

# Tidings

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## J-E-A-N COMFORT - TALENTED & TIRELESS

By Elspeth Watson



Elspeth Watson

It's 6:45 p.m., Thursday. Jean comes scooting along the basement corridor from the Music Library to the Choir Room, arms full of music. 168 items to be tucked in 56 folders ready for practice at 7:30. The task, like every other, is accomplished cheerfully, with speed and thoroughness.

Choir is but one of the numerous activities which continue to bring Jean from the farm in Thorndale (now London), to FSA, almost every day of the week. It has been thus since 1949, three years after she married Maurice, and the young Phys. Ed. teacher from Toronto discovered that the demands of country life and bringing up a family (soon to number five) could still be combined with membership in a downtown church. The warm, generous hospitality synonymous with "Comfort" was already being practised, and would go hand in hand with service as the children grew. Newcomers were quickly welcomed.

The letters of Jean's name are significant. If 'J' is for Jean, it is also for **Jewel** - a fair description of the treasure which Jean is to FSA, her family, and friends. The 'E' which follows must surely stand for **Energy and Enterprise**. Before the world is up in the morning, Jean has clocked 5 km on her stationary bike. Her productivity is phenomenal. How many thousands of delicious meals has she planned and served from our church kitchens, going back to the sixties and seventies (not to mention her famed apple pies and breads)? Meanwhile, the harvest from her garden shows up as hundreds of jars of jams and jellies, pickles and relishes, at the Holly Bazaar and monthly meetings, as well as fresh produce shared liberally in season - everything from melons to Christmas trees.

An enterprising leader, Jean has served Delta Rho, Explorers and CGIT; taken the helm of two UCW units; been President of UCW, President of Middlesex Presbyterial, then Dean of Westminster. She has been active on many Church Committees, including the former Board of Stewards and the Session (she is a Life Elder). In 1981 she was the first woman appointed Session Clerk. And she was a member



Jean Comfort

of the Pastoral Relations Committee which brought us Frank Meadows. The list goes on.... Currently she is a handbell ringer with the Mixed Pealers, Registrar for Gone Fishing, active member of the Stewardship Committee, the Earth Stewardship Committee, the Pastoral Care team, the UCW Executive, the Wednesday Morning Unit and Bifocals. Next year, Jean will celebrate her Diamond Jubilee as a member of the Senior Choir.

'A' stands for Jean's wide-ranging **Abilities** and sense of **Adventure**. An avid reader with catholic taste, she is known for recommending and lending books (some discovered at the Middlesex Resource Centre where she volunteers once a week); promoting the *Observer* and circulating Stewardship materials. She has made an in-depth study of the Bible, sharing her wisdom with Kerygma groups, and has a strong interest in Mission Education. Many of her friends are missionaries.

'N' is for the **nature-lover** in Jean, which brings us to some of her leisure pursuits. The canoeing, archery, basketball and folk dancing of earlier years have given place to birding and hiking and exploring in the woods, often in the company of Helen and Spencer Inch. A few years before Maurice died in 1992, the two couples set out to walk the Bruce Trail. It took them 62 outings to complete the 720 km, but they have certificates and albums of photographs to prove it! And there have been other trips with a naturalist's focus, including destinations in Britain, Canada and Australia.

When all is said and done, the family comes first. Visits back and forth are carefully planned - to John and Danielle in Ottawa; to Nora

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and Bill in Perth; to Robert and Judy in Zephyr; to Ruth in Toronto. Jean is justly proud of her nine grandchildren. And aren't we lucky that the Pergaus - Lesley and Paul, Dan and Karen - decided to settle in London where they are making a wonderful contribution to the music at First-St. Andrew's, and in many other areas? When all the aunts, uncles and cousins get together for the Annual Comfort Reunion in Niagara, the excitement is legendary.

It seems to me that Jean has packed several life-times of loving and giving into eight decades. When I asked her what she regarded as the key to her energy and motivation, she replied unhesitatingly, with a knowing smile: "STEWARDSHIP." For Jean that means everything she does with everything she has - her gifts, her time, her treasure, multiplied and offered up to God for others.

### FSA YOUNG WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

*By Emily Woods*

First-St. Andrew's United was honoured by an invitation to send two young women to a new YMCA-YWCA Women of Distinction program for 1997. AMY FREEMAN and AMANDA WILSON enthusiastically agreed to represent our church.



