readers, reception, tape ministry and ushering. Frank Meadows, as Minister of Worship and Administration, is a member of the Committee. Five others have a special interest in liturgy. We meet for business a minimum of five times a year, occasionally for workshops and retreats, and are represented on Council by the Chair.



Rear: Kerry Stover, Reid Vipond, Ken Bray, Ted Miller

Middle: Alton Ross, Betty Lou Miller, Madeline Cram, Joyce Meadows, Joanne Girvan

Front: Frank Meadows, Ina Cavers, Elspeth Watson, Donna Wilde, Ross McMullen

Absent: Don Ewert, Heather Locking-Cusolito, Al MacIntosh, Carol Shaw, John Wilkey, Elaine Wilson

For 163 years this church has worshipped together; we have a wonderful heritage, especially in preaching and music. But as we observe the church of Jesus Christ in the midst of an electronic culture, we are aware of new trends, "paradigm shifts", and the compelling need for change as we move towards the next century. The United Church is providing new worship resources (*Voices United*, a new hymn book, will be published next January). Does our present liturgy help or hinder us in worship? Are you comfortable in our services? You will be able to answer these questions in our Worship Survey to be conducted in the fall.

Meanwhile, this summer you have been invited to share in two new experiences: "Warmup for Worship", with hymn-singing for fifteen minutes before the service at 10:30, and an opportunity to contribute your own prayers in "Prayers of the People". Thank you for participating and sharing your response with us. Also we have been blessed with gifted lay worship leaders, and are grateful to Volunteer Management who have made it possible to tap into the talent pool.

Our aim is to be led by the Spirit in providing services which are accessible (spiritually as well as physically) to all; where everyone feels at home regardless of age or background; where we can all praise and pray freely; where we can be refreshed and nurtured by word and sacrament; find peace and healing in God's presence; be inspired by the Gospel and empowered to love and serve each other and the hurting community beyond our doors.

Let's Rejoice, Renew and Reach Out further.

Please keep sharing, as we praise and pray together. We all have a part in the ministry of worship.



Liz Galbraith and Heather Huston

NEW IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

By Liz Galbraith & Heather Huston

The new school year is quickly approaching and suddenly the rush is on. What days will Sam and Sara be playing hockey and at what arena? Basketball and ballet, horseback riding lessons, Sound familiar? Don't forget trying to co-ordinate supervised activities when the children are off school for Professional Development Days.

First-St. Andrew's Children's Ministry is exploring ways we can support our families and nurture the faith of our children.

This fall we will offer a new Church School program at 9:15 a.m. This will be for children from JK to Grade 6. The program will follow a lectionary curriculum similar to the 11 o'clock Church School but developed specifically for a wide-age range and a smaller group.

We also have plans for Professional Development Day programs. We are calling our P.D. Days POLKA DOT DAYS. (Circles are a good Christian symbol). Each day will offer different active and exciting opportunities based on a Christian theme.

Children's Ministry recognizes the importance of children and their families - both to our present and to our future. We hope these new opportunities, as well as the continuing ones - Church School, Hava Java and Gone Fishing - are welcomed and enjoyed by many of our families.

If you have any questions, can offer suggestions or your help, we would be happy to hear from you. Please call Emily or Marion at the church, 679-8182; Heather Huston (472-8658) or Liz Galbraith (471-3439).

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR FSA MEMBERS

By June McKay, Mission & Service Committee



June McKay

Mark October 15th on your calendar and attend our special Mission Education Sunday when our committee will welcome Dr. William Butt of Woodstock, and his wife Karen. Dr. Butt has been in Ethiopia, involved in development work for London Conference of the United Church. He will speak at the 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. services, and Mrs. Butt will have a special message for the children.

Come and learn about this important work, talk further with them and take the opportunity to view artifacts. (Yes, a light lunch will be served following the services.)

M & S FUND HELPS OUT

From the latest statistics, there are 2575 pastoral charges with a total of 4001 congregations in the United Church of Canada. 252 pastoral charges receive budget assistance from the Mission and Service Fund. Of the 754213 members reported, 203514 were identifiable givers to the M&S Fund.



Ross McMullen

COUNCIL REPORTS TO YOU

By Ross McMullen
Chair of Council (438-0668)

The third meeting of Council was held June 13, with yet another very lengthy agenda. Our Congregation is blessed with a Council of active people doing the right things, and doing the right things right. Our thanks to Committee members who accepted our invitation to attend this meeting. Members of the Congregation are invited to attend the

December 12 meeting - please keep this date in mind.

The process of Strategic Planning continues. You will recall from our last report that we are proceeding with the market Plan segment. The Chair of the Market Plan Committee is occupied by two people, Jack Hillier and Elaine Wilson. Jack is a consultant, having retired from Northern Telecom as a Vice President, Sales and Marketing. Elaine teaches marketing at Fanshawe College and is also an Entrepreneur. They are now working together to develop their approach to the task. I hear them talking about the end of the year as a target for completion, with the report writing to follow.

