

Tidings



First-St. Andrew's United Church



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ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, EPIPHANY 1999-2000

MARGARET HAMILTON REMEMBERS

By Sue Slomer



Margaret Hamilton

Margaret (McQueen) Hamilton came to FSA as a child in 1929. Her parents, Myrtle and Jack, with sister Beverley, got involved when she and her sister joined Mrs. Wheeler's children's choir and Myrtle became a 25 year member of the Senior Choir. Marg remembers weekly Bible memory work to give recitations to Miss Howie, as well as her CGIT group with Jean Hair, presenting the drama Dream of

Queen Esther, directed by Mrs. MacGregor.

Marg was confirmed at age 12. At age 17 as a member of the Young People's Bible Class with Mrs. Wheable, Marg and some of her cohorts used to sneak in to the sanctuary after class to play the organ. The youth group used to go to Dance Clubs after their meetings as dancing was not an approved church activity. In 1930 Marg went to a Church Board Meeting to request permission for dancing in the church. It was approved and many attended.

When Marg joined FSA the Sanctuary had a U shaped loft all the way around and the choir and pipe organ were at the front. She remembers everyone being amazed at how big the window in the chancel was when the organ was moved. Marg has vivid memories of each of the stained glass windows being installed and dedicated. She so enjoyed these and all the other symbols of the church, including the original painted ceilings, that Marg researched and gave several presentations about their meanings.

FSA was very involved in the community and Marg remembers over 200 people being housed in the Church during the flood of 1937. Each family was given a Sunday School classroom to live in and her mother, Myrtle, and other members of the church helped prepare meals and entertain the children.

Another memory for Marg that had a deep impact was the weekly reading of the names of those lost during World War II. She knew many of these young men. During this time she met Roy Hamilton and they were married in FSA in 1945. A favourite memory is a picture of them signing the register with their images reflected in

a beautiful shining table in the Church Parlour. All four of their daughters were married in FSA and had the same picture taken at the same table.

Over the years Marg was a Mission Band leader, belonged to the Delta Rho, was a U.C.W. Group leader and has a life membership in the U.C.W. She and Roy had a turn as executives for Mr. & Mrs. and Bifocals.

Marg and Roy had six children, all baptized at FSA. Spence, their eldest, and Marg's father died in 1951. They dedicated a brass Flower Urn with an inscription to their memory that is still used for arrangements in the church. Myrtle died in 1953.

The other five children, Anne, Laurel, Sue, John and Bev were confirmed at FSA. Anne was one of the first Teen Elders. Bev and her cousin David Colwell ran Youth Parliament from FSA once.

Marg now has nine grandchildren. The oldest three, Matthew, Bobby and Michelle, were baptized together. Three others, Adam, Sarah and Elinor, were baptized at FSA later. Spence, Laura and Elise, have all enjoyed FSA Sunday School when they were home to visit Grammie.

Matthew and Adam Slomer have been confirmed and are fourth generation members. Marg's husband, Roy, who was an elder for 25 years, died in 1998 and a moving service was held at FSA. (I remember that Mum was surprised at how many people came to the funeral, but as I review their lives and service at FSA it was no surprise to me.)

Marg has been somewhat limited by her kidney failure and subsequent dialysis, but she is still a valuable, active, well-loved member of FSA. It is long term membership of Marg and many others like her that give us the rich history and continued living resource that is First-St. Andrew's.



Sue Slomer



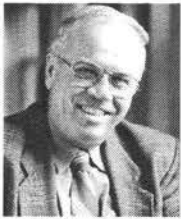
International Year of Older Persons 1999

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FRANK MEADOWS TO RETIRE IN 2000

At the conclusion of the Worship Service on October 17, Frank told the congregation he had notified Middlesex Presbytery of his intention to retire at the end of June, 2000. Before the vacancy can be declared and the search for a successor begun, we will be involved in a Needs Assessment along with Presbytery representatives. You will not want to miss any of the sermons Frank will be carefully crafting to help us understand the Scriptures and their meaning for us in today's world.



