

# Tidings



First-St. Andrew's United Church

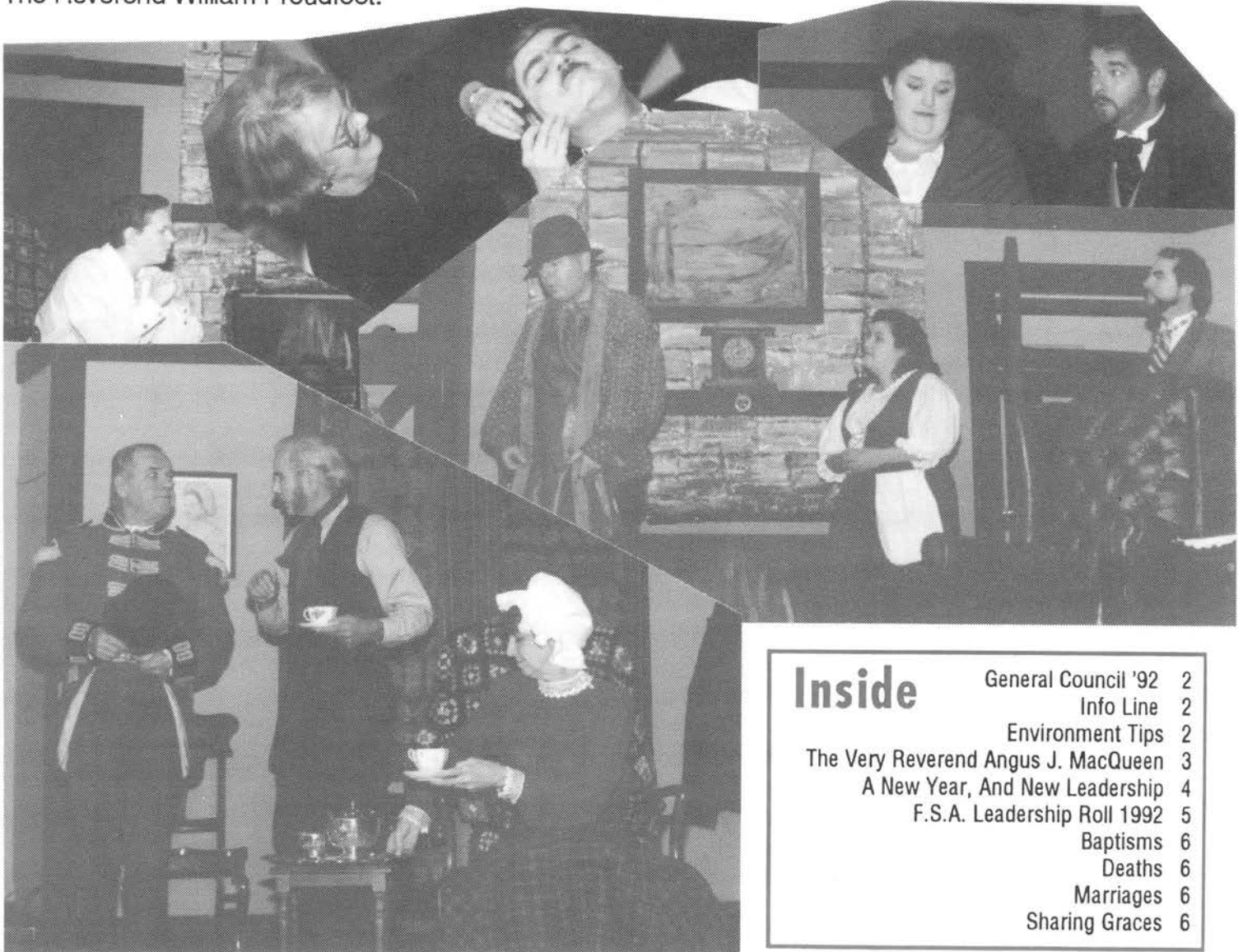
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## The Proudfoot Papers

The cast of the Orlo Miller's *The Proudfoot Papers* performed November 5, 6 and 7 in honour of our congregation's **160th Anniversary**.