Our Statement of Policy & Procedures has been in effect for more than two years, and as an original document, requires fine tuning. Doug McGregor has accepted this task and has been doing an outstanding job of obtaining input from Council members as well as from those who developed the original draft. He is keeping Council informed and is targeting completion of this effort for approval at the Annual Meeting next February, in accordance with the amendment procedure.

Council has accepted two requests for money from the Innovation Fund. We have approved \$1,000. for seed money (pardon the pun) to support the Outreach Committee's initiative to grow corn to send to Third World nations, via the Canadian Food Grains Bank. A further \$500. has been approved to support the Christian Development Committee's initiative to begin a Professional Development Day program. The aim is to provide a secure place with a Christian oriented program for young people of First-St. Andrew's on PD days. Once established, this program would be offered to the local community.

By the time you read this, summer will be just about over. I hope it went well for you. Council appreciates your support, and will continue to need it, as the challenges facing us this fall are GREAT.

NEW LIFE FOR OAKLAND CEMETERY

By Svetlana MacDonald

Historic Oakland Cemetery has just reopened after undergoing extensive restoration. The cemetery, previously owned by First-St. Andrew's (2/3) and Metropolitan (1/3), became too onerous a charge for the churches and was transferred to Mount Pleasant Cemetery with an agreement that the cemetery board be responsible for its maintenance.

After cemetery records were lost in a fire it was difficult to identify many of the grave sites because of missing or fallen markers. Furthermore, access from Oxford Street by vehicle was difficult. For several years, Oakland Cemetery was viewed as a liability. No burials took place on the property and the cemetery was largely neglected.

Over the past two years, new board members arranged for a survey identifying the sites of about 400 graves, restored tombstones, improved access roads and landscaping. The historic cemetery, which houses some early prominent Londoners, including the Rev. William Proudfoot, can now accommodate new burials, as well as receive interested visitors.

Info-Line

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

is involved in... preparing baby layettes, organizing food collection for the youth Action Centre and St. Paul's Daily Bread Food Bank, maintaining a furniture cupboard in Farquhar House for the use of refugees and the impoverished, actively supporting ELUCOC in special projects and occupies a chair on their board, sending two members to the LIFT Council meetings, working with St. Marys United Church in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and more...

UCW PRACTISES RECYCLING ON OCTOBER 21 - 9 TO 11 AM

The Thursday Evening Unit of the UCW is sponsoring a fall rummage sale in the lower hall on Saturday October 21, 9 to 11 am. You can help by finding items in your home which you no longer need and bringing them in ahead so others can buy them. Or, you could help the UCW organize and sell items or buy things for your own use.

DON PARSONS ANNIVERSARY PREACHER

On Sunday November 19th First-St. Andrew's will celebrate its 163rd anniversary with guest preacher, the Reverend Don Parsons, a minister of FSA from 1971 to 1974. Plan to be a part of this celebration.

EUNICE FENNELL, NEW CHAIR

Eunice Fennell, a member of the Discernment Committee for Betty Sangster, has been elected chair of Middlesex Presbytery.

THAT MISSING STAINED GLASS WINDOW

If you have missed a stained glass window on the west side of the sanctuary, you will be pleased to know that it is in good hands being restored to its full splendour by a professional glass company. It will be back in its place by Thanksgiving Sunday.



Billboard on project site on Hwy 7

SOW YOUR DOUGH TO GROW A ROW

First-St. Andrew's and the Social Action Committee has partnered with St. Marys United Church to grow corn to help feed people in the Third World. The response of First-St. Andrew's to this special fund raising campaign has been amazing. In three weeks, we managed to raise over \$4,000. Together with St. Marys United Church, we have more than enough money to fund the project. All extra proceeds will be used to purchase additional corn and will also be sent to the Third World. The corn has been planted and is thriving.

Please feel free to visit your own row of corn throughout the summer months. A large sign at the junction of Hwy 7 and the eastern exit to St. Marys advertises our joint project. Stay tuned for a corn roast sometime in August! Your Social Action Committee thanks you for your generous support.



Laudamus Handbell Choir 1995

Back: Deanne Pederson, Lori Wolfenden, Lisa Barrowclough, Dan Pergau, Nikki Attwell, Elspeth Watson, Stephanie Burgoyne, Nancy Howard
Front: Jan Millson, Suzanne Nuttall, Clarice Giffen, Barbara Plante, Gerry Meacham, Jan Ashall, Helen Guthrie

25 YEARS OF HANDBELLS

By Barbara Plante, Director, Laudamus Bells

On May 7, 1995, First-St. Andrew's celebrated twenty-five years of the music of handbells. Twenty-five years have passed since the first three octaves were purchased with the proceeds from the production of the children's opera "Noah's Flood". Barrie Cabena was our Director of Music at that time, and he was directly involved in the purchase of the bells, travelling to Whitechapel in London, England, to personally oversee the order.

Since that time numerous people have enjoyed ringing the bells: children in Gone Fishing, adults in the Ladies' Handbell Choir and the Mixed Pealers, and teens in the Teen Ringers. Of the many groups that have been active over the years, the Ladies' Handbell Choir, later named the Laudamus Bells, is the only one that has been ringing for the entire twenty-five years, and Clarice Giffen is our only twenty-five year ringer.

