

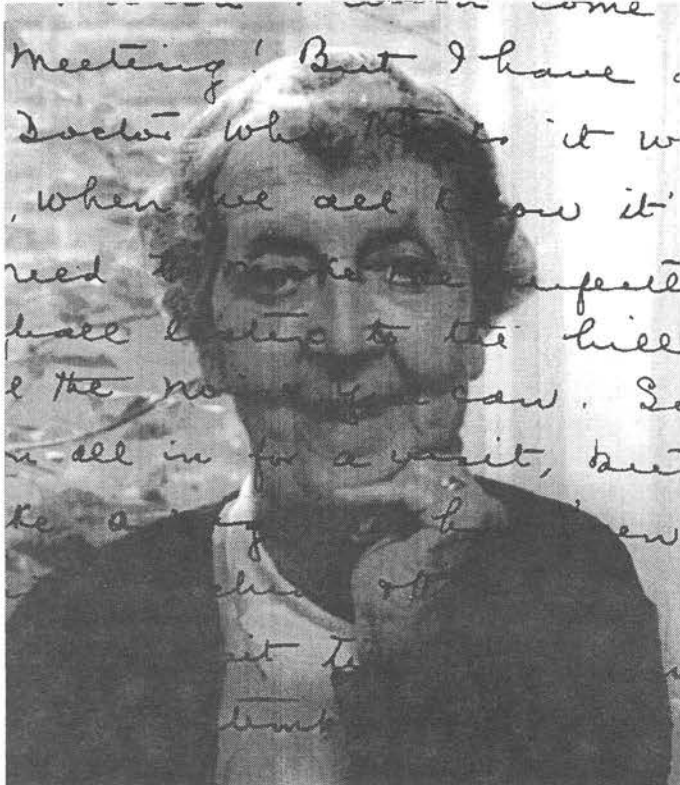
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Marian Keith

80th ANNIVERSARY MARIAN KEITH CLUB

unique, on-site mystery, still flowering among us

Part One (of four): **Its People**

By Louise Wyatt

Herb Wonfor wondered as he wandered on his pastoral calls. One after another of the callees, in discussing favourite church activities, had responded with unmistakable lively enthusiasm, "Well, the Marian Keith Club" - (a writer of many local Ontario moods of the L.M. Montgomery period - in considerable demand.) The name rang a bell with Herb from his early job in his father's Montreal book store. But what was her name doing here? And in the Club?

Yes Herb, same person, same creative person. Here the recognized author, Marian Keith was Esther, the wife, help-meet of our minister Dr. D. C. MacGregor. See the stained glass window in his memory, as well as the official portrait.

Very early in their congregational life (October 31, 1914), she began a group for girls, numbering 12 - 14 in all. No CGIT then - when it arrived, she shifted the Marian Keith title into serving a slightly older group, 17 years and up. Marriage usually marked graduation. Membership was truly ecumenical - much ahead of the conventional, with a comfortable, active fellowship from a variety of other churches - Anglican, Metropolitan, South London. The Club flourished up to a membership of about 50 by 1935 - perhaps 65 on its 21st birthday. Roll rosters are unfortunately non-existent now - only fragmentary. It filled the smaller lower hall at its weekly, Monday supper meetings and had to be subdivided into small sections for close personal functioning, as well as relaxing open sessions of the whole. Those group leaders were Mrs. Morley Adams, Mrs. J. D. Buchanan, Mrs. Angus Graham, Mrs. Emerson Nicholls, Mrs. J. D. Cameron and Mrs. J. R. Armstrong, as well as latterly Miss Madeline Roddick. All the executives were girls from the membership. Mrs. MacGregor was honorary president and chief counsellor privately permeating the whole. We were all her "my dears". Her phrase "best beloveds" was reserved for formal thank-you notes, or other key letters.

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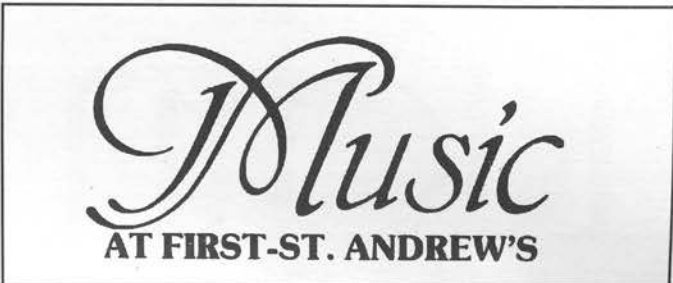
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You can still find some of us or our relatives in the pews. How many of these names do you know? I tried to get all the local names but if I missed you, please let Mr. Wonfor or the Church office or me (438-6900) know. I'd like to complete the list. An asterisk indicates still meeting together, for a fortnightly lunch and discussion.

