

# Tidings

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## AN ENDURING PARTNERSHIP

By Elaine Wilton



Elaine Wilton

"Kilb and Kilb" is one of the cheery greetings you might receive when you telephone the home of Lorna and Albert Kilb. Although Albert jokes about his creative answering style, this particular greeting seems to be an appropriate reflection of the partnership which exists between these two people.

The partnership began many years ago in Toronto where they met as teenagers at Runnymede United Church. Both were leaders of Bible study groups, and members of the choir and youth groups. Their mutual interest in horse back riding, dancing and tennis (which they played on the church tennis courts) resulted in many hours spent together, and eventually, marriage in 1939.

Londoners since 1956, the Kilbs have raised two sons and a daughter, and now have eight grandchildren. Throughout their lives they have been involved in a wide variety of activities. Lorna has been legal secretary to a Chief Justice, a member and chairperson of the Alma College Board of Management, and an elder and presbytery member in the United Church. In 1985, as an officer in UCW Conference, she and nine other women from across Canada were chosen to go to Korea on a month-long exchange to offer encouragement to the women of Korea in their church work. This fall Lorna will complete a two-year term as president of the UCW here at FSA.

Albert also has had opportunities to combine travel and work. As a secondary school teacher and technical director, he was sent to Ghana to train teachers in 1961-62. Back only ten months from that assignment, he was dispatched to Singapore as principal of a school similar to our community colleges. During this stay in Singapore,

Lorna also did some teaching and was the leader of a Girl Guide company which contained representatives of eight nationalities.

While postings in Ghana and Singapore permitted the Kilbs to do a great deal of travelling -- on one occasion they spent seven weeks camping in Europe -- they also gave them an appetite for more travel. As a result, they spent a year abroad, travelling as far as Turkey in the east, and Morocco in the south.

Both avid photographers, the Kilbs are much in demand for their slide shows which offer a glimpse of the countries they have visited. Lorna is the script writer and Albert, the slide arranger. Recently, at a UCW meeting, they presented a show entitled "Giving Thanks in Many Tongues," and they are now working on their Christmas presentation to the Kiwanis Club -- "The Silk Route with Lorna, Albert and Marco Polo."

Retirement years for the Kilbs are varied and fulfilling. Besides keeping in touch with their family, they remain active in community and church work. Albert continues his involvement with the Kiwanis Club as a distinguished Lieutenant Governor, sings in a barbershop chorus, and sells cheese at the FSA Holly Bazaar. Lorna enjoys china

painting, music and reading. "Kilb and Kilb" have been in partnership for fifty-six years now, and they are still going strong!



Lorna and Albert Kilb

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## POLKA DOT DAY EXPERIENCE

By Allison Huston, age 9

On Friday October 4 I went to Polka Dot Days. It was so much fun. I could go every day. We made crafts and played games. We did a lot of neat things.

For the grades 3, 4, 5 & 6, we sewed cloth pumpkins. The J.K., S.K. and Grades 1 & 2 made stuffed pumpkins in paper bags and then they got the snack ready for later.

Then we all went to Victoria Park for a scavenger hunt. We had to find acorns, leaves, park benches, twigs and squirrels. Then we went back to the church for the snack. We also made placemats and leaf pictures.

Thank you to all the leaders for a great job.



Allison Huston

## "TNT"

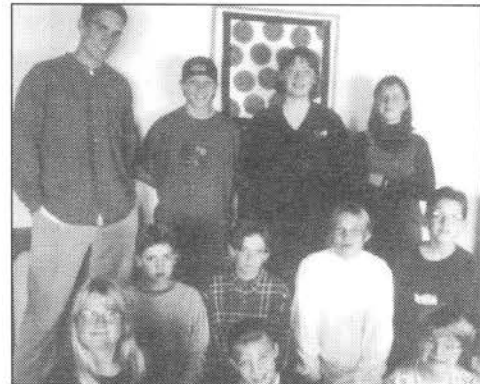
By Ann Denny

Teens in Transit, known as "TNT", is a new group started last spring. Led by Chris Silcox, this dedicated group of Grade 6, 7 and 8's, aged 11 to 13, meet to talk about current issues and to get to know others their age in the church community. They meet each week during regular church, upstairs in a small side room off the main teen group room. The meeting place is a cozy spot complete with cushions to sit on, and happy face banners adorning the wall. Plans are in the works to paint the room to



Ann Denny

make it feel even more their own. The members enjoy participating in a trivia game Chris has set up, and come prepared to answer questions about current events, sports, music and the like, gaining an increased awareness of the world around them in the process. TNT fills a gap that previously existed between Sunday School (Kindergarten to Gr.6), and teen group (Gr. 8 to end of high school). It is a fairly focused age, and Chris expects the group to have a fairly high turnover rate, as the preteens move into the youth group. TNT provides encouragement to "keep them coming to church, develop friendships, and keep involved in church activities throughout their lives," says Chris. These 11 to 13 year olds might be tentative about joining a "big kids" group. They are still working on finding their own identity. TNT and the youth group have an interactive relationship. TNT members are invited to youth group events such as the winter and spring retreats, the Hallowe'en party, and other activities. As the very first members of TNT mature and it is time for them to move on, they will surely be strong, confident members of the main youth group.



