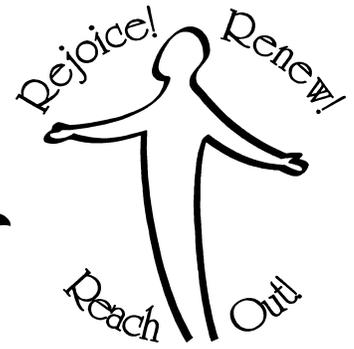


# Tidings



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**ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, EPIPHANY 2000/2001**

## A MUSICAL FAMILY

*By Elaine Wilton*

In talking to Don and Dorothy Jones one notices that music has been a major factor influencing the direction of their lives. They even met in a musical context. Don, as director of a Gilbert and Sullivan production at UWO, cast Dorothy as the Queen in *Iolanthe*. Both were attending Western at the time, Don in the Faculty of Music and Dorothy in Arts. During these university years Dorothy played the piano at Westminster College chapel and sang with the Earle Terry Singers.



After their marriage in 1962 Dorothy and Don both accepted teaching positions in London and became involved at Knox United Church, Don as choir director and Dorothy as organist. While Dorothy was studying organ with Barrie Cabena, FSA music director at that time, he invited them to participate in his choir for a Benjamin Britten series. They really liked the people they met in the FSA choir as well as the type of music they were singing, and as a result joined the choir. Dorothy was already familiar with FSA from her days as a student at Westminster College, as the college had a close affiliation with this church. And so it was that the Joneses began their seventeen-year association with the FSA choir.



*Don and Dorothy Jones*

Music has also played a large part in the Joneses' careers and in their family life. Don taught music in secondary school, first in Tillsonburg and then in London. Eventually he moved into administrative positions at Laurier, the Education Centre, Wheable Adult Centre and Lucas. Dorothy, on the other hand, moved from the public school system to private music instruction, becoming the first Suzuki piano teacher in this area. She had the privilege of studying the Suzuki method in Japan under Dr. Suzuki himself, and soon expanded her teaching to include workshops in Wisconsin as well as the London classes.

The three Jones children have followed in their parents' footsteps in terms of musical careers. The youngest, David, is the organist at a downtown Toronto church, and is well known to FSA members who attended his piano recitals here last year in support of the

Sanctuary Grand Piano Fund.

Sharon is assistant dean in the Children's Talent Education Centre (CTEC), a school that Dorothy founded in 1989. It is a Suzuki school for instrumental music and also a licensed childcare centre for children from 2 1/2 -6 years. The center also offers prenatal classes in which music is used to stimulate the fetus before birth. Dorothy firmly believes that prenatal and early childhood exposure to good music on a daily basis has a profoundly positive effect on behavior. While Dorothy is still closely involved with CTEC, she now spends a great deal of time on speaking engagements around the world.

The Joneses' elder daughter Beth was a gold medallist in Music who also studied the Suzuki method in Japan. She teaches the CTEC prenatal program in Edmonton where she lives with her husband and two children. In October she returned to London for the Ontario Suzuki Millennium Festival in celebration of Dr. Suzuki's October 17th birthday. The festival was organized by Don and Dorothy and welcomed all Suzuki families—children, teachers, and parents from both Canada and the United States.

Don says that the Millennium Festival was the last big undertaking he will organize. Having been officially retired for over six years, he looks forward to spending half of each year relaxing in Florida. However, he has already agreed to teach a computer course to seniors living in the Florida area where he and Dorothy will be staying. Here

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at FSA his computer skills are put to good use, as he is responsible for the layout and design of *Tidings*.

Over the years Dorothy and Don have served on almost every FSA committee imaginable: Music, Christian Development, Volunteer Management, Ministry and Personnel to name a few. They love FSA and have some concerns about spending so much time in Florida, and perhaps becoming less connected to their friends at the church. They appreciate the support that the congregation has given to them and their family throughout the years. Dorothy still remembers the food that the Bell Choir delivered to her home when, as interim conductor, she injured her ankle and was unable to get around. She and Don also hold fond memories of the trip to Israel with Frank Meadows two years ago. First-St. Andrew's is very important to the Joneses and likewise, they are a very important part of this church.

## STILL UCW!!

By Laurel Kenney

Good News! Still U.C.W., according to the reports from General Council but under the umbrella of W.U.C.C. which includes any other women's groups within the United Church.

Some churches do not have a U.C.W., but they have formed a group or groups which may centre around a common interest, e.g. Bible Study, sewing, crafts. While leadership training is encouraged within our organization, supportive communication nationally appears to be lacking in the future. Shouldn't a link of support and news of our U.C.W. be just as important as in the past? One positive step (or lack of it) is that there will be no change in the organization at the various levels, until the United Church of Canada has decided by the end of three years how they want to be organized.

So, we pray that the work of our U.C.W. will continue with renewed vigour, in spirit, in study, and in service in God's name.



Laurel Kenney

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Jean & Eldon Hawkins celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September.
- Joan & Glenn Irwin celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in September.
- Shirley & Doug MacKenzie celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in June.
- Anne & Fred Pattison celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September.
- Catherine & Jim Pook celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September.
- Camilla Wilson celebrated her 95th birthday recently.

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### Info-Line

#### THANK YOU FOR HELPING US REACH THE TOP

A hearty thank you to everyone involved in this year's Stewardship Campaign. Special thanks to Paul & Lesley Pergau and Diane Macpherson. Although the campaign is over, pledge forms and volunteer sheets are still welcome.

#### ED ELLIS HONOURED BY PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Ed Ellis, after many years of tending the gardens around FSA, was honoured by the Property Committee on October 17th.

#### NEW TENOR SOLOIST BEGINS

A warm welcome to Willis Bote who began as Tenor Soloist in September.

#### HAVE CHILI AT THE HOLLY BAZAAR - NOV. 25

#### UCW SEPTEMBER RUMMAGE SALE

This event raised more than \$2,100. UCW projects will benefit. Thanks to all who helped.

#### POINSETTIAS WILL DECORATE SANCTUARY

If you would like to have a poinsettia placed in memory of a loved one for the Christmas season, please call the church office (672-8182) by Monday, November 27 if possible.

#### 2001 OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE DEC. 3

Convenient pick-up available in the Atrium Lobby.

#### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO YOUR FSA FRIENDS

They may be left in the mail slots just inside the access door near the elevator.

#### SAVE FEBRUARY 11 AT 12:45

for the Annual Congregational Meeting

#### OBSERVER - NEW & RENEWAL - APRIL 2001

No price increase. \$12 for the year

#### HEARING IN CHURCH DIFFICULT?

Individually adjustable walkman-type receiver sets are available to help. Ask your usher or Alton Ross.



## Series: God's Stewards

### HELEN M<sup>C</sup>LEOD

By Joni Pypka

Dedication to her church and kindly service to others is Helen McLeod's unselfish way of life. In other words, she gives the most and takes the least. Other than at serious moments, one can usually catch her lovely wide smile or enjoy a laugh with her and share in her wonderful sense of humour.



Joni Pypka

Let me just mention a few of the many ways this amazing woman has given of herself since she first began attending FSA at the age of two. Helen taught Sunday school, and children remember her as fondly as she remembers her own Sunday school teachers. Further proof of her love for children was her leadership of the Explorers group, the highlight of which was attending Explorers' camp with the girls.

As president of Delta Rho (a forerunner to the UCW), Helen remembers enjoyable events such as fashion shows in which FSA women modeled the latest styles from Kingsmills. In recent years she has been an Elder, a member of the UCW Thursday Evening Unit, and a participant in the annual Rummage Sale and Bazaar. Attending weekly Bible Study group has been a habit with Helen, who has also helped with the *Out of the Cold* program, funeral

receptions, visitation, prayer healing, and the prayer chain. For Community Outreach, Helen has been purchasing and assembling baby layettes which are distributed to teenage mothers through St. Paul's Cathedral *Daily Bread*.

Working on the Flower Committee for several years, Helen valued the companionship of Lee Gonder with whom she still shares fond memories of decorating the church for special occasions. Invited to decorate the Lower Hall for the 1999 Bazaar,

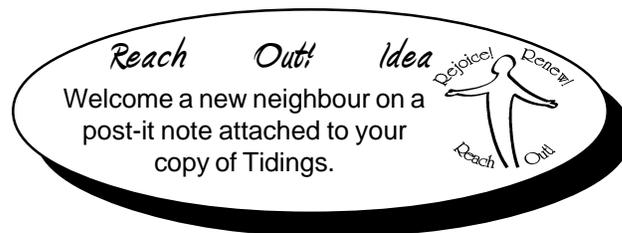
Helen hung lovely silver doves, which remained throughout the year and to be enjoyed by the congregation during summer services.

Helen's great community spirit was formally recognized when she was awarded an Honourary Life Membership in the Ontario Hospital Auxiliary for having given 45 years of voluntary service to St. Joseph's Health Care Centre.

Helen recalls many happy times and moments of questioning during the years of her life at FSA. But her mantra, the verse that guides her life, also comes from the church. It is found on a stained glass window on the west side of the sanctuary dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. C. Whitwam: "Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house; give, therefore, Thy servant an understanding heart." Helen says, "I believe He has."



Helen McLeod



## FROM THE PARISH NURSE

By Heather Bedford

### Courtesies and Disabilities

None of us is perfect! Maybe we were born that way but time has played tricks on our bodies and some of us are left with daily challenges. It may be a disability that no one sees – failing eyesight or hearing or both, or it may be a disability that requires a cane, walker, wheelchair or motorized scooter. Every one of us wants to do the right thing when we meet someone with a disability but sometimes we are not sure what to do. Here are a few tips that might help.



Heather Bedford

- Remember that a person in a wheelchair may only have problems with their legs and they can still see, hear, and speak. Raise your voice only if someone indicates they are hearing impaired – not because you see other disabilities.
- When talking with someone who is "seated", it helps if you can sit beside him or her. If a chair is not handy, stoop or bend, as you are able, so the person in the chair does not have to look way up.
- Leave aisles wide enough for wheelchairs and scooters. Walkways need to be adequately lighted.
- Ask before you act – if you would like to assist someone, find out how best to do so. Maybe the person will manage better independently. If you offer an arm to someone, let that person take your arm and let him or her set the pace.
- Our church has many aids for people with disabilities – a completely accessible entrance and elevator to many areas of the church, wheelchair accessible washrooms, hearing assistive devices, large print hymn books and pews with space for wheelchairs and scooters. Add sensitivity and courtesy and the disabled will thank you.

### MISSION ED CAPSULE

The Mission & Service Fund helps support 32 presbytery resource centres across Canada.

## COUNCIL REPORTS TO YOU

By Bill Watson

Chair of Council (471-6049)

Council met in the Lower Hall on Tuesday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m. All available members attended.

- Paul & Lesley Pergau, co-convenors of the upcoming Stewardship Campaign, gave an exciting preview of their plans. Among other things, they are determined to get that weather vane fixed.
- The chair gave a brief account of his experience of the 37th General Council of the United Church which was held at York University campus over a 10 day period in August. He limited his report to issues of key importance to the work and witness of the church at home and abroad.
- Ken Wright, chair of Finance, reported an encouragingly healthy state of the budget.
- Barry Moore gave notice, in writing, of his resignation as chair of Worship, occasioned by his current role as Interim Ministerial supply to the Glencoe-Appin pastoral charge.
- Kerry Hill was welcomed as the new chair of the Christian Development committee.
- A letter from the Office of the Mayor was read "congratulating and commending First-St. Andrew's United Church for its contribution to London's heritage and quality of life through the preservation and rehabilitation of the Sanctuary." Special reference was made to the restoration of the ceiling's symbols.
- The next meeting of Council is scheduled for **November 14** at 7:30 p.m. Members of the congregation are always welcome to attend as observers for all or even just part of the meeting.
- New members of the Search Committee elected Sunday October 22, 2000 - Stephen Adams, Mary Grace Bell, Carol Leenders, Paul Pennington, Chad Radoja and John Schram.



Bill Watson

## LAUDAMUS BELLS - TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

By Susan Knutson

UNBELIEVABLE - UNBELIEVABLY EXHAUSTING - the only way to describe the reaction of this very new bell ringer to the 9<sup>th</sup> International Handbell Symposium held in Birmingham, England from August 2-6, 2000.



Susan Knutson

Twelve members of the Laudamus Bells, plus three spouses, were given a surprise send off by friends and loved ones at the church on July 31, 2000. Roger Snyder, who had done an excellent job organizing our flights, various tickets to events, and any number of other details, was on hand to make sure the bus driver knew where to deliver us. It was also great to see Frank, who became an honorary member of the group when he retired, on hand to wish us well.

The bell choir spent five days filled with practices, performances, workshops and socializing. Although my family considered I was on a holiday from them, the truth is I have never worked so hard in my life! The challenge of learning to follow the directing style of nine different conductors was a daunting one and certainly made one appreciate having the director within a few feet when playing at home.

There were three or four practice sessions per day at which 800 ringers from Canada, UK, USA, Japan, Korea, France, Australia, Singapore, Switzerland, New Zealand and Hong Kong strove to respond as one. The culmination of hundreds of hours of practice was a concert with music ranging from Canada's *Lullaby of the Iroquois* to the *Hungarian Dance #5* and a jazzy *Bob's Blues*. Let's just say I had the Kleenex close at hand as we played.

It was particularly gratifying to work with many of the people who had written or arranged the music. Included in this group was Canada's own Pat Thomson, who was on hand to hear her composition *Lullaby of the Iroquois*, directed by Morna-Jane Morrow, National Co-ordinator for the Handbell Guilds of Canada. Originally, Carol Petrie was to have conducted the piece; however, prior to her recent untimely death she passed the baton to Ms. Morrow. It was a bittersweet performance for all involved.

One of the highlights of the symposium was the mini-concerts

## SEARCH COMMITTEE



Back: Ed Tufts, Tom Hiscock, Roger Snyder, John Schram, Bob Slater, Carol Leenders, Paul Pennington, Chad Radoja, Stephen Adams  
Front: Donna Ellis, Kay Hillier, Kate Pickering, Aldis Murray, Mary Grace Bell  
Not pictured: Don Jones, Doug Jones, Chris Silcox, Bill Watson



Pat Sole helps with fundraising for Laudamus Bells' trip to Europe

held daily. These concerts highlighted the ringing abilities of individual choirs and solo ringers giving an opportunity for them to “strut their stuff.” As a listener, it was a real thrill to hear the different styles and varied music which was performed.

During the six days spent in Birmingham, there was little time to sightsee. However, what we managed to squeeze in was very interesting. Included in the sightseeing was viewing the barges on the canal and even having lunch aboard one of them. We also visited Warwick Castle, attended a service at Coventry Cathedral and made a quick trip to the Cadbury factory (actually, just to the gift shop - Yummy!) Although there was some skepticism expressed about the conference being in Birmingham, anyone who has not been there lately should go again. Apparently there have been many downtown improvements made over the last 10 years and I would not hesitate to recommend the city to anyone who enjoys history and culture - the symphony hall was a wonder to behold.

The symposium, and travelling as a group, was an experience which will be cherished for a lifetime. We formed new friendships, had our musical ability challenged (and as a result improved), and experienced the opportunity to be a part of something so beautiful, which had the power to connect people from all over the world. All I have to do, to be transported back, is to put on the audio tape of the final concert and I find myself once more representing First-St. Andrew’s, and London, Ontario, Canada, at the very back of the huge concert hall, dressed in my uniform, waiting for the baton to signal the first beat.

Thank you to all those who supported the choir over the past years by assisting so generously with our fund raising efforts. Although the financial support was fantastic, we also appreciated all your physical/emotional support as well. The group received kindnesses from many people, including the total stranger whose business firm made us the special boxes for transporting the bells, Air Transat who agreed to ship the bells free of cost, and the City of London who gave us a travel grant. Special thanks, once more, to Roger, who had the job of routing us all in the right direction. Since many of us went our separate ways after the symposium, getting us all organized was no small feat. The love and support of those outside the choir made it possible for this once-in-a-lifetime experience to take place. The Laudamus Bells will endeavour to repay you through our music as we strive to expand and improve our abilities. Your support of our efforts will not be forgotten. Thank you.

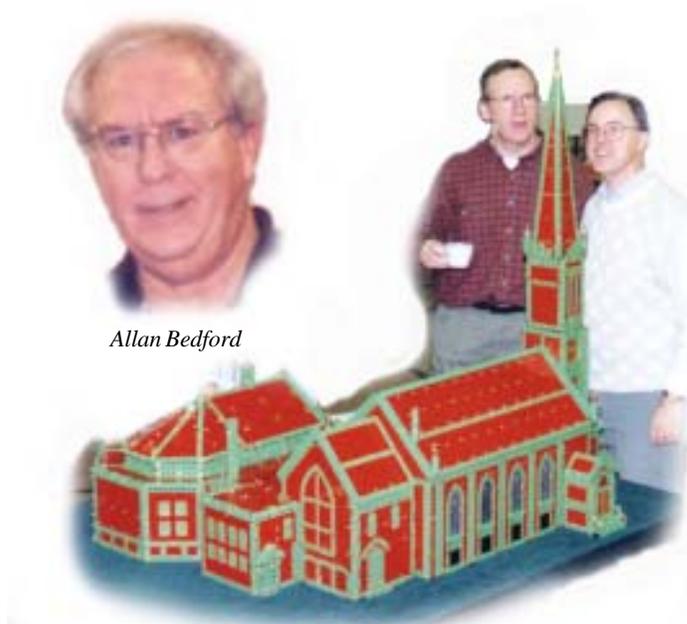


David Flynn calls for 2000 Reach For the Top Stewardship Campaign.

## FIRST- ST. ANDREW'S 'MECCANO-IZED'

By Heather Bedford

Do you remember a year ago at *FSA on Display* there was a model of our church? We finally have the answers to the most frequently asked questions regarding the model. For those of you old enough to have had Meccano sets in your homes as youngsters, it was quite a revelation that something as intricate as FSA could be produced. For the “youngsters” in the church it was just a neat thing to look at.



Allan Bedford

Paul Pergau and John Whitehead admire the meccano model of FSA

Now the facts:

- Frank Hornby (1863-1936) invented the original Meccano system in 1901.
- Construction on the FSA church started in March 1999 and ended November 13/99.
- The model was built in seven individual segments to allow transportation to and from home and the church.
- There were about 3500 nuts and bolts, 6000 washers and 2700 other parts.
- The foam board model of FSA, loaned by the Scorgies from their firm, was a tremendous help in approximating the scale of the entire model. Many photos taken from all angles also helped.
- Frank Meadows reproduced simulated stained glass windows from his computer that were an appropriate size.
- The replacement value was estimated at \$7,300.
- It is now completely dismantled.

Thanks to all who showed an interest in this project.

### ENVIRONMENTAL TIP

Reuse old Christmas wrapping paper on this year’s gifts. Save this year’s wrapping for use next year.

# Changes...

**First-St. Andrew's United Church:  
a Christian Family encouraging spiritual  
growth through worship, friendship,  
learning and action**

## BAPTISMS

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

Keith Andrew Bowman

Devon Jillian Lloyd

**Next Baptism - Jan 7, 2001**

## DEATHS

*"Well done good and faithful servant."*

Doris Sherwin	March 27
Isabel Marguerite Mary Leech	July 22
Norma Lee	July 26
Lorna Alberta Hunter	August 13
Alice Edith Pack	September 7
Katharine Luella Ross	October 10
Dorothy Margaret Stevenson	October 11

## MARRIAGES

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

September 2	Ann Catharine McGregor, Nicholas James Reilly
September 16	Laura Lynne Flynn, Glen Gibson Bray
September 30	Selina Carolyn Esteves, Jeffrey Merryll Green
October 7	Jayne Marie Nielsen, Ronald William Grootjen
October 21	Jenny Helen Evelyn Williamson, Andrew William Baillie
October 28	Michelle Helena Marie Moir, David Kenneth Bancroft

**WHAT IS IT?  
WHERE IS IT AT FSA?**



Answer in next issue of *Tidings*



**From Last Issue - What is it? Where is it at FSA?**  
*Fire Screen in Fireside Room*

**Guess who's having fun now at  
First-St. Andrew's United Church**

How  
did  
you  
do?



**Paul Pergau  
&  
Mary  
Beattie**

**?**

Now  
can you  
guess  
who is  
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## IF GOD HAD A REFRIGERATOR

*If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.*

*If God had a wallet your photo would be in it.*

*God sends you flowers every spring*

*God sends you a sunrise every morning*

*Whenever you want to talk God listens*

*God can live anywhere in the universe yet*

*God chooses your heart.*

*Face it — God is crazy about you.*



# FSA Program Guide

Advent, Christmas, Epiphany 2000/2001



Dear Friends

It seems as though summer has just gone by, we're already half way through Autumn and already thinking about winter, the season of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. It's a busy season, perhaps a hurried one for many families, overwhelmed with the hustle and bustle that society forces upon us. But it's also a time of joy and celebration of Jesus' birth.

On the second Sunday of Advent, December 10, we're inviting everyone to bring a friend to church. It's not only comforting to sit next to a person you know, but it re-kindles a warm holiday spirit as we head toward Christmas.

Heather Bedford is once again planning our Christmas Hope Service which will welcome those who feel burdened by the Christmas season. Everyone is welcome and we will be sending invitations to the families of members of our congregation who have passed away this year. On Christmas Eve, this year on a Sunday, there will be two morning services at the usual times, and two evening services. The 7 pm service will feature the children's choir and a children's play, "As The Story Goes..." , written by our own Kevin Johnston. At ten o'clock, we will hold our traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service with communion.

With Epiphany, we start the new year with the baptism of children on January 7. On the 14th, we are planning a service of communion and healing prayer similar to the one in October. Of course, what would Christmas be without the joyful music of Paul and his Senior Choir. In addition, Music at First-St. Andrew's includes three Friday Advent noon recitals on December 1, 8 and 15. There's also a recital with tenor, John Tessier and pianist, John Hess on January 20. And our own senior choir will be part of the Salvation Army's Christmas Program at Centennial Hall on December 4.

Please take note of all the programs and events at FSA and feel welcome to take part in the activities we have planned.  
The staff at First-St. Andrew's wishes everyone a wonderful Christmas, filled with comfort and joy.

*Heather* *John* *Juan* *Paul*

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## CHURCH FAMILY EVENTS

*Lunch After Church*  
*November 26 - Lower Hall*

*Christmas Eve Family Service*  
*December 24 - 7 Pm - Sanctuary*



**Mission  
&  
Service  
Fund**

## WORSHIP

*Come and worship at First-St. Andrew's as we celebrate God's presence with us. Our regular times of worship are 9:15 am in the Chapel and 11 am in the main Sanctuary. Contemplative worship services are on Wednesday evenings at 7:45 pm in the Sanctuary. For up to date information about our services you can call 679-8182 24 hours a day. You will also find updated material each week on our website at [www.fsaunited.london.on.ca](http://www.fsaunited.london.on.ca)*

**Dec. 3** First Sunday of Advent

9:15 & 11 am Lessons and Carols

**Dec. 10** Second Sunday of Advent

White Gift Sunday

9:15 and 11 am

Preacher – Susan Shelstad



**Wed. Dec. 13** A Service of Christmas Hope

7:45 pm in the Chapel

Meditation – Heather Bedford

**Dec. 17** Third Sunday of Advent

9:15 and 11 am

Preacher – Susan Shelstad



**Dec. 24** Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:15 and 11 am – Guest Preacher

7 pm Christmas Eve Family Service

10 pm Candlelight Communion

Preacher – Susan Shelstad



**Dec. 31** First Sunday after Christmas

One service only at 11 am.

Preacher – Susan Shelstad

**Jan. 7** First Sunday after Epiphany

9:15 and 11 am (Sacrament of Baptism)

Preacher – Susan Shelstad



**Jan. 14** Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sacrament of Holy Communion

9:15 and 11 am

Preacher – Susan Shelstad



### New This Year!

During the communion services where we are served by intinction we are now offering, in addition to the communion stations, two healing prayer stations. Members of our Healing Prayer Team will be at kneelers nearby to pray with anyone who would like to receive a prayer for healing.

### First-St. Andrew's Ministry

All of the people including  
The Rev. Dr. Susan Shelstad

Heather Bedford

Paul Merritt

Ted Kostecki

Kevin Johnston

Pat Sole

Diane Macpherson

Jim Gagnon

**Jan. 21** Third Sunday after Epiphany

9:15 and 11 am

Guest Preacher

**Jan 28** Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

9:15 and 11 am

Preacher – Susan Shelstad

**Feb. 4** Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

9:15 and 11 am

Preacher – Susan Shelstad

**Feb. 11** Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

9:15 and 11 am

Preacher – Susan Shelstad

**Feb. 18** Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

9:15 and 11 am

Guest Preacher

**Feb. 25** Last Sunday after Epiphany

Transfiguration Sunday

9:15 and 11 am

Preacher – Susan Shelstad

### Contemplative Worship Services

This year our alternative worship is taking the form of a contemplative service on **Wednesday evenings at 7:45 pm** in the Sanctuary. The service includes a time of singing together, stretching, drumming, scripture, silence, and spoken prayer. On the first Wednesday of each month we will also have a time of healing prayer. Dress is casual.



This is a time to restore your soul and rest in God.

### Morning Prayer

Each morning at **9:10 to 9:30 am, Tuesday to Thursday**, we gather in the Chapel for a time of prayer and worship as we begin a new day. If you are in or around the church for meetings or errands, why not join the staff in common prayer?



## MUSIC

### CHRISTMAS MUSIC

What would this season be like without the familiar carols and other music beloved by so many? No worry of this at FSA, as our services will be filled with joyful sounds provided by all our musical groups! Highlights are the annual Advent Lessons and Carols service on December 3, the Christmas Eve Family Service led by the children and the Christmas Eve Communion service with choir and strings.

### CONCERT IN CENTENNIAL HALL

Our Senior Choir has been invited to participate in the Salvation Army Band's "Gift to London" Concert on Monday evening, **December 4**. The choir will sing some pieces alone and help lead the massed singing as well.



### FRIDAY ADVENT NOON RECITALS

12:00-12:30 - Luncheon (\$5.00) served by the Tuesday evening UCW Unit following

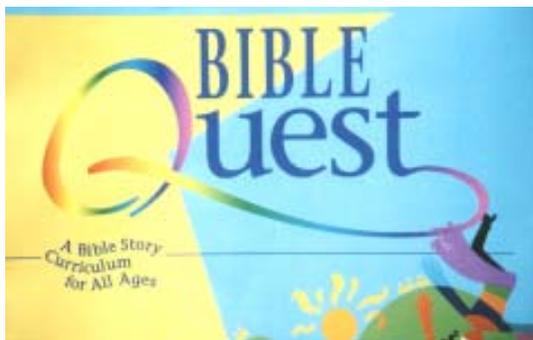
- e **December 1** The Laudamus Bells,  
Barbara Plante, Conductor
- e **December 8** Forest Green Chamber Choir,  
Founder and Conductor, Andrew Pickett
- e **December 15** Paul Merritt, Organ

### AN EVENING WITH JOHN TESSIER, Tenor & JOHN HESS, Piano

Saturday, **January 20**, 2001 at 8:00 p.m.

Admission \$10.00 and \$8.00

John Tessier, a former tenor soloist at FSA, has been making a name for himself in Canada and the U.S.A. as one of our finest young singers. Don't miss this opportunity to hear John's beautiful tenor voice in combination with our fine new piano.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### CHURCH SCHOOL (9:15 & 11:00)

Our new "Bible Quest" is a HIT with both children and teachers! The songs on the CDs are making our Big Circle more fun, and the CD stories and sound effects help make our learning easier and more adventurous.

Plans are underway for our annual Christmas Eve Family Service. This year's play is called "As The Story Goes", written especially for our FSA children. Hopefully they will have as much fun learning and presenting it as Kevin did writing it.

Stay tuned for more CS News....

### NURSERY

A nursery is available at both services for infants to two years. The nursery room is next door to the Chapel on the main floor.

Coordinator: Judy Cull.

There is also a nursery class at 11 am for children 3 & 4 years old in the classroom across the hall from the infant nursery, next to the washroom on the main floor.



### CRADLE ROLL

A kit called *Growing in God's Love* is sent to families with a new baby to help celebrate important events to age 3. Since the last *Tidings* we have greeted Andrew Bowman and Devon Lloyd.

Coordinator: Nancy Stanlick (451-9491)

### SECRET PALS

Children in grades 3 to 6 exchange letters with adults in the congregation on a monthly basis. Using code names hides your identity until an "unmasking" event in the spring.



Coordinator: Nancy Howard (289-0540)

### POP 'N' POPCORN

Pop and popcorn is a social group for children in grades 4-6. We meet approximately once a month for a fun activity.



The first event of the year was held on Saturday, September 30. Sixteen children met in the Upper Room of the church to watch a movie about Moses called *The Prince of Egypt*, while enjoying some chips, popcorn and pop. Later we indulged in some Candy Kabobs which were quickly made and more quickly consumed! Bob Rogan led us in some games of hide-and-go-seek and charades following the movie. Other adults helping out were Glenda Baldwin, Jim and Janice Elliott.

We all had a great time and are looking forward to future events. Heather Huston planned a trip on a "Haunted Hayride" at Fanshawe Park Pioneer Village for Friday, October 27.

## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

### TEENS IN TRANSIT (TNT)

The Teens in Transit group meets in the Upper Room following the Children's Story at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. We've had some great discussions and wish to welcome all FSA teens (and their friends!) to join us. It's not just for Grade 7-8 anymore.

About once a month we hope to meet for a social event. Our first outing will be the Haunted Hayride.

Come check us out. This group is for you. We can make it whatever you want it to be!



### TEEN CONFIRMATION CLASS



This group of seven young people are meeting in preparation for confirmation next spring.

## ADULT DEVELOPMENT

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

This group meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am upstairs in the Primary Room.

Leader: Jo Ann Silcox (642-2152)



### THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



In the Parlour. at 10 am. We are using the *Whole People of God* adult study material.

Leader: Susan Shelstad (679-8182)

### DREAM GROUP

Come and discover the amazing world of your dreams. We meet usually on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Parlour. For more information, contact Anne Cunningham (433-9663).

### DRUMMING CIRCLE

No experience necessary! Just come and experience the joy and the release of drumming together. We have plenty of drums to share. We meet on the second Friday of each month at 7 pm in the Parlour.

### PRAYER CHAIN

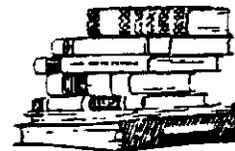
Need prayers for yourself or a loved one? Call Pat at the church office (679-8182) and the name or concern will be passed through the prayer chain. First names only will be used unless permission is granted by the person to use their full name. Confidentiality will be respected.

## HEALING PRAYER TEAM

Members of the team are prepared to come and pray with you in your home or hospital room. Two people will be sent in response to your call. Phone the church office (679-8182) and someone will get back to you.

## LIBRARY (located next to chapel)

Our church library contains many wonderful things — good books for all ages, videos, and periodicals — all for your use. Come in and check us out! New material arriving all the time.



## CD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Donations to this fund are used to help children and young people attend programs and events such as youth retreats, camp, and Conference events. Your help is appreciated.

## PASTORAL CARE

*In addition to the pastoral care done by Susan Shelstad and Heather Bedford, members of our congregation reach out to others in a variety of ways.*

## CONGREGATIONAL VISITING TEAM

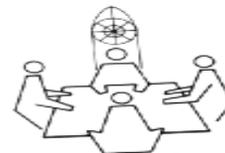
Our Congregational Visiting Team are members of our congregation who offer ongoing support to our shut-ins. We have a visiting team of 30 who maintain contact with the members of our congregation on a regular basis, and especially at birthdays and holiday times. If you are interested in becoming involved in this very rewarding experience, please call Heather Bedford (679-8182).



## COUNSELLING TEAM

There is a Counselling service available to FSA members staffed voluntarily by the following:

Kerry Hill, a management consultant and career counsellor, provides personal counselling and detailed vocational assessment by appointment when mutually convenient. Ardath Finnbogason-Hill, a nurse-educator with considerable experience in personal counselling, and Jo Ann Silcox, a psychiatrist, work as a team to provide initial assessment and follow-through counselling for individuals, couples, families or groups facing personal transitional crises. Referrals may be made through Ardath Hill at 657-3000.



## CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER

A new group is forming for those who find themselves in the role of caregiver, and who are feeling a bit overwhelmed. Please contact Heather Bedford, (679-8182) for further details.

## CHRISTMAS HOPE SERVICE

**Wed. Dec. 13th at 7:45 in the chapel**

This service is held yearly for those having difficulty dealing with the Christmas season. Everyone is welcome to come and be a part of the hymns, readings and candlelighting.

## RIDES FOR SENIORS

If you need a ride to and from church and/or church events please call Louise Slater (642-7949)



## DIAL-A-PRAYER 439-6838

For a moment of meditation in a busy or a quiet day, please call our Dial-A-Prayer at 439-6838. Coordinators: Donna Ellis (782-7084) and Deanne Pederson (432-1583)



## COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Every Sunday, following our 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services, 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.



## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

A Baptismal preparation session is held prior to every Baptism (usually the Thursday evening) to further prepare the parents who are bringing their children for Baptism. We explore the meaning of Baptism, and prepare for the Sunday service. The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered **January 7, 2001**. Call the church office if interested. (679-8182)



## 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 cooperation with Westminster College to offer classes. Call Westminster College (673-0040) as soon as possible. Next event: **February 9 & 10, 2001**.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

*IS INVOLVED IN... Hospitality Meals, preparing baby layettes, organizing food collections for the Youth Action Centre and St. Paul's Daily Bread, actively supporting ELUCOC in special projects, working with St. Marys United Church in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, sending two members to the LIFT Council meetings, and more....*

## HOSPITALITY MEAL

This program runs on Mondays, providing a hospitality meal at 5:30 p.m. for about 100 persons. One hundred or more volunteers have been involved, many of them from other churches. Could you help for a 4 month period? January to April. Contact Joanne Girvan (637-2211) or the church office (679-8182.)

## FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS

Please keep in mind the food collection for St. Paul's DAILY BREAD. 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 entrances of the Chapel and Sanctuary, and in the Atrium. Financial contributions are also welcome.



## BENEVOLENT FUND DONATIONS

Community Outreach invites donations to the 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. Help us to be helpful to others in need.

## MITTEN TREE

Once again the Christmas tree in the Atrium is set up to be decorated with offerings of mittens, scarves, toques, of all sizes. These will be distributed to young people and adults through ELUCOC and Daily Bread.

## WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

**December 10**, Community Outreach invites the young people of the Church School to bring unwrapped gifts of non-perishable food, non-violent toys, and clothes (used are fine as long as they are **suitable as gifts**.) There will be baskets in the narthex and Atrium on **December 10** for collection.



## FRIENDSHIP & LEARNING GROUPS

### HAVA JAVA 'N' JUICE

An informal group of parents and preschoolers offering networking and support. Tuesday mornings 10:00-11:30. Contact Sandra Dwyer (438-6546)



### BIFOCALS



Come and enjoy good food, warm fellowship, a sing song and varied programs. Next gatherings: November 28 and January 23 and February 27.

- ◆ **November 28** - Travelogue - China - Albert and Lorna Kilb
- ◆ **January 23** - The Colour of Music - Marion Wilson
- ◆ **February 27** - Court Whist and Games Night

New members and guests are always welcome. Call June & Jack McKay (471-5668)

### CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Singles and marrieds who enjoy fun are invited to join with the Circle of Friends. Watch the weekly Announcements for upcoming events. Ann MacPhail (645-8867)



### UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

The purpose of the UCW is to unite women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and to provide a medium through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service. First-St. Andrew's has three units meeting monthly as follows:

- ♥ the first Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the church parlour
- ♥ the second Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at 1 Grosvenor Gate
- ♥ the third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the church parlour.
- ♥ New members are always welcome. Contact the UCW president, Laurel Kenney (439-9300) for more information.



### 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, she 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 superhuman; 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.