In our early years it was a thrill to attend workshops south of the border, run by the American Handbell Guild. And it was an even greater thrill to organize and host the first Ontario Handbell Festival in 1985, held right here in First-St. Andrew's. At that Festival we established the Ontario Guild of English Handbell Ringers (OGEHR), which has been wonderfully active ever since. OGEHR has sponsored an Ontario Festival every two years since 1985, and this year, in honour of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Guild, the Festival was held in London again, June 22-24. But was held at U.W.O., and all the massed ringing took place in Alumni Hall.

There have been many highlights. We have enjoyed ringing in our own services, and for other churches and organizations. None of us in the Ladies' Bell Choir will forget travelling to Vancouver in 1986 for an International Handbell Festival, and being invited to ring at Expo. We have had some difficult times too - some minor, as when we tried to decide on new outfits - (try getting 12 women to agree on the same dress!) - and some much more serious, as when we lost our beloved Isabel Getliffe to cancer.

I think the congregation will agree that the handbells add a wonderful dimension to the service of worship. We are fortunate in having Paul Merritt, who provides us with so many imaginative and innovative ways of using the bells.

Since the original purchase, the Laudamus Bells have raised enough money to increase our set to a full five octaves (61 bells). May our bells continue to ring out the message of peace, joy, hope, and love for many years to come.

PENTECOST CELEBRATION AT PEARCE WILLIAMS

By Spencer Inch

For the second year magnificent weather greeted those attending the First-St. Andrew's outdoor service and picnic. Since the celebration coincided with Pentecost, that theme was the focus of the service.

Almost 200 persons made the 45 minute trek from London to sit, mostly in the shade, on the slope facing the valley where the leaders of the service sat. Much music was involved in the liturgy, led by Adam Guthrie and Paul Merritt. Amy Clipperton and Chris Silcox assisted Catherine Moore in the main part of the service.



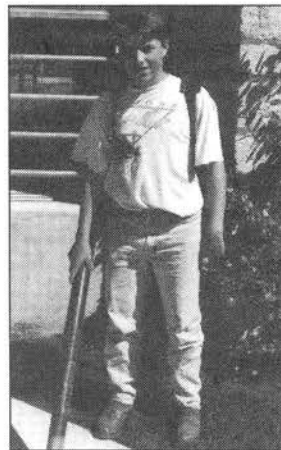
The congregation then divided into 4 groups to investigate the significance of Pentecost. Groups were led by Marion Jackson Tyler, June McKay, Phyllis Barnes and Jean Comfort.

For the communion service, 6 stations were set up among the congregation for the distribution of the elements.

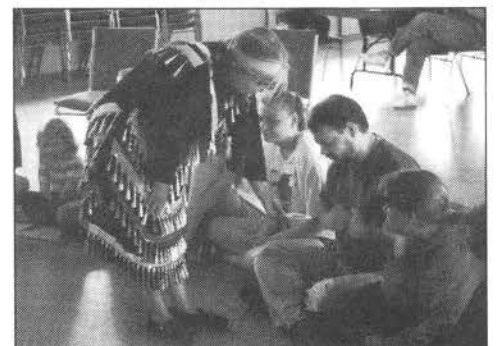
Following the service, participants helped themselves to a buffet lunch in Pearce Hall and then moved outdoors into several picnic groups.

The final stage of the celebration saw the teens providing leadership for games for the children (and some parents).

The success of the Pentecost-picnic celebration was due to the careful preparation and organization by many people. Our thanks to them.



Michael Cornelissen, 15, member of our church is responsible for our beautiful gardens and lawns. Congratulations Mike they have never looked better. Here he wears the power blower backpack as he completes the cleanup after mowing.



Mary Sturgeon explains Smudging to FSA teen campers and camp staff at Pearce Williams June, 1995

Changes...

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BAPTISMS

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

Ethan Michael Bastow	William Stephen Joles
Ryan Kevin William Burns	Robin Adria Koop
Emily Catherine D'Angelo	Alexander McClure Robinson
Barbara Veronica Douglas	Alejandra Mayra Underhill
Ainsley Elizabeth Gonder	Elizabeth Paige Westgate
Teddy James Harvey	Holly Olivia Westgate
Carolyn Beth Carmen Joles	Sydney Madison Westgate

Next Baptism: September 24, 1995

MARRIAGES

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

May 6	Tara Michelle Sweeney Kevin Carfra MacLean
June 10	Diane Louise Bedard Lennard James Edward Seeds
June 10	Barbara Veronica Douglas Bruce Christopher Kavanagh
June 17	Dale Ann Melnick Christopher Chang

GOODBYE & GODSPEED

"May kindness and peace be yours from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness."

Beth Jones Cherwick
Carolyn, Bill and Jill Minion
Laurena Woods

DEATHS

"Well done good and faithful servant."