Teens in Transit with leader Chris Silcox

## HOW DID GROW A ROW '96 DO?

By David Knoppert

Night had fallen, the wind was howling and the snow was swirling. The road underneath was a gliding pad and the car was headed for the ditch. I slowly applied the brake; we managed to stay on the road, and Bill could hear his heart again.

This was March 1996. Bill Knowles and I were headed to an organizational meeting for the Food Grains campaign with the folks from St. Marys United, St. Marys, Ontario. We didn't make that meeting, but were able to ATTEND several subsequent meetings at Jack Richardson's farm on Highway 7, just south of St. Marys.

In May, the Social Action Committee came to church in Western gear. Eventually \$2,500 was collected from the congregation at First-St. Andrew's. About this time the soybean seeds were planted on 22 acres at Jack Richardson's farm. In June, Bill and I joined the committee from St. Marys United as we collected several hundred pounds of rocks from the field. The plants were 3 or 4 inches tall and bounced back after we stepped on them. By removing the rocks we protected the combine blades from possible damage during the fall harvest.

On September 15 the congregation at St. Marys United invited everyone at First-St. Andrew's to a pot luck lunch following their morning service. Several of us attended their service and stayed afterwards for the pot luck.

On October 12 the big day came. The \$250,000 harvester was in

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place and the land was finally dry. Members of both committees were present as the big machine started its work. Eight hours and a few breakdowns later, 25 tons of soybeans (42 bushels per acre) had been harvested and were trucked to the Perth Co-operative elevators near Rannoch.

A total of \$9,400 has been raised (\$6,900 from St. Marys United and \$2,500 from First-St. Andrew's) for this project. The total costs and the profit derived from the soybeans have not yet been tallied. However, with the 4:1 matching program from the Canadian Development Agency (CIDA), this year's project is sure to raise a great deal for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.



Jean Knowles, Bill Knowles, Linda Badke, Edna Hart, David Knoppert with St. Marys United Church Representative

## A LOOK AT THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

By Linda Badke

The Social Action Committee is active in many behind-the-scenes activities at First-St. Andrew's, as well as some that are more visible. It is made up of a group of very dedicated people who do social action work at First-St. Andrew's and in the larger community.

The food that is regularly collected at Sunday morning worship services is taken to St. Paul's Daily Bread Food Cupboard on a weekly basis. Our church looks after their baby needs by providing baby food, formula and diapers. Cash donations are gratefully accepted as well as donations of food. Bill and Jean Knowles are our link to Daily Bread and take the food over at the beginning of the week as well as assist with the distribution of the food at Daily Bread.

Tom Magee operates a furniture cupboard which has been in existence for approximately ten years. He collects furniture which people no longer need and distributes it to needy families and individuals. Tom is in contact with 18 different organizations in the city which make use of our furniture cupboard. He can often use assistance in moving the furniture and welcomes offers of time and energy. Tom has recently had help from Gary Moore.

Barb Plante and Linda Badke represent First-St. Andrew's on the board of ELUCOC, the East London United Church Outreach Cluster. ELUCOC supports two half time chaplains, Carol Langford and the Rev. Susan Eagle. Carol Langford works in the Cascade community in southeast London and Susan Eagle's area is the northeast, primarily the Oakville area (formerly Cheyenne). The workers do everything imaginable to help their constituents build community under very trying circumstances.



Back: Catherine Moore, Linda Badke, Donna Fraleigh, Lee Gonder  
Front: Bill Knowles, David Shaw, David Knoppert, Tom Magee  
Not Pictured: Pamela Commodore, Marion Johnson, Helen McLeod, Pam Mills, Barbara Plante, Joan Ramsay, Lillian Reid

The Social Action Committee has sponsored Christmas parties in the two ELUCOC communities in the past three years. As board members we hope to raise the profile of ELUCOC at First-St. Andrew's so that as many members of the congregation as possible can feel a connection with the work of ELUCOC. To that end we hope to have an annual ELUCOC service as was done last October when Susan Eagle preached. The fund raising committee of ELUCOC works hard to raise the needed funds. Our big fundraiser for 1997 will be the third play of Rod Beattie's farm trilogy. It will be performed at Banting Secondary School on **Friday February 21** and would make a good Christmas present.