After at least 70 years, many treasured names are those of friends beyond: like Alice Darch Cole, Alice Servent, Madeline Roddick, Marmy (Marjorie) Edy, Marjorie McKee, Catherine Porte, Edna Durrant, Mary Anderson, Lillian Husser (Barbara Dalrymple's relative), Jean Fraser Campbell. Keep reading. There's an unexpected ending.

Marian Keith Members: Gladys Holden Abbott (now at Metropolitan), Jean Gorwill, Dorothy Silverwood Lawrence, Irene Snider*, Margaret Walker Waters, Audrey Webster, Helen Stone*, now at Calvary, Evelyn Uren (sister of Lillian Madill), Kay MacDonald, Doris Halet Nobes de Burgh*, now at Metropolitan, Emilie Tancock Elliott* at Bishop Cronyn, Evelyn Downing* comes to our UCW, Frances Kent* now at Elmwood Presbyterian, Anne Porte*, Helen Rowat, her sister Jean Gorrell, Frances Jacobs Girling, Mary Anderson Haslam*, Ella Martin Johnston, Marie Hodgins McLachlan, Louise Wyatt*. There may well be some more, like Isabel Letts, survivors in Toronto.

Read on for the pleasant bonus surprise. There is a note from somewhere after 1925 and before 1937, a report of young women of the Marian Keith Club putting on the play "Little Women" at South Collegiate under the auspices of the Nightingale Club of Wesley United. Also in the cast were Bob Cram, Aubrey Clendenning and Leonard Hayman. Who were those guys? And guess what - the director was Rudolf Eberhard. In the Marian Keith Club news records, of all places!



FRIENDS OF MUSIC APPEAL

Will you become a Friend of Music at First-St. Andrew's?

By Bruce Moor, Chair of Music Committee

This is the sixteenth season for the Music At First-St. Andrew's Concert Series. This series is co-ordinated and managed by Paul Merritt who reports to the Music Committee. The Concert Series continues to be self-supporting and operates independently of the Church Council, and is entirely funded by the *Friends of Music*.

Friends of Music at First-St. Andrew's are people in our church and community who contribute financially to enable our Christian witness in the community to continue to flourish and provide the benefits of quality music to London and beyond. With this financial help the series is able to continue on a non-profit basis, keeping ticket prices as low as possible. Our Concert Series presents a wide variety of musical programs including organ recitals, vocal concerts, choral/orchestral programs and instrumental recitals as a musical outreach to the community.

Our 1993/94 series is a very special one as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the installation of our Casavant Pipe Organ. This season is filled with a great variety of concerts all focussed on the organ. Planning is already underway for next year and the tradition of excellence will be maintained.

Will you become a *Friend of Music* at First-St. Andrew's? Enclose your cheque in an envelope marked *Friends of Music* and place it on the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Your contributions are fully tax deductible and we will know that we have your support in this special ministry.

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ENVIRONMENT TIP

From the Earth Stewardship Committee

Idling a car engine pollutes more than driving does. Avoid idling your car engine for a long time after a cold start before setting out. Even in winter weather, it is not necessary.

TAKE A WALK WITH THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Brenda Gummesson, Acting Chair of Membership

Almost as soon as you enter the doors of First-St. Andrew's on a Sunday morning, you will experience the warmth of this congregation. A friendly face peers down at you from the top of the stairs and asks if you will need any help.

One of the folks who greets you is a new member who was encouraged to become involved by serving on reception. As you go to hang up your coat, your eyes are drawn to the tables in the narthex. Those pamphlets about the past and present First-St. Andrew's look very interesting. You select the yellow one with the familiar photo and proceed to the sanctuary doors.

You now enter the sanctuary. Another friendly person escorts you to your seat. Once you settle in your seat you notice a grey visitor's card in the pew holders. This card was primarily designed for visitors who might be interested in joining the church but there is also a space on the card to leave a message for the ministers. You jot a note about a fellow member who has suddenly become rather ill and remind yourself to put it on the offering plate.

The order of service indicates that new members will be joining this morning. Prior to the service they have been enjoying coffee and a light breakfast in the parlour, have had their photos taken, and have been presented with a lovely corsage. They have also been introduced to at least one other member of the congregation in what we call our buddy system. During the service these new members will be called to the chancel to be formally received as members. Some may join by profession of faith and others by certificate of transfer from another congregation. On this particular Sunday a number of teens and adults will be confirmed.

After the service you descend to the lower hall for a cup of coffee. You say hello to one of those new members who is sporting her corsage. During your conversation you discover that on the previous Thursday she attended an evening of orientation hosted by the Membership Committee. You introduce the new member to a long-time member of the congregation. Soon they are engaged in a lively conversation. Someone with a pink mug can't help but listen in. You invite him to join the conversation. "I'm glad you chose to visit us this morning," you say. You linger over coffee as your partner was serving coffee this morning and you must wait while the dishes are being washed. Next week it will be your turn!

Finally all the cups are clean and you head out to the parking lot. On your way you pass by the church office. Your partner wonders how we managed before computers. It must be quite a job for the office staff and the Membership Committee to maintain a roll of our many members and keep an accurate mailing list. How do they ever find time to archive our historical documents?