Madeleine Terriss Archer	May 28
Murray Llewellyn Barr	May 4
Marjorie Fraser	April 9
Herbert Claire Galbraith	April 30
William Hugo Manning	May 2
Hazel May Shoebottom	June 20

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 7, (with sponsors)



Back: Katherine Wonfor, Ralph King, Paul Merritt, Barbara Plante, Corinne King, Elspeth Watson, Penny Hove, Marion Jackson Tyler
Front: Pamela Cull, Andrew Mattar, Huw Evans, Jamie Best, Amanda Wilson, Nicki Smartman, Daryl Watson

Received on May 7, 1995



Back: Topher Beck, Nora Underhill Joles, Charles Joles, Richard Dinnen, Ian Watson,
Front: Barbara Douglas, Lara, Lisa Ballantyne, Rachael, Patrick Ballantyne, Edith Pack, Robin Koop

Next Reception of New Members: November 26, 1995

RHUBARB, OIL PAINTINGS, TOOTH FAIRY BOXES, ETC.

By Illoana Smith

What do rhubarb, oil paintings, quilts, calendars and tooth fairy boxes have in common? Why, they all can be found at the FSA Holly Bazaar! This year's bazaar will be on Saturday November 4, so, mark your CGIT calendars (which you can buy at the Bazaar!)

This summer, many of our members have been busy gathering, creating and organizing like crazy to make our bazaar even more successful. What does "success" mean to the United Church Women (UCW) who design, deliver and delight Londoners with this annual bazaar? Quite simply it means:

1-more kids can go to camps 2-children in Crisis get help from Children's Aid 3-Women's Community House does more for abused women and children 4-CGIT reaches its goals more easily 5-Counselling Centres make a difference in young lives 6-we educate more lay people at Five Oaks 7-Primary kids can participate in our famous Gone Fishing program 8-we help more adults in crisis through FSA's Benevolent Fund

Last year was my first volunteer effort with the Bazaar. I was amazed to see the preserves and baking fly out of our lower hall in the first 20 minutes. That's right - it was literally sold out before I arrived for my shift. Wearing my marketing hat, it's easy to see we need more members to bake, make jam, and prepare goodies for sale because these items sell! Which means, more money for outreach, which is the big reason we work so hard. Our goal for '95 is to surpass our record sales of \$10,000. Let's get involved this year and contribute an item or two to sell at the bazaar! Call me at 438-1035 for more information.

GROUPS FOR FRIENDSHIP AND LEARNING

SOMETHING NEW FOR "YOUNG ADULTS" (ages 18-29)

The former TWENTYSOMETHING group has moved into their THIRTIES and so it's time to start a new group! If you are between the

ages of 18-29, this is the group for you.

... Finishing or finished High School?

... Going to College or University?

... Looking for work?

... Got a job?

... Married or single?

This group offers:

... a place to see and meet friends

... a chance to eat and have fun together

... an opportunity for learning and to volunteer in the church

TO REACH YOU TOO!

THIRTYSOMETHING

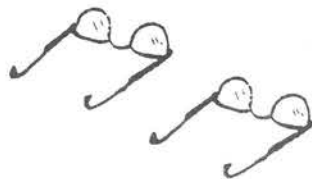
Are you, or have you ever been, thirtysomething? Do you enjoy an informal, fun-loving atmosphere? Do you need to unwind on a Friday evening or perhaps find an outlet for your creative energies? Do you enjoy variety in recreational activities and, in particular, do you enjoy festive meals? If so, it sounds like Thirtysomething is the group for you! Contact Kevin (457-7324), or Ann (645-8867), for the details of our next gathering.

KUMJONINUS

Kumjoninus is taking a sabbatical in the next year! If you have thoughts, suggestions about the future direction of Kumjoninus or any ideas about starting something, please pass them on to Catherine Moore or anyone on the staff (679-8182).

BIFOCALS

Begins a new season on Tuesday, October 24. Come and enjoy good food, warm fellowship and varied programs. Interested? Phone Ralph or Corinne King (471-0139). Guests and new members are always welcome.



HAVA/JAVA & JUICE



UCW

An informal group for parents and preschoolers offering networking and support. **Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:00.** Contact Liz Galbraith (471-3439).

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 Parlor;

the second Wednesday, at 9:30 a.m., at I Grosvonor Gate;

the third Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m., in the Church Parlor.

New members are always welcome. Contact the U.C.W. president, Loma Kilb, for more details.(432-9938)

WOMEN'S DECADE GROUP

The Decade Group welcomes you to join them on Tuesday September 12 at 7:30 at the home of Phyllis Barnes to learn about women's place in both the early church and today's church. Information - Dorothy McPhedran (471-9662)



RIDES FOR SENIORS

All 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 (472-2408) if you need a ride, or if you would be prepared to offer a ride.