Tom Magee and Pamela Commodore are First-St. Andrew's representatives on LIFT, the London Inncity Faith Team. LIFT is composed of twelve downtown churches and works collaboratively on issues and concerns affecting the downtown community. The LIFT Board has started two homes for ex-psychiatric patients.

The Canada Foodgrains Project in which we are twinned with St. Marys United Church in growing soybeans for developing countries is another Social Action project. It was described in the previous issue of Tidings. We have a subgroup of Bill Knowles and David Knoppert who met with the St. Marys committee to plan the Foodgrains project.

The Social Action Committee, in partnership with five other churches, are sponsoring the Jozic family, a refugee family from the former Yugoslavia. The sponsorship is being done through Siloam United Church. Church members are encouraged to offer financial support to this venture. On September 29 the Social Action Committee hosted the second annual barbeque on the church grounds following the eleven o'clock service. The proceeds went to assist in sponsoring the Jozics.

Keep your eyes peeled on the Sunday bulletin and future editions of Tidings for new Social Action ventures. New members and volunteers are always welcome on the committee.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

From the Mission and Service Committee

Our Support of M&S makes it possible for the United Church to act quickly in emergent situations.

- \$3,000 for rehabilitation after hurricane Luis
- \$50,000 to combat hunger in North Korea



## COUNCIL ENCOURAGES PLANNED GIVING

By Paul Wilde

A planned giving program will be instituted to inform the Congregation of opportunities for giving future financial gifts to the church by means of bequests, life insurance and annuities.

Like many other churches and "not-for-profit" organizations in the community, we are faced with the concern for our financial future, such as major upkeep to the building or special project funding. By preparing today for our tomorrow, we will ensure that First-St. Andrew's is here for our children and grandchildren.

The committee will consist of the following members: Murray Woods, representing Stewardship; Russ Gonder, representing Board of Trustees; and the core committee, made up of Roy Carter, Brian Cram, Stan Hill, Rick Matchett and Paul Wilde (Chair).



Ross McMullen

### COUNCIL REPORTS TO YOU

By Ross McMullen  
Chair of Council (438-0668)

Hello again! What is Council doing now?

Since the inception of the Council System, you, the Congregation, have been invited to attend one Council Meeting each year. At the October meeting, it was agreed that ALL Council Meetings will be open to the

Congregation. You may attend all or part of the meetings as observers. We hope this flexibility will allow you to come and see how your Council functions.

The first of the projects recommended by the Strategic Planning Marketing Committee has been implemented. Co-ordinated by Dr. Meadows, brochures describing each of the downtown (L.I.F.T.) churches have been placed in the downtown hotels in the city, and in the Visitor Information centres. It includes a sketch of each church, and a map showing the church locations from Oxford St. south to King, and from Talbot St. east to William. Now in the works is a brochure specific to First-St. Andrew's.

We have found that finding people to implement the important programs identified by the Strategic Planning Committee is tough. To address this, the Marketing Committee has assumed responsibility. I would like to highlight the Ride to Church proposal, for I believe it has tremendous potential. It would complement the "Access," and reach out to current members, and hopefully, new members, who need help to get to our worship services. Once again I ask, Can You Help?

It is generally agreed that we need a long term plan for Farquhar House. The building needs help, particularly on the inside, requiring a major expenditure. A realistic cost/benefit study is required, and I am pleased to report that your Board of Trustees has set up a subcommittee to develop such a study. Once completed and approved by the Trustees and Council, it will be taken to you, the congregation, for final approval.

Each time I have introduced the new Council at the time of Induction, I have said that they represent more than 140 committee members. The real number is 159, filling 169 positions. Nine people are on two committees and one person is on three. This outstanding volunteer support is truly appreciated by each Council member. On their behalf I thank each of you, for it is your participation at committee meetings that influences decisions taken at Council.

Now we are entering the Advent season. It is a wonderful time of worship and music. May God bless each one of us, and help us to participate.

The committee received approval from the Council to be called THE VISION FUND COMMITTEE, as well as to use the following Vision Statement:

*The life of a congregation centres around its ministry. All of what we are about has been built on our history, exists in the present, and extends into the future. Ensuring the financial component of all our programs is always a demanding challenge. Our Vision Fund is one way of combining present and future funding to ensure that our life and work will continue.*

Through the cooperation of the committee and the expertise of its members, many exciting ideas will emanate in the future.

For the benefit of our congregation, I will be writing a series of information articles on planned giving, such as ways to achieve taxation benefits, and the financial advantages when giving to the church.

[Ed. Watch for the next article in this series and a photo of the members]

## DAY AWAY-WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEES

By June McKay



June McKay

On September 28, we held a "Day Away" at Westminster College, to which members and other interested people were invited. The purpose of the day was to get to know each other better, and also to study the new United Church Hymnal, *Voices United*. Betty Sangster and Don Jones were facilitators for the day, and we thoroughly enjoyed discovering the vast resources in the book.