As you get into your car you wave good-bye to your new friends. "See you next Sunday!"



The Membership Committee

Back: Ron Healy, Elmer Butt
Centre: Lorna Kilb, Brenda Gummesson, Mary Grace Airey
Front: Louise Slater, Eileen Pyper, Judy Vyse, Carol Healy
Missing: Beth Girvan, Ron Logan, Catherine Moore

A PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

1994 has been designated by the United Nations as the **Year Of The Family**.

*Loving God,
We pray for the strength and tenacity of families
for the toughness that survives change and despair
for the sheer love of life that invites hope.*

*We pray for the tenderness and intimacy of families
for that which loves without smothering
and is intimate without manipulation and betrayal.*

*We pray for the courage and daring of families
for that which sustains us for faithful living
and empowers its members in the way of justice.*

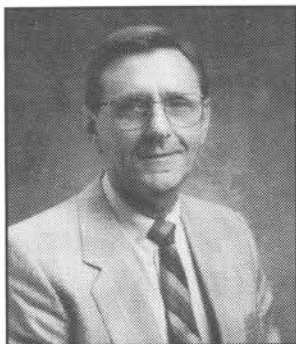
*We pray for the spirit and soul of families
for that which gives meaning and substance;
meaning which confounds the evil one
and strengthens us for our living.*

*God, be with our families
in our confusion, our loving, and our despair,
in our doubts, our courage,
and our tenderness,
and in our sense of the holy.
Be with, in and beyond our families. Amen.*

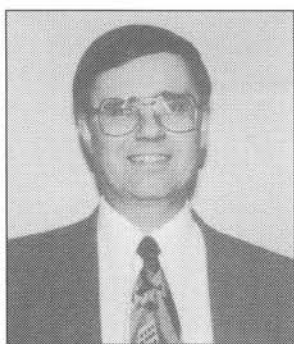
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ACCESS UPDATE

By Rick Ashall and Russ Gonder



Russ Gonder



Rick Ashall

Access is now tracked for completion of construction during the summer of 1994.

At the congregational meeting, held on Sunday November 14th, a strong majority of the attendees voted to proceed with the project at an estimated cost of \$850,000.00. Following the receipt of revised tenders, final approval to proceed will be sought at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 13, 1994 following lunch.

The completion of the project within the \$850,000.00 budget has required some changes to the plans which were used to obtain bids during June 1993. These changes have now been defined and the revised program will be presented to the Church Council for its approval on January 19, 1994. The recommended changes, for the most part, involve the use of lower cost materials and will not compromise the essential features of the project. One portion of the project, landscaping, has been deleted from the contract and a crew of volunteers will be used to complete this work.

To date, \$650,000 has been committed to support Access, which is well in excess of the initial goals. Given the approval to proceed, the fund raising committee has taken on the challenge of helping the congregation achieve this new goal. We are optimistic that with the support of the congregation we will ACHIEVE this new target. The proposed fund raising plan is based on:

1. applying for a government grant of up to \$40,000 for organizations to improve accessibility.
2. asking those who have pledged or donated to Access to consider extending the 5 year commitment by one additional year. (We believe this will raise another \$40,000)
3. continuing to provide opportunities for those who have not participated to date to become involved. We hope this will raise another \$30,000.
4. raising the balance through a First-St. Andrew's bond issue that would be designed to finance the remaining amount.

The implementation and completion of the project will include the following items:

- a) Obtain revised bids from contractors.
- b) Obtain approval of the Congregation at the Annual Meeting on February 13th for:
 - 1) Appointment of a contractor for the construction.
 - 2) A project budget based on a firm price from the recommended contractor.
- c) Construction to commence Easter Monday, April 4/94
- d) Substantial completion of construction by early September.

During the construction period the Sanctuary and Chapel will be available for use. However access between the Church and Sunday School portion of the building, including the parlor, will likely be obstructed during a major portion of the construction period. A more precise definition of the effects from the construction will be available after a contractor has been appointed and a work schedule developed.

With your continued encouragement and financial support we can celebrate the successful completion of our renewed facility in the fall of 1994.

Info-Line

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS ENCLOSED TO SAVE POSTAGE

Search the *Tidings* envelope to find and save your receipts for 1993 contributions. Thank you for your ongoing financial support.

Our thanks, too, to all who have completed their 1994 pledge cards. If you haven't yet, it's not too late. Just phone Susan Brown (679-8182).

VOLUNTEER PAMPHLET/RESPONSE CARD ENCLOSED

Please read *Opportunities for You to Serve* - a pamphlet/response card enclosed with *Tidings*. Everyone's talents and efforts are needed to carry out the ministry of First-St. Andrew's. Each person age 13 and up is encouraged to mark a response card with the way(s) you will help. (Completed cards may be placed on the offering plate.)