Frank Meadows

Visit the FSA mobile library cart in Access Lobby each Sunday morning



L to R: Michael Hemphill and Aileen Hemphill with Beth Madinger, Anna Holman and Dianne Knoppert

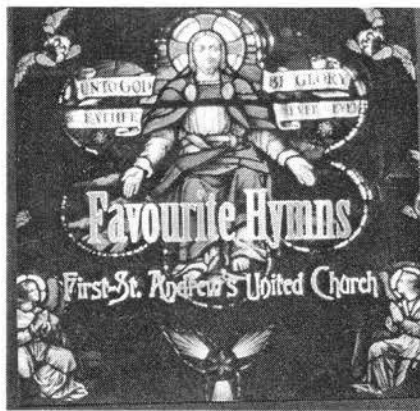
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Be sure to get your FSA Compact Disc



The Choir of First-St. Andrew's is featured on this compact disc of favourite hymns.

This ideal gift is available at Coffee & Conversation or from the church office.

\$15 - for one
\$25 - for 2
\$50 - for 5

Info-Line

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Thanks to each person who pledged gifts of time, talent, energy and money during the fall Stewardship Campaign. Special thanks to Debbie Roberts, Brian Cram, Diane Macpherson and all the volunteers who planned and carried out this program.

NEW CHOIR SOLOISTS BEGIN

A warm welcome to Sonja Gustafson, Soprano and Andrew Pickett, Counter-tenor, Alto in their new roles continuing the fine work of Mary Ellen Gustafson and Liz Van Doorne, who have retired. Our thanks and best wishes go to them.

UCW OCTOBER RUMMAGE SALE

This event raised more than \$2100. UCW projects will benefit. Thanks to all who helped.

UCW TO HEAR JUNIOR CHOIR NOVEMBER 24

The UCW will gather at 6 pm in the Lower Hall for dinner, entertainment and annual meeting.

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 (679-8182) by Monday, November 22 if possible.

2000 OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE DEC. 12.

Convenient pick-up available in the Atrium Lobby. For 2000, the envelope numbers have been reorganized.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO YOUR FSA FRIENDS

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

NEED A GIFT? CHRISTMAS? HOSTESS? BIRTHDAY? ANNIVERSARY? FAMILY MEMBER? YOURSELF?

The new choir compact disc, *Favourite Hymns of First-St. Andrew's*, may be the answer. \$15 or 2/\$25 or 5/\$50. At Coffee & Conversation or in Church Office.

SAVE FEBRUARY 6 AT 12:45

FOR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
OBSERVER - NEW & RENEWAL - APRIL 2000

No price increase. \$12 for the year.

HEARING IN CHURCH DIFFICULT?

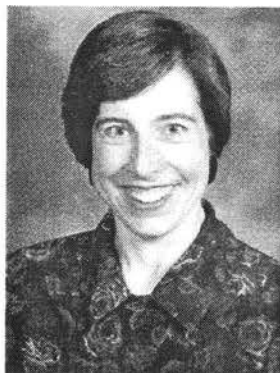
Individually adjustable walkman-type receiver sets are available to help. Ask your usher.

Series: God's Stewards

LINDA BADKE REACHES OUT WITH ELUCOC

by Nancy Howard

A member of First-St. Andrew's since 1985, Linda Badke has remained active with strong commitment to community outreach programs. She previously chaired the Social Action Committee, and for the past three years has been the chair of the ELUCOC (East London United Church Outreach Cluster) board.



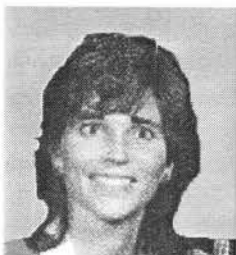
Linda Badke

Linda speaks of ELUCOC with great passion and hopes to increase awareness in others. Originally ELUCOC included four East London churches (Gethsemane, Rowntree, Richard's, Siloam), but now has expanded to include a total of eight churches (Robinson, First-St. Andrew's, Dorchester, St. Lawrence Presbyterian). The ELUCOC board meets once a month and allows two board members from each church. Lyn Carapella is the other board member representing FSA. There is a fund-raising subcommittee to support outreach workers. ELUCOC employs two part-time workers, Carol Langford in the Marconi Cascade Community, and the Rev. Susan Eagle in the Huron Heights area. They play an active role in community programs and provide crisis intervention.