The new book, published by the United Church of Canada, is fully indexed, and contains many new hymns, as well as some of the "old favourites" from the former black Hymnary which had been omitted from the latest red Hymn Book. There are a number of other resources, devotional helps, prayers, and a list of scripture passages which have been cross-referenced with the hymns to make hymn selection easier for those designing a worship service.

We learned some new hymns, and had time to choose some of our favourites as well. Paul Merritt assisted at the electric keyboard and Jack McKay with the closing Communion Service.

The outcome of the day was to make a recommendation to the Church Council that First-St. Andrew's purchase 650 copies of the book for our use. This was a unanimous and enthusiastic decision. This was done on Oct. 8, and the books arrived a few days later. A Dedication Service will be planned for the fall, and we feel certain that our congregation will benefit greatly and that the worship services will have a new thrust. An opportunity will be given for those who wish to make a donation to the hymn book fund, and/or to donate books as memorial gifts.

VOICES  
UNITED





Louise Wyatt

## IN CASE YOU WONDERED

By Louise Wyatt

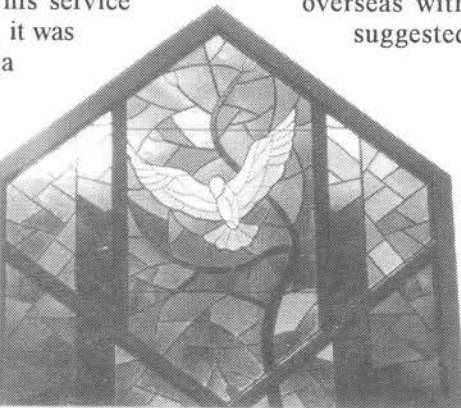
On Sunday morning when you step through the new south-east entrance, under and into the bright glory of the blues, greens, and maize-yellows from the gleaming shapely glass above, with its dove ascending, you walk through the gift of a devoted life-time and firm memories of the giver, a loyal leader in this congregation, to whom he left his entire estate.

Ken (Kenneth) Yorke, born in Glencoe, was the son of Charlie Yorke (for many years principal of the High School there), and his wife, Jessie MacIntyre Yorke, a church leader both here and in Toronto in the days of Mrs. John Y. MacKinnon, with whom she often worked.

Ken was a pharmacist of such distinction that when he completed his service overseas with #10 General Hospital, it was suggested that he should train as a

doctor. "I'm too old," he said, but really he had brought his pharmaceutical training and practice to a high degree of medical expertise already, and trained many neophytes to his own exacting standards.

He enjoyed congenial, friendly company, travel, and new horizons when occasion served. He relished social skills and their traditions, like the concept of "gentleman". He was aware of the niceties of language. He enjoyed the many varieties of the beauty of art of high quality: music (so it was appropriate that Barrie Cabena composed a commissioned work in his honour - variations on a 17th century psalter tune, hymn #130, its name is *York*); paintings; furniture fabrics; antiques; ceramics; choice pieces of silver, jade or ivory could charm his demanding eye, and he was generous in his gifts.



No self aggrandizer, he knew himself well and he admired excellence. He knew the helpful satisfactions of getting things done gracefully and well.

He would have appreciated the light of the stained glass, bought in his commemoration. So, enjoy its glorious light, which, as St. John's gospel says, "darkness has never mastered."

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Ken Yorke

## ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS

Substitute non hazardous or less hazardous products for the ones you now use, for example, use water based paints instead of oil based paints

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

By Helen Guthrie

Patti Crosby-Moldowan claims not to be an artist, but her sculpture, "The Good Shepherd" (named by Emily Woods), displayed on a pedestal in a naturally-lit corner of the atrium, attests to her skill as a sculptor.

As convenor of the Artisan Division of the Maycourt Club of London, Patti participated in the creation of smaller shepherds for the Maycourt Bazaar. When she produced a larger one, intended to reside next to her fireplace during the Christmas season, she offered it to First-St. Andrew's instead.



The Good Shepherd

After a process which includes soaking a piece of fabric the size of a single bedsheet in wallpaper paste, wringing out excess moisture, inserting a styrofoam ball in the centre of the cloth and tying it to form the head, and moulding the wet fabric around a tomato cage turned upside down to form arms and body, the piece is left to dry for three or four days. Then, the wet head drapes are added and let dry another three days. Finally, a coat of specially mixed spray paint is applied and left to dry.

We thank Patti for her gift, lovingly formed, and evocative of images of caring and warmth, nurture and guardianship; and welcome her, her husband, Bob, and two young daughters, Breanne and Kaela into the First-St. Andrew's family.