CARTOONIST WANTED

Tidings needs a person from the congregation who will help us laugh at ourselves just when we need to. *Tidings* can supply some ideas. You will try this? Please tell Pat Sole in the office (679-8182)

DO YOU KNOW A HISTORY BUFF?

We're certain that there are many amazing and enjoyable stories buried in our history. People are needed to dig them out and share their findings with us. Do you know a history buff among our FSA family? Please let Emily Woods know (679-8182).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR FEBRUARY 13.

Join us after the service for Coffee, Conversation and Lunch followed at 1:00 p.m. by the Annual Congregational Meeting.



Linda and Ross Dodington

MEET THE DODINGTONS

By Helen Inch

Anyone who makes use of the First-St. Andrew's car park will undoubtedly have seen two cars, one bearing the licence plate "TUNERS" and the other "VOICER". Sometimes, when there is work to be done inside the church, there may be a van labelled "DODINGTON & DODINGTON". These vehicles belong to Ross and Linda Dodington who are responsible for keeping our fine organ in good condition at all times.

After working as a pipe organ tuner in Toronto for Casavant Frères Ltée. for several years, Ross, along with his wife Linda and their two children Barb and Jim, started their own firm of DODINGTON & DODINGTON PIPE ORGAN SERVICES INC. in 1971. At that time, they worked out of Elora for the Toronto and London offices of Casavant. In 1982, the Dodingtons were appointed official representatives for Casavant in Western Ontario. Their firm now employs ten people including the four family members. They provide a wide range of pipe organ services including new instruments, rebuilding, restoration of historic instruments, organ transplants and general maintenance. A visit to their workshop - a converted barn on their property in Richmond, east of Aylmer - is a fascinating experience for anyone interested in seeing the amount of work necessary in organ building.

Having settled in a lovely old farmhouse in Richmond, Linda and Ross were now within commuting distance of London, both for choir rehearsals and for church services. First-St. Andrew's Choir members were delighted in 1982 when they chose to join our choir and our church. Linda became a valued member of the alto section and Ross became the bass soloist.

Both Linda and Ross were brought up in musical families in Toronto. They met one another in high school during rehearsals for H.M.S. Pinafore. Later, Ross became the bass soloist at Fairlawn United Church. Then, after graduating from the Royal Conservatory of Music with an A.R.C.T., he became the bass soloist at St. George's United Church in Toronto. This was Linda's family church and the church where they were married. For eighteen years, Ross was a member of The Festival Singers of Canada, a choral group which won great acclaim.

For diversion, throughout their busy careers, Ross and Linda have collected and restored several antique cars and boats. When the weather is fine, watch for them as they drive to church in a 1934 Dodge, in immaculate condition, their pride and joy since early high school days.

IS NURSERY CARE AVAILABLE DURING THE 9:15 SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL? Yes.

OBSERVER RENEWAL TIME HAS ARRIVED

An envelope is enclosed for those who wish to start or renew home delivery of *The Observer*. Please place \$10.00 in the envelope and place on offering plate or give it to the Church office.

RECENT DEDICATIONS

The Memorials Committee thanks the donors of the new handbells in memory of Isabel Getliffe and the new grand piano in the Lower Hall.

MISSING AUDIO TAPES

Please check your audio tape collection at home to see if, by chance, you have a borrowed FSA Sunday service tape. If so, you may keep it by placing a \$4. contribution to the Tape Ministry on the offering plate. Or you may return it to the IN box on the pulpit floor for recycling. Thank you!

FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

On Sunday, April 17, 12:30-3:00 in the Youth Room, Lorna Kilb and Jessie Vosper will help you arrange flowers in your favorite container. Registration/Info at Coffee and Conversation on Sundays, April 3 & 10. Cost \$5. Flowers supplied.

SOCIAL ACTION REPORTS

As a result of gifts from FSA people, 53 pairs of mittens/gloves, 18 hats and 14 scarves were distributed at the E.L.U.C.O.C. Christmas Party. To the Women's Community House went 46 pairs of mittens/gloves, 12 hats, 1 sweater, 3 vests and 8 pairs of slippers. Thank you for your contribution.

UCW SUCCESSFUL AGAIN

When the profits were counted after the Holly Bazaar, the total neared \$8,700.00. This will be used in funding their projects. Congratulations and thanks to all who contributed their time, talent and treasure.

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."