A United Way grant supports several of ELUCOC's programs hosted in the Marconi Street Community (a small London-Middlesex community with subsidized housing for the working poor and folks requiring welfare assistance). Carol Langford hosts an after school program for children in grades 1 - 5. There the children read with an adult, play board games and do crafts. There is a preschool program with crafts, story and playtime. A preteen cooking program helps to get children at par with the reading skills of their peers. Helen Mahabir runs a teen program to teach leadership skills, decision making and organizational skills, while keeping the kids off the streets.

Additional programs offered by ELUCOC include a nutritious hot meal for \$1.00 enjoyed by 80 - 100 people at noon on Wednesdays. Mary Mount hosts a story and craft for preschoolers. The Catholic School Board teaches English as a second language. Thursday evenings folks can participate in BINGO night.

It's fortunate that through the programs it offers, ELUCOC is able to reach out to the community and provide opportunities that are vital to the growth of life skills in these individuals. Without ELUCOC, members of the community would not be able to afford the luxury of participating in extra curricular programs. Thank you ELUCOC and to all those who support it.

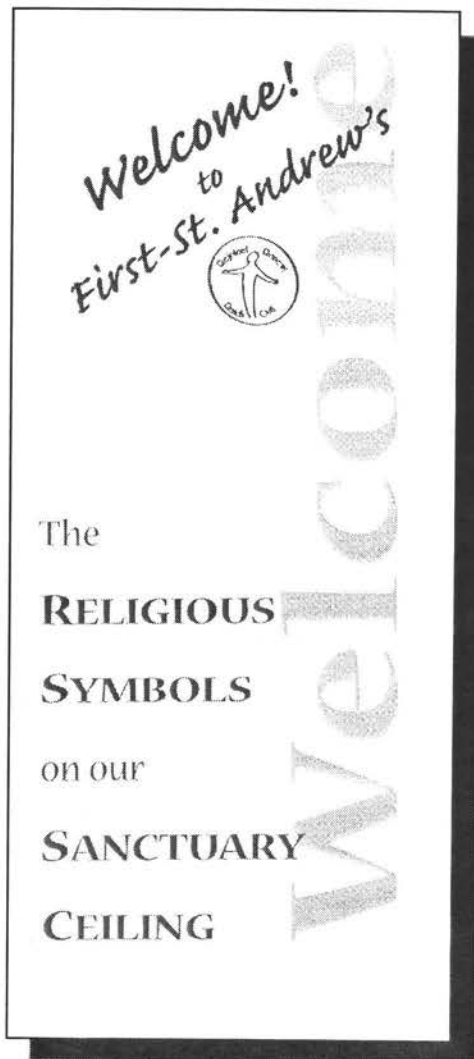


Nancy Howard

AVAILABLE AT FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S



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COUNCIL REPORTS TO YOU

By Bill Watson

Chair of Council (471-6049)

■ On September 14, we had a fully attended meeting that got down to, and through a lot of business.

■ Heather Bedford introduced one of the four student nurses from the UWO School of Nursing, who have been attached to Heather as clinical apprentices in the realm of Pastoral Nursing.

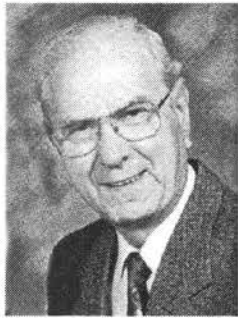
■ The key members of the Sanctuary Renovation Team were recognised and listed. Each of them will receive an individual letter of acknowledgement and thanks for their outstanding contribution of time, effort, skill and expertise in this gloriously successful undertaking.

■ Debbie Roberts and Brian Cram, co-chairs of this year's Stewardship Campaign, outlined the timetable and strategy. The Campaign Theme is *Thanks for Making a Difference*.

■ A possible change in the timing of Sunday morning services was discussed. There was virtually unanimous agreement that all of the Council Committees be asked to consider the feasibility of a change to 9 a.m. for the early service, and 10:30 a.m. for the main service.

■ The desirability of planning a Millennium Eve Service was discussed and overwhelmingly rejected.

■ Some of the key changes inherent in the current proposals for a major reorganisation of the administrative structure of the United Church were explained.



Bill Watson

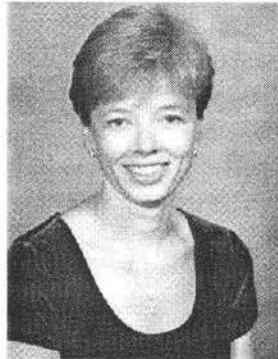
Heather Bedford FSA Parish Nurse pictured here after her covenanting service held at the morning services on Sunday October 24. Heather's responsibilities as Parish Nurse include pastoral care of all the people of the congregation.



Heather Bedford

Y2K UPDATE

By Diane Macpherson



Diane Macpherson

With the diligent use of Trust Funds, FSA has purchased new computers and software. Without this update the computers at FSA would have succumbed to the Y2K bug. The utmost care was taken in converting data to the new system. If you note any errors on mailings, please notify the office. Thanks go to Doug McGregor, Bob Schram and Wes Sole for their expertise in selecting the new system. Special thanks go to Wes and Pat Sole for the countless volunteer hours spent on the conversion.

Meet our Congregational Visiting Team



Back: Herb Wonfor, Al MacIntosh

Front: Grace MacIntosh, Jean Austin, Heather Bedford, Margaret Wonfor, Sheila Alton, Barbara Corbet

Not Pictured: Judi Barker, Jean Comfort, Wilma Evans, Stanley Harris, Annabelle Logan, Lillian Madill, Enid Merritt,

Isabel Moffatt, Tish Patterson, Anne Pattison, Elaine Russell, Jack Savigny, Marjorie Smith, Barbara Williamson



OUR JUNIOR CHOIR



Back: Breanne Moldowan, Lindsey Madinger, Ashley Theissler, Kaela Moldowan, Emily Stewardson, Calvin Radoja, William Joles, Christopher Madinger, John Theissler
 Centre: Eric Stewardson, Jamie Baldwin, Cameron Bereznick, Cole Stewardson, Forrest Madinger
 Front: Daniel Lau, Paul Galbraith, Tristin Hill, Megan Munteer, Jordan Baldwin, Carolyn Joles
 Not Pictured: Madalena Kozachuk

YOUTH UPDATE

By Katie Pickering

Everything is up and running around FSA these days, including our Teen Choir, Youth Group, and Teens in Transit. Currently the Teen Choir is preparing a Christmas musical to be performed this winter, and the Youth Group is keeping things busy with a Hallowe'en sleepover and a retreat early next year. It's good to see so many new faces in TNT this year, all enthusiastic and



Katie Pickering

ready to get involved. "Involved" is something the youth do really well around our church. Whether in a group like these or individually, they're always willing to help out with events like the Holly Bazaar and Pancake Supper. Keep your eyes open for upcoming events listed in the *Announcements* year long.



Roger Snyder, Anson Wever and Kevin Johnston helping with the Holly Bazaar on November 6, 1999

ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS

From the Earth Stewardship Committee

Try to use completely or recycle to other people contents of containers of paints, solvents, spot removers, cleaners, polishes and glues.

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



How did you do?
Ed Ellis, Tom Magee



Now can you guess who is pictured here?

A _ _ E _ _ A _ _ _ S _ N

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"

Amanda Barbara Jeannette Eberhard
Benjamin Andrew Plante
Benjamin Paul Prevost
Bradley Alexander Waters

DEATHS

"Well done good and faithful servant."

Burkhard Lohmann	March 28, 1998
Thomas Reginald Williamson	July 25, 1999
Marjorie L. MacKay	July 27
Rose Martha Mowat	August 13
Mary Marion Robinson	August 31
Barbara I. Anderson	August 31
Janet Pergau	October 22

MARRIAGES

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

Sept. 4 Angela Irene Wright, Stephen Kenneth Cribar
Sept. 11 Donna-Marie Fraleigh, Charles Edward Boyd Travis
Sept. 18 Melanie Lois Valentine, Mark Charles Wenn
Sept. 18 Anna Jolanta Wiljucka, Paul Robert Read
Sept. 25 Kelly Elizabeth Wilton, Kirby Timothy Hennessy Duffy
Oct. 2 Kimberly Dawn Sturdy, Michael Terrance Logan
Oct. 9 Karen Lillian Campbell, William Timothy Oldham

GOODBYE & GODSPEED

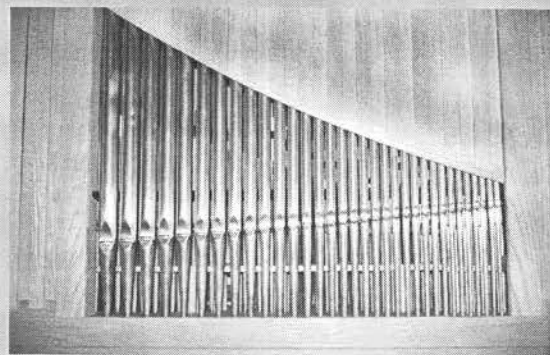
"May kindness and peace be yours from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness."

Mary Jane & Ross McMullen
Lillian & Don Reid

DID YOU KNOW?

- Eva & Gordon Archibald celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in October
- Madeline & Doug Cram celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in September
- Mel Deacon has been made an Honourary Lifetime Member of the London Chamber of Commerce.
- Lorna and Ray Getliffe celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary in October
- Kevin Johnston was recognized as a Lay Minister by Middlesex Presbytery upon graduation from the Lay School of Theology
- Nancy McNee was honoured by Parkwood Hospital Foundation in September for her volunteer work
- Gerry & Augie Meacham celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in August.
- Bob Schram received the 1999 BBB Business Integrity Award for his company
- Jeane & Ralph Stewardson celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in August.

WHAT IS IT? WHERE IS IT AT FSA?



Answer in next issue of Tidings

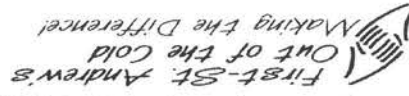
Reach Out! Idea

Join a person sitting alone in church and introduce yourself.



OUT OF THE COLD (OOTC)

This program runs year round 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 out for a 4 month period? September to December; January to April; May to August. Contact Andy Hunter (471-3659) or Joanne Girvan (637-2211) or the church office (679-8182).



LIFT Council meetings, and more...

IS INVOLVED IN... Out of the Cold, preparing baby layettes, organizing food collections for the Youth Action Centre and St. Paul's Daily Bread, maintaining a furniture cupboard for the use of refugees and the impoverished, actively supporting ELUCOC in special projects, working with St. Marys United Church in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, sending two members to the

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



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: Friday/Saturday, February 11 & 12.

MARRIAGE 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 9, 2000 at the 9:15 a.m. service. Call the church office if interested. (679-8182).

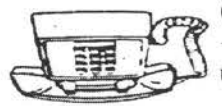


BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

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. If you can help, please call Eileen Pyper (471-4058) or Shirley Peel (439-1698).



COFFEE AND CONVERSATION



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).

DIAL-A-PRAYER 439-6838

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.

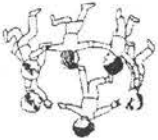
BIFOCALS



Singles and marrieds who enjoy fun are invited to join with the Circle of Friends. Watch the weekly Announcements for upcoming events.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

An informal group for parents and preschoolers offering networking and support. Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:00. Contact Sandra Dwyer (438-6546)



HAVA JAVA 'N' JUICE

December 5 Community Outreach invites the young people of the Church School to bring unwrapped gifts of non-perishable food, suitable as gifts.) There will be baskets in the narthex and Atrium on December 5 for collection.

FRIENDSHIP & LEARNING GROUPS

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

Once again we will set up a Christmas Tree in the Atrium 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.

MITTEN TREE

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.