*Amanda Wilson      Amy Freeman*

With the theme CELEBRATING GROWTH - NURTURING OUR FUTURE, this year's program has invested in the future with a new category, recognizing 80 young women ages 16 and 17. After a day-long mentoring program, they will attend the 1997 Women of Distinction Awards Dinner, April 16, at the London Convention Centre. All the best, Amy and Amanda!

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## Info-Line

### SPECIAL COMMUNION - MAY 21, 2 P.M.

Homebound members are invited to come with their pastoral care visitors for communion and afternoon tea.

### NEW FSA PHOTO DIRECTORY HAS ARRIVED

52 pages. Colour. Free to participants. \$5.00 to others in the FSA family. Do you need a second copy?

### BETTY SANGSTER'S ORDINATION - SUNDAY MAY 25 - WOODSTOCK

Herb Wonfor is organizing a bus to take FSA people to this important event. \$16. Call the Church Office(679-8182) if you wish to be included.

### UCW GENERAL MEETING/LUNCHEON - THURSDAY MAY 29 - 11 A.M.

Westminster College is the site - \$10 the cost.

### FSA GOING TO RAGTIME JUNE 14

Yes, for a great life experience, plan to go. Call Sheila Alton(663-9522) or Roger Snyder(473-3055)

### READ ALL ABOUT IT?

The Tidings Bulletin Board in the Lower Hall is crammed with clippings (photos and stories) about FSA people in our community. When you discover articles, clip them out and add them to this bulletin board so others can say "I read all about it!"

## ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH

Once is not enough to acknowledge the contributions of Marion Jackson Tyler and Emily Woods as they retire from their responsibilities as Directors of Christian Development so two celebrations are planned! The first will be at the church picnic on **Sunday, June 1** at the Pierce Williams Retreat Centre near Iona Station. The second celebration will be a pot luck supper and party at 6:00 PM on **Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>** at the church. Please mark both occasions on your calendars and watch the bulletin for more details. If you wish to make a contribution to acknowledge the years of devotion that our amazing duo have given FSA, please mark your envelope "**Emily-Marion Celebration**" and put it on the offering plate or take/mail it to the church office.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Beth Girvan has been appointed Research Assistant for the London Call to Action Committee for Anti-poverty.
- Anna Holman has made 250 blood donations to the Red Cross.
- Carol Johnston has been named 1997 Woman of Distinction for her conceiving and developing the London Regional Children's Museum.
- John McLarty won the 'No-Till Innovator' award for agricultural excellence in crop management.
- Michael Walker chairs the FSA Marketing Committee.

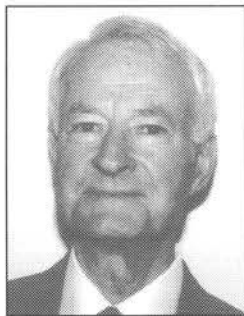


## FRANK MEADOWS TALKS ABOUT HIS SABBATH LEAVE

By Howard Capes

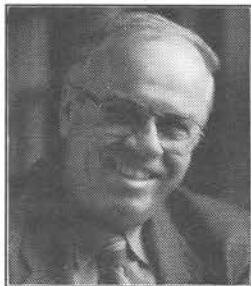
**Q: In your report to the Annual Meeting, you said you wanted to learn more about leadership in these times of profound organizational changes. Please clarify.**

**A:** When I graduated in theology 35 years ago, the "professional" minister had clearly defined responsibilities that were somewhat authoritarian. In recent years, there has been a gradual decentralization of authority. It has resulted in a more democratic and effective decision-making process by boards and committees. The same phenomenon has been evident in business, government and education. The new organizational structure challenges us to reach out into the community and meet new challenges.



Howard Capes

**Q: What plans have you made to focus your studies on leadership strategies?**



Frank Meadows

Pennsylvania.

**Q: How do you plan to share your study experience with the congregation when you return?**

**A:** I am sure that there will be an opportunity to present a formal summary. I will be consulting with the Adult Development Committee about the most effective ways of sharing my learning with the congregation.

**Q: Many of us look to an individual who exemplifies many qualities of leadership. Have you encountered such a person in your career?**

**A:** I have always had a great admiration for Canon Herb O'Driscoll. He is retired, and now living in Victoria. He is a gifted speaker who will preach at our 1998 Anniversary service.

**Q: Will there be an opportunity for some R & R (rest and relaxation)?**

**A:** Well, in many ways, a change will be as good as a rest! I plan to do a lot of professional and personal interest reading. I hope that there will be a few opportunities to play some golf. Also, Joyce and I plan to spend some vacation time in Nova Scotia.

### ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS

From the Earth Stewardship Committee

Keep a bottle of drinking water in your fridge, instead of running your tap until water gets cool each time you want some cold water to drink.

## Series: God's Stewards THE ROAD TO JERICO - IN LONDON?

By Mary Rossie Brown

How often have you read the parable of the Good Samaritan, and listened to its tale, told and retold, yet never grown weary of it? I have often wondered how I would react, if faced with a modern-day situation. Would I pass by "on the other side": would I, too, be a priest or a Levite? Listening as I did one Sunday to a sermon "Meanwhile..." in which the minister quoting Pascal's, "we live in the past, or the future: we do not live in the present", referred to the priest as the one whose main task was to preserve the past - the Levite as one who looked to the future, while the Samaritan was alert to the present." I was glad that the familiarity of the Good Samaritan parable was firmly entrenched in my religious heritage; otherwise, I might have been a priest or a Levite.



Mary Rossie Brown

It happened on a cold February night, one of wind, rain, and winter snow turning to icy slush. I was due at a seminar on modern art, something outside my ken. At the last moment, because of unforeseen circumstances, I was asked to lend my apartment for a coffee hour to entertain the visiting lecturer, since I lived near the gallery. Even though it was raining, I opted to walk. Suddenly a blurred figure, standing in the slush, loomed before me. I walked on, with head bent, before I realized that what I had seen was a pair of bare feet. As I continued another hundred paces, I kept thinking that it just could not be. Thank heaven, at that point I turned back, for there stood a young, pregnant girl, clad in a cotton dress, her blond hair dripping in the rain, and yes, bare feet in the icy snow. She was sobbing so quietly that I had not heard her in the wind. Even then I could not believe my eyes. I knew no one in the homes around, but seminar or no seminar, steps had to be taken. As I turned her gently around and started to retrace my steps to my own apartment, I thought all I could do was to get her out of this vile night, tuck her into a warm bed, and send word to the gallery that I would be there eventually.

Her tale was one that is, I fear, repeated far too often in today's society. She lived in a third floor apartment in one of the old homes I had passed. She was carrying her unwanted child of six months: her husband had thrown her out and locked the door. I inquired whether she had a family to turn to, someone with whom I could get in touch. Alas, there was no one who would give her shelter. As I rounded the corner of my own street, we were joined by an older man. I never knew the outcome of my tale, as he, the compassionate landlord, said gently, "Leave her to me. My wife will look after her. We know her." Thankfully I relinquished my hold on her. With this vivid night etched in my memory, I realized that it was only because the parable was ingrained on my subconscious mind that I had reacted as I did. I am sure that it was pure reflex. I hope and pray, that faced with another similar situation, I will do the same again.

## COUNCIL REPORTS TO YOU

By Annabelle Logan (471-2518)



Annabelle Logan

As I look out our windows and see the last of the snow melting, and a few small crocuses poking their heads through the cold, hard earth, I am warmed by the fact that, when this issue of Tidings reaches everyone, the tulips and daffodils will indeed tell us spring has finally arrived!

I knew when I was asked if I would become Vice-Chair, then Chair, of Council, the position would be challenging. A challenge it certainly is! - but very, very rewarding.

First-St. Andrew's is a busy, busy church, with jobs for everyone who would like one: i.e. teaching Church School; helping in the library; editing; visiting; ushering; greeting; arranging flowers; gardening; maintaining property; assisting in Christian development; worshipping; aiding community outreach; etc.; etc. The leadership at First-St. Andrew's is second to none, with Frank, Catherine, Paul, Emily, Marion, Herb, Jim, Susan and Pat. For those of you who could not attend Easter services, they were intellectually stimulating and emotional, with superb music that was glorious and uplifting.

At the Annual Meeting in February, the Strategic Planning Committee's recommendations were passed. One was that First-St. Andrew's spearhead a conference with the religious communities around London to discuss and focus on the issues of poverty, and how the religious communities can help. Dr. Bill Watson has spearheaded this conference, to take place Saturday, Oct. 18, with Her Honour the Mayor, Dianne Haskett, as plenary speaker.

"Out of the Cold" is continuing all summer with only hospitality meals provided.

Rev. Dr. Frank Meadows will leave April 27 for his sabbatical for four months. We welcome Dr. Barry Moore, who will be assisting Catherine, during this time.

Congratulations are in order to Betty Sangster, who will be ordained in Woodstock on May 25.

The Vision Fund, the fall Stewardship Campaign, Farquhar House, a larger sign for the front lawn, are all being carefully studied and planned.

\$17,000 needs to be raised for Mission and Services. Any ideas, or a co-ordinator for part of this, would be gratefully accepted.

All in all, we try to spread the gospel of love and hope and life eternal to God's greater glory.

## WITH WHAT DO WE TRUST OUR TRUSTEES?

By Jeanette Eberhard



Back Row: Michael Walker, Peter Kirkwood  
Front Row: Ron Logan, Aggie Ramsden, Russ Gonder  
Not pictured: Vaughn Berdux, Ron Caldwell, Jeannette Eberhard, Frank Meadows, Bill Peel, John Robinson, Bob Schram

With what do we trust our trustees? This was certainly my question when Ron Logan asked me to join the Board of Trustees at FSA a little more than one year ago. Let me share what I have learned about what we do and how that role is evolving.

### What do our Trustees do?

In a nutshell, your Board of Trustees is charged with the task of making sure our beautiful buildings and property are kept in good condition for our use today and in the future. A more official interpretation of that responsibility was approved in November of 1995 as follows.

*"First-St. Andrew's United Church Board of Trustees holds the congregation's land, buildings and property in trust for the use and benefit of the congregation as a part of The United Church of Canada. The Board of Trustees shall ensure that the congregation's land and buildings are maintained in such a manner as to provide an ongoing centre for the religious, educational, congregational and social activities of the congregation."*

A careful reader of this official mandate will notice that FSA does not own its own buildings. Like other United Churches in Canada, actual title to our buildings and property lies with the United Church of Canada, with the responsibility for upkeep left to our congregation. At FSA we are fortunate to hold monies in trust of just over one million dollars which have been donated to the church. The majority of interest generated by these "undesignated" trust funds is used to perform the repairs and maintenance our buildings and property require. We base these expenditures on recommendations and requests from the Property Committee, which is currently chaired by Robin Procnier. Other costs covered by the interest on trust funds include property insurance or special capital equipment purchases. The Trustees also act as prudent managers of capital which has been "designated" by donors for a specific purpose, and rely on the recipient group to direct the use of interest generated on these funds.

In general, the Trustees may only spend the interest earned in a given year and any interest not allocated in a given year is added to the undesignated capital. With approval of the congregation and Middlesex Presbytery, the Trustees may authorize the expenditure of capital funds for extraordinary circumstances. A recent example of this type of expenditure was a major allocation of \$300,000 to the access project. The Trustees hope to recoup the majority of this

## JACK McKAY HONOURED

At a special party hosted by Frank and Joyce Meadows on Saturday April 5, 1997, Jack McKay was presented with a gift of a clock on behalf of the whole congregation. He was pleased to receive this and has replied with a very nice letter indicating that he has the perfect spot for it in his study. Jack's contribution as our minister of Visitation for approximately 18 months has been very much appreciated by all members but especially by the 75 members who received regular visits from him. Thanks, Jack.

capital outlay from members who submit the contributions pledged toward the access project. On a smaller scale, the Trustees loaned money to the congregation to purchase our new hymn books in advance of receiving pledges from members. Interest from trust funds was also used to build the new staging required for our major productions.

Another way to recover the costs of operating our physical buildings is to generate money from their use by outside agencies. In recent years, Farquhar House has deteriorated to the extent that lease money no longer covers the cost to maintain the building. With the energetic help of Robin Proconier, the Trustees will be reviewing options to secure tenants who are compatible with our church and will be able to cover the costs to repair and maintain this important part of FSA's history and our city's heritage.

**The Role of Trustees is Evolving**

Annual givings to churches have diminished in the past few years as membership numbers decline, leading many churches to view their trust funds as a source of money to offset operating losses. While this seems like a good short-term strategy, trust funds can eventually be eroded, and the church left with no financial reserves to meet major obligations in the future. Luckily, we at FSA have a strong giving program and a tremendous depth of energetic members

who find ways to raise funds to meet our annual operating budget. In fact, the Board of Trustees is working with Murray Woods and Paul Wilde to increase the profile of giving to the undesignated trust funds held by FSA. It is our hope that this program will create a "vision fund" beyond the amount needed to simply maintain our buildings and property. Russ Gonder is leading the redrafting of policies and guidelines for these new reserves to nurture the ability of FSA to fulfil its mandate to Rejoice, Renew and Reach Out.

I hope you now see the Board of Trustees as an important part of the long term health of our Church -- maintaining our physical assets and looking for new ways to underwrite our spiritual presence for many generations to come!

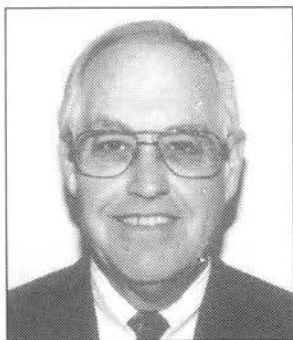
**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

*From the Mission & Service Committee*

The United Church of Canada contributed \$175,000 for purchase of rice for North Korea. First-St. Andrew's contributed \$1,735 from communion offerings towards famine relief.

**ENSURING THE FUTURE OF FSA**

*By Paul Wilde*



*Paul Wilde*

In previous articles, I mentioned that there are various ways to give for the future of First-St. Andrew's. Some are Annuities, Life Insurance, Bequests and Charitable Remainder Trusts.

In the last federal budget, the government made some amendments to the charitable gifts taxation rules. Previously, the maximum contribution that could be claimed for credit was 50% of net income. This has been increased to 75% while a gift to the Crown or Crown agency, e.g.

University Foundations, has been reduced from 100% to 75%.

\* Tax savings relative to registered charitable donations are as follows:

on the first \$200.00	27% to 31%
on contributions above \$200.00	46% to 53%

\* Limitations:

The tax credit is applied against taxes payable and is not refundable.

The tax effectiveness is not affected by your tax bracket in any significant way. A low income person refunds at the low end of the range and a high rate taxpayer at the high end of the range.

When planning your gift, you should consult an accountant. The accountant will be able to advise you on the taxation rules as they apply to your personal finances.

One of the most powerful ways to leave a future gift is through Life Insurance. In its simplest form, the donor takes out insurance on his or her life and designates FSA as the owner and beneficiary. When the donor dies, the insurance proceeds go to the church with no tax or estate issues.

There are some concerns that you should address before making a commitment:

1. Can I afford the premiums on a regular basis, either monthly or annually?
2. Will my premiums detract from my normal giving?
3. Will my gift take away from the family inheritance?
4. Am I getting the right advice from the right people?

Life insurance is available normally to the age of 80, and it can be on the life of one individual or jointly as husband and wife. For example, Martha, age 60, and Harry, age 65, purchase a policy on both their lives with a death benefit of \$100,000. This type of policy is called a "Joint Last to Die" and will pay only on the death of the last spouse.

The cost to Martha and Harry will be approximately \$100 per month. With a 50% tax credit, the cost to them will be \$50 per month. If we look at the cost over 20 years, Martha and Harry will have paid \$12,000 for a gift of \$100,000 to the church.

If Martha and Harry saved that same \$50 per month at 6% over 20 years at a marginal tax rate of 30%, they would have saved approximately \$20,500 to donate to FSA.

Some of the benefits to the owner would be as follows:

- the ability to leave a large gift for a relatively small cash outlay
- tax benefits while alive
- the death proceeds pay directly to FSA
- no estate issues
- the gift cannot be challenged.

For future information, please contact a member of the Vision Fund Committee. They will be happy to answer your questions, or direct you to the proper authorities.

\* Taxation information was provided, with thanks, by Gee, Lambert and Courneya Chartered Accountants.

..... This Series will be continued in the next issue



# Changes...

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

## DEATHS

"Well done good and faithful servant."

Agnes Isobel Reid	November 5
Glen Donald Bain	January 14
Helen Jean Monk	February 13
Elizabeth Ann Bruce Gerrard	February 15
Lotte Maria Spoerel	March 16
Verna M. Taylor	March 18
John Frederick Haddy	April 3

## GOODBYE & GODSPEED

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

Michael & Julie Brown  
Pam Cottingham  
Wendy Eaman  
Tom Getliffe  
Mark & Teresa Hunter  
Jack & Joyce Wallace

## NEW ELDERS (elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting, February 9)

Marg Bereznick	Muriel Harris	Wendy Noble	Debbie Schram
Emily Cavers	Jack Hillier	Bill Peel	John Schram
Stuart Eberhard	Doug Jones	Eileen Pyper	Heather Vouvalidis
Carol Eyre	Jean Knowles	Joni Pypka	Judy Vyse

## FROM WHENCE TO WHERE?

By Dorothy McPhedran

This video workshop, to celebrate women from the past, through the present, to the hopes and dreams of tomorrow, was held on Saturday, March 15, 1997 at First-St. Andrew's. The workshop was ecumenical in sponsorship (The Ecumenical Decade Committee, First-St. Andrew's; Women's Concerns, Anglican Diocese of Huron; WICC Ecumenical Decade Group), and ecumenical in participants (United, Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and some without affiliation); participants were a group of young and not-so-young searchers.

The day began with spirited singing, and then a ritual based on Numbers 27, the story of the five daughters of Zelophehad, who came to Moses to claim an inheritance when their father died. Moses brought their case before the Lord, and the Lord said they should have an inheritance - a landmark decision!

The videos selected for viewing and discussion were a celebration of the achievements of women from different times and different kinds of endeavours - a legacy to support hopes for tomorrow.

Three videos ran concurrently at three different times during the day. Each person could choose to be part of three different groups, and view three different videos from among the nine being shown during the day. Group facilitators enabled thoughtful discussion after each film showing.

Among the videos were: *Goddess Remembered* - a thoughtful look at the meaning of spirituality, the impact of symbols, and the role of the arts; *Hildegard of Bingen* - a life of spirituality and commitment in Medieval Europe; *Black Mother, Black Daughter* - present day women reflecting on the importance of family, church and community, and of story-telling; *Asking Different Questions: Women and Science* - a look at the influence of women in scientific research; *What If? Women Inventors and Entrepreneurs* - some

women tell their story of success.

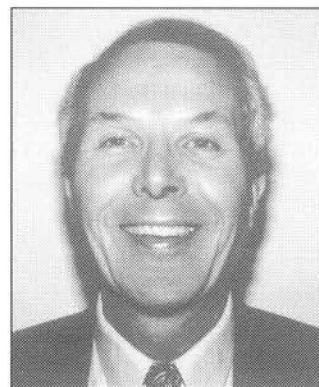
The day ended with story-telling (the story of the Hebrew midwives, Shiphrah and Prah, found in Exodus I), and with singing (Sister, Carry On).

Throughout the day, there were opportunities for visiting, meeting new friends, and stocking up on books from the Kindred Spirits Bookshop display.

## BARRY MOORE JOINS FSA STAFF TEAM

By Don Jones

Barry Moore first served a United Church as its minister, many years ago in 1960 when he became the minister of Beaverlodge Pastoral Charge in Alberta. His move to the chaplaincy in the University of Alberta was the first of a number of posts that he would hold in educational institutions in the west and Ontario. He retired last year from Fanshawe College following nine successful years as President of that fine community college. His work while not officially a ministry of the church has been for Barry a ministry in the community.



Barry Moore

It is our good fortune that he is now retired and worshipping with the First-St. Andrew's family and that he is willing to step in to take a staff position for the months that Frank Meadows is on sabbatical leave.

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

*Come and worship at First-St. Andrew's as we remember and celebrate the story of the church from its earliest days until now. Our regular worship times are 9:15 a.m. in the chapel and 11:00 a.m. in the main sanctuary. Beginning on June 8, we will have one service only, at 10:30 a.m. in the main sanctuary, for the duration of the summer. Lemonade on the lawn follows the services.*

**May 18** The Day of Pentecost  
 Intergenerational Service  
 Preacher: Catherine Moore  
 9:15 & 11:00

**May 25** The First Sunday after Pentecost  
 Annual Meeting of London Conference this weekend  
 in Woodstock.  
 Preacher: Barry Moore  
 9:15 & 11:00

**June 1** Outdoor Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. at the Pearce Williams Retreat Centre near Iona Station (picnic follows). Transportation will be arranged for all who wish to come. For those who are unable to join us at the open air service, there will be a 9:15 a.m. service of worship in the Chapel.  
 Preacher: Barry Moore

**June 8** The Third Sunday after Pentecost  
 Preacher: Maggie Montgomery  
 10:30

**June 15** The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
 Preacher: Barry Moore  
 10:30

**June 22** The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
 The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
 Preacher: Barry Moore  
 10:30

**June 29** The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
 Preacher: The Rev. Betty Sangster  
 10:30

**July 6, 13, 20, 27**  
 Preacher: Barry Moore  
 10:30

**July 13, 20, 27**  
 For the four Sundays of July, while Catherine Moore is on vacation, the 10:30 a.m. services will be conducted by Barry Moore.  
 August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
 For the five Sundays of August, the 10:30 a.m. services will be conducted by Catherine Moore.

**Sept 7** A service of gathering and re-affirming the covenant of our baptism.  
 9:15 & 11:00

**Sept 14** The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
 Preacher: Frank Meadows  
 9:15 & 11:00



Our well-stocked Church Library (next to chapel) offers many treasures for your pleasure, meditation or learning. Books. Videos. Magazines. Fill up a bag for your summer days. Return in September.

**LIBRARY**



Food collection for St. Paul's DAILY BREAD continues. Baby Food is a special need. Donation baskets by church entrances

**FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS**  
 Monday Hospitality Suppers continue 5:30 - 7:30 pm with summer teams helping.



**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

**RAINBOWS**  
 Rainbows, a peer support group for those suffering losses, is forming groups for the fall - kindergarten age to adult. Call Mary Vernon (657-7568) with your questions or interest.

**DIAL-A-PRAYER**  
 For a moment of meditation in a busy or quiet day, call our Dial-a-Prayer (439-6838)



**PASTORAL CARE**

Caregivers and leaders are needed for the Nursery and Children's program in June, July and August. If you are able to help on one or more Sundays, please phone Emily at the church (679-8182). Your gift of time and sharing with the children will be very much appreciated. Resources and programs provided.

**CAN YOU HELP?**  
 Nursery during the service. Children's program, after the Children's Time in the service, in the Fireside Room. Three year olds are welcome either in the program or the nursery.

**Sundays, June 8 - August 31**  
 A special multigenerational Worship Service will be held outdoors at Pearce Williams Retreat Centre near Iona Station, followed by a picnic lunch and activities. See flyer in this mailing for details.



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

During July and August, our Senior Choir will have a well-deserved break from its busy rehearsal schedule. This will give us an opportunity to hear our soloists as they provide vocal music to enrich our worship. Stephanie Burgoyne, our Clark Wilson Music apprentice, will play the organ for our July services.

**MUSIC**

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**CHURCH FAMILY EVENT**

- Sunday June 1, 10:30 am
- Pearce Williams Centre
- Need Transportation?
- Call Church Office (679-8182)

**CHURCH FAMILY EVENT**

- 'A Thank you'
- Pot Luck Supper/Party
- for Marion & Emily
- Friday June 20, 6 pm
- Lower Hall

*Marion & Emily*

for all the demands and opportunities that time and change will bring to you. and a sense of God's abiding, strength-giving presence the company of God's worshipping people at home and along the way safe travel and recreation in the beauty of God's world, warmth, sunshine and soft rain, new experiences,



inner growth, deep peace, May the months of summer bring you for ministry, will preach on June 8, and...more. As you read the following pages, you will discover that Church Service and Picnic; news that Magye Montgomery, candidate Sunday through the summer; details about the Outdoor Communion with us on June 24 before heading off to her first pastorate in British Columbia. We look forward to this day of celebration. On May 25, Betty Sangster will be Ordained to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care. She will celebrate in the meantime, Barry Moore joins Cathene in providing compassionate pastoral care and meaningful worship opportunities. Barry is enthusiastically and capably bringing all the skills learned in his past careers to this new venture. a sabbath leave. He will return in September with renewed energy and new vision to resume his work with you. The challenges of change and the demands of leadership for the church of the future are occupying Frank as he enjoys wonderful and challenging church community. Development. We know that your welcome will be warm and your support strong. This person will enter into a people and the spaces of First-St. Andrew's will always hold a very special place in our hearts. The uprooting caused by the changes in our lives opens the way for you to begin a new relationship with a new Director of Christian classroom. The past years, beginning with Marion in 1973, then Emily in 1981 (with gaps), have given us an incredible opportunity to work and learn with you. Now, it is time for Emily to retire from active work, and for Marion to return to the Director of Christian Development. This letter gives us an opportunity to comment on the change in our lives, and because of this, a change in the position of Director of Christian Development. Dying and uprooting are harsh words, but they are part of the continual process of change. Birth and rebirth, planting and replanting, are part of the process too.

"For everything there is a season... a time to be born and a time to uproot;... a time to plant and a time to die;..."

*from Ecclesiastes 3*



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