Emily Rose Gladys Bow
Camille Beverlie Engel
Natalie Alexandra Fleck
Jane Elizabeth Girvin
James Andrew Griffiths
Vicki Elizabeth Haisman
Richard James Ingram
Gregory Allan Trask

Next Baptism: May 8

Deaths

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

Mary Crichton Adams	January 4
Anne Bown	October 21
Helen Catherine Burkholder	January 4
Jean Fraser Campbell	December 25
Kevin Kossatz	December 26
Violet Edythe McGregor	January 1
Lyman Verness Stuart	January 9
Melba Jean Young	October 29

Marriages

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

October 23	Kelly-Lynn Jane Kavanagh Craig Richard Musico
October 30	Sandra Lynn Cutsey David James Findlay
January 8	Norma Jean Reeves Gregory Allan Trask

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 November 21:

Back: Bruce Dawson, David Shaw, Carol Shaw, Gerry Shaw
Middle: Jane Girvin, Jim Griffiths, Nancy Durko, Pauline Owen
Front: Marie Lyne Engel, Bettye Girvin, Sandra Napoli, Robert Currie
Missing: Kimberly Coster, Monica Fleck, Robert Haisman, Vicki Haisman, Richard Ingram, John Jardine, Lorraine Jardine, Mae Kersey, Bill McCosh, Edith McCosh, Lori O'Malley, Scott Snelgrove, Maartje Stephens, Jane Stratton, Gregory Trask

Next Reception of New Members: May 29

TOC ALPHA '93, A REFLECTION

By Chris Silcox

Attending Toc Alpha's Christmas Conference '93 *Right Now* turned out to be a smart move. It provided something meaningful to do during lazy holidays. The program that was set up for us was structured yet not restricting. Delegates were allowed to do their own thing if they chose to. I personally felt that I would get far more out of it by making an effort to attend something whenever we had the opportunity. I did get a great experience out of it. The majority of those attending were the least judgmental, most

considerate, and most welcoming people one could ever run into. The fun was non-stop, the friendships were made easily and happily, and the discussions were about real issues that were maturely dealt with. I will be making an effort to attend more of Toc Alpha's functions and maintain connections with new pals. The memories I have are fixed in my mind and I would jump at the chance to go another time. The church deserves a great deal of appreciation for their support in our venture to go. Looking forward to sending more youths next year? I hope to be one of them.

Ed. - Jenn Cull, Karen Pergau and Dana Roberts also attended.

THE CARE RING
 The Pastoral Care Team is interested in facilitating a Care Ring for people living on their own. This involves partnering members of the congregation to ensure daily contact. The partners would agree to call each other, every day, at an agreed upon time. Those wishing to take part might want to choose their own partners or ask for assistance in selecting someone.

In the event that a Care Ring partner does not answer the telephone at the agreed upon time, the caller could call on any one of three people for assistance: Mary Grace Airey (473-4843); Annabelle Logan (471-2518); Margaret Wontor (645-1884). These people have agreed to be the recipient of emergency calls who would go to the house of the other or contact relatives. Please contact Herb Wontor or Catherine Moore to explore this further.

RIDES FOR SENIORS

All and Grace MacIntosh have the responsibility of arranging rides to church for seniors who would otherwise not be able to join us on Sunday morning. Call them at 472-2408 if you are a senior or know a senior in need of Sunday transportation, or if you would be prepared to drive.

LENTEN FOLDERS

Will be available in the Narthex on Feb. 6 & 13. This is a project of our Outreach Committee. During the season of Lent, these folders give us an opportunity to touch the lives of others.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Every Sunday, following our 11:00 a.m. worship, the congregation is invited to remain after service for refreshment and the deepening of friendship. This is an opportunity for each person to make contact and share his/her journey as a valued individual within our community of faith. Volunteers are needed to make and serve coffee, and to clean up. Co-ordinators: Deanne Pederson (432-1583), Barbara Ridgewell (657-2676).

BENEVOLENT FUND DONATIONS

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

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Please keep in mind the Social Action Committee's food collection for St. Paul's DAILY BREAD Food Bank. Baby food is collected on the second Sunday of the month and "every-day" food items on the fourth Sunday. Non-perishable food may be left at any time in the permanent white box under The Christ of the Breadlines mural in the Lower Hall. Financial contributions are also welcome. Thank you for helping others!

FURNITURE DONATIONS

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



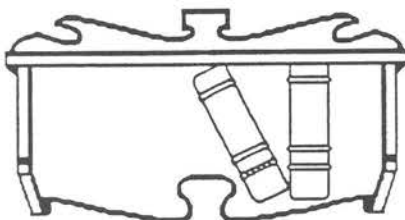
"HAVA/JAVA & JUICE"

An informal group for parents and preschoolers offering networking and support. Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Contact Liz Galbraith (471-3439), Nancy Stanlick (451-9491), or Marion Johnson Denny (433-0319).



BOOKLOOK

Meets for discussion at 2:00 p.m. in the Social Room at 1 Grosvenor Gate on:
 Monday, January 31 *A Gift From The Sea* by Anne Morrow Lindberg;
 Monday, February 28 *Gentleman Death* by Graeme Gibson;
 Monday, March 28 *A Fortunate Life* by Albert Facey.
 Co-ordinators: Louise McLarty (451-8067); Jean Cameron (657-4462).



LIBRARY

When was the last time you used our church Library? The Library Team invites you to visit the Library for personal reading or program resources. Cassette tapes of recent church services and Lenten reflections are available, as well as some good videos which share thoughts on Theology and Mission.

IN THE FEBRUARY OBSERVER

- Renaissance Sunday Schools
- Where are the Women?
- Building Babies



VISION TV - SPIRIT CONNECTION

Remember this United Church magazine program on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. Viewing guides are available at the church every two months.

LENTEN SERIES

1994 LENTEN STUDY

PARENTING IN CHANGING TIMES offers people and congregations practical tips and support for the many types of families which make up the church today. The series has something for everyone in whatever parenting situation you find yourself, and it resonates with theological meaning.

Two opportunities for study and discussion

1. Watch the series on VISION TV with family, friends or neighbours. Schedule as follows:

Feb. 15/16	Working Parents (30 mins.)
Feb. 22/23	Parenting Teenagers
Mar. 1/2	People with Aging Parents
Mar. 8/9	Single Parents
Mar. 15/16	Blended Families
Mar. 22/23	Parents Living Apart From Their Children

Tuesdays: 8:00 p.m.
Wednesdays/Wednesdays: 1:00 a.m.
Wednesdays: 11:00 a.m.; 4:00 p.m.

2. Meet at the church to watch the series, share reflections and ideas, and enjoy good company and refreshments:

Time: Wednesdays, starting Feb. 16 following the Ash Wednesday Service. Following weeks at 7:30 p.m.

Place: Parlour
Leadership: Christian Development & Pastoral Care Committees.

A GREAT STUDY TO BEGIN THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF

THE FAMILY

DON'T MISS!

LENTEN READINGS AND PRAYERS

MIRROR, MIRROR Seeing Ourselves In The Story Daily readings for Lent explore how the biblical story helps us see ourselves as others see us, and to look into the story of God's people to see our own story as Christians. Authored by former Moderator, Walter Farquharson. Available at the church office, \$8.50 (incl. G.S.T.)

PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH

In addition to the hospital visiting and crisis counselling done by the full-time paid accountable ministers on staff, pastoral care is offered in a variety of ways:

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

At present our team consists of about twenty members who offer additional care and support to our shut-ins, to those who are ill or bereaved or in a special kind of need. They visit approximately every month to two months. If you know of anyone who needs extra support or if you are one who could offer the support, please call Catherine Moore, 679-8182.

OUR SENIORS AND THOSE WITH SPECIAL

NEEDS

The Rev. Herb Wontor visits our seniors and others on a regular basis. There are approximately 90 people with whom Herb keeps in touch.

COUNSELLING TEAM

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

Mr. Kerry Hill, a management consultant and career counsellor, provides personal counselling and detailed vocational assessment. Mrs. Ardath Fimmbogason-Hill, a nurse-educator with considerable experience in personal counselling, and Dr. Jo Ann Silcox, a psychiatrist, work as a team to provide initial assessment and follow-through counselling for individuals, couples, families or groups facing personal transitional crises.

This service is offered monthly on the third Tuesday evening, in the church offices, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. to members of the community reach out in Christ's name as well as to renew our commitment to Him.

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

DIAL-A-PRAYER

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



SENIOR HIGH GROUP *ages 16 and up.*
 This group has begun to meet this year, to keep in touch with each other and to talk about issues, fun and stress of Senior High life. On February 18 and April 15, this group is invited to usher at *Jens and Classics* at Centennial Hall, with a social time to follow. Contact Barrie Evans or Shelley Kostelki.

Cost: Adults \$4.00
 Children \$3.00

Sponsored by the Youth of the Church.

Be ready for the Season of Lent! Come and enjoy our Pancake and Sausage Supper!

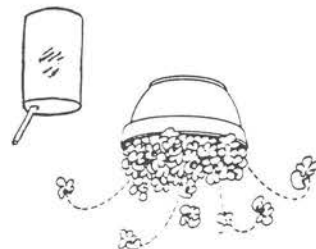
PANCAKE SUPPER
 SHROVE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1994 - 6:00 P.M.
 Shrove Tuesday became known as Pancake Day because pancakes and other rich foods were prepared on this day in order to use up forbidden Lenten foods such as fats, eggs and butter. The next day is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent which traditionally was a time of fasting.



CALLING ALL YOUTH GRADES 7 - 13
 All young people of the church are invited to participate in as many of the Youth Activities as possible, including Choir, Sunday Morning Group, Senior High Group, Canadian Girls in Training, Confirmation Class (Grade 9 up), Teen Handbells, Retreats, Musical, Church service (helping with Church School, Nurseries, Ushering, etc.)

YOUTH MINISTRY

POP N' POPCORN
 for girls and boys in Grades 5 and 6 on Friday evenings once a month. A group just to have fun and make friends!
 February 18 Swimming at Bob Hayward Y
 April 15 Games and Pizza
 May 13 Mini-Golf
 June 17 Picnic at Springbank Park
 Coordinators: Virginia & Bob Rogan, Sharon & Dennis Lunau, Janice & Jim Elliott



KERYGMA
 Discovering the Bible

KERYGMA DISCOVERING THE BIBLE
 meets once a month, 7:30 p.m. on a Wednesday evening. Leadership: Jean Comfort and Moira Stewart.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
 Two choices:
 9:15 in the Kerygma Room, Jo Ann Silcox leads Bible Study. The current focus is the Gospel of John.
 9:15 in the Parlour, the group offers opportunity for lively, challenging discussion of both Biblical topics and current Christian issues.



THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
 9:15 a.m. in the Parlour.
 Each week, the Lectionary Bible Readings that will be the basis of the Sunday Service, are read and discussed in the light of today's world and the experiences of the group. This is not a series. Each week stands on its own, using *The Whole People of God* curriculum. Please feel invited to come when you can, as often as you can.

Was Study one of your New Year's Resolutions? Done anything about it yet? Here are several opportunities to choose from:

ADULT DEVELOPMENT

CONFIRMATION CLASS
 Members of the Teen Confirmation Class continue to meet to learn about the Christian faith, about living that faith and the responsibilities of church membership. Their sponsors, parents, the Church staff, and many other members of the church participate in that learning process.

CANADIAN GIRLS IN TRAINING
 for GIRLS ages 12-17
 Purpose: To Cherish Health, Seek Truth, Know God, Serve Others. C.G.I.T. is a place where a girl can be herself and share with others.



In the Winter/Spring term, we will explore the stories and the surroundings of Jesus' childhood, discovering what his home, school and synagogue were like, the countryside where he played, what he ate for meals... Later, in the spring, as we prepare for the musical, we will focus on the story of Noah. *The Technicolour Promise* will be presented on Sunday, May 1 within the 11 a.m. Worship service. A family potluck supper on May 4 will give us an opportunity to celebrate the year and honour our graduates.

GONE FISHING
Music and Christian Development for Grades 1 - 6



SECRET PALS
About twenty pairs of Secret Pals are corresponding through code names. In early May, the secret identities will be made known in an unmasking party. Maybe you have noticed the red mailbox in the Lower Hall, created by Bob Vosper.



Thanks to Eleanor Hetherington, pianist, who is helping in our goal to learn and sing new hymns as well as old favourites.

SECRET PALS
On Palm/Passion Sunday, March 27, plans will be made to welcome the children for communion in a multigenerational service.

On the **March Break Sundays, March 13 and 20**, there will be shared classes for the children.

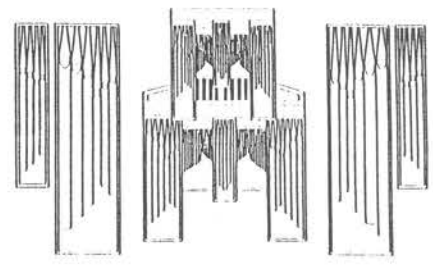
The *At Home Paks* for Units V and VI are included in this mailing for all families with children. They contain great ideas and information for people of all ages.

Unit VI, *Moving Into The World With Jesus*, celebrates Christ's resurrection and gives us new life and hope. April 3 to May 22.

CHURCH SCHOOL AND NURSERIES
Continuing with *The Whole People Of God* curriculum, Unit V, *Experiencing Lent*, provides a time to take stock. The passionate feelings of Lent and Holy Week lead us to the heart of the Christian faith. February 20 to March 27.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



A concert of all living former and current organists of First-St. Andrews.
Wednesday, April 20 at 8:00 p.m.

A REUNION AT THE ORGAN

The Choir of First-St. Andrews with Orchestra.
Sunday, April 17 at 8:00 p.m.

THE COMPANY OF HEAVEN

by Benjamin Britten. London Premiere
March 11 Sharon Jones, Violin, Soprano, David Jones, Piano

March 4 Joan Hysen and Friends
Music on authentic instruments

February 25 Brent Hylton, Organist,
Director of Music, Metropolitan United Church

FRIDAY LENTEN NOON RECITALS
12:00-12:30 p.m. Lunch (\$4.00) is served following.

FOURTH ANNUAL AMABLE FESTIVAL
Sunday, March 6, 2:30 & 7:00 p.m.

COME AND SING
Sunday, February 6, 1994 at 4:00 p.m.
A Hymn Festival with Choirs, Organ and Brass.



THE HANDBELL CHOIRS
All of our groups will be sharing their talents with us in the coming months. The sound of bells is especially cheering at this time of year.

THE GONE FISHING MUSIC

Each of the Gone Fishing Music groups will begin activities in January but, as always, it is the musical which will be our main focus over the next few months. *A Technicolour Promise* is its title and it will be presented on Sunday, May 1 during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.

Come and worship at First-St. Andrew's as we follow Christ in the Lenten journey that takes us to Calvary and beyond, to the empty tomb and the glorious light of resurrection. Our regular worship times are 9:15 a.m. in the Chapel and 11:00 a.m. in the main Sanctuary. Nursery at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. On the first Sunday of the month we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

WORSHIP

Worship Schedule:

February 16 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday
 Sacrament of Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes.
 The service is held in the chancel of the main sanctuary

February 20 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. The first Sunday in Lent
 Preacher - The Rev. Frank Meadows

February 27 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. The second Sunday in Lent
 Preacher - The Rev. Frank Meadows

March 6 8:30 a.m. The third Sunday in Lent
 Chapel Communion - The Rev. Catherine Moore
 Guest preacher - Mr. Glen Pearson of the London Food Bank.

March 13 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. The fourth Sunday in Lent
 Preacher - The Rev. Frank Meadows

March 20 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. The fifth Sunday in Lent
 Preacher - The Rev. Catherine Moore

March 27 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday. A multi-generational service in which we shall celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

April 1 10:15 a.m. Good Friday. We shall be worshipping with the congregation of Metropolitan United Church in their sanctuary. The preacher will be the Rev. Gervis Black.

April 3 8:30 a.m. The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day. Sunrise service.

April 10 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. The second Sunday of Easter
 Preacher - The Rev. Frank Meadows

April 17 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Earth Day. The third Sunday of Easter
 Preacher - The Rev. Frank Meadows

April 24 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. The fourth Sunday of Easter
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May 1 8:30 a.m. The fifth Sunday of Easter.
 Chapel Communion - Catherine Moore
 Preacher - The Rev. Catherine Moore
 The Gone Fishing Musical Service

May 8 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Christian Family Sunday
 A multi-generational service including the Sacrament of Baptism to celebrate the Christian family.

May 15 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. The seventh Sunday of Easter
 Guest Preacher
 Catherine and Frank at London Conference

May 22 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. The Day of Pentecost
 Preacher - The Rev. Frank Meadows

May 29 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Trinity Sunday
 The Reception of new members by Confirmation, Certificate of Transfer and Re-affirmation of Faith.

June 5 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. The second Sunday after Pentecost
 Preacher - The Rev. Frank Meadows

June 12 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. The third Sunday after Pentecost
 The Sacrament of Holy Communion
 Preacher - The Rev. Frank Meadows

June 19 10:30 a.m. The fourth Sunday after Pentecost
 On this Sunday we shall begin our summer schedule of one service on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.
 Preacher - The Rev. Frank Meadows

MUSIC

The Music Ministry puts faith into action as it serves the congregation, reaches out to the community, and develops a bond of love and spiritual growth among its participants. Consider becoming a part of our music program in 1994.

THE SENIOR CHOIR
 Although this Fall and Christmas were especially busy for us, things are continuing 'full steam ahead' as we prepare to host our Hymn Festival in February, lead the singing in our services week by week and learn a piece by Benjamin Britten for performance in April.

THE TEEN CHOIR
 All youth are welcome to sing with the Teen Choir which rehearses Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Membership has grown this Fall and we hope to work on some challenging repertoire this year.

FSA Program Guide

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter 1994

Dear Friends,

The season of Lent begins at First-St. Andrew's with an invitation to all to join the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6:00 p.m., Feb. 15th. Not only are the pancakes delicious, but this is an excellent way to mark the first step of our spiritual journey toward the most significant time of the Christian year, Easter.

If you have never experienced the Ash Wednesday service in the Chancel, consider doing so this year. It is a time of gentle, spiritual intensity and focus, marking the beginning of Lent. Ashes are traditional symbols of repentance from sin, or of grief and mourning. Ashes from the charred remains of the palm branches used in the 1993 Palm Sunday observance are used to make the sign of the cross on the forehead of believers. On Ash Wednesday we remember how Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem led him directly to his death.

Lent is a time for societal and self examination in preparation for renewal of our commitment to God's way. Fasting and other ways of showing penitence are characteristic of this season. For example, Christians often forego some of their usual activities to devote more time to Scripture readings, prayer and meditation. Holy Week begins with Passion/Palm Sunday in which we re-enact the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. On this day long ago, palm branches were cut from the trees, laid on the road, and waved in the air as Jesus rode into Jerusalem. The whole narrative of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to the crucifixion is read from scripture on this occasion.

Christians do well to remember that there can't truly be an Easter without a crucifixion. Take time to reflect during the Gethsemane Vigil in the Chapel, starting 8:00 p.m. up to the Good Friday Service which will be observed this year at Metropolitan United Church.

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The church returns to joyful worship, with music in a major key, to the restoration of 'alleluias', to a colour change from penitential purple to pure white and gold. Life, hope and eternity are keywords in the celebration. Jesus Christ is risen indeed!

Once again, our TwentySomething group will offer an outdoor Sunrise Service on Easter morning. Dress warmly, come early and enjoy this time with family and friends. Indoors, our regular services will proclaim the resurrection with lilies, trumpets and the music of the heavens. Come and celebrate with us!

God's blessing on your journey to Easter!

Family

Paul

Catherine

Maurice

Frank