## Info-Line

### NEW HASTI-NOTES AVAILABLE

The Worship Committee has ordered Hasti-notes which feature the "Peace" window, now located in the Atrium entrance. These are in full colour and are available from the church office, or members of the Worship Committee. The cost is \$6.50 for a package of 10 notes with envelopes. An article about the window appears elsewhere in this issue of Tidings.

### STEWARDSHIP IS CELEBRATION: SHARE THE VISION

Thanks to each person who pledged gifts of time, talent, energy and money during the fall Stewardship Campaign. You have helped FSA plan its mission for 1997.

### POINSETTIAS WILL DECORATE SANCTUARY

If you would like to have a poinsettia placed in memory of a loved one for the Christmas season, please call the church office (679-8182) by Monday, December 2.

### UCW OCTOBER RUMMAGE SALE

A little over \$2,000 gross was collected by the UCW in support of its projects. Thanks go to the contributors, workers and patrons in this recycling project. Your next opportunity comes in April.

### 1997 OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE DECEMBER 15

If you would like *monthly* offering envelopes, call Susan Brown at the church office (679-8182) and they will be prepared for you.

### WHAT IS PAR?

It's the easy way to give your offering to FSA. Once a month, the amount you choose is withdrawn from your bank account. No minimum amount is required. Call Susan Brown at the church office (679-8182) to enrol or for more information.

### WINGFIELD'S PROGRESS - FRIDAY FEB. 21, 1997 - 8 PM

Support ELUCOC/enjoy this comedy. Tickets will be available at Coffee and Conversation Information: Linda Badke (432-5420)



# 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."*

Jacqueline Nicole Ballantyne	Madeleine Elizabeth Staines
Alexandra Chelsea Cull	Matthew Alexander Storie
Noah Arne Djurfeldt	Sarah Rachel Trask
Ryan William Douglas Martin	Jennifer Janine Efrosini Vouvalidis

*Next Baptism: January 12, 1997*

## GOODBYE & GODSPEED

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

Helen Stephenson	William Walker
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## DEATHS

*"Well done good and faithful servant."*

Marjorie Louise Copp	September 5
M. Joan Hunter	September 7

## MARRIAGES

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

July 27	Christine Margaret Cavers	September 19	Nicolo Melodie Attwell
	Donald Leslie McLeod		John Kaye Whitehead
August 9	Mary Kathleen Larson	September 28	Carolyn Michelle Herrington
	Clinton Edward Grealis		Donald Robert Hambly
September 7	Cheryl Lynne Hudson	October 5	Gina Anne Marie Zari
	Yves Gerard Trudell		Thomas William Hillier
September 14	Jennifer Jean Kirkham	October 12	Jo Ellen McLeish
	James Patrick Williams		Jeffrey David Wright

## WHAT'S NEW ABOUT OLD?

*By Roger Snyder*

The Archives Committee of First-St. Andrew's wishes to thank the many people who have donated memorabilia and artifacts for the preservation of our rich and interesting history. We continue to welcome and encourage our members to donate pictures, programmes, old Church yearbooks, etc. that would be of lasting significance in the years ahead.

Recently the archives committee has secured a storage room off the Kerygma room in which to house our growing collection of FSA historical artifacts. Now that we have our own work area, we will be able to continue to catalogue and process the significant amount of materials in our possession. In preparation for our Anniversary Service, members of our committee made a visit to the Weldon Library at UWO to obtain materials for our displays, and to familiarize ourselves with our documents in permanent storage there.

Over the summer, the orders of service from 1990-1995 for both the 9:15 a.m. Chapel and the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service, as well as the announcement sheets, were prepared for permanent binding.

The past year has been a very rewarding time of rediscovering a woman of great fame and distinction from our past. Mary Esther MacGregor (i.e. Marian Keith) was the wife of Dr. Donald MacGregor, pastor of St. Andrew's from 1914-36. Mrs. MacGregor was the author of nearly 20 novels and short stories, written between 1905-1960. Her works were, and still are, popular with

readers, and they provide an interesting look at life in rural Ontario in the last century. Almost half of her novels were written right here in our former manse. We have had several generous donations of her works from members in the congregation; at present we are missing only one of her books, *Courageous Women* (1934), which she wrote in collaboration with Lucy Maud Montgomery and other women writers of the period. Please visit the special Marian Keith display in the library. We welcome your ideas of how we can honour this special famous Canadian.

In the future we hope to prepare a brochure that would orient new members and visitors to the rich architectural heritage of our magnificent church home. We hope to have a tour of Oakland Cemetery and to have several talks on the significance of the rich stained glass windows in the sanctuary. A new and updated church history is an ambitious long-range project for our committee.