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)

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. You are invited to come for a refresher, or to prepare for confirmation or reaffirmation of faith. We call the course *Basic Christian Beliefs*. Please contact Catherine Moore or Frank Meadows if this interests you (679-8182). Basic Christian Beliefs will be offered as an all day Saturday event at the church on November 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP

On November 26 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 23rd. Come at 7:00 p.m. for a tour of the church followed by an orientation evening. 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. 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 baptizing their children for Baptism. We explore the meaning of Baptism, and prepare for the Sunday service. The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated **September 24**. Call the church office if interested. (679-8182)

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

Please keep in mind the Social Action Committee's food collection for St. Paul's DAILY BREAD Food Bank. Baskets are provided to collect food every Sunday. Baby food is also a special need and may be left at any time. Baskets are placed at front entrances of the chapel and sanctuary on Sunday mornings. There is a permanent box in the Lower Hall under *The Christ of the Breadline* mural in the Lower Hall. Financial contributions are also welcome. Thank you for helping others!



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.

PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH

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:

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Our Pastoral Care visitors are members of our congregation who offer ongoing support to our shut-ins, to those who are ill, bereaved or have special chronic needs. We have about 24 men and women who visit every six weeks, maintaining contact with members of our congregation on a regular basis, and especially at birthday and holiday times. 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).

RAINBOWS

When people in schools and churches speak of the "Rainbows" program, they are likely referring to the support programmes for children and adults who have experienced death, divorce, separation, or abandonment.

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.

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.

There are several programmes geared to different age levels: Rainbows is a peer support programme for pre-school through grade eight; Spectrum is a support programme specifically developed for young adults in high school; Prism is in touch with their own feelings about what has taken place in their family and help rebuild the family unit.

First-St. Andrew's offered an adult Prism group in 1994/95 with very positive feedback. Beginning Fall 1995, First-St. Andrew's will work in co-operation with Rainbow groups at Robinson Memorial and Colborne St. United Churches, to make more groups available to more age groups. If you know or have children who would benefit from a Rainbow or Spectrum group, please contact Catherine as soon as possible. (679-8182) Confidentiality is the essential ingredient in all programmes.

OUR MINISTER OF VISITATION

The Rev. Herb Wintonfor has been visiting our seniors - about 90 of them - on a regular basis for the past three and a half years. He has been a congregation. Herb will be completing his work as Minister of Visitation on a regular basis for the past three and a half years. He has been a member of our congregation. Thank you, Herb, for all you have done on behalf of First-St. Andrew's, and God bless you!

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 Slicox, a psychiatrist, work as a team to provide initial assessment and follow-through counselling for individuals, couples, families or groups facing personal transitional crises.

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.



TRUST, PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND THE BOUNDS OF INTIMACY

One evening co-sponsored by Adult Development and the Social Action Committees, **Sunday October 22** at 7:30 p.m. in the ParLOUR

Every day we place our trust in doctors, teachers, lawyers and ministers. And, as professionals, we are entrusted.

- * What are the unwritten rules of these relationships that protect the trust and enable the relationship to function?
- * What is appropriate intimacy, inappropriate intimacy and how do we distinguish one from the other?
- * How do professionals express their caring in ways that are clear and not misunderstood?
- * What harm is done when trust is violated?
- * How can we enable healing?

Further Information: Marion Jackson Tyler (679-8182)

MARRIAGE BUILDER WORKSHOP

Wednesdays 7 - 10 pm - Fireside Room - September 20 - November 1
This workshop is for couples interested in strengthening their relationship through improving their communication and problem solving skills. This seven session workshop is jointly sponsored by First-St. Andrew's Adult Development Committee, and St. Joseph's Health Centre. It is open to First-St. Andrew's members and to the London community.

Facilitator: Peter Gray, M.Sc.
Brochures and Registration forms are available at the Church. If the cost of this program prevents your participation, talk to Marion Jackson Tyler about some assistance.

COMING FOR ADVENT

A rich series using the music of Handel's Messiah and other resources. Then, returned to for a Lenten study.

VISION TV - SPIRIT CONNECTION

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 Mondays at 7:30 p.m.



LIBRARY

The LIBRARY has a NEW LOOK! COME and SEE! Thanks to the Crum Memorial, the library has new carpet, paint and window treatment. Books, videos and magazines are available for all ages and areas of interest, whether for serious learning or for pleasure. Come in and browse. Check out the new books and the delightful Children's Centre.



CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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; Kairos; Camps; Conference Events. Your help is always appreciated.

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

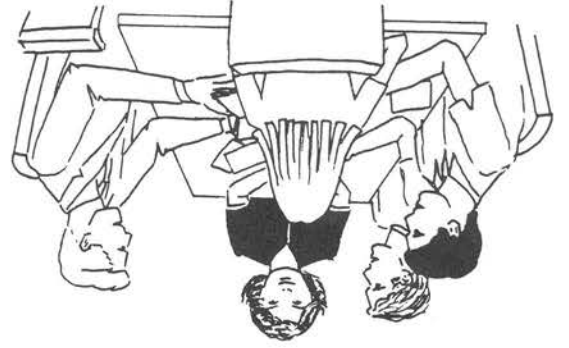
The Volunteer Management Committee was put into place to encourage each of us to discover, develop and offer our gifts and talents, and to match our gifts with the volunteer needs of our church. We thank all of you who have read our yellow volunteer booklet and have responded by filling out the yellow 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 Stewardship program again this Fall, to update our records and give you an opportunity to change or add new activities. Thank you for sharing your time and gifts.
Co-chairs: Lesley Pergau, (434-2490)
Bob Slater (642-7949)



Everything is changing and this is particularly true in the church. The rules have changed, the old ways don't work anymore, ... and the way to move into the future is unclear. Using Loren Mead's *Once and Future Church*, we will explore realities, possibilities, directions and re-discover hope. Of particular interest to those in positions of church leadership and those concerned about the future of the church.

Leader: Frank Meadows (679-8182)
Advance Registration through church office by September 25, so that we can have resources ready.



BETWEEN TIMES
6 Monday evenings, 7:30 in the Parlor beginning October 16 to November 20.

A small group opportunity limited to 12.
Dreams - our hearts trying to have a word with our heads
Heaven and Hell - if we choose to live
This is the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ
Forgiveness - and why we like to stay in our guilt
Being Born Again - because the first one didn't work out so well

a distinctly different approach to the Parables of Jesus with topics like:
October 11 to November 15.
6 Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Parlor beginning

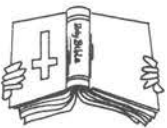
THINGS CHURCH PEOPLE SELDOM TALK ABOUT
Church School at 9:15 a.m.)
(Please note: Children's Ministry is offering a children's alternate

embarrassed. This is a beginners only group.
Leader: Marion Jackson Tyler (679-8182)
folks who wouldn't dare go to a Bible study group for fear of being
they could more easily find the Bible's wisdom, guidance and help. For
For folks who get lost or confused in the pages of the Bible but who wish

BIBLE STUDY FOR THE FORMERLY AFRAID
(and even now not too sure) 6 Sunday mornings, 9:15 in the Parlor,
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KERYGMA IN DEPTH
Second Tuesday of the month - Parlor.
Offers a thematic approach to the Bible, giving a "whole-Bible" grasp of
the book we generally read in bits and pieces. Ten themes involve the
interaction of God and people in both Old and New Testaments.

HEBREWS
Sundays, 9:15 a.m. in the Kerygma Room.
This group takes an in-depth journey through a piece
of Scripture, exploring its meaning for then and now.
The coffee pot is on and judging from the laughter -
this is good fun as well as good learning.



Co-ordinator: Gerry Meacham (472-2641)
WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!

OUR PURPOSE: To look to the Bible to inform and strengthen us for
daily living and to get to know others in the congregation.
This plan will allow us to participate in other special events and programs
at the church during the early Fall, Advent and Christmas, Lent and
Easter.
4 weeks - Apr. 11 - May 2, plus a Closing Time on May 9, 1996
on Feb. 21
6 weeks - Jan. 11 - Feb. 15, plus the Ash Wednesday Service
8 weeks - Oct. 12 - Nov. 30, plus a Christmas Gathering on Dec. 7

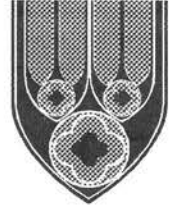
THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor.
Please note new time! WE HAVE A NEW PLAN!
We will gather for THREE SETS:

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT DEVELOPMENT

Room. Talk to Marion Jackson Tyler for further information.(679-8182)
Sunday, November 5 for pizza lunch in the Upper

sponsor of your choosing. First gathering will be
members of the Pastoral Care Team, and time with a
projects, 2 Saturday retreat days, visits with a
Confirmation. The learning includes classes,
faith and lifestyle in preparation for Baptism/
r older who want to do some learning about Christian



CONFIRMATION CLASS
The Teen Confirmation Class is for those in Grade 9
older who want to do some learning about Christian
faith and lifestyle in preparation for Baptism/
Confirmation. The learning includes classes,
projects, 2 Saturday retreat days, visits with a
members of the Pastoral Care Team, and time with a
sponsor of your choosing. First gathering will be
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Room. Talk to Marion Jackson Tyler for further information.(679-8182)



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 20. Leaders: Joan Beavers, Heather Carter,
(657-8759) Melody Salton.

SENIOR HIGHS
This group gets together Sundays after church to talk about "older Teen"
interests, concerns and ideas. Why is Senior High life both full of fun and
at times stressful? Time of Entry: Age 16 in 1995- Watch for starting
date. Co-ordinator: Barrie Evans (438-7893)
Leaders: Lionel Morse, (438-8109), Emily Woods (679-8182)
Room. See you September 10.
focus on preparation for the Musical and just be at home in our Upper
fun and talk about life, questions and other Teen stuff. This fall we'll
This is the Group where Teens of all ages can meet, eat, visit, sing, have
Grade 7 and Up!

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH GROUP
MEET SEPT. 10 TO GET THE NEWS! 9 a.m. Lower Hall
There will be another BIG MUSICAL this fall - for ALL TEENS!
TAKE SPECIAL NOTICE OF THIS! ALL TEENS

GET READY for a brand new year!
GYM RIOT - Saturday, Sept. 9 - 3 - 7 p.m.
ALL TEENS GRADE 7 - OAC'S
Come on! Get yourself here! Includes supper!

YOUTH MINISTRY
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.)

YOUTH MINISTRY

Polka Dot Days

Cost: \$20 for one day; \$50 if registering for all 3 days. Registration forms available from the Church Office.

Each program will use a saying of Jesus and Christian symbol as a focus. Children may arrive at the church as early as 7:30 a.m. and stay until 5:30 p.m. The actual program will run from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Children will bring their own lunch and snacks provided.

Friday, Oct. 27 "I am the Good Shepherd" puppets, stories, and sheepy things
 Friday, Nov. 24 "I am the Bread of Life" bread baking, dough crafts, and other gooey stuff
 Friday, Dec. 1 "I am the Light of the World" candle making and joy-making. Some preparation for Christmas.

When it's a PD day at school, it's a POLKA DOT DAY at the church. Interesting, active, creative and fun days. Circles express love and community. Polka Dots are fun circles!

POP 'N' POPCORN
 For girls and boys in Grades 5, 6 and 7 on FRIDAY EVENINGS about once a month. A group just to make friends and have fun!

September 29 - Bowling
 November 3 - Roller skating
 December 8 - Carolling
 Co-ordinators: Janice & Jim Elliott, (657-7183) Sharon & Dennis Lunan, (472-2099) and Virginia & Bob Rogan (472-4137).

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Supper is an important part of the Gone Fishing experience. We count on the parents to help us with this part of the program. A sign up sheet will be available for the first few gatherings - we ask you to help twice a term, once as leader, once as helper.

Participation Fee: 1 child \$31.00
 2 children \$29.50, each
 3 children \$28.00, each
 (The Participation fee covers only the cost of the food for the supper.)
 Christian Development Scholarship Funds available.

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SECRET PALS
 Exchanging letters through the red Secret Pal Mailbox is a lot of fun for kids in Grades 3 - 6 and adults of our congregation. You write letters once a month to your Secret Pal, using a code name and sharing bits of information about yourself. Next spring there will be an "unmasking" event. Would you like to sign up for this fun exchange?
 Contact the co-ordinator: Penny Hove (657-1887).

SONG FISHING
 Gone Fishing has become a tradition at First-St. Andrew's. This program was developed 18 years ago to offer our children a mid-week children's program, musical training, choir, and an experience of Christian community - all in one package! The program specifies change and evolve but those basic goals and hopes remain. Gone Fishing has served our children well. Read on to see how and when you may join the Gone Fishing crew. Gone Fishing is Wednesdays beginning at 4 p.m. with games and snacks. We end our time together with a brief chapel service and are ready for home at 7 p.m.

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NEW THIS YEAR!!! An alternate Church School program for children JK to Grade 6. The curriculum will follow the same lectionary themes as the 11 o'clock program but the format will be developed to accommodate a broad age range group. The Kindergarten and Music Rooms (located above the ParLOUR) will be our meeting space. Leaders: Heather Huston, Paul Huston, Liz Galbraith, Karen Knight, Manon Jackson Tyler

NEW THIS FALL!
 CHURCH SCHOOL AT BOTH SERVICES
 9:15 AND 11:00 a.m. - Starting September 17



SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 11:00 a.m. RECOVENANTING SUNDAY
 The whole Church Family will worship in the Sanctuary and recovenant together, to begin the new Fall Season. The Three Year Nursery and the Kindergarten will be available if desired.

CHURCH SCHOOL
 For infants, one and two year olds. Open for both 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship. Co-ordinators: Judy Cull, Donna Fraleigh, (672-6116) Mary Gonder (451-0992)

NURSERY
 Co-ordinator: Nancy Stanlick (451-9491)
 Gonder, Alexander Robinson, Ryan Terpstra, new babies: Ryan Burns, Maggie Freeman, Ainsley baby and family. So far this year we have welcomed 5 life up to age three. These messages are sent to each new messages to help celebrate important events in baby's messages to help celebrate important events in baby's life up to age three. These messages are sent to each new baby and family. So far this year we have welcomed 5 new babies: Ryan Burns, Maggie Freeman, Ainsley Gonder, Alexander Robinson, Ryan Terpstra, Nancy Stanlick (451-9491)



CRADLE ROLL
 A colourful kit called *Growing in God's Love* has several messages to help celebrate important events in baby's life up to age three. These messages are sent to each new baby and family. So far this year we have welcomed 5 new babies: Ryan Burns, Maggie Freeman, Ainsley Gonder, Alexander Robinson, Ryan Terpstra, Nancy Stanlick (451-9491)

INFANTS TO TWO YEARS - located next to the Chapel (Main floor)
THREE YEAR NURSERY (born 1992)-located across from Chapel
KINDERGARTEN (born 1990-91) - located above the parlour
GRADE ONE - meet in the Music Room - Upper floor
GRADE TWO TO SIX - meet in the Fireside Room - Lower floor

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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 1995-1996 brochure for the details of this year's series.


AT FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S

CONCERT SERIES



Gone Fishing

First-St. Andrew's Ministry
 All of the people and
 The Rev. Dr. Frank Meadows
 The Rev. Catherine Moore
 The Rev. Herb Wontor
 Paul Merritt
 Emily Woods Marion Jackson Tyler
 Susan Brown Pat Sole Jim Gagnon

<p>September 10 9:15 & 11:00 A service of gathering and re-affirming the covenant of our Baptism. Preacher - Frank Meadows</p> <p>September 17 9:15 & 11:00 15th Sunday after Pentecost. Preacher - Frank Meadows</p> <p>September 24 9:15 & 11:00 The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated at the 11:00 o'clock service. Preacher - Catherine Moore</p> <p>October 1 9:15 & 11:00 World-wide Communion Sunday. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at both services. Preacher - Frank Meadows</p> <p>October 8 9:15 & 11:00 Thanksgiving Sunday Preacher - Frank Meadows</p> <p>October 15 9:15 & 11:00 Mission Education Sunday Guest Preacher - Dr. William Butt Dr. Butt has been in Ethiopia on behalf of the development work of London Conference.</p> <p>October 22 9:15 & 11:00 Social Outreach Sunday. We will focus on the work of our church in East London, and also acknowledge the International Year for Tolerance. Guest Preacher - The Rev. Susan Eagle</p> <p>October 29 9:15 & 11:00 Music Appreciation Sunday Preacher - Catherine Moore</p> <p>November 5 9:15 & 11:00 Remembrance Sunday Preacher - Frank Meadows</p> <p>November 12 9:15 & 11:00 Stewardship Sunday Preacher - Frank Meadows</p> <p>November 19 9:15 & 11:00 The 163rd Anniversary of First-St. Andrew's Guest Preacher - The Rev. Don Parsons Don was an Associate Minister here some years ago. He is presently the minister of Port Nelson United Church, Burlington, Ontario.</p> <p>November 26 9:15 & 11:00 The Last Sunday after Pentecost On this Sunday we will receive new members Preacher - Frank Meadows</p>	
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Come and worship at First-St. Andrew's as we remember the story of the church from its earliest days until now. We will celebrate our Christian faith and heritage as we baptize our children and share in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, as we receive new members and rejoice in our mission to the world. Our regular times of worship are at 9:15 a.m. in the chapel and at 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

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.

MUSIC

THE SENIOR CHoir
 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 7**. Please contact Paul Merritt (679-8234 or 679-9173)

THE TEEN CHoir
 Open to all Teens who are in Grade 7 - O.A.C.'s. 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 CHoir
 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!

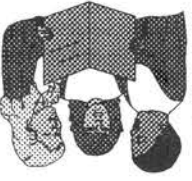
LAUDAMUS HANDBELL CHoir
 The Laudamus Handbell Choir, now in its 25th year of offering praise at First-St. Andrew's, seeks new members for the Fall of 1995. **GENTLEMEN AND LADIES**: a warm welcome awaits you in our friendly group! We would particularly welcome some of the gentlemen so we could make 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, singing for Sunday worship, weddings, recitals (church and community), workshops and festivals. Weekly rehearsal: Monday, 1:00-3:00 p.m. starting **September 11**. Please call Barbara Plante, Director (472-4586 or 461-1202) for further information, or leave your name at the Church Office (679-8182).

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 11th**. 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, September 14**. Please contact Susan Carscadden-Mitts for more information about Teen Ringers. (Home: 232-4973 or Work: 433-3147).

THE GONE FISHING PRIMARY MUSIC HANDCHIME/HAND-BELL 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
 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).



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CHURCH FAMILY EVENT
 Please reserve
SUNDAY AFTERNOON
SEPTEMBER 24 - 1:30 PM
 Weldon Park, Arva
 \$20 per family(\$5 single)
 Includes food, auction and activities
 ALL PROFITS TO M & S FUND

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Thank you to the Stank Family

Paul Catherine

Marvin

We are looking forward to the new challenges, opportunities and relationships the fall promises. We hope you are too!

We hope that you do not view participation in worship and church activities as just more demands on your time and energy. This could be a way to sort out and make sense of all that demands and squeezes in life. God longs for us to have life which is rich in meaning, joy and wholeness. God's church may not offer complete answers - but, at the very least, we're people asking the same kinds of questions and searching in similar places for answers. Maybe this fall is a good time to connect in a new way or re-connect in a way that nurtures and strengthens the spirit.

- * exciting new programs in Children's Ministry
- * lots of new learning and growth possibilities in Adult Development
- * a Teen Musical directed by Don Jones
- * Rainbows
- * and lots more.

The FSA Program Guide will make you aware of the many possibilities for participation, learning and growth that are available in our First-St. Andrew's community. Please spend some time with it and keep it handy. You will find:

We trust that the summer has offered opportunity for some relaxation and recreation. Now, fall beckons -- or threatens -- depending on the moment and the mood.

Dear Friends,



FSA Program Guide

Fall 1995

