

Tidings

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SERVICE TIMES STUDY UNDERWAY

By Bob Slater

At least three committees are weighing the pros and cons of making an adjustment in the times of Sunday services and Sunday morning Christian Development programs. Committee members are considering service times of 9:00 for the Chapel and 10:30 for the Sanctuary. C.D. programs, would start half an hour earlier.

So far, the disadvantage appears to be that earlier rising for some (although not all) would be necessary and that an earlier time might hinder some from participating. Advantages are seen in helping younger families manage their Sunday mealtimes and schedules more easily, encouraging more people to stay for Coffee and Conversation and thus strengthen our FSA family in fellowship, and allowing all of us more flexibility in the rest of our Sunday plans.

Can you think of points the committees should consider? Please phone the Worship Committee Chairperson, Louise Slater, 642-7949, with your concerns and ideas.

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Info-Line

Caregiver -- We Need YOU!

Caregivers are needed for the Nursery and Junior Congregation. If you are able to help on one or more Sundays, call **Emily Woods** at the church at 679-8182.

Vacation Envelope Service

Before leaving on your summer vacation, you have the option of leaving summer offering envelopes with the Business Manager, who will deposit them for you on the appropriate dates. The Finance Committee appreciates your help in doing this.

Alert: Church Burglar Pinches Purses

When at church activities, please keep your keys, purses, wallets with you. Always be sure to lock your car and turn off the lights.

How to contribute to the Access Fund

If you use envelopes weekly or monthly, write on "Access" with the amount to be given. One cheque can include both Access and Operating contributions.

Jim Hendry Wants Help

Jim Hendry has succeeded **Deborah Roberts** as leader for our Dial-a-Prayer outreach project. If you could help Jim by recording some prayers, please let him know (471-8492). You may write your own, or ask **Anna Holman** or **Emily Woods** for prayer resources.

NOTE -- Summer Office Hours --

May 31st to September 3

Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm

Messages may be left on the answering machine during lunch hours and any time after hours.

Info-Line

UCW Recycling Project

The April 17 Rummage Sale produced \$2,062 for UCW projects. Hundreds of items found new owners and it provided our families with much-needed space in their homes! Thanks to all who contributed. Your next opportunity to JOIN THE FUN comes OCTOBER 16.

The Phantom Tea, 1993

Join in the Phantom Tea (see our flyer and envelope); help fund the UCW's many community outreach projects.

Consider this... please!

Isn't this the year to help out at the Holly Bazaar -- at the Bake Table, Christmas Corner or Cafe Noel. Please call Convenor, **Debbie Schram** (434-8189) or UCW President **Gertrude Bergey** (686-9307). Debbie and Gertrude would like to hear *your* ideas for projects. Thanks to those who have already volunteered. This year's date is **Saturday, November 6, 10 am. to 1 pm.**

FSA Church Service Honouring Women is Adopted by London Conference

By *Moira Stewart-Freeman*

Do you remember the service held at FSA on February 14th in which three New Testament stories about women were dramatized? You may be interested to know that the order of service and the dramatic scripts which we created have been sent to all pastoral charges of London Conference at the request of the Worship Committee of London Conference's Annual Meeting. They are suggesting the service for use on the Sunday of London Conference's Meeting when ministers are absent from their pulpits.

FSA's Decade Committee is making a description of the service available to a variety of organizations and publications suggested by the Women's Desk at United Church House.

Packages, including the order of service, are available both at the FSA library and the Resource Centre on Windermere Road.

The Committee is continuing to empower women in church and society. New members, both women and men, are welcome. A new project is in the works!

Stewardship and Long-Range Planning Working Together

By *Howard Capes, Stewardship Committee*

I have just browsed through a book recommended by Frank Meadows, entitled *Twelve Keys to an Effective Church* by Kenneth L. Callahan and published by Harper and Row Publishers, San Francisco. This book has been used in the past as resource material by the Vision Committee.

The author contends that if churches expect to be effective in mission and successful in outreach, they must have a long-range plan. (It should be noted that the Stewardship Committee is responsible for long-range planning, developing and keeping up-to-date goals and a mission statement for First-St. Andrew's.) This year the committee will be reviewing the mission statement and considering whether or not it should be revised.

Although the twelve keys were thoroughly developed to assist a congregation in planning renewal, I found a rather interesting approach outlined in the Introduction to be worth sharing.

Callahan's strategy is to determine the strengths of the congregation and then consider how these strengths can be expanded or added. He writes, "Once a congregation has

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The Stewardship Committee

(from left to right) **Back Row:** Murray Woods, Bill Watson, John Wiebe. **Middle Row:** Bill Minion (Chairperson), Donna Ellis. **Front Row:** Vikki Paquette, Jean Comfort, Spencer Inch. Other members not in photo: Howard Capes, Millie Bates, The Reverend Frank Meadows.

Stewardship Committee Responsibilities

- ☐ Review all committee goals and objectives annually.
- ☐ Prepare a proposed budget annually.
- ☐ Maintain the long range plan and mission statement.
- ☐ Encourage all committees to have goals in place.
- ☐ Inform the congregation on stewardship matters.
- ☐ Promote earth stewardship programs.
- ☐ Serve as a stewardship conscience for Council.

claimed its strengths, it is strategic that it decide on new ways to expand these strengths. It is decisive in successful long-range planning that a congregation build on its strengths, not its weaknesses. When a church expands its strengths, gifts, graces and talents, it becomes more effective in missions. When it becomes preoccupied with its weaknesses, it begins to lose its strengths. Strengths that are not used, weaken and decay.”

In an effort to determine the fundamental strengths that generate vitality in church life at First-St. Andrew’s, one would have to consider the three T’s -- time, talent and treasure. These three components are tightly woven into a membership work force that results in effective Christian service.

We need only examine our weekly bulletin of announcements to conclude that we have a dedicated congregation of individuals who have made a commitment of time and talent to the life of the church.

A challenge to build on these strengths has become more evident in recent months. We must continue to do more to attract potential members to our church. We must do more to provide easy access to our facilities for *all* of our members.

The investment of time and talent by our Vision Committee and our Access Committee has resulted in a proposal to resolve the major problems of easy access and to enhance our church property at the same time. The proposal was adopted by the congregation at the last annual meeting.

Such an ambitious project would not be possible without the third component -- treasure. Once again, the members of the congregation are showing evidence of building on strengths. The financial pledges have been forthcoming in a very supportive manner.

Early visionaries at First-St. Andrew’s have made a significant investment in terms of time, talent and treasure in order that we may experience ongoing spiritual growth in a facility that is conducive to worship and service to the community.

Similarly, it is necessary for our present congregation, through the process of long-term planning, to continue to maintain a fitting vision for the future. In that way, we generate a legacy that will enrich the lives of those in this congregation for years to come. ☐

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Environment Tips

Reduce water use and waste. Turn off taps tightly so they do not drip. Promptly repair any leaks. Use aerators and/or water flow reducer devices on faucets.

Don't run water continuously when washing, shaving, cleaning vegetables, etc. Partially fill sink basin and use short bursts of water only when needed.

To save water and energy, wash only full loads of laundry. Use the suds-saver feature if your machine has it.

Caring for the earth is a Christian responsibility.

Access: Door to open in '93

By Russ Gonder

An aggressive program is underway to allow construction to start in June for completion in fall 93. Competitive bids will be obtained from a number of pre-qualified contractors as soon as detailed drawings are completed. Following receipt of these bids, a full congregational meeting will be convened to approve the plan, budget, and contractor.

The past month has been a busy one for the architect and his staff, who are completing all the design details for construction. No drawings exist for the existing buildings, so detailed investigations and measurements must be made of all areas where connections will occur between old and new structures.

Final design work has been carried out in consultation with many groups to gain their advice, and to insure that most needs will be met. Drawings have been on display at coffee and conversation for information and comments. Our Council reviewed the design at their meeting of May 11th.

The fundraising program is progressing with remarkable success. This congregation has again shown its compassion for others through their generous support of this initiative. The support has come from all segments of the congregation.

P.S. If you have not completed your pledge, do it now. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this adventure into the future!