BENEVOLENT FUND DONATIONS

Entrances of the Chapel and Sanctuary, and in the Atrium. special need and may be left at any time. Baskets are placed at Paul's DAILY BREAD. Baskets are provided to collect food every Sunday. Baby food is also a



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



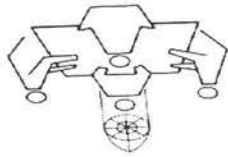
If you need a ride to and from church and/or church events please call Louise Slater (642-7949).

RIDES FOR SENIORS

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

Kerry Hill, a management consultant and career counsellor, provides personal counselling and detailed vocational assessment by appointment when mutually convenient. Ardath Finnobogason-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.

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.



COUNSELLING TEAM

Heather Bedford (679-8182) or Mary Vernon (657-7568). Someone who would benefit from such a program, please contact



RAINBOWS
Rainbows is effective support programs for children and adults who have experienced death, divorce, separation or abandonment. First-St. Andrew's is currently working in cooperation with Robinson Memorial and Colborne Street United Churches, sharing facilities, resources and space. If you know

RAINBOWS

the support, please call Heather Bedford (679-8182). anyone who needs extra support, or if you are one who could offer basis, and especially at birthdays and holiday times. If you know of maintaining contact with members of our congregation on a regular continuing needs. We have about 22 men and women who visit



Our Congregational Visiting Team are members of our congregation who offer ongoing support to our shut-ins, to those who are ill, bereaved or have special

CONGREGATIONAL VISITING TEAM

In addition to the pastoral care done by the Ministers and Parish Nurse on staff, members of our congregation reach out to others in a variety of ways.

PASTORAL CARE

*First-St. Andrew's
Christian Development
Making the Difference!*

Our newly-formed team is 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.

HEALING PRAYER TEAM

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 our newly-formed prayer chain. First names only will be used unless permission is granted by the person to use their full name. Confidentiality will be respected.

PRAYER CHAIN

Second Friday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information call Susan Shelstad (679-8182).

DRUMMING CIRCLE

Last Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Anne Cunningham (433-9663) or Susan Shelstad (679-8182)

DREAM GROUP

Information: Susan Shelstad (679-8182)
Announcements for the start-up date.



A study and discussion group around the alleged dichotomy between faith and reason. Two introductory sessions with Jo Ann Silcox, then regular book study sessions. Watch

"FAITH IN AN AGE OF DOUBT"

10 a.m. in the Parlour, using *The Whole People of God* adult study material. Everyone welcome.



Leader: Susan Shelstad (679-8182)

BIBLE STUDY THURSDAY MORNING

10 a.m. in the Parlour, using *The Whole People of God* adult study material. Everyone welcome.

Leader: Jo Ann Silcox (642-2152)

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

9:15 a.m. in the Kerygma Room. Come for coffee, warm fellowship and learning.

ADULT DEVELOPMENT

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

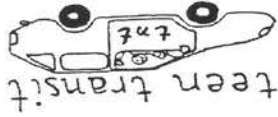
SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH GROUP



For young people in grade 7 to O.A.C. This group meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Upper Room to eat, learn and discuss, plan events, and have fun.

Leader: Lionel Morise (438-8109)

TEENS IN TRANSIT (TNT)



For young people in grades 7 and 8. This group meets on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. in the Upper Room.

Leaders: Katie Pickering, Emily Cavers, Laura Cavers

CONFIRMATION CLASS



This group of 10 young people in grade 9 and up are meeting in preparation for confirmation next spring.

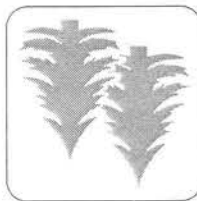
PANCAKE SUPPER



Shrove Tuesday, March 7 at 6 p.m. in the Lower Hall. Sponsored by FSA Youth. Includes music!

WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

Watch for date and details in the new year!



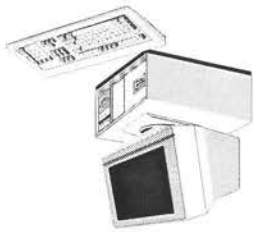
GREETINGS TO OUR POST-HIGH YOUNG ADULTS

Postal and e-mail addresses needed!

We always try to contact our Post-High Young Adults early in December. We want to let them know that their church continues to think about them in the Post-High experiences and we want to let them know what is happening at their church in the Christmas season. Christmas at the church is a time for those away and those in London to see each other again in this familiar place and among familiar faces.

If you have someone in your family who is a post-high school person, up to age 25 or so, who is at school or otherwise engaged, in London or out-of-town, please let us have a postal or e-mail address for them.

Call the church office at 679-8182.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CRADLE ROLL

Let the church know when your baby arrives so that messages from *Growing in God's Love* package can be sent to celebrate events in your baby's life to age three. Since the last Tidings we have greeted Margaret Hill, Jordan Jarrett, Riley Langley, Kaitlin Robinson, Kimberly Shepard, Amanda Eberhard, Benjamin Prevost, and Benjamin Plante.

Coordinator: Nancy Stanlick (451-9491)

NURSERY

For infants to two years old - located next to the Chapel on the main floor. Open for 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Coordinator: Judy Cull

CHURCH SCHOOL (9:15 & 11:00)

Children are invited to participate in our Church School each Sunday morning using the *Whole People of God* curriculum.

At 9:15 a.m. service, the children leave for a group class after the first hymn.

At 11:00 a.m., the Three Year Nursery is open across the hall from the infant nursery.

Other classes from Kindergarten to Grade 6 go to the sanctuary and leave for classes after the children's story. We have some time together in the Fireside Room and then separate into classes.

Unit 3: *In the Fullness of Time* covers the period from Nov. 28 to Jan. 9. There will be no church school classes on Dec. 26 or Jan. 2. The children are invited to attend the regular worship services on these two dates.



Unit 4: *Time and Again* goes from January 16 to March 5.

Coordinator: Kevin Johnston (672-5664)

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 (289-2352)

POP 'N' POPCORN

Just for fun and friendship! Girls and boys in grade 5 and 6 get together on Friday evenings about once a month.



MUSIC

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. There is nothing that expresses the joy of Christmaside better than the music of the season.

CHOIRS

The Senior, Youth and Children's Choirs will each sing at the Advent Lessons and Carols Service on **November 28**. John Ruter's thrilling *Gloria* will be heard on Sunday, **December 19**, sung by the Senior Choir with brass accompaniment. The Children's Choir will lead the musical praise at the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service. On **January 9** the Youth Choir will present a musical for Christmas and Epiphany by the American composer, Allan Pote.

BELLS

The Laudamus Bells will play a number of times during Advent, including a performance at the Advent Noon Recital on **December 10th**.

Music

AT FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S

THREE PIANO RECITALS BY DAVID JONES

In aid of the Sanctuary Grand Piano Fund



David Jones

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1999 at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2000 at 3:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

Admission \$10.00 and \$7.00, Children 12 and under \$5.00
Series Price \$25.00 and \$18.00 and \$12.00

FRIDAY ADVENT NOON RECITALS

12:00-12:30 - Luncheon (\$5.00) served following

- December 3 Paul Merritt, Organ
- December 10 The Laudamus Bells, Conductor Barbara Planie, Conductor
- December 17 Monicalm Concert Choir, Conductor Robert Kennedy, Conductor



THE ST. LAWRENCE STRING QUARTET

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.
Admission \$15.00, Children 14 and under \$5.00

TENTH ANNUAL AMABILE FESTIVAL


Sunday, February 13, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Amabile Youth Singers, Junior Amabile Singers and Amabile Boys Choir
Admission \$15.00, \$12.00 and \$8.00

CABARET AND SILENT AUCTION

By the Laudamus Bells
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.
Silent Auction and Concert
Light lunch to follow

BASICALLY BAROQUE

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.
An evening of Baroque music with acclaimed Tafelmusik Orchestra and the Amabile Boys Choir
Admission \$30.00 and \$25.00



ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP
 Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. We begin with singing in the Lower Hall, then choose either Bible Study or Contemplative Worship. Healing Prayer Service at 8 p.m. Coffee and dessert afterwards. Come join us! It's a wonderful way to end or begin your week.

7:30 Service in the main sanctuary with the imposition of ashes and the sacrament of Holy Communion

March 8 Ash Wednesday
 7:00 Alternative Worship
 Preacher - Frank Meadows
 9:15 & 11 am



March 5 Last Sunday after Epiphany
 7:00 Alternative Worship
 Preacher - Frank Meadows
 9:15 & 11 am

February 27 Eighth Sunday after Epiphany
 7:00 Alternative Worship
 Preacher - Frank Meadows
 9:15 & 11 am

February 20 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
 No Alternative Worship
 Preacher - Susan Shelstad
 9:15 & 11 am

February 13 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
 7:00 Alternative Worship
 Preacher - Frank Meadows
 9:15 & 11 am

February 6 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
 Preacher - Frank Meadows
 9:15 & 11 am

January 30 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
 7 pm Alternative Worship
 Preacher - Oscar King III, Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
 9:15 & 11 am



January 23 Third Sunday after Epiphany
 7 pm Alternative Worship
 Preacher - Frank Meadows
 9:15 & 11 am Sacrament of Holy Communion



January 16 Second Sunday after Epiphany
 7 pm Alternative Worship
 11 am Teen Musical



January 9 First Sunday after Epiphany
 Preacher - Frank Meadows
 One Service only 11 am
January 2 Epiphany Sunday

First-St. Andrew's Ministry
 All of the people including
 The Rev. Dr. Frank Meadows
 The Rev. Susan Shelstad
 Heather Bedford
 Paul Merritt
 Kevin Johnston
 Diane Macpherson
 Jim Gagnon
 Pat Sole

Preacher - Richard Bain
 One Service only 11 am
December 26 First Sunday after Christmas
 Preacher - Frank Meadows
 10:00 pm Candlelight Communion
 7:00 pm Family Service
December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
 No Alternative Worship
 Preacher - Frank Meadows
 9:15 & 11 am - Special music: *Gloria* by John Rutter
December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Preacher - Frank Meadows
 7:30 pm A Service of Christmas Hope
December 15 Wednesday evening in the Chapel
 7:00 pm Alternative Worship
 Preacher - Susan Shelstad
 9:15 & 11 am
December 12 Third Sunday of Advent
 7:00 pm Alternative Worship
 Preacher - Frank Meadows
 9:15 & 11 am White Gift Sunday
December 5 Second Sunday of Advent
 7:00 pm Alternative Worship
 9:15 & 11 am A Service of Lessons and Carols
November 28 First Sunday of Advent

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"Let every heart prepare him room." One of the ways in which we prepare room for the Christ Child is to take part in worship. We invite you to join with us as we worship at First-St. Andrew's. The happy, busy days of advent will help us to be ready when he comes at Christmas. As winter approaches and the days darken, Christ also approaches and his light shines more brightly within us.


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WORSHIP

FAITH IN AN AGE OF DOUBT

- + Two introductory sessions
- + Book study sessions to follow

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CHURCH FAMILY EVENTS

Christmas Eve Family Service
December 24, - 7 pm - Sanctuary

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
March 7, - 6 pm Lower Hall

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Dear Family and Friends of First-St. Andrew's,

With all the expectation and anxiety going on in anticipation of the year 2000, take a minute to read this quote from Robert Fulghum's book All I Really Need To Know I Learned in Kindergarten. It will help to put our busy lives in perspective. He says:

"Most of what I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned at kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but there in the sandpile at Sunday School. These are the things I learned:

- Share everything.*
- Play fair.*
- Don't hit people.*
- Put things back where you found them.*
- Clean up your own mess.*
- Don't take things that aren't yours.*
- Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.*
- Wash your hands before you eat.*
- Flush.*
- Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.*
- Live a balanced life - learn some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.*
- Take a nap every afternoon.*
- When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.*
- Be aware of the wonder of the world."*

Now, re-read the last point and start to be aware of all the church activities that will be taking place from now till the year 2000. Read your Tidings to learn of services and events you will not want to miss. Then say a prayer and say thanks - for our church, our church family, our friends and all the ways that First-St. Andrew's enriches our lives. Oh yes, our support. Give Frank lots of hugs when you see him. He is on his own countdown and needs our support.

Frank

Paul

Alanna

Shane