*Archives Co-chairs Helen Inch and Roger Snyder hold picture of Marian Keith and two of her novels*

## DID YOU KNOW?

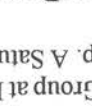
- Nancy McNee received the Ivey Award of Excellence for her community volunteer work
- Lillian Reid received her B.A. in Religious Studies from King's College
- Reid Vipond received a Distinguished Service Award from Queens Theological College Alumni
- Bill Watson taught gastroenterology to students at International Medical College, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**WHITE GIFT SUNDAY**  
**December 8.** Social Action invites the young people of the Church School and Gone Fishing to bring unwrapped gifts of non-perishable food, non-violent toys, and clothes (used are fine as long as they are suitable for use as gifts). There will be baskets in the Narthex and Atrium on **December 8** for collection.

**HAVA JAVA "N" JUICE**  
 An informal group for parents and preschoolers offering networking and support. **Tuesday mornings 9:30 - 11** Contact Liz Galbraith (471-34390)

**YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18 - 29)**  
 See and meet friends! Eat and have fun together! Learn and volunteer together!

Let us know if you would like to be included in this group if you have not been contacted.



**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**

Singles and marrieds who enjoy fun are invited to join with the circle of friends

- **Saturday Dec 14 - 3 pm** Carolling and a pot luck supper
- **Saturday Jan 11 - 7:30 pm** Tobogganing and whirtpool
- **Sunday Feb 9 - 1 pm** Lunch and Art Gallery visit

Please call Richard Dimmen (438-4485) or Ann McPhail (645-8867) so you can be included or for more information.

**BIFOCALS**  
 Come and enjoy good food, warm fellowship and varied programs

- **Tuesday November 26, 6:30** Lower Hall
- **Tuesday January 28, 6:30** Lower Hall

Guests and new members are always welcome.

**ECUMENICAL DECADE GROUP**  
 Katharine or Alton Ross (641-6215)

The Ecumenical Decade Group at FSA invites interested persons to become a part of the group. A Saturday event this winter is being planned.

For more information, phone Dorothy McPhedran, (471-9662)

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

- **The First Thursday at 7:30 pm** in the church parlour
- **The Second Wednesday at 9:30 am** at I Grosvenor Gate
- **The third Tuesday at 7:30 pm** in the church parlour

New members are always welcome. contact the UCW president, Lorna Kilb (432-9938) or Vice-President, Louise McLarty (451-8067) for more information.

**GROUPS FOR FRIENDSHIP & LEARNING**

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**  
 Every Sunday, following our 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services, 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.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**  
 Kathleen Grealis (439-8391)

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION**  
 Preparation for marriage is important because marriage is important - to the persons involved, to society in general, and to God. First-St. Andrew's works in co-operation with Westminster College to offer classes. The next marriage preparation sessions will be held **February 27-28 and April 25-26** (Friday night and Saturday) and **three Wednesday evenings, 7-10 p.m., March 5, 12, 19** at Westminster College. Call the church office or speak to one of the ministers for details.

**SOCIAL ACTION**  
*IS INVOLVED IN...preparing baby layettes, organizing food collections for the Youth Action Centre and St. Paul's Daily Bread, maintaining a furniture cupboard in Farquhar House for the use of refugees and the impoverished, actively supports ELUCOC in special projects, works with St. Marys United Church in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and occupies a chair on their board, sends two members to the LIFT Council meetings and more....*

**FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS**  
 Please keep in mind the Social Action Committee's food collection for St. Paul's DAILY BREAD. Baskets are provided to collect food every Sunday. Baby food is also a special need and may be left at any time. Baskets are placed at front entrances of the Chapel and Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. There is a permanent box in the Lower Hall under *The Christ of the Breadline* mural. 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 will be distributed to needy families such as refugees.

**BENEVOLENT FUND DONATIONS**  
 Social Action invites donations to the 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.

**MITTEN TREE**  
 Once again we will set up a Christmas Tree in front of the Chapel to be decorated with offerings of mittens, scarves, toques, of all sizes. These will be distributed to young people through ELUCOC and Women's Community House.

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

**CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The Library has lots of good "Christmas Time" resources - books, magazines and videos. Great for personal reading and reflections or to share at a meeting or gathering. Watch for displays at Coffee & Conversation or better still, come into the Library and browse.

**LIBRARY (located next to chapel)**

CoChairs: Lesley Pergau (434-2490) and Bob Slater (642-7949)

**your Time, Talent and Energy.**

"THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING YOUR GIFTS AT FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S! And thank you for filling out those yellow volunteer forms or updating your offers during this Fall's Stewardship program. We hope that the groups and committees are calling you so that your gifts are honoured, and by working together, God's work in this congregation and community can be carried on. Thank you for your Time, Talent and Energy."

**"The gifts of all for the needs of all"**

**VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT**

Jim will design this study to be new for those who participated with him last year and exciting for those who couldn't but want to be part of things this time. Register Early by calling Marlon Jackson Tyler at the Church Office (679-8182). This is a very popular offering.