Directed by **Harry Bolton**, produced by **Bob Plante**, and starring **Dr. Bill Watson** as The Reverend William Proudfoot.



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# GENERAL COUNCIL '92

First-St. Andrew's had a strong presence there.

By Bob Slater

Betty Sangster, FSA member and Past Chair of Middlesex Presbytery, was elected a commissioner to General Council by London Conference. (Betty is also a member of the New Hymn Book Committee.) Dorothy and Reid Vipond were there, too, watching the proceedings from Wednesday evening until it concluded on Saturday at noon. (Reid was the only one present at the new Moderator's Installation who was also present when he was ordained in 1971 by Manitoba Conference.)

A spirit of openness, flexibility, listening and accommodation prevailed as the Moderator, Walter Farquharson and others, chaired the business sessions. What happened? What was decided? Turn to your copy of the October 1992 *Observer* (pages 10 - 34) where you can see and read about your church in action.

Find Betty, Dorothy and Reid at Coffee and Conversation to learn more about this important happening.

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## Info-Line

A special "THANK YOU!" to Joan Bancroft for all her caring work as 'interim minister of Pastoral Care' during 1992. Her service to the people of this congregation has been deeply appreciated. Joan continues as a member of this congregation while working as minister of Christian Development and Pastoral Care at Central United Church in St. Thomas. We wish her God's Blessing in her new ministry!

**Special Congregational Meeting -- November 23, 1992**  
7:30 p.m. Called especially to consider the recommendation of the Access Committee. All Members of congregation are invited to attend.

**Official Board Meeting -- December 1, 1992, 7:30 p.m.** - The matter of a resolution to 1993 Annual Congregational Meeting regarding restructuring and transition to the Council system at First-St. Andrew's. Members of Session and Stewards and other members of the Official Board are asked to attend.

**\*\*Annual Congregational Meeting Feb 1, 1993. \*\***  
All Members of congregation are invited to attend.

**Creche Display - Sunday November 29**  
To celebrate the beginning of Advent, there will be a display of nativity sets at Coffee and Conversation. Many in the congregation have a special creche, whether handmade, from another country, carved, stained glass, paper. You are invited to display your special creche on Sunday November 29. Please phone Emily at the church 679-8182 if you are able to share your set for this Advent Creche display.

**The Unit III Banner "A Journey Just Begun"** was created by Sharon Lunau. The banner show Jesus' birth as light coming into darkness, the light flowing from the star to all people, hands joined in the dance of life, journeying together into a new year in anticipation and celebration. Thanks to Sharon for her beautiful work. The banner will hang in the sanctuary during Unit III November 29 to January 23. Volunteers to create Banners for Units IV, V and VI would be appreciated.

**A Tidings Apology:** The article "Dramatic Happening" which appeared in the last edition of *Tidings* was not written by Mary Vandenburg-Taylor but by Elspeth Watson! Tidings regrets the error.

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# The Very Reverend Angus J. MacQueen

Anniversary Sunday, November 16, 1992

by: John J. Eberhard, Chairman, Official Board

It was The Very Rev. Dr. Angus J. MacQueen who wrote: "It is our past that defines who we are.... It is our past that gives our lives continuity", and when he contemplated his own past in his recently published diary, he added: "It also gave me my spiritual and ethical values --- and my faith."

On the occasion of our 160th Anniversary, Dr. MacQueen will return to remind us of our proud history and offer to us once again from his profound insights.

While many of us have special and personal memories of his 13 years here, there are more among us now those who know him only by his esteemed reputation.

Dr. MacQueen, B.A., B.D., D.D., LL.D., was born in Cape Breton Island. Following graduation from Mount Allison University with first class honours, Pine Hill Divinity Hall in Halifax provided a springboard from Systematic Theology to ordination in 1935. He was awarded his Doctorates, honoris causa, by Pine Hill, Victoria University, Toronto and the LL.D. by Mount Allison and the University of Western Ontario.

Dr. MacQueen began his ministry as Assistant and later Interim Minister at St. Andrew's United in Sydney. It was there as a young man that an influence would begin a distraction which would last a lifetime. Her name was Netta MacFadyen, before it became Netta MacQueen. Said Angus: "My major indebtedness is to my wife, who has always been my most truthful and trustworthy critic."

The MacQueens served pastorates in Port Hawksbury, Antigonish, Saint John, Edmonton and St. George's in Toronto. The family of six came to First-St. Andrew's in London in 1951.

There are so many stories and happy times to be recounted from the thirteen wonderful years which he provided for this congregation. To get a sense for the depth of the man and his ministry, explore his recent volume entitled: *Memory is My Diary*.

This autobiography confirms that Angus MacQueen is perhaps the best read man, not only in the United Church, but in all of Canada. That probably explains why when he initiated the reconstruction of our Sunday School wing and chapel in 1955, he included what the late George Goth called the finest study in Christendom. It holds

more books than any other Minister's Study in the United Church!

These volumes indicate the astonishing scope of his reading. His own biographer reminds all who have known him, that his sharp mind, his vision and his convictions make him one of the finest Preachers in the history of the United Church.

I recall a probing and thoughtful mind which shared, in sometimes provocative ways, views on some of the most basic problems of human existence. He would interweave science and technology, humanism and theology with the problems of contemporary moral dilemma. Out of intellectually indefensible contradictions, he would intricately fashion pragmatic Christian advice, not meant to "confound the Mighty" but to remind people of the faith - his congregations, and a wider audience, of the eternal truths.

His sermons are masterpieces. With frequent reference to Paul Tillich, Aldous Huxley, Leslie Weatherhead, Reinhold Niebuhr, C.S. Lewis, Dostoyevski, Jean Paul Sartre, Emerson Fosdick and others, he consistently stimulated his congregations.

From our pulpit an unprecedented venture in evangelism was initiated by Dr. MacQueen. It was here that broadcast Ministries were invented. Not only were 400-500 people attracted to our Sunday evening services each week but tens of thousands from Georgian Bay to New York tuned in each week.

The radio audience looked forward each year, as did we all, to the Christmas Eve service when Angus would describe in minute and colourful detail the sanctuary decorations from the candle light bathed poinsettias to the decorated towering twin scotch pines. His description was so meticulous that the listening audience could feel the warmth of the many candles of that special service!

Dr. MacQueen had a lot of time for the kids in the neighbourhood. It was during his tenure that a part-time Christian Education staff person was first hired. An inner-city youth program attracted between 75 and 100 boys each day to play basketball and floor hockey. Many later became members of the Church.

By the late 1950's, Dr. MacQueen was becoming very much involved with the wider church. Starting as the Chairman of the Board of Evangelism, it was not long before his reputation earned him the distinction of being elected Moderator of the United Church of Canada in 1958. We were very proud to support him at that time as a congregation.

We are very happy to welcome Dr. Angus J. MacQueen back to his pulpit here at First-St. Andrew's United Church.



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# A New Year, And New Leadership

John J. Eberhard, Chairman, Official Board

Rejoice! Renew! Reach Out!

At the annual meeting of the Congregation for the year 1991, the Official Board – was directed to formulate a plan to implement a Council form of administration. This is intended to replace the Official Board and follows the lead of General Council in authorizing systems of local organization which are more contemporary, effective and efficient than the present system.

A proposed statement of policies and procedure has been prepared. This document describes the “Council”. It sets out the administrative and staff functions and lists the volunteer responsibilities. The responsibilities and extent of authority assumed by committees have been clarified.

