GETTING TO KNOW JEAN HILL

By Heather Burns



Jean Hill with Heather Burns

With a family background of service to others, it is not surprising that Jean Hill has carried on this tradition in her own life. In 1912, Jean was born to a Presbyterian Medical Missionary doctor and his wife in Kong Moon, a river port on one of the muddy tributaries of the Pearl River south of Canton China. In 1906, John McDonald, Jean's father, was commissioned to go to Kong Moon South China to search for a suitable area to develop a Mission Compound. Jean's mother Lillian, taught conversational English and Music at the girls' boarding school on the mission compound. Jean and her two siblings were taught by their mother at home. Because the three children played with the students from the boarding school, they all became fluent in Cantonese.

Jean and her siblings returned to Canada in 1924 to continue with their education. In 1933, she graduated from McGill with her B.A. in Education. Jean taught grade three at Stanstead College in the Eastern Townships of Quebec.

In 1939, Jean married Kenneth MacMillan, a United Church Minister who had just graduated from the Montreal Theological College. His first charges were two small congregations in the east end of Montreal Island. Jean was very involved with the activities of both churches. In 1942, their first child, Lillian, was born. That year took them to Parkdale United Church in Ottawa to replace a minister who was an Overseas Chaplain. While at this church Jean led Mission Circle Group, a professional women's group that was formed to study current missionary issues. Later, when Jean and Ken left this congregation, the group was named the Jean MacMillan Mission Circle.

Ken and Jean left for Fort William (now known as Thunder Bay) in 1945. This same year their second child, Keith, was born. They remained at this church for nine years where Jean was very involved with the Women's Missionary Society, Young Women's Society and CGIT.

In 1955, Ken and Jean returned to the province of Quebec to St. Lambert

United Church. They came to this congregation just as they were trying to build a Christian Education building. The congregation was very committed to having this built and paid for within 5 years. While there, Jean saw tremendous growth in the CGIT program she led, as well as many changes in the Christian Education Program. Unfortunately, Ken passed away in 1970. Jean remained in Montreal for another 6 years and continued with her commitments to St. Lambert United and also volunteered in the clothing centres at the Men's Mission and the Verdun Prostestant Hospital.

Jean came to London in 1976 to be closer to her daughter Lillian and her family. Since that time, she has been a very active member of the First-St. Andrew's United Church family. She has been actively involved in UCW, Christian Education, Ventures in Mission, Bifocals and many other committees. Recently, she was honoured as an Elder Emeritus for her contributions to the life of the church. Interestingly enough, it was through the Ventures in Mission committee that she met her husband Gordon Hill, whom she married in the fall of 1984.

Helping others has always been Jean's primary interest. Along with her commitment to the church she has been very interested in the quality of life in our community. For eleven years she was involved with the Adult Basic Education Home Tutoring Program, teaching adults to read.

Family is extremely important to Jean. She has six grandchildren who are the joy of her life and she is soon to experience a new role, that of great grandmother. Two of her grandchildren have shared her passion for travel, and have gone with her to Scotland to explore family history.

Jean has had a very interesting and fulfilling life. She tells me she has truly enjoyed all that she has done and seen. She is a special woman whose grace and faith have seen her through all that life has to offer.

Jean Hill has given and shared so much of her life with others; I am honoured to call her my grandmother!

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Ann Denny

TEEN RETREAT '96

By Ann Denny

On Friday May 31, the slight drizzle of rain was not enough to dampen the spirits of our teens as we set about putting up tents at Pearce Williams Christian Centre. The clank of tent poles cheerily announced: the First-St. Andrew's Youth Group has arrived!

The first evening we got an introduction to the ancient relaxation technique Tai Chi. Everyone concentrated to get the position and movements right under the patient leadership of Ruth Comfort. Later we roasted marshmallows, sang songs, and marvelled at the night sky. It really felt like summer!

The theme of this retreat was 'Beginnings and Endings'. This was very appropriate as there are so many changes occurring in the Youth Group. A big group of seniors are saying goodbye, the middle group are just coming into their own as the core of the group, and the youngest faction are part of their own newly formed TNT (Teens in Transit), under the leadership of Chris Silcox.

A bitterly cold first night had us quickly snuggling into our sleeping bags to keep warm overnight. We awoke bright and early the next morning for a 6:30 a.m. hike to the Native Historical Earthworks Park, followed by morning watch, our early morning devotional. Then it was back to the lodge for more Tai Chi, and pancakes cooked over an open fire!

A highlight of Saturday's program was a visit from Susan Getchell, a talented and engaging storyteller. She encouraged us to share stories about our own lives with one another, teaching us the basics of good storytelling. Her voice took us on a journey through the tales she told, teaching us more about ourselves along the way. The sharing and storytelling continued in the afternoon with a study of the Prodigal Son parable. We also found time for making crafts and composing prayers that we shared together in our warm and happy circle time in the evening.

The rain returned Sunday morning, but still didn't spoil the informal fun and fellowship of the congregational picnic and worship service, held inside the lodge. Several of the teens participated in the service, and helped to serve communion. This was a weekend of growth and self-discovery that we will not soon forget!



Planting seeds behind Farquhar House on Polka Dot Day

ABOUT POLKA DOT DAYS

By Marion Jackson Tyler

When we asked some children about Polka Dot Days, they said:

"Fun! I liked the people who were there - the adults and the kids. They were all fun!"



Marion Jackson Tyler

"I think planting the garden was the best."

"I liked the activities - and the 'Kite Lady'."

Polka Dot Days were a new adventure last year. They offer a day of fun, activity and learning with a Christian theme to children JK to Grade 6 on school Professional Development Days.