Leader: Professor Jim Schmeiser of King's College. Jim has a wonderful reputation for his leadership in dream work. We are privileged that he is pleased to return to share in this series.

beginning at 7:30. Cost: \$25 for the series.

Five Tuesday evenings, January 21, 28, February 4, 11 and 18

In Bible times, people believed that God spoke in their dreams and revealed to them truth and purpose. Does God speak in our dreams? What would God have us know? How do we find God's meaning in the craziness of the dream's imagery?

**DREAMS - BIBLICAL DREAMS AND OURS**

BY POPULAR DEMAND

Facilitator: JoAnn Silcox (642-2152)

9:15 in the Kerygma Room.

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Coordinator: Arne Pattison (433-0898)

WE WISH YOU WOULD JOIN US!

The WINTER SET will begin Thursday, January 9, 1997. OUR PURPOSE: To look to the Bible to inform and strengthen us for daily living and to get to know others in the congregation.

The FALL SET winds up on November 28th with some talk about Advent and Christmas through *Dreams and maybe Angels!* Do come along for this novel way of moving into Christmas. First-timers very welcome!

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

9:30 am in the Parlour

**ADULT DEVELOPMENT**

**PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH**

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

**OUR MINISTER OF VISITATION**

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

**PASTORAL CARE TEAM**

Our Pastoral Care visitors are members of our congregation who offer ongoing support to our shut-ins, to those who are ill, bereaved or have special chronic needs. We have about 24 men and women who visit every six weeks, maintaining contact with members of our congregation on a regular basis, and especially at birthday and holiday times. 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).

**GOOD NEIGHBOURS TEAM**

This is a venture in caring for our congregation under the leadership of Penny Hove (657-1887) and Debbie Schram (434-8189). The Team offers support to people needing post-hospital support, linking, hands-on help, and driving. Good Neighbour Team volunteers and suggestions are welcome.

**RAINBOWS**

Rainbows is effective support programmes for children and adults who have experienced death, divorce, separation, or abandonment. First-St. Andrew's is currently working in co-operation with Robinson Memorial and Colborne Street United Churches, sharing facilitators, resources and space. There are 2 adult groups and 2 children's groups in process now. If you know someone who would benefit from such a programme, please contact Catherine Moore or Mary Vernon about the 1997/98 series. (679-8182)

**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.

Kerry Hill, a management consultant and career counsellor, provides personal counselling and detailed vocational assessment by appointment when mutually convenient. Ardath Finnbogason-Hill, a nurse-educator with considerable experience in personal counselling, and 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.

Referrals may be made through Ardath Hill at 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).



**PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH**



**POP 'N' POPCORN**

About once a month, girls and boys in Grades 5 and 6 get together on a Friday evening for FUN! Here are the plans:



November 29 - Bowling

December 13 - Carolling

January 17 - Tobogganing

Watch weekly announcements for details of time and place. Or call one of the co-ordinators.

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

**POLKA DOT DAYS**

*Circles!!!*

*Circles express love and community -- Polka Dots are Fun*



When it is a PD Day at school, it's a Polka Dot Day at Church.

Christian learning is encouraged by creative, active programming.

This year's themes engage children in learning about and experiencing the festivals and celebration of various cultures and

faiths, including our own. Can you imagine what kind of festivals

we'll be exploring on February 14 - our next Polka Dot Day?

Cost: \$20 for the day. Detailed information sheets and

registration forms are available at the church.

**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

**SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH GROUP**

Grade 7 and up! All REALLY welcome!

This re-forming group has chosen a name to identify themselves:

The Psychedelic Youth Groupies! (PYGs for short!) Also in the

plans are:

- fun get-togethers other than Sunday mornings;

- some redecorating of the Upper Room to claim their space and

make it their own;

- assist CGIT with the Candlelighting Service on December 8 at

the 9:15 service;

- Toc Alpha - December 27-30, 1996;

- Winter Get-Away, January 31-February 2, 1997;



- Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 11, 1997, 6 p.m.;

For more information, contact the leaders: Pamela Commodore

(858-8759) and Lionel Morise (438-8109), or Staff Emily Woods.

We'd love to have one or two more leaders to share in these good

times with the Teens. Don't be shy! Please contact us.

**TEENS IN TRANSIT GRADES 7 & 8**

Meets at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings in "their room", off the

Upper Room. Conversations, games, learnings. Holds fun events at

other times too. Leaders: Chris Silcox (642-2152) and Company

**CANADIAN GIRLS IN TRAINING**

For GIRLS aged 12 - 17. New members welcome any Wednesday

at 7 pm

United church calendars are for sale, available from the group and

the church office. \$5.00.

Annual Candlelighting Service 9:15 am December 8 in the Chapel.