April 4, 1993

To the access committee,

We, the youth group of First-St. Andrew's United Church, would like to give \$200.00 to the access fund. We earned this money through the pancake supper and thought it would be cool to use it to make our church open to all people,

Most truly,

Lisa Kostecki
 Hannah Roberts
 macdonald
 Huw Evans
 Mike Davey
 Heather Luskay
 Amy Freeman
 Matt Selmer
 Richardson Elspeth Evans
 Duncan M. Ineson
 Jennifer Will
 Brinn Norman
 Pam Cull
 Sean Jones
 Tea Smith
 Karen Ferguson

** For some of us, this is in memory of our grandparents.*

Echoes:

By Louise Wyatt

A bite-sized, one per issue investigative pastime of biblical references currently encountered.

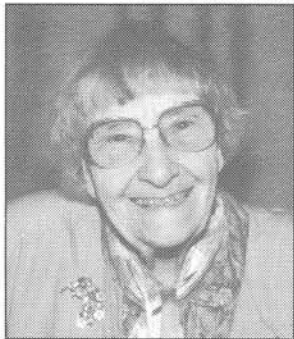
How did you respond to the challenge in the Easter issue's challenge: Call me Ishmael? You didn't?

Where's your sporting blood? Mind you, if you had said, "Rocket" we would have admired your wit, if not given an award. All you needed to do was explore the sixteenth chapter of Genesis.

I suppose most of us primarily associate the name with 'outcast' (verse 12). And there is that famous beginning of *Moby Dick*. "Call me Ishmael" says the narrator in his isolation. But we reminded you of a double-edge. The name itself means 'touched by God' (verse 11) and 'he whom God hears.' So there's more involved than rejection. Not hard, see?

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Louise Wyatt

Now on into summer. Here's a double-header:

- Which old hymn in our red book, a favourite of Winston Churchill's, has had "Hobgoblin or foul fiend" removed from it?
- A big recent prize novel was entitled *Sacred Hunger*. If you had written it, briefly, what would it be about?

MEMBERSHIP

Inactive Children Over 25 Stay on Historic Roll

By Beth Girvan

Among our families, adult children over twenty-five who are not currently active in the life of the church will be retained on the FSA Historic Roll, but will be transferred from the active to the inactive roll.

They may be returned to the active roll at any time by resuming their participation in FSA. If there is a special circumstance to consider, please call **Beth Girvan** at 672-8662.

"Beauty and the Feast"



The Gone Fishing Service



FROM THE STAFF

Dear Friends:

We welcome the church season of Pentecost on Sunday May 30, remembering the first Day of Pentecost and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit among God's people. It will be celebrated with the sacrament of Holy Communion and the reception of new members through confirmation.

Again this summer, we will share services with our church neighbours. From June 27 to July 25, services will be held at Metropolitan United Church, then we return to First-St. Andrew's beginning August 1.

Over the summer, our church will continue to be available. As well, there may be signs of change and construction as the Access Committee acts upon an encouraging response for funds to initiate this worthy building project, to open our doors to the whole community.

For travellers and vacationers, may you find along your way a church in which to worship and be refreshed. Then may all of us find ourselves relaxed and renewed at summer's end, ready to continue to work and learn and worship together as God's people, in the Spirit of that first Pentecost.

Paul Catherine Emily Jack

SURVIVAL COURSE

Living with a Teenager and Enjoying it!

By Paul Pergau

Coming this fall at FSA: an exciting new video-based program called "Active Parenting of Teens." Based on the successful *Active Parenting Discussion Program*, this new course focuses exclusively on teens and the special challenges and issues presented to their parents - that's you and me!

Based on practical psychology theories, *Active Parenting of Teens* addresses difficult subjects while building a firm foundation on the principles of cooperation, courage, responsibility, good communication skills and discipline. The information and skills taught are designed to help parents of teens (and any adults who regularly interact with teens), learn how to deal more effectively with young adults in this phase of their lives, especially coping with behaviour problems or sensitive topics.

We are fortunate to have Charlotte and Bill Oldham as co-leaders for this group. As many of you know, as well as being excellent facilitators, the Oldhams have plenty of experience in living with teens both in and outside of the home. Their enthusiasm for this topic insures that participants can look forward to an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

The program consists of six sessions each lasting about two hours. It is being offered at no charge, except for the possible cost of a personal Parent Guide. We are planning to run the program once a week, in the evening, during September and October. We would like to expose our interested teens to some or all of the material as well, but probably not in the same sessions.