Last year, each day centred around one of the "I am..." sayings of Jesus (I am the Good Shepherd, I am the Light for the World, etc.). This year, we are going to explore festivals and celebrations from other cultures, countries and faiths. On October 4, Harvest Festivals will be our theme. There may be games from one continent, crafts from somewhere else (maybe wheat weaving), drama to tell the story from another culture. At the time of writing, our plans are still developing but we think it will be a fascinating time of learning and playing.

Polka Dot Days has an important new face, Co-ordinator Jennifer Dalmer. Jennifer is an enthusiastic, trained teacher and a skilled craftsperson. We look forward to working with her.

Polka Dot Days are a wonderful answer for working parents to 'what do we do with the children on Professional Development Days'. For children, they are just plain Wonderful Days! (See the Program Guide for information.)

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

From the Mission & Service Committee

The United Church supports campus ministries at 22 universities across Canada. Our support of the Mission & Service Fund helps make this type of ministry possible.

INTERVIEWS: TOWARDS THE 21st CENTURY

By Elaine Wilton

The church of the future -- what will it look like? Will we recognize it? Will it even exist beyond the end of this century? Such questions were addressed recently at both London Conference and at a Lutheran Church workshop held in the city.

The article which follows summarizes information obtained at those conferences by delegates Catherine Moore, Emily Woods, Frank Meadows, and Bill Watson.



Elaine Wilton

The Reverend William (Bud) Phillips and Loren Mead, guest speakers at the respective conferences, both acknowledge that the church has changed radically in the past century. Church attendance

is down and there are significantly fewer young adults involved in organized religion. Many people seek to fulfil their spiritual needs outside the church, while others claim religious affiliation but never attend church. Furthermore, an increasing percentage of the population comes from a non-Christian background.

In the light of these realities, how are we to respond if we hope to maintain the church in the 21st century? Mead's and Phillips' comments centred around four areas: environment, mission, character of the faith community, and the role of the clergy.

The time we once knew as Christendom no longer exists. There are many faiths around us, and electronic technology has speeded up communication and widened the circle of relationships available to us. Rather than feel threatened by these changes, we should adopt an optimistic attitude. Our mission to be

God's people does not change, but how we carry out that mission does.

Mission, nowadays, applies not only to far off lands, but also to our own community. With governments cutting back on social services, the church is needed more than ever to help the less fortunate. Phillips believes that volunteers are key to the future of the church. According to him, people will be eager to volunteer if 1) the task is important to them, 2) they can make a difference, 3) they can share and expand their gifts and talents, 4) they can see an end to their task. People in a successful church know the mission of their church and can identify what is being done. They are engaged in worship, learning, and reaching out to others.

If our church is to remain vital, it needs to "grow younger" according to Bud Phillips. Children, young people, and new members all need to be included in the circle of activity and decisions. The result will be twofold -- a greater commitment by members

through involvement, and an infusion of fresh ideas.

There is also a need for ongoing Christian education throughout one's life. Many people within the church have a real desire to learn more about the Christian faith.

In the past, it was the role of the clergy to provide the ministry. Nowadays, however, Mead sees the minister as a facilitator. The trend is for the clergy to ask the laity how they can be helped to do the ministry.

How does First-St. Andrew's measure up to the standards set by Mead and Phillips? Catherine Moore commends our committees for their forward-thinking approach in attempting to meet congregational needs. The following are some specific examples of their work:

"As I listened to Loren Mead speak about the future of the church, I noted, not smugly but thankfully, how well FSA was already on track."

..... Catherine Moore

"A growing church can identify a few things it is doing well."

..... Bud Phillips

"I was excited by a number of thoughts which could be directed to FSA as to how we approach the future."

..... Emily Woods

- Worship consults with Congregation and is not afraid to try new things in a sensitive manner;
- Christian Development offers an array of learning opportunities for all ages;
- the work of Social Action and Mission & Service stretches around the globe and also focuses on the needs of the London community. The Out of the Cold program is an example of such outreach;
- groups such as Membership and Nurture are working to build a greater sense of community within the congregation. We are exploring the possibility of sharing our church building with students of Weldon Park Academy this fall.

The church in North America may be facing difficult times, but there is no need for despair. This is merely another in a series of challenges the church has faced throughout the course of its history. There is a future for the church, although it may not be

as easily predictable as it once was. With a spirit of faith and optimism, however, we can meet the challenge.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

The Reverend William J. (Bud) Phillips is principal and associate professor of ministry at Vancouver School of Theology.

Loren Mead is founder of the Alban Institute in Washington, an organization which studies congregational church life in North America.

DID YOU KNOW?

The All-Ontario Clergy Open Golf Tournament was held recently at the Doon Valley Course in Kitchener. Frank Meadows was the Low Gross Winner in the Senior Division, and was second overall in the popular event.



COUNCIL REPORTS TO YOU

By Ross McMullen, Chair of Council (438-0668)

At the June 23rd Congregational Meeting, the negotiating team of Robin Procunier, Paul Huston and June McKay was authorized to pursue a contract with Weldon Park Academy. This is for the use of part of the Church facility for Junior and Senior Kindergarten for the

Ross McMullen

1996-97 academic year, and is to be presented to the Executive of Council for final approval. When you read this in late August or early September, you will probably know the result of the negotiation. I truly hope that the result is positive, not only because of your support, and that of the Staff, Council and Marketing Committee, but also because of the investment of time, talent and energy of those directly involved. We have sighted a paradigm shift in our Congregational life. I believe it looks good on us all and I am enthusiastic about our opportunities for future accomplishment.