Leaders: Joan Beavers, Heather Carter (657-8759)

**CONFIRMATION CLASS**

The Teen Confirmation Class uses the United Church Creed as the focus of its study of what it means to be Christian and part of the Church. For the early weeks of our time together we work with

the middle part:

"We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope."

This engages us in symbol study, the shape of a worship service, social action, Out of the Cold, baking bread for communion,

visits with the Pastoral Care team.....

During worship on Sunday, December 8, the members of the

class will be presented with Bibles -- a Christian's most valuable

resource. Following worship, the teens, their parents and sponsors

will be invited for lunch and learning about the programme preparing

for Confirmation.

**PANCAKE SUPPER**

Tuesday, February 11, 1997 6 pm

A great way to celebrate Shrove Tuesday.

Sponsored by FSA Youth.

Includes music!

Adults \$4.00. Children \$3.00

**WINTER RETREAT FOR ALL TEENS**

The Year's Favourite Big Event!

Friday, January 31 to Sunday, February 2, 1997

at Pearce Williams Christian Retreat Centre, Fingal, Ontario

activities: theme topic, games, music, food, indoor/outdoor

activities, vesper, morning watch, worship and free time! Pray for

snow! Registration forms will be available from Sunday Youth

Leaders and the Church Office. Registration deadline January 24.

Cost: probably \$42.00.

**TOC ALPHA CHRISTMAS CONFERENCE 40th Annual!**

For young people ages 14 - 24.

December 27 - 30, 1996 Four Points Hotel, Toronto Airport

Cost: \$220.00 plus transportation. \$240.00 after November 20.

Bus transportation available. \$40.00 return.

Toc Alpha means "Taking On Concerns About Life, People and

Human Achievement" and enhances leadership development in an

alcohol and drug free environment. The Christmas Conference is

their biggest event of the year. Registration Forms and more

information available from Youth Leaders and the Church Office.

**GREETINGS TO OUR POST-HIGH YOUNG ADULTS**

Postal and E-mail addresses needed!

We always try to contact our Post-High Young Adults early in

December. We want to let them know that their church continues to

think about them in their Post-High experiences and we want to let

them know what is happening at their church in the Christmas season.

Christmas at the church is a time for those away and those in London

to see each other again in this familiar place and among familiar

faces.

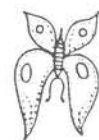
If you have someone in your family who is a post-high school

person, up to age 25 or so, who is at school or otherwise engaged,

in London or out-of-town, please let us have a postal mailing, or E-

mail, address. Can be phoned into or left in the church office.

THANK YOU!



**CRADLE ROLL**  
 We have welcomed 8 babies so far this year. Since the last Tidings, we have greeted Mitchell Brennan Ballantyne, Chelsea Alexandra Cull, Ryan William Douglas Martin and Sarah Victoria Burns. Be sure to let the church know when baby arrives so messages from GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE package can be sent to celebrate events in baby's life to age three.  
 Coordinator: Nancy Stanlick (451-9491)  
**CHURCH SCHOOL AND NURSERIES**  
 Offered at 9:15 am and 11:00 am.  
 For all children of the church, from the Infant Nursery to Grade six. In a welcoming atmosphere, the children explore Biblical stories and relate them to their own life stories.  
**UNIT III - BREAKING THROUGH**  
 Celebrations of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, from December 1 to January 12, 1997.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Reception to follow  
 Admission at the door \$8.00 and \$6.00  
 Guest artist Deborah Pardy, Piano  
 with the Soloists of First-St. Andrew's.  
 Celebrating Franz Schubert's Bi-Centennial  
**Sunday, February 16, 1997 at 3:00 p.m.**  
**THE ART OF THE SONG**  
 Reception at Interval  
 Admission \$12.00 and \$8.00  
 The Aeolian Winds  
**Wednesday, January 29, 1997 at 8:00 p.m.**  
**HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR WESTERN TOUR**  
 Admission \$10.00, Seniors \$8.00, Students \$5.00  
 The Amabile Youth Singers  
**Sunday, December 22 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.**  
**AN AMABILE CHRISTMAS**  
 Barbara Plante, Conductor  
 The Laudamus Handbell Choir  
**December 13**  
**December 6**  
 Paul Merritt, Organ  
 Ken Fleet, Conductor  
**November 29**  
 Medway Madrigal Singers  
 12:00-12:30 - Luncheon (\$4.50) served following  
**FRIDAY ADVENT NOON RECITALS (free will offering)**  
 Andrew's sponsors an excellent Concert Series which presents a wide variety of musical programs as an outreach to the community.  
 Through the generous support of "Friends of Music", First-St. Andrew's

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**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SUNDAYS**  
 11:00 am only. No 9:15 am program.  
**December 29** - Special Open Group Children's Program  
**January 5** - Multigenerational Epiphany Celebration  
 Nurseries and Kindergarten available  
**UNIT IV - ENCOUNