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Marion's Back - with Promise

By Bruce Hillman

The country defines life for Marion Jackson Tyler. Stewardship of the earth, its pleasures and the closeness to nature portray the loving nature of God.

She thinks of herself as a farm girl. Her roots are rural, she loves to garden and she values motherhood and Christian stewardship of the land. She was born near Sarnia on her family's farm. After earning a Bachelor of Arts at Western, Marion attended the Centre for Christian Studies in Toronto, graduating as a diaconal minister with a specialty in education and pastoral care.

Marion began job-sharing with Emily Woods last fall. Her interview date was within two days of the 20th anniversary of the interview for her first call to First-St. Andrew's. In 1973, she was the first woman to be hired at the church for Christian Education. During her eight-year stay, the educational program grew and strengthened considerably. Marion says being able to devote time to encourage programs was a key factor in their success.

It was during this time that Gone Fishing was established and the teens began their Sunday breakfasts. Adult programs became an important aspect of life at First-St. Andrew's.

Marion remembers Weeks of Workshops in which other London churches were invited to share. The sessions were not only valuable, but fun and exciting.

In June 1981, Marion married and left for Stratford's Central United Church as assistant minister. She was responsible for education and Christian Development. And she became the mother of Lindsay and Drew. Meredith arrived later.

For awhile, Marion spent her time raising her young family. She supplied temporary help to congregations in need of a minister - in Kirkton-Woodham, Mitchell and Fullarton.

She decided further studies would be of benefit, and enrolled in the master of divinity program at Huron College. Promise entered her life at this time, as a gift for a significant birthday.



Marion Jackson Tyler

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Promise is a clown - a sacred clown who introduces God's word to children. She is a mime, using actions and props to lead children to discover God's promises through the scriptures. Marion says Promise is continually developing. She was a recent guest at Gone Fishing to the delight of the fishing crew. Judging by the reaction, Promise may be a significant approach for introducing Christian values and ideas to our children. If you haven't met her, be sure to ask Marion to introduce you sometime.

As Marion continues her role in Christian development First-St. Andrew's, we wish her all the best, and look forward with her to an exciting and fun-filled stewardship.

IN OUR MAIL

Dear Friends:

A year and a half ago, it was drawn to my attention by a friend that on the back page (12) of Tidings (Pentecost 1992) I was listed as a Candidate for the Ministry from First-St. Andrew's in 1854. That would make me 139 years old - a truly outstanding record of longevity in this modern age. The year needs to be changed to 1954 - a period when Dr. Angus MacQueen was the senior minister. It is only now I'm getting around to writing you. It may be this matter has already been brought to your attention in which case please ignore this note.

I retired from the officially active ministry Oct. 1, 1990, and am now assistant minister (half time) at St. Giles Church, Hamilton.

Christian greetings to First-St. Andrew's!

Don Deas

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THE "WORKING PARTY", WHAT IS IT?

By Barry Moore, Chair

A "Working Party" was established by the congregation at the Annual Meeting on February 13, 1994 by means of the following motion:

That the congregation direct Council, through the Stewardship Committee, to create and sponsor a Working Party, as an ad hoc committee of the congregation, to review the mission of First-St. Andrew's United Church and its implementation in light of current financial concerns.

The committee is made up of the Chairpersons of major congregational committees and three members from the congregation at large:



Back: Don Jones, Mike Walker, Barry Moore, Bill Watson
Front: Bev Lindsay, Gertrude Bergey, Heather Lindsay
Absent: Beth Girvan, Doug McGregor, John McKim, Ross McMullen, Frank Meadows

Barry Moore was elected Chair. (The rumour that he agreed to do so because he initially only heard the word "Party" in the committee's title is untrue.)

The Working Party is meeting weekly and is initially identifying items that have a major impact on both the church's mission and the church's financial resources. Communication with the congregation will be ongoing.

ENVIRONMENT TIP

From the Earth Stewardship Committee

Bring your own coffee cup to work or meetings, rather than using disposable foam or paper cups.

1994 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS



Back: Paul Huston, Brenda Gummeson, Carolyn Minion, Bob Slater, Russ Gonder, Bruce Moor.

Centre: Jan Hendry, Elspeth Watson, Emily Woods, Marion Jackson Tyler, Linda Badke, Gertrude Bergey, Bev Lindsay.

Front: Frank Meadows, Heather Vosper, Doug McGregor, Ross McMullen, Catherine Moore.

Missing: John Eberhard, Peter Kirkwood, Paul Merritt, Stuart Robb, Bill Watson.

REPORT FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

By Doug McGregor, Chair

Two major initiatives were authorized by the congregation at the annual meeting on February 13th. Both of these are moving rapidly forward. A ground-breaking ceremony to launch the Access Project was held on April 3rd after a wonderful Easter Sunday service, and received local media coverage. The Working Party, created to review our mission and its implementation, held an initial meeting on March 6th. We thank the members-at-large who agreed to contribute in this important initiative: Beth Girvan, Don Jones, Heather Lindsay, and Barry Moore who was elected chair. You may have seen the construction, and should have had a chance to provide input to the Working Party through its questionnaire. Stay tuned for further developments!

On April 12th, Council approved a special meeting on May 10th to deal with several important matters. The Working Party wishes to present an interim report, and there will be an Access finance update. A Triennial Visitation, deferred for a year because of our change to Council, will be conducted by Middlesex Presbytery.

Council is working to be open and communicative. As a step in this direction, an invitation will be extended to all members of congregational committees to attend a regular meeting of Council in the fall to see it in action. We welcome your involvement. Please discuss suggestions or questions with any member of Council.

RAINBOWS IS.....

By Catherine Moore

Effective support programs 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.

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.

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.

Rainbows was co-founded in 1983 by Suzy Yehl Marta, a divorced mother of three sons who discovered how much her own children hurt after her divorce 12 years ago, and Fr. Medard Laz, a counsellor to the widowed and divorced. Rainbows is peer support for pre-school through eighth grade. It is easily implemented in a church setting where children already gather in surroundings which are familiar and comfortable.

Spectrum is a support program specifically developed for young adults in high school.

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 me as soon as possible.

Confidentiality is the essential ingredient in all programs.



ACCESS UNDERWAY!

By Rick Ashall & Russ Gonder

Following the Easter Sunday service the congregation of First-St. Andrew's participated in an exciting ground breaking ceremony marking the start of the construction phase of the Access project.

The cold and blustery weather did not quell the enthusiasm and participation. Jack Burghardt, Deputy Mayor for the City of London brought official greetings from the city and commented on the importance of the project in the continual revitalization and outreach to the downtown community. Doug McGregor read a letter from Marion Boyd, MPP London Centre, that in her words said, "First-St. Andrew's has a long history of both reaching in and reaching out to its members and indeed the central part of the city. Your move to provide accessibility for all members is a great example of conveying a message that everyone is welcome to your services and events". Charles Phipps, Chair, Division of Finance and Administration, Middlesex Presbytery congratulated the congregation and conveyed Presbytery's wishes for success and support. Jean Comfort, representative of the congregation symbolically initiated the construction by turning the first sod. Representatives from local radio, TV and press covered and reported on the ceremony.

A project management committee consisting of Russ Gonder, Bill Minion, Al Taylor, Paul Huston and Rick Ashall will monitor the construction on FSA's behalf. A green Access Update Bulletin has been initiated to provide information concerning the construction. These are distributed on Sundays at two week intervals.

Construction, expected to be completed in mid-October, is well underway and the weekly progress is evident. Work completed includes:

- cleaning the bricks on the wall that will be enclosed by the addition;
- excavation, foundations, and openings to lower hall and basement;
- demolition of Chapel entrance and region near the Parlour;
- drilling the hole for the elevator piston.

In the May/June period they will complete the steel framing, which will outline the shape of the addition. The new doorway into the sanctuary will be cut. Pews near the doorway will be altered and a dust barrier constructed.

We continue to see progress on the fund raising. We have now exceeded the \$736,000 mark with over 300 members and families contributing. This has been an outstanding response. If we haven't heard from you, please let the church office know of your intent. We have heard from the Office for Disability and Seniors' Issues approving our application for an accessibility grant of up to \$40,000. We await confirmation of the amount.

It has been a long road to reach this proud point in our history. For some, the need for improved access goes back several decades, but all of us will certainly benefit from this project.

GROUND BREAKING



Jean Comfort, Russ Gonder, Rick Ashall and Deputy Mayor Jack Burghardt

SENIOR HIGH GROUP

By Daniel Pergau

We are currently involved with ushering for the Jeans & Classics concerts at Centennial Hall. We have already ushered once and will usher again soon. This is both a good service for these concerts and a social event for us. We have also met twice as a group after church for a *Lunch and Discussion Time*. This is a great time for all of those who come out. Anyone who is currently attending grades 11 - OAC is invited to participate in these after church events.

HEATHER IS GOING TO GENERAL COUNCIL YOUTH FORUM!

By Shelley Kostecki

Congratulations are in order for Heather Lindsay. Heather has been selected to represent the Youth of Middlesex Presbytery on the Youth Forum at General Council. She was chosen from among many applicants from Middlesex Presbytery who indicated an interest in attending. Frank, Emily and Paul had no hesitation recommending Heather to the committee. She has been an enthusiastic participant in C.G.I.T., Gone Fishing, Youth Groups, Handbells and is a Nursery volunteer. Heather is presently the Youth Representative on the Working Party at First-St. Andrew's.

The Youth Forum will meet at General Council in Fergus from August 18-28. Heather has indicated she hopes to learn more about the United Church, to share ideas with other teens and to come back ready to pass on new and innovative ideas to First-St. Andrew's youth. She is also excited about meeting and making new friends and socializing.

We wish Heather a wonderful rewarding time and look forward to hearing about her experiences.

Info-Line

LUNCH AT WOODBURN FARMS

On Thursday, June 16, follows the UCW semi-annual meeting at 11:00 a.m. there. Tickets are available for \$8.50 from Gertrude Bergey (675-1207), Jo Ann Gramlich (660-4416) and Connie Murray (660-4485).

VACATION OFFERING ENVELOPE SERVICE

Before leaving on summer vacation, consider taking the option of leaving your summer offering envelopes with Susan Brown, our Business Manager, who will deposit them on the appropriate dates. Paul Huston and the Finance Committee will appreciate your help in doing this.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

(entrance from parking lot door)
May 30 to September 2: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Messages may be left on the answering machine (679-8182) during lunch hours and any time after hours. Or send your message by FAX (439-6838).

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, with a special focus on the second Sunday each month. The committee delivers food to the Daily Bread Food Bank at St. Paul's Cathedral.

80th ANNIVERSARY MARIAN KEITH CLUB

unique, on-site mystery, still flowering among us

Part Two (of four): **Its Nature**

By Louise Wyatt

Facts are easy - to convey the complex essence, the intangible, is difficult. We had a living motto (probably Mrs. MacGregor's) - "Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you." The emphasis was on the first clause; the second, an afterthought. FYI, much ahead of its time, the Club was functionally ecumenical, "of all denominations" as the notes say. It met for supper on Mondays, one rotating committee preparing the basic, even rather Spartan food at a 20 or 25 cent fee. Lots of macaroni, corn on the cob in season - with firmly held differences of opinion about the best length of cooking time. Typically, the meetings had devotions with scripture, followed by an inspirational speaker who was available for questioning after discussion. Once, Jean Campbell told us of her medical training experience in Dublin. Someone told of a Northern summer job experience or of life in the tundra belt. One of my source friends remembered particularly after all these years, a talk given by Lillian Madill's sister Margaret, on the Spring theme of "Keeping Our Windows Clean."

Ours was a girls' club, but not convent-like. Once in a while, the boys' group, with people like Burke Martin and Bill Abbott, was invited. We were active with dramatic and thematic events, such as a Japanese operetta, presented as sources of fund raising for good causes, and artistic enjoyment at the same time. We adopted a family at Christmas.

There was a strong missionary commitment of both interest and effort. One meeting each month was devoted to missionary need, study and endeavours. Annually, we undertook to finance a year's education of a girl in India, giving 100 hard-found dollars to missions a year and \$50 to social work here, often through Clara Bailey. In 1930, we sent a mammoth \$500 to provide a new unit in our Church missionary's (Dr. G. Gushue-Taylor) medical mission centre in Formosa (now Taiwan) - the Happy Mountain Leper Colony. So there, in the high Far East was a small health haven bearing its sign - Marian Keith Club Hut of St. Andrew's!

The club's inner reality? Almost 80 years after its beginning and 57 years after its official dissolution, friends like me offer such club phrases as these: a link of genuine friendship, of mutual acceptance and intimacy; a real life-line when I came to London a stranger; a way of life; a focus; very understanding acceptance with no rebuking or negative attitudes even toward my thinking I knew more than I really did; high principled; something to live up to - but each in our own way, with no push for uniformity; free communication.

Some of this still surfaces and when one dear friend announced, in discussion, that if she wasn't married by the time she was 40, she was going to take up smoking! She wasn't and she didn't except for perhaps a brief token gesture. And there was the moment in the depression days when Mrs. MacGregor openly suggested that for us in such times, even such a minor indulgence as an ice-cream cone was inappropriate. Soon after, three of her most loyal, loving and leading members were seen coming down the street, licking their cones, and Mrs. MacGregor greeted them with unshattered calm and a new comment: "Good evening girls."

And at the closing ceremonies, the speaker, Madeline Roddick, began by announcing emphatically, that she was not going to get sentimental or emotional - and promptly burst into tears, followed by her friend sitting beside her - to help forestall just such a happening! One flood of tears is sad - two is ridiculous.

Back to another remembered glimpse - the year Flower Day, when the MKC undertook the two days labour of picking thousands of field daisies, putting them in wash tubs - getting them to the Church, making them into huge soggy chains, about 10 inches thick and draping them around the curving wrought iron fronts of the circular balconies. Club members also served as a choir, singing a song of Mrs. MacGregor's composition. And we had, amid the floral garland, real, specially caged, singing canaries, - singing and singing. In fact, the bird song was so prolonged that it interrupted our dear minister's sermon, and we never had them again.

We have discovered over the years that significant elements from the club sessions, have stayed with us for years - with their value and meaning recognized only much later, as an underlying late reaction - no loudness, no shouting, but a presence. The club has stayed with us, not so much in our intellects though sometimes there too, but in such delayed realizations in many firm, long-lasting friendships, and generally steady ways and life directions. We think "Once a Marian Keither, always a Marian Keither" is a compliment in those respects and in our motto's basic attitude.

This written sketch has had purpose, to use many references to flowers and flower gardens. Perhaps our founder saw the club that way, perhaps as a seed-bed. I think she functioned on the base that as Archibald Lampman put it: "There is a beauty at the heart of life." But not a bit gushy, greeting-card type of emotion, something deeper, and more firm and reliable. She might also have subscribed: "Our bodies are gardens" of which we are the gardeners, though I never met anyone less like Iago, who speaks that line. I misquoted one or two words of the Shakespearean original which spuriously and glibly sounds more noble than it is in context. But Mrs. MacGregor didn't think of us as once passive plantings, rather as capable, if nourished and encouraged, of coming each to our own different potential blossoming.

The Marian Keith Club Grace - sung to the tune of Ruth; "Summer Suns are Shining", Presbyterian Hymn Book.

*Lord, upon these mercies
Thy rich blessings pour,
May Thy loving kindness
Make us love Thee more.*

*Broad and deep and glorious
As the heavens above
Shines in light victorious
Thine eternal love.*

Ed. - Agnes Mitchell Reid should have been included in the membership list. To be added to the friends beyond list are Jean Hair, Edith Wilson Hayman and Eleanor Wilson Koehler.



THE PASSING OF SOMEONE ELSE

The church was bowed in grief this week to learn that one of our most valuable members, Someone Else, passed away. This death creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Someone Else has been with us for many years. During all these years, he did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results.

Whenever there was a job to do - a class to teach, or a meeting to attend - one name was on everyone's list: "Let Someone Else do it."

Someone Else was also among the largest givers of the church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed that Someone Else would make up the difference.

This beloved church member was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing super-human; but a person can only do so much. Everybody expected too much of Someone Else.

Now Someone Else is gone. Who will pitch in to do the things that Someone Else has done? If you are asked to take a job in church, we hope you won't reply, "Let Someone Else do it." Now we need you to pick up where Someone Else left off.

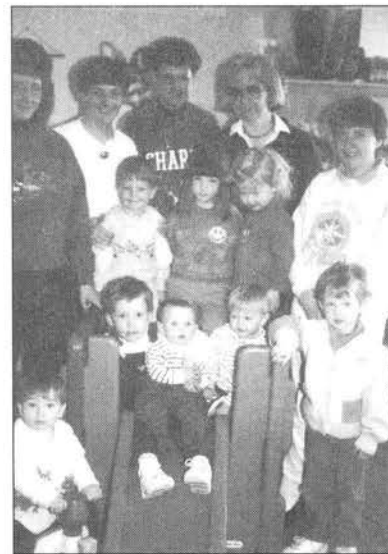
HAVA JAVA 'N JUICE



By Marion Johnson Denny

"Going to the castle" is how one little boy describes his weekly outing to the Wednesday morning play group in the nursery of First-St. Andrew's. In fact, parents and their preschoolers have been enjoying a royal welcome at our church this year, in one of the most successful outreach programs this congregation has sponsored in recent times.

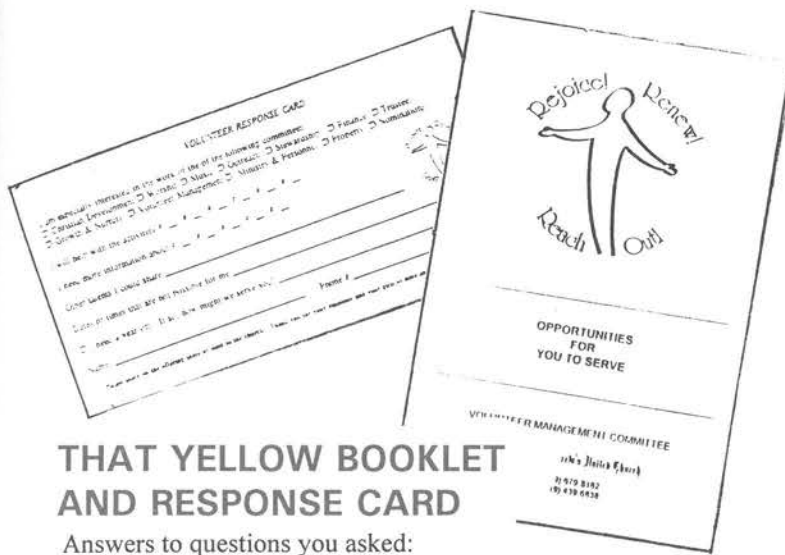
A core group of about 10 mothers attend regularly, sharing responsibility for making coffee, providing juice and snacks for the children, and tidying up at the end. As well, there are frequent visitors and invited guests, so that as many as 12 moms and 18 preschoolers have been here at a time! But the children are very well behaved, and all of them are thrilled with the complete freedom they have to explore the many stimulating toys in the FSA nursery. Occasionally, there are special activities for them, such as decorating cookie houses with candy at Christmas, or making stick-puppets during March Break.



There is a good feeling of fellowship and support in this group, which is a balanced blend of FSA members and families from the London community. The organization has been kept informal, so the focus remains on friendship for the adults and fun for the children. Fathers are welcome to join in, although no one has been brave enough yet!

Raising children is a vocation that involves many hours of unsalaried labour for all parents -- a genuine 'labour of love', yet something that is not always valued at its true worth in our money-driven society. Young families today are facing many pressures and financial stresses. This is a group richly deserving of our congregational support for the essential contribution they are making to the well-being of society. Let's put our faith to work, developing and broadening this important ministry as we seek to meet the needs of both our own members and the larger community.

HAVA JAVA meets Wednesday morning, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Everyone welcome! Bring your own coffee mug and join in the fellowship.



THAT YELLOW BOOKLET AND RESPONSE CARD

Answers to questions you asked:

- Q. All I can manage is coming to church on some Sundays during the year. Should I fill out a response card?**
- A. Yes. Activity #1 is attending Sunday worship - the most important thing we do at FSA.
- Q. Why should we fill in a card?**
- A. This allows each one of us to contribute something to help the church and share the work load. For example, soon we will need 8 persons each Sunday for reception at 4 entrances. This means we need about 400 persons over the year to do this one important task.
- Q. I am giving FSA as much of my time and talent as I possibly can so I haven't filled out a yellow response card.**
- A. Please fill in the activities you are already helping with so this info can be kept on our computer record.
- Q. I'm close to burn-out doing work for FSA. Should I fill out the response card?**
- A. Yes. Check the box "I need a year off." and write in how FSA can help you.
- Q. As a teen, why should I complete a card when I have so much homework to do?**
- A. You could perhaps do a one-time job such as reception, ushering, reader, coffee & conversation. Let us know, too, what groups you attend.
- Q. If I fill out a card, I'll be asked to do more and more.**
- A. On the card, choose what you *want* to help with - and that's what you'll be asked to do!
- Q. Were there any activities missing from the yellow booklet?**
- A. Yes, we goofed! Here are some we missed: being a buddy for a new member, joining the ECO Team, participating in the Teen Group or the Senior High Group, leading of adult study groups, attending booklook group, delivering mailings to 25 families in an area, helping with rummage sale, advent or lenten luncheons, Holly Bazaar
- Q. How would I sign up for an activity not listed?**
- A. Just write it in on the card.

Changes...

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

Deaths

"Well done, good and faithful servant"

Hazel Boys	January 30
Campbell Carlyle Calder	February 7
Earl Stanley Cole	January 28
Donald MacMillan Irving	January 21
George Ronald Nelson	April 4
Donald Drew Rice	January 28
Alvin Ernest (Bob) Will	March 12
David Carlton Williams	April 6

New Elders

(elected at the Annual Meeting, February 13)

Don Beck	Stan Harris	Mary Jane McMullen	David Shaw
Carol Beynon	Nancy Howard	Pam Mills	Gerry Shaw
Pam Burns	John Jardine	Lionel Morise	Chris Silcox
Pamela Commodore	Laurel Kenney	Gary Mount	Scott Snelgrove
Judy Cull	Corinne King	Sandra Napoli	Bob Vosper
Robert Currie	David Knoppert	Karen Procnier	Gloria Wiebe
Ed Ellis	Bill Knowles	Chad Radoja	Bert Wilson
Al Galbraith	Julie Lapp	Aggie Ramsden	Katherine Wonfor
Joanne Girvan	Jo MacDonald	Lillian Reid	
Gwen Gunn	Bill McCosh	Carol Shaw	

BANNERS ARE AS OLD AS THE PSALMS

By Kerry Stover

May we shout for joy over your victory and in the name of God set up your banners. Psalm 20:5

Banners are as new as a moon-shot. Astronaut Alan Bean carried in his space suit a small linen banner stitched by the women of his home-town church where that banner now proudly hangs.

Between the Psalms and the space age, wall hangings have accompanied the People of God on their march through history. Rich tapestries on cathedral walls provide both visual and physical warmth. Regimental standards and ecclesiastical flags proclaim a church's loyalties.

As in stained glass and painted frescoes, Renaissance art told the stories of the Bible and of the church in the fabric of banners - a message in material. Congregations of the twentieth century are discovering this stimulus-response media as striking, involving, versatile, joyous and enriching. At First-St. Andrew's we use our library of banners to enhance our worship experience.

Larry Kinch informed me that the first banner he remembers being created and made was by Merrie Young, for the Junior Choir. He recalls that the next banner was created for "The Church and the Arts" series that was started by Barrie Cabena. Barrie felt it was important to have a motif that emphasized the program, so Larry got started. The church banner collection is now regarded as one of the largest in Southwestern Ontario - there are forty-two at the last count. Larry went on to create banners for different occasions in the life of our congregation: Keeping the Faith, Kerygma, "Time,

Talent and Treasure" and Christmas with Rutter, to name just a few. As we continued our conversation, Larry said the main criteria for banner creation was to keep the design and the message simple. If it gets too complicated it distracts the viewer from its purpose. Every year for the past 12 years the confirmation class has created a banner to represent the group and their journey through the year's confirmation curriculum.

Currently the banner collection is being added to by the Christian Development committee. The C.D. committee decided to bring focus to the new curriculum for the church school, "The Whole People of God", and started making banners for each of the units. For each new unit the banner is hung in the sanctuary and is changed when the next unit starts.

Preserving the banners has become an area of concern over the past few years. All of the banners are hung in the room just west of the chancel, where the cool temperatures and small amount of daylight aids in the preservation of the fabric. A visit by a London & Region Historical Museums curator a few years ago stated that our storage room was ideal for the fabrics that have been used in the various banners. After the curator's visit, a group was formed to help repair any of the older banners that were in disrepair. Over the course of two years, a group of women from our congregation got together every Friday morning for two hours and painstakingly repaired the lettering and figures. Today all but six banners have been repaired. Many thanks to all of the people for designing, making, preserving, and giving constant attention to the banner collection.

Our banners can set a mood, highlight a theme, or start a train of thought lending visual warmth and vitality.

*In the name of the Spirit we set up our banners,
Who touches the heart and enlightens the eye,
Who whispers of peace passing all understanding,
We set up our banners for God.*

Can You Help? Caregivers and Leaders are needed for the Nursery and Junior Congregation in May, June and July. If you are able to help on one or more Sundays, please phone Emily Woods at the church, 679-8182. Your gift of time and sharing with the children will be very much appreciated.

Aug. 7-Sept. 4 At Metropolitan United Church. Cradle Nook for infants during the service. Classroom 2 for two-to-four year olds during the service. George Goth Hall for five-to-eight year olds after the Children's Prayer in the service.

May 22-July 31 At First-St. Andrew's United Church. Nursery during the service. Junior Congregation after the Children's Time in the service, in the Fireside Room. Three-year-olds are welcome in either location. **Note:** the special plans for Sunday, June 5 as outlined in the Worship Calendar.

SUMMER SUNDAYS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This Quartet is of special interest to us at First-St. Andrew's member, along with his family, of our congregation. Geoff's mother, Suzanne, plays in our Laudamus Handbell choir and Geoff's sister Jennifer was the accompanist for our Teen Choir for many years.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors/students and \$5 for children under 14 and are available at Hysen Music, Madrigal Classical Record Shop, the Church Office, at the door, or by calling 293-3109.

Our 1993-94 Concert Series has been one of the most successful and exciting in recent years as we have celebrated the 25th anniversary of the installation of our organ. We are pleased that the excitement will continue into May as we will present a concert by **THE ST. LAWRENCE STRING QUARTET** on **SUNDAY, MAY 15, 1994** at 3:00 p.m. Few Canadian artists have risen to international prominence as quickly as the St. Lawrence String Quartet. Within months of winning both the 4th Banff International String Quartet Competition and the Young Concert Artists International Auditions in 1992, the young ensemble was garnering rave reviews in Canada, the United States, South America and Europe.



During July and August, our Senior Choir will have a well-deserved break from its busy rehearsal schedule and this will give us an opportunity to hear our soloists as they provide vocal music to enrich our worship. Alex Clark, former Director of Music at Metropolitan United Church, will be playing the organ for the joint services here in July.

SUMMER SERVICES

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 becoming a part of our music program for 1994-5.

MUSIC

- June 5**
The second Sunday after Pentecost
A special service of worship will be held outdoors at the Pearce Williams retreat centre near Iona Station. Look for further information in this mailing. For those who are unable to join us at Pearce Williams, a service will be held here at the church at 9:00 a.m.
- June 12**
The third Sunday after Pentecost
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Preacher - The Rev. Frank Meadows
- June 19**
The fourth Sunday after Pentecost
On this Sunday we shall begin our summer schedule of one service on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.
Preacher - The Rev. Frank Meadows.
- June 26**
The fifth Sunday after Pentecost.
Preacher - The Rev. Frank Meadows.
- July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31**
On July 3rd we begin our Summer of shared services with our neighbours at Metropolitan United Church. They will join us for worship in our Sanctuary for the month of July.
The preacher at all services in July will be the Rev. Frank Meadows.
- August 7, 14, 21, 28, and September 4**
We will continue to worship together with Metropolitan United Church in their sanctuary on the corner of Wellington and Dufferin.
- September 11**
We will resume our two services at the regular times of 9:15 a.m. in the chapel and 11:00 a.m. in the main sanctuary.

FSA Program Guide

Pentecost 1994



Dear Friends:

Have you noticed a feeling of new spirit around the church? Someone first noticed it at the sod-turning ceremony on that chilly day in April and it's getting bigger!

The gift of the Holy Spirit at the first Pentecost inspired the early Christians to reach out "to all people" in God's creation. This year, the church season of Pentecost extends from May 22 to November 26. How fitting that the season of Pentecost coincides with the Access construction, enabling us, in the very near future, to reach out "to all people"

We heartily encourage "all people" of our church family to attend the special Outdoor Worship and Picnic, to be held at Pearce Williams Christian Centre on Sunday, June 5, 1994.

We also hope that "all people" of our church family will continue to worship throughout the summer months of Pentecost, whether at the shared services at First-St. Andrew's or Metropolitan, or at churches along the way if you are "away from home".

Just as the first Christians were filled with a new spirit at Pentecost, may we be filled with a new spirit as we watch the new building grow, as we take a summer break, and as we continue to worship and work and learn together.

Catherine
Emily
Paul
Therese
Frank

WORSHIP

Come and worship at First-St. Andrew's as we remember and celebrate the story of the church from its earliest days until now. Our regular worship times are 9:15 a.m. in the chapel and 11:00 in the main sanctuary. Beginning on June 12th, we will have one service only at 10:30 a.m. in the main sanctuary for the duration of the summer.

Worship Schedule:

May 8
 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. A multi-generational service including the Sacrament of Baptism to celebrate the Christian family.
 Christian Family Sunday

May 29
 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Trinity Sunday
 The Reception of new members by Confirmation, Certificate of Transfer and Re-affirmation of Faith.
 Preacher - The Rev. Catherine Moore

May 22
 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. The Day of Pentecost
 Preacher - The Rev. Frank Meadows

May 15
 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. The seventh Sunday of Easter
 The Rev. Pat Shaver, a retired Presbyterian minister who worships with us at First-St. Andrew's will be our guest preacher as both Catherine and Frank will be away at London Conference annual meeting.