What else is going on? From time to time, when space is available, you will see the names of the Chairpersons of Council printed on the last page of the Order of Service. Should you have any questions, concerns, or IDEAS, these are the key people with whom to talk it over. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

Mission and Service is one of our most important commitments. I hope you were able to hear and see Karen Procunier's approach on June 23. The Mission and Service Fund Raising Team will include a letter to us all in this mailing. Please give it your serious consideration.

Paul Merritt showed a copy of the new hymn book, *Voices United*, to the Council. It looks very good. The Worship and Music Committees will have a joint meeting in September to assess the book, and make a recommendation to Council.

Joint meetings are a good sign that "Participative Management" is working. A year ago last March, Dr. Meadows and I attended a conference led by Loren Mead. It became clear that in the Church of the Future, lay people will need to take more leadership than they have in the past. Committees working with other committees is a good sign that we are moving in the right direction.

There are some areas where we need some help. The Marketing Committee has recommended a Ride Program. That is, an initiative where we would provide consistent transportation to Church on Sunday mornings for people who would not otherwise get there. So far we have not had anyone come forward to champion this proposal. Do you know someone who could organize it? Could you?

I would like to mention one other area where we need help. Glenda Pennington, and others, are producing the musical *Godspell* at the Church in November. They are looking for two corporate sponsors who would sponsor to the extent of \$500 each. The sponsor's advertisement would be distributed on posters and published in the program. Would you help us here?

As I write this, the summer is about to begin. As you read this, summer will be all but over. I hope that we will all have enjoyed it!

ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS

From the Earth Stewardship Committee

Avoid using hazardous chemicals to clean sink drains. Instead use boiling water containing 1/4 cup of baking soda and 2 oz. of vinegar. Sinks and counters can be cleaned with a mixture of baking soda and water.

Info-Line

UCW PRACTISES RECYCLING OCTOBER 19 - 9-11 A.M.

The Thursday Evening Unit of the UCW is sponsoring a fall rummage sale in the Lower Hall on Saturday, October 19, 9-11 a.m. You can help by finding items in your home which you no longer need and bringing them in ahead so others can buy them. Or you could help the UCW organize and sell items or buy things for your own use.

DAVID CARROTHERS ANNIVERSARY PREACHER

On Sunday, November 17, First-St. Andrew's will celebrate its 164th Anniversary with guest preacher, the Rev. David Carrothers, a minister of FSA from 1978 to 1981. Plan to be a part of this celebration.

MORE ON THE NEW FSA PHOTO DIRECTORY Look for a "double-sided" flyer enclosed with this issue of Tidings. You'll be glad to know that there will be NO CHARGE for your copy if your picture has been taken and included in the directory. You will have a chance to sign-up at church. Phoners will also invite participation.

WELL KNOWN PREACHER SPEAKS ON M&S SUNDAY

Our Mission and Service Committee has chosen a very popular preacher to speak on this special Sunday, October 20, at FSA. Be sure to be there for this worship opportunity. Look for the M & S letter enclosed with Tidings.

NOVEMBER 2-

COMPLETE YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
Thanks to all those who are contributing
hand-made, and home-made items as well
as special treasures which have been
chosen for the FSA Holly Bazaar. Bring your
Christmas list of names on Saturday morning, November 2nd to the Lower Hall where
you are sure to find gifts to match each
name. Take some time to relax and have
treats in the Cafe Noël while you're there.

HOLLY BAZAAR - RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

By Illoana Smith

Did you know more babies were born in 1990 than any other year(for the echo boomers) ??? This may mean a big run on tooth fairy pillows at our 1996 Holly Bazaar!

This year's bazaar is on Saturday, November 2nd, so mark your CGIT calendars (which you can buy at the bazaar!) now.

This summer, many of our members have been busy gathering, creating and organizing like crazy to make our bazaar even more successful. What does "success" mean to the United Church Women(UCW) who design, deliver and delight Londoners with this annual bazaar? Quite simply, it means:

- more kids can go to the camp at Pearce Williams
- children in crisis get help from the Children's Aid
- Women's Community House does more for abused women and children
- CGIT reaches its goals more easily
- counselling centres make a difference in young lives
- we educate more lay people at Five Oaks
- primary kids can participate in our famous Gone Fishing
- we help more adults in crisis through FSA's benevolent

This year we've added a Christmas corner which I'm sure will be very popular. If you're blessed with talents in the knitting or crocheting area, we'd love your donation of Christmas decorations, funky mittens on a string (for stocking stuffers) or other ideas to use up your odds and ends of wool. Of course, the jams, jellies and other goodies sell out incredibly quickly (can you say 20 minutes??). Its easy to see we need more members to bake, make jam and prepare goodies for sale because these items sell! Which means, more money for outreach, which is the big reason we work so hard. Our goal for '96 is to surpass our record sales of \$10,000. Let's get involved this year and contribute an item or two to sell at the bazaar! Call Illoana Smith at 438-1035 or Judith Smith (a new member, and no, she's not a relative, just a good friend) at 675-1151 for more information.

WHY COME TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY?

By Marion Johnson

There was a time when going to church on Sunday seemed like just another chore in my family's over-busy week. But gradually, as my involvement in the church has grown and been enriched, I have come to rely on regular church attendance for the comfort and renewal I need to face all the other challenges in my life.

We live in stressful times. Uncertainty and change have become the defining characteristics of our world. Forms of worship are also changing and evolving, yet regular worship itself is not something new, but something that connects us not only to the early Christian church but to the very beginnings of human consciousness. The importance of taking time to reconnect with God is emphasized in every religion, as it is in the Old Testament stories of the ancient world. Without the shared rituals and communal affirmations of faith that in multifarious ways throughout history embody our Judaeo-Christian tradition, there can be no 'people of God'.

At First-St. Andrew's, we are blessed with a tremendously rich tradition of worship, within which many people give generously of their talents and their convictions. The thoughtful, encouraging words from the pulpit each week help to keep our troubles in perspective, and challenge us to be the best we can be. Where words and understanding fail, the heavenly music speaks comfort and inspiration. The beautiful ministry of flowers allows us to share in each other's sorrows, and in the joy of remembrance. The Sunday School lessons taught with so much kindness and dedication to our children offer them positive values in a world that seems to have lost its anchor. News of our neighbours, shared through the bulletin, the announcements, or more personally over a cup of coffee, bind us together as a community. The discipline of regular prayer, reading from the Scriptures, sharing in communion and pronouncing the benediction for each other -- these rituals remind us in indispensable ways of who we are as a faith community, and who is the One our lives are meant to serve.

Regular Sunday morning worship is the seed out of which grows the fellowship, learning and action that enable us to fulfil our mission as a nurturing community. Through regular worship, we grow together in the strength of our knowledge that, although individually we travel along separate paths, not one of us journeys

A TIME OF RENEWAL FOR FRANK AND FOR FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S

By David Pederson

The Council of First-St. Andrew's is pleased to announce the approval of a period of study and renewal for Frank Meadows. Frank will begin his study leave in May of 1997 and return after Labour Day (this period includes his annual three weeks of study and one month of

Frank Meadows

of First-St. Andrew's United Church.

summer holidays). Frank has two major goals for this period: first to renew himself so that he can continue his vital and energetic ministry until his retirement and second to study and develop new visions about the future of the church in the next millennium.

As you may know, the Council, with Frank's encouragement, has been reflecting on the implications of new paradigms about the role of the church in our culture. Frank has provided considerable leadership on this reflective process. Last fall he led a study group on the future of the church. You may recall several sermons on this topic. This study leave will give Frank the opportunity to further investigate current theological perspectives on the roles the church will play in the 21st century.

Council fully supports this period of renewal for Frank. We recognize the outstanding contributions he has made during his seven and a half years of service with us. We also acknowledge the importance of the scholarship proposed and believe that this period of study will be fruitful both for the church as an institution as well as for future visions

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."

Amy Elizabeth Clipperton

Bryanna Lynn Bibby Jeffrey Scott Brooks

Holly Marie Hilborn Lauren Beth Madinger Bridget Ann McCrimmon

Dylan Andrew Kavanagh Musico

Amberleigh Anne Ridgewell Stephanie Nicole Shepard

Danielle Susan Stewardson

Next Baptism: September 22, 1996

MARRIAGES

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

May 10

June 15

Donna Diprose Spencer

Lori Lynn Proulx Stuart John Saunders

William Alistair Taylor May 18

June 22

Kendall Rowley

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Kevin George Gamble

Tanya Christine Cameron

Keith Leon Murray

GOODBYE & GODSPEED

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

James W. MacDonald

DEATHS

"Well done good and faithful servant."

Lulu Pearl Sangster

June 8

Jessie Agnes Young

June 16

Laura Jemima MacKenzie

July 8

NEW MEMBERS

"We pray for God's power to help you do all the good things that you hope to do and that your faith makes you want to do."



Received May 5, 1996 (* by confirmation)

Back: Judith Smith, Sian Arneaud, *Darlene Bibby, *David Bibby, *Frank Brooks, Allan Bedford, Truus Barker, John Callaghan, Arn Stapleton, Mike Osborne,

Front: Patti Tyre, Barrie Williams, Evelyn Williams, Pam Brooks, Heather Bedford, Kathy Callaghan,*Kathie Davis, Aldis Murray

Not pictured: *Karen Blachford, Patti Crosby-Moldowan, Kelly Shaw

Next Reception of New Members: November 24, 1996



Received by Confirmation May 5 (With sponsors)

Back: Aggie Ramsden, Rob Kirkwood, Matthew Slomer, Paul Merritt, Adam Guthrie,

Middle: Renny Wheable, Katy Pickering, Emily Cavers, Mary Vernon, John Schram, Susan Carscadden-Mifsud

Front: Shelley Kostecki, Lynn Beynon, Amy Clipperton, Margie Hennen

Not pictured: Ross Dodington, Martha Hutchinson, Jack McKay

GODSPELL COMING TO FSA By George Jolink

The hit musical from the seventies is coming to First-St. Andrew's in the fall of '96. Plan to be a part of this extravaganza as we gear up and begin our preparations. Already the cast has been chosen and they are busy learning their lines. This production is slated to be an inter-generational project which will involve people from all corners of our congregation. Furthermore our show is intended to be a fund raiser for a First-St. Andrew's project yet to be determined. Watch for our publicity campaign beginning in the fall and consider which area you would be willing to help out with. Some of our current needs are listed below:

- Corporate or private donations/sponsors
- Production Heads for each Department
- Production Crew

If you can help in any of these areas, please contact either Glenda Pennington (672-4231) or me (473-4223). In addition be sure to mark **November 21-23** on your calendar and come to see history in the making at First-St. Andrew's.

GROUPS FOR FRIENDSHIP & LEARNING

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support. Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:00. Contact Liz Galbraith (471-An informal group for parents and preschoolers offering networking and

YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-29

:suomennis young adults between the ages of 18-29 in one or more of the following life We have high hopes of organizing some get-togethers this Fall. For

- Finishing or finished High School
- Going to College or University
- Looking for work
- Married or single dot a job
- a place to see and meet friends This group will offer:
- an opportunity for learning and to volunteer in the church a chance to eat and have fun together

WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS AT CHURCH...WE WILL TRY

TO REACH YOU TOO!

THIRTYSOMETHING

Richard (438-4485) or Ann (645-8867), for the details of our next gathering. meals? If so, it sounds like Thirtysomething is the group for you! Contact variety in recreational activities and, in particular, do you enjoy festive evening or perhaps find an outlet for your creative energies? Do you enjoy informal, fun-loving atmosphere? Do you need to unwind on a Friday Are you, or have you ever been, thirtysomething? Do you enjoy an

BIFOCALS

Ross (641-6215). Guests and new members are always welcome. food, warm fellowship and varied programmes. Interested? Phone Aalton Begins a new season on Tuesday, October 22. Come and enjoy good

ECUMENICAL DECADE GROUP

and to thinking about possibilities for the new season. 7949). We look forward to getting together again after a "scattered" summer. information, phone Dorothy McPhedran (471-9662) or Louise Slater (642-Sunday, Sept. 22 at 1:00 p.m. at 61 Vaomee Crescent. For more interested in becoming part of our group to a pot luck lunch, after church, The Ecumenical Decade Group at First-St. Andrew's invites those

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

- the first Thursday, at 7:30 p.m., in the Church Parlour;
- the second Wednesday, at 9:30 a.m., at 1 Grosvenor Gate;
- New members are always welcome. Contact the UCW president, Lorna the third Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m., in the Church Parlour.

Kilb (432-9938) for more details.

BRIDGE GROUP

More information from Mary and John Jones (438-3200). Have fun and make new friends. Arrange games to fit your calendar.

NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT

to contact you. Andrew's, please call the church office and one of our staff will be happy orientation evening. If you would like to become a member of First-St. November 21st. Come at 7:00 p.m. for a tour of the church followed by an faith. Prior to this, there will be a New Members' Evening on Thursday, joining us through confirmation, by transfer and by reaffirmation of their On November 24 at the 11:00 a.m. service, we will have new members

NEW MEMBERS' (90-96) GALA FUN NIGHT

7:30 to? Let Pat Sole know you are coming. (679-8182) cards, beginners square dancing, refreshments. Saturday November 9, New members of all ages from the 90's are invited for an evening of games

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

church office (679-8182) or speak to one of the ministers for details. works in co-operation with Westminster College to offer classes. Call the the persons involved, to society in general, and to God. First-St. Andrew's Preparation for marriage is important because marriage is important - to

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

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

community of faith. Volunteers are needed to make and serve coffee, and to contact and share his/her journey as a valued individual within our deepening of friendship. This is an opportunity for each person to make the congregation is invited to remain after service for refreshment and the Every Sunday, following our 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services,



Gloria Wiebe (472-2670) Kathleen Larson Grealis (439-8391) 11:00 a.m. - Isabel and Howard Moffatt (439-2960) Co-ordinators: 9:15 a.m. - Liz Galbraith (471-3439)

BENEVOLENT FUND DONATIONS

an envelope marked "Benevolent Fund" or given to one of the ministers. discretion of the ministers. Donations may be put on the offering plate in Social Action invites donations to the Benevolent Fund, to be used at the

FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS

box in the Lower Hall under The Christ of the Breadline of the chapel and sanctuary. There is a permanent left at any time. Baskets are placed at front entrances Sunday. Baby food is also a special need and may be Bank. Baskets are provided to collect food every food collection for St. Paul's DAILY BREAD Food Please keep in mind the Social Action Committee's

mural. Financial contributions are also welcome. Thank you for helping

EURNITURE DONATIONS

families such as refugees. to arrange for pick up. This furniture would be distributed to needy People with excess furniture are invited to call Tom Magee (432-6719),

UCW BRIDGE GROUP

Kay Delvalle, (472-1138) We'll welcome your call. Interested women are invited to Join



and driving. Good Neighbour Team volunteers and suggestions are support to people needing post-hospital support, linking, hands-on help,

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVERS

ongoing care to friends and family members. JoAnn Silcox, for the purpose of creating support for those who offer If there is sufficient interest, a group will form again, facilitated by

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RAINBOWS

welcome.

abandonment. children and adults who have experienced death, divorce, separation, or programme, they are likely referring to the support programmes for When people in schools and churches speak of the "Rainbows"

was once a part of their everyday lives. family. Children as well as adults grieve over the loss of a loved one who separation, or abandonment - it has a profound effect on the whole When a change takes place in the family - whether it is death, divorce,

addition, many children live in stepfamilies and have senous difficulties Today, many school age children live in single-parent family homes. In

place in their family and help rebuild the family unit. help adults get in touch with their own feelings about what has taken school; Prism is a programme for single parents and stepparents that can is a support programme specifically developed for young adults in high is a peer support programme for pre-school through grade eight; Spectrum There are several programmes geared to different age levels: Rainbows adjusting to their new family situations.

Robinson Memorial and Colborne St. United Churches, to give more First-St. Andrew's works in co-operation with Rainbow groups at

beoble of all age groups access to this healing process.

Confidentiality is the essential ingredient in all Rainbow groups. information contact Catherine Moore (679-8182)or Mary Vernon. Groups for 1996/97 will be formed in September/October. For more

COUNSELLING TEAM

professional training and daily work experience is in the counselling Service is staffed voluntarily by three members of the congregation whose spiritual direction to those seeking help where requested, the Counselling Under the direction of the Ministerial Staff who provide individual

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

Please feel free to contact the Ministerial staff for further details or speak Referrals may be made through Ardath Hill at 657-3116 or 657-3000.

to any of the counsellors directly.



devotional message is asked to call Jim Hendry (471-8492). Dial-A-Prayer at 439-6838. Anyone who can contribute prayers or a For a moment of meditation in a busy or a quiet day, please call our

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Saturday November 16th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Christian Beliefs will be offered as an all day event at the church on Moore or Frank Meadows if this interests you (679-8182). Basic We call the course Basic Christian Beliefs. Please contact Catherine for a refresher, or to prepare for confirmation or reaffirmation of faith. it means to be a member of a community of faith. You are invited to come Open to all adults wanting to explore the essentials of faith, and what

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Contemplation, mediation, praying the Scriptures, journalling, using art

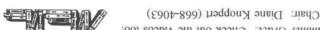
to keep at it. [Cost: \$20] getting started in developing a prayer life and to those looking for support discover your own ways to pray. This series will be helpful for those them. Anne says "Who you are is how you pray." She will help you ways to pray and try them out to find a way of praying that works for In this four week series, participants will learn about many different and music and dance

Four Wednesday evenings, October 23-November 13, 7:30 p.m.

and a recent widow. Contact Marion Jackson Tyler (679-8182) Leader: Anne Beattie-Stokes, a minister and spiritual director, an athlete

LIBRARY

Summer Grace. Check out the videos too! Dreams To Life; Meeting Jesus Again For The First Time; Winter Grief, Library offers many choices. Some of the new books include: Bringing It is wonderfully satisfying to sit down with a good book. Our Church



CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Conference Events. Your help is always appreciated. Fishing; Youth Retreats; Leadership Training events; Kairos; Camps; of participation in programs or events requiring funding, such as: Gone fund so that children and young people of our congregation may be assured The Christian Development Committee invites gifts of money to this

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

been given. and service. We are all a part of doing God's work with the gifts we have church computer and helps groups and committees looking for our gifts filling out the yellow volunteer sheets. The information is entered into the you who have read our yellow volunteer booklet and have responded by match our gifts with the volunteer needs of our church. We thank all of each of us to discover, develop and offer our gifts and falents, and to The Volunteer Management Committee was put into place to encourage

Co-chairs: Lesley Pergau (434-2490); Bob Slater (642-7949)

PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH

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Jack keeps in touch. own, on a regular basis. There are approximately 90 people with whom The Rev. Jack McKay visits our seniors living in care facilities or on their

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

support, please call Catherine Moore (679-8182). anyone who needs extra support or if you are one who could offer the regular basis, and especially at birthday and holiday times. If you know of six weeks, maintaining contact with members of our congregation on a special chronic needs. We have about 24 men and women who visit every ongoing support to our shut-ins, to those who are ill, bereaved or have Our Pastoral Care visitors are members of our congregation who offer

GOOD NEIGHBOURS TEAM

Penny Hove (657-1887) and Debbie Schram (434-8189). The Team offers This is a venture in earing for our congregation under the leadership of

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a new group started. [See GROUPS FOR FRIENDSHIP AND LEARNING For those in London, we hope to offer some get-togethers which might get stay in touch and encourages YATS to come and see us whenever possible. college, university or work. Your Youth & Young Adult Committee tries to Many of our young people in this age group scatter as they move into

CONFIRMATION CLASS

October 27 for Pizza Lunch in the Upper Room. time with a sponsor of your choosing. First gathering will be Sunday, Saturday retreat days, visits with members of the Pastoral Care Team, and Baptism/Confirmation. The learning includes classes, projects, two to do some learning about Christian faith and lifestyle in preparation for The Teen Confirmation Class is for those in Grade 9 and older who want

Contact: Marion Jackson Tyler - (679-8182)

ADULT DEVELOPMENT



THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

STARTS Thursday, September 19 9:30 a.m. in the Parlour

Meacham and "others" will lead us in these explorations. Friendship open of Luke, especially as seen through some of the PARABLES. Augie The FALL SET (September 19-November 28) will focus on the Gospel

OUR PURPOSE: To look to the Bible to inform and strengthen us for

daily living and to get to know others in the congregation.

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Co-ordinator: Anne Pattison (433-0898)

GENESIS AND CREATION THEORIES

JoAnn Silcox(642-2152) serious study with generous laughter. The coffee pot is on! Leader: Science and Scripture -- partners or adversaries? This group combines

Sundays 9:15 a.m. in the Kerygma Koom

KERYGMA: DISCOVERING THE BIBLE

fall and winter, beginning October 1st. Leader: JoAnn Silcox (642-2152) the accessibility and richness of this study. Most Tuesday evenings this Bible knowledge. Previous participants and leaders are still enthused about A basic introduction to the Bible as a whole that requires no previous

Cost: Your own Resource Book, \$25-\$30.



(and a whole lot more. . .) "DEMYSTIFYING ECONOMICS"

Barnes(667-7022) and Bernice Santor (455-3438)

YES ... there are alternatives to the present government solutions. YES . . . you can understand economics without being an economist.

YES ... one's faith can provide the hope needed to renew the world.

Detailed program available in September. Planners and facilitators: Phyllis Sessions will include speakers, videos, group discussion, dialogue, . . . from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Cost. \$5 per session, \$25 for all 6 (assistance available). A six-week course from October 3 to November 7, Thursday evenings

POLKA DOT DAYS

guests, stories and videos, and more all related to a Christian theme. Church. Each day will have active games, crafts, drama/puppets, special On Professional Development Days at school, it's a Polka Dot Day at

Harvest Festivals - ancient and modern, from Friday, October 4

several countries and cultures.

Celebrate Winter and more Friday, November 22

Advent and Christmas Celebrations around Friday, November 29

Children will bring their own lunch; juice and snacks provided. until 5:30 p.m. The actual program will run from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Children may arrive at the church as early as 7:30 a.m. and may stay

Cost: \$20 for one day; \$50 if registering for all 3

Pre-Registration is Very Important. Registration forms are available

Contact: Marion Jackson Tyler (679-8182) at the Church.



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(shering, etc.) Musical, Church service (helping with Church School, Nurseries, Training, Confirmation Class (Grade 9 up), Teen Handbells, Retreats, Sunday Snack & Group, Teen Transit, Youth Choir, Canadian Girls in the YOUTH ACTIVITIES as possible. Programs and events include: Il young people of the church are invited to participate in as many of



SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH GROUP

Grade 7 and Up!

Upper Room. Join in to help plan program and social events. Name the we'll start to meet on Sunday September 15 at 9:30 a.m. in our own have fun and talk about life, questions and other Teen stuff. This fall This is the Group where Teens of all ages can meet, eat, visit, sing,

Leaders: Pamela Commodore(858-8759), Lionel Morise(438-8109)



during the 11:00 a.m. Service in the Upper East Room. Holds other fun This new group for young Teens began after Easter last spring. Meets

Leaders: Chris Silcox(642-2152) and Company. events such as sports, Laser Quest, movies.

CANADIAN GIRLS IN TRAINING

For GIRLS ages 12-17

Heather Carter (657-8759) Wednesday, September 18. Leaders: Joan Beavers, church, and in Canada, value their CGIT roots! Starts Know God and Serve Others. Many women of our others. Purpose: To Cherish Health, Seek Truth, A place where a gurl can be herself and share with



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Sunday, Sept. 8 RECOVENAMING SUNDAY

the new Fall Season. The whole Church family will worship and recovenant together, to begin

9:15 a.m. Child care for infants and younger children.

11:00 a.m. Nurseries and Kindergarten available.

to their sessions. families. After the Children's Story or hymn, the children go Kindergarten to Grade Six begin the Worship Service with their Regular classes, starting September 15. The children in

Kindergarten & Music Room .m.s č1:9

by classes. Fireside Room for some time together followed т.в 00:11

Resource Co-ordinators: Nancy Hutchinson and volunteers Sunday Co-ordinators: Janice Elliott, Emily and Marion

Treasurer: Louise McLarty



about yourself. Next spring there will be an 'unmasking' event. Would a month to your Secret Pal, using a code name and sharing bits of information kids in Grades 3 - 6 and adults of our congregation. You write letters once Exchanging letters through the red Secret Pal Mailbox is a lot of fun for

Contact the co-ordinator: Penny Hove (657-1887) you like to sign up for this fun exchange?

CONE FISHING

other props. We're looking forward to having fun! for that, the children will not only be learning music but building sheep and Eve, we will be presenting the musical A Shepherd's Story. In preparation of the programme and to make each piece active and involving. On Christmas Musical Instruments, Supper and Chapel. We work to integrate the pieces programme has five important parts: Choir, Christian Development, Gone Fishing is a wonderful experience for children in Grades 1 - 6. The

begin with arrival games and snack and invite parents to join us for Chapel Gone Fishing happens on Wednesdays from 4:15 to 7:00 p.m. We

will be available the first few gatherings - we ask you to help twice each on the parents to help us with this part of the program. A sign up sheet Supper is an important part of the Gone Fishing experience. We count

term, once as leader and once as helper.

SOME CHYNGES: To Enable Participation, We Are Making

this amount if you can. The C.D. Scholarship cost for suppers is \$35 and we ask that you pay 1. Participation Fee. \$20 per child (The actual

Volunteer Drivers. Some parents have Fund will take care of the difference.)

at a lunch after church on Sept. 15 in the Fireside Room. (parents, children and drivers) a chance to meet and get to know one another or early September. We want to do careful partnering and give all partners be partnered with a Volunteer Driver, please call Paul or Marion in August of people who have offered to be Volunteer Drivers. If you would like to difficulty getting their children to the church for 4:15. But, we have a list

Co-ordinators: Marion Jackson Tyler and Paul Merritt (679-8182)

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on Friday evenings about once a month. Just for fun and friendship! Girls and boys in Grades 5 and 6 are invited

Bowling Friday, October 25 Lazerquest Friday, September 27

Janice & Jim Elliott(657-7183) Virginia & Bob Rogan (472-4137)

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if you play an instrument and might wish to participate in some way. on Sunday mornings. Please contact Paul Metritt (679-8234 or 679-9173) provide occasional preludes to worship and accompaniments to anthems well as at special programs during the year. Small ensembles and soloists The Ministry of Music seeks to use instrumentalists during worship as



CONCERT SERIES

Please see our 1996-1997 brochure for the details of this year's series. concerts and instrumental recitals, as a musical outreach to the community. musical programs including organ recitals, vocal concerts, choral/orchestral sponsors an excellent Concert Series which presents a wide variety of Through the generous support of Friends of Music, First-St. Andrew's

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

curriculum, based on the weekly lectionary so that parents and children are The focus of the Church School program is The Whole People of God



during each Unit. BANNER will hang in the sanctuary and chapel and significance. This year a seasonal divided into six units, each with its own logo Church School and worship. The year is oll of at home what is happening in the each week. At Home Paks help samilies to learning stories from the same Biblical texts

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CHURCH SCHOOL - meet in Kindergarten and Music Room

- NURSERY INFANTS TO TWO YEARS located next to the
- THREE YEAR NURSERY (born 1993) localed across from Chapel Chapel (Main floor)
- KINDERGARTEN (born 1991-92) located above the parlour
- GRADE ONE meet in the Music Room Upper floor
- GRADES TWO TO SIX meet in the Fireside Room Lower floor

CRADLE ROLL

Vouvalidis, Matthew Alexander Storie, Sarah Rachel Trask. have greeted: Bridget Ann McCrimmon, Bryanna Lynn Bibby, Jennister messages are sent to each new baby and family. Since the last Tidings, we help celebrate important events in baby's life up to age three. These A colourfil kit called Growing in God's Love has several messages to

Co-ordinator: Nancy Stanlick, (451-9491)

NURSERY

a.m. Sunday worship. For infants, one and two year olds. Open for both 9:15 a.m. and 11:00

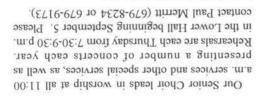
Co-ordinators: Judy Cull, Donna Fraleigh (672-6116), Mary Gonder

(451-0992)

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. Consider the many opportunities to Rejoice with us at First-3t. Andrew's in 1996/97.

THE CHOIRS

THE SENIOR CHOIR with us!



ТНЕ YOUTH CHOIR

Open to all Teens who are in Grade 7 - O.A.C.'s. As the choir is an integral part of the Youth program, see Sunday Morning Youth Group in the Youth Ministry section for more details. Please contact Paul Merritt (679-8234 or 679-9173).

THE GONE FISHING CHOIR

This choir, for children in Grades 1-6, shares its gift of music through occasional singing at worship services. It is an integral part of the Gone Fishing program. For more details, see Gone Fishing in the Children's Ministry section.

THE HANDBELL CHOIRS

Come on, ring those bells

LAUDAMUS HANDBELL CHOIR

The Laudamus Handbell Choir, now in its 26th year of offering praise at First-St. Andrew's, is reaching out for new members in readiness for the Fall season. Men and women who read music and can commit to a weekly practice from September through May are invited to join our friendly, enthusiastic group, and let Barbara know of

others in the community who may be interested. Weekly rehearsal: Friday, 3:30-5:30 p.m. starting September 6. Please call Barbara Plante, Director (472-4586 or 461-1202) for further information, or leave your name at the

Church Office (679-8182).

THE MIXED PEALERS

Mixed Pealers, a group of adults who can read music, meet on Monday from 7:30-9:00 p.m. commencing Monday, September 9th. Please contact Helen Inch (471-0826)

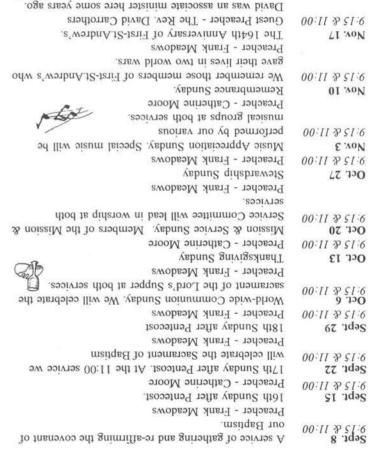
THE TEEN RINGERS

Teen Ringers rehearse on Thursday evenings. Our group is open to any teen in Grade 7 or above. If you are interested in playing handbells and are able to commit to the Thursday rehearsals, we would love to have you join our group. Our first rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 12. Please contact Susan Carscadden-Mifsud for more information about Teen Ringers. (Home: 232-4973 or Work: 433-3147).

THE GONE FISHING PRIMARY MUSIC HANDCHIME/HANDBELL CHOIRS

These groups for children in Grades 1 - 6 are an integral part of the Gone Fishing program. For details, see Gone Fishing in the Children's Ministry section.

Come and worship at First-St. Andrew's as we remember the story of the church from its earliest days until now. We will celebrate our Christian faith and heritage as we baptize our children, share in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, receive new members and rejoice in our mission to the world. Our regular times of worship are 9:15 a.m. in the chapel and 11:00 a.m. in the main sanctuary. For more detailed information about our services call the First-St. Andrew's PRESSTO number, 679-0000, extension 3905



First-St. Andrew's Ministry

At the 11:00 service we will receive new members by confirmation and certificate of transfer from other

He is presently the minister of Colborne Street United

Preacher - Frank Meadows

Church here in London.

The Last Sunday after Pentecost.

congregations.

All of the people including
The Rev. Dr. Frank Meadows
The Rev. Catherine Moore
The Rev. Jack McKay
Paul Merritt
Emily Woods Marion Jackson Tyler
Susan Brown Pat Sole Jim Gagnon

00:11-8 51:6

Nov. 24



FSA Program Guide



Dear Friends:

A question keeps recurring like a response in a litany -- "What is the future of the church. Sometimes the wondering is about this congregation, sometimes it is about the larger church. We are indeed in a time of transition. The future we are moving into will be very different from either the past or the present. But it is still out of focus. We cannot yet see clearly or, therefore, plan carefully. Do we throw up our hands in despair? We think not.

The Scriptures are full of occasions when God called people to new challenges and sometimes to uncertain destinies. God's promises were repeated over and over -- "I will be with you", ... We are God's people too. As we move into an uncertain future, we can claim those same promises of God for ourselves. God's presence and God's help are ours too.

If those seem like things that you have a tough time getting hold of, then we invite you to presence and activity in the past and the present, or developing our abilities to prayerfully listen for and hear the truth and purpose of God, or investing time and energy in the church community so that together we may be attentive to God's will and responsive in service.

Inside Tidings and the Program Guide is much information about ample opportunities to participate with this people of God in discerning God's will and moving forward with confidence into an uncertain future. Remember, the Church is about really important invisible things like celebrating the love and forgiveness of a God who is always with us and who strengthens, comforts and challenges us. Those things can give us hope. And that will be a great and powerful gift to the world!

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NEW PROGRAMS FOR FALL

Care for the Caregivers 5
Demystifying Economics 5
Different Ways to Pray 5

CHURCH FAMILY EVENTS

Sunday September 29

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Profits to Refugee Family

New Members Gala Fun Night ■ Sat. Nov. 9, 7:30 Lower Hall

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