Please keep this program in mind for the fall. It is one you will not want to miss. What will make this program a success is your active participation. Come help us get better at what we love most -- living with our teens. Registration forms will be available from a member of the Youth and Young Adult Committee as the date draws near. Also if this has grabbed your interest any member of the Y&YA Committee would be glad to get answers to your questions.

WORSHIP

May 30	Day of Pentecost - Communion Confirmation of Youth and Adults Preacher: The Rev. Frank Meadows		
June 6	First After Pentecost <u>Trinity Sunday</u> and <u>Environment Sunday</u> Preacher: David Hallman (Program Officer, Energy and Environment, Division of Mission in Canada of the United Church)		
JUNE 13 SEPTEMBER 5 - WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10:30 ONLY			
June 13	Second After Pentecost Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Moore	First-St. Andrew's	10.30 am.
June 20	Third After Pentecost Preacher: The Rev. Frank Meadows	First-St. Andrew's	10.30 am.
June 27	Fourth After Pentecost	Metropolitan United	10.30 am.
July 4	Fifth After Pentecost	Metropolitan United	10.30 am.
July 11	Sixth After Pentecost	Metropolitan United	10.30 am.
July 18	Seventh After Pentecost	Metropolitan United	10.30 am.
July 25	Eighth After Pentecost	Metropolitan United	10.30 am.
August 1	Ninth After Pentecost Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Moore	First-St. Andrew's	10.30 am.
August 8	Tenth After Pentecost	First-St. Andrew's	10.30 am.
August 15	Eleventh After Pentecost	First-St. Andrew's	10.30 am.
August 22	Twelfth After Pentecost	First-St. Andrew's	10.30 am.
August 29	Thirteenth After Pentecost	First-St. Andrew's	10.30 am.
September 5	Fourteenth After Pentecost	First-St. Andrew's	10.30 am.

MUSIC

June 6, 11:00 am. The Teen Ringers and the Senior Choir will present '*O Lord of Fire, of Heat and Flame,*' a piece appropriate for this Earth Stewardship Sunday.

June 13, 11:00 am. The Laudamus Bells will play some of the pieces they performed at London Conference in Windsor.
Sundays in August

During August our Senior Choir will get 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.

Children's Program For Summer Sundays

- May 23-June 20 Nursery during the service and Junior Congregation after the Children's Time in the service. Three-year-olds are welcome in either location.
- June 27-July 25 At Metropolitan United Church, Cradle Nook for infants during 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.
- August 1-Sept. 5 At First-St. Andrew's United Church Nursery during the service, and Junior Congregation after the Children's Time in the service.

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

Baptisms

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

Ethan James Wolfenden

Marriages

"Love is kind...love never fails!"

Michael Gordon Foreman
Dominique Mercedes Stephens
February 6

Willem Jean-Paul Gradidge
Deborah Katharine Kime
April 3

Evelyn Georgina Elliott
Martin DeKeyzer
April 24

Deaths

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

George Eynon Douglas Millson	Feb 8
Jessie Helen Ramsden	Mar 31
Lyman Perry Stuart	Mar 25

The 1993 COUNCIL of First-St. Andrew's United Church

Back Row: Brenda Gummeson (Chair, Growth & Nurture), Bill Minion (Chair, Stewardship), Peter Kirkwood (Chair, Board of Trustees), Russ Gonder (Chair, Property), Bruce Moor (Chair, Music), Paul Huston (Treasurer and Chair of Finance). **Middle Row:** Emily Woods (Director, Christian Development), Heather Vosper (Secretary of Council), Betty Sangster (Presbytery Representative), John J. Eberhard (Past-Chair, Official Board) Paul Merritt (Director of Music), Rev. Frank Meadows (Minister of Worship & Administration), Carolyn Minion (Chair, Volunteer Management). **Front Row:** Louise Slater (Chair, Worship), Linda Badke (Chair, Outreach), Rev. Catherine Moore (Minister of Pastoral Care and Outreach), Doug McGregor (Chair of Council), Gertrude Bergey (UCW President), Bev Lindsay (Chair, Christian Development), David Pederson standing in for Jan Hendry (Chair, Ministry & Personnel)

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