We have always recognized some basic constitutional and democratic principles within our own congregation. Central among these, we hold that the process of choosing leaders within the church should be an empowerment of the congregation. This object has been addressed in the new policy.

Any church government must necessarily reflect all the required functions and responsibilities outlined in the United Church Manual. The “Council” system of church government includes all the key elements. Members of Council will be representative of and derived from the Committees which perform the spectrum of services on behalf of the congregation. All of the tasks presently performed by lay people will be continued. Leaders within the Council will be the chairpersons of a major committee

of the congregation from which s/he would be appointed. Service for members of Committees would be established on a fixed term of office. In some, a rotating election process will provide for continuity. A Nominating Committee is responsible for developing, with the help of existing Committees, a slate of nominees to fill roles as church officers and officials, and to accept the chairs of the many congregational committees (approximately 70) and activity groups (approximately 36).

The chairperson of the Nominating Committee is Aggie Ramsden. She and her Committee will be canvassing the congregation between now and the annual congregational meeting to receive the commitments of those presently serving and new members who will form the group of Elders to be elected for next year. Positions to be filled include:

(Committees) Nominating Committee, Trustees, Christian Development, Finance, Growth and Nurture, Ministry & Personnel, Outreach, Music, Property and Administration, Stewardship, Volunteer Management and Worship.

(Officers and Officials) Presbytery Representatives, Church Treasurer, Chairperson of the Church Council, Chairperson-Elect of the Church Council, Secretary of The Church Council.

During this transition year, it is important to ensure that all those interested in serving in any way within our Church family be given that opportunity. Please assist us with the large task of preparing a slate of committee members by making yourself known to the Nominating Committee. Ideally, every member would be involved in one way or another in the life and work of our church. We need your help. *Please enlist!*

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## AN OPEN LETTER TO FSA FROM ALDIS MURRAY

*Because people from the church have been so good to me, I feel like I am sort of a member of FSA. However, my mobility impairment makes it very difficult for me to access the building for any church activities. On November 8, I made an extra effort to attend the presentation made by the Access Committee following the regular church service. I rode my scooter over to the church and had to wait 15 or 20 minutes at the door until someone happened to come out. I asked the lady to get one of the ushers inside, which she did. Two gentlemen came out and directed me to the side door (which I am unable to open by myself). They assisted me in using the elevator chair; at the top, I had to walk as best I could to the front pew because my scooter is too heavy and bulky to get up the stairs. I was impressed with the plans for the new addition and fervently hope that everyone recognizes the need. I look back over the past few months and know that a better entrance, and an elevator, would have made a big difference at my father's funeral when we had two wheelchairs and a walker to cope with; also, at my niece's wedding, when we struggled with three wheelchairs, a walker, and a lift that gave out in the middle of a ride. People are always very kind and helpful, but they need the proper tools to work with. We are living in a modern age, and everything has to be updated, from our thinking to our physical facilities. First-St. Andrew's is a great place to come to -- please make it accessible to everyone.*

# F.S.A. LEADERSHIP ROLL 1992

## Committees of the Congregation\*

### Officers of the Official Board

Chairperson of the Official Board John J. Eberhard  
 Secretary David deWeerd  
 Past-Chairperson Aggie Ramsden

### The Nominating Committee\* - Aggie Ramsden, Chairperson

### Board of Trustees\* - John A. MacDonald, Chairperson

Insurance  
 Long-Term Giving Angus McKenzie, Chairperson  
 Memorials Barbara Bain, Chairperson

### Presbytery Representatives Betty Sangster, Bill Watson, Stephen Adams, Emily Woods

### Christian Development\* - Bev Lindsay, Chairperson

Children's Ministry Sharon Lunau, Chairperson  
 Youth and Young Adult Shelley Kostecki, Chairperson  
 Adult Development Jo Ann Silcox, Chairperson  
 Library -  
 Audio Visual Doug Jones, Chairperson

### Stewards\* - Rick Ashall, Chairperson

Finance Peter Kirkwood, Chairperson  
 Treasurer Peter Kirkwood  
 Financial Campaign Ron Logan, Chairperson  
 Budget Rick Ashall, Chairperson  
 Special Events Gerry Coffin, Chairperson

### Membership\* - Beth Girvan, Chairperson

Public Relations & Advertising -  
 Historic Roll Susan Brown  
 Orientation  
 History and Archives  
 Photo Directory Lorna Kilb

### Ministry & Personnel\* - Augie Meacham, Chairperson

### Outreach\*

Mission Education Allana Shore, Chairperson  
 Social Action Linda Badke, Chairperson  
 Dial-A-Payer Debbie Roberts

### Music\* - Susan Carscadden-Mifsud, Chairperson

Senior and Youth Choirs Sharon Nightingale  
 Ladies Handbell Bev Lindsay  
 Mixed Pealers Helen Inch  
 Teen Ringers Barbara Plant  
 Friends of Music Paul Merritt  
 Scholarships -  
 Special Events -  
 Instrumental Music Bruce Richardson

### Pastoral Care and Visitation\* - Rev. Catherine Moore

Districts Committee Bob Vosper, Chairperson  
 Special Visitations Herb Wonfor  
 Counselling Jo Ann Silcox

### Property and Administration\* - Rick Ashall, Chairperson

Property Use and Parking Bill Minion  
 Repairs and Maintenance Russ Gonder, Doug Jones, Gib Cole  
 Farquhar House Allister Taylor  
 Budget Implementation & Audit Rick Ashall  
 Access Project Russ Gonder, Chairperson  
 Oakland Cemetery Svetlana MacDonald, Gene Corbet, Bob Ramsden

### Stewardship\* - Bill Minion, Chairperson

Stewardship Education -  
 Tidings Newsletter David de Weerd, Mary Taylor and Bob Slater, Chairpersons

Earth Stewardship  
 Visioning  
 Volunteer Management\*  
 New Elders  
 Worship\*

Chancel & Communion  
 Liturgy Committee  
 Coffee & Conversation  
 Tape Ministry  
 Opening + Closing  
 Ushering  
 Reception  
 Banners  
 Sunday Morning Drivers  
 Floral Decorations

Spencer Inch, Chairperson  
 Kerry Hill, Chairperson  
 Aggie Ramsden, Chairperson  
 Ron Caldwell

Ross McMullen  
 Louise Slater, Chairperson  
 Barb Ridgewell, Deanne Peterson  
 Alton Ross  
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 Don McLean, Chairperson  
 Kerry Stover  
 Annabelle Logan  
 Lee Gonder, Helen McLeod

## Groups and Activities

C.G.I.T.  
 Bifocals  
 Kumjoinus  
 Church School

William Proudfoot House  
 Sunday Morning At The Church  
 Kerygma

Thursday Morning Bible Study  
 Twenty Something  
 Thirty Something  
 Booklook  
 United Church Women  
 Tuesday Evening Unit  
 Wednesday Morning Unit  
 Thursday Evening Unit  
 Men's Breakfast Club  
 Men's Study Group  
 Friends of Music Concert Series  
 Friday Advent Noon Recitals  
 Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women  
 London Interfaith Team  
 Child Poverty Task Group  
 Confirmation Education  
 Adult Confirmation  
 Youth Group

Gone Fishing  
 Pop'n Popcorn

Restructuring (ad hoc)  
 Pulpit Supply (ad hoc)  
 160th Anniversary (ad hoc)  
 Candidates for Ministry  
 F.S.A. Players  
 Gethsemane Vigil  
 Marriage Preparation

Ministry of Worship & Administration  
 Ministry of Outreach  
 Ministry of Pastoral Care  
 Ministry of Christian Development  
 Ministry of Music  
 Business Manager  
 Secretary/Receptionist  
 Caretaker

Helen Mahabir, Leader  
 Barbara & Glen Bain, Lois & Glen Wheeler  
 Jim and Jan Hendry  
 Nancy Hutchinson, Jeannette Eberhard - Coordinators  
 Bob Vosper  
 Jo Ann Silcox, Phillis Barnes  
 Jo Ann Silcox, Jean Comfort and Moira Stewart  
 Bev Lindsay, Ina Cavers  
 Leah Morise  
 Brenda Gummesson  
 Louise McLarty, Jean Cameron  
 Lorene Young, President  
 Louise Slater, Convenor  
 Lorna Kilb, Convenor  
 Donna Fraleigh, Convenor  
 Gus Airey, Chairman  
 Tom Freeman, Co-ordinator  
 Paul Merritt  
 Paul Merritt  
 Allana Shore, Chairperson

Moira Stewart-Freeman  
 Barbara Plante  
 Emily Woods  
 Frank Meadows  
 Ted Kostecki, Barry Evans, Karen Procnier, Moira Stewart  
 Paul Merritt, Emily Woods  
 Jane & Mike Westmorland, Janice & Jim Elliott, Virginia & Bob Rogan  
 John Eberhard, Chairperson  
 Frank Meadows  
 Bill Watson, Chairperson  
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 Bill Watson, Glenda Pennington  
 Jo Ann Silcox  
 Frank Meadows, Jim Izawa

## Staff

Rev. Frank Meadows  
 Rev. Catherine Moore  
 Rev. Catherine Moore, Joan Bancroft, Rev. Herb Wonfor  
 Emily Woods  
 Paul Merritt  
 Susan Brown  
 Pat Sole  
 Andy Verschuren

# 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."*

Julia Christine Chacon	Laura Katherine Pauli
Scott Bradley Hunter	Heather Nicole Sim
Megan Alyssa Hill	Gregory Alan Telford
Mounteer	Kayla Rose Zakrzewski
Kori John Paquette	

## Deaths

*"Well done, good and faithful servant."*

Helen May Bray	Sept. 24
John Samuel Clouston	Sept. 19
Aldyth "Betty" Gamble	Aug. 25
Ivan Paul Jensen	Oct. 17
Maria Libis	Oct. 17
James Randolph Scott	Aug. 31
David Smith	Aug. 30
Marguerite Mary Isobel Smith	May 4

## Marriages

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

Janos (John) Mike Ondrasek and Paula Lynn Depew  
August 15

James Peter Edwards and Catherine Jean Gonerman  
August 23

Bain Onesta Huggins and Sharon Marlene Snider  
August 29

Stephen Richard Jarrett and Janet Ann McLean  
August 29

James Alan Nigel Farquhar  
& Janice Marie James Works  
August 29

Mark Victor Young and Christina Lorraine McCurdy  
September 5

Charles Robert Powis and Ellen Jane Sanderson  
September 12

## SHARING GRACES

*This is the first in a series of graces given to Tidings for sharing with FSA family members.*

From Lloyd McAninch:

"This is the Grace my father, John James McAninch recited before every meal in his home:

'Gracious God, we thank you again for this food you have set before us. Bless a portion of this food to the use of our bodies. Bless our souls. Pardon us and forgive us. And accept of our thanks. For Christ's sake. Amen.'"

## Special memories in your life...

can be shared with the FSA family by placing flowers in church to celebrate:

Anniversaries

Birthdays

The lives of your loved ones



Choose and reserve your Sunday by signing the Flower Calendar placed by the UCW in the Narthex.

For information, call the Church Office at 679-8182

James Gerard Terpstra and Susan Quayle  
September 19

Jeffrey Allan Hodgins and Cassie Georgina Broughton  
September 19

James Neil Harrison and Kimberley Shay Lamb  
September 26

Todd James Crowe and Tammy Lee Muil  
October 3

Jay Robert Armstrong and Elizabeth Mary Conkey  
October 10

Warren David Bowlby and Colleen Eve Tomlinson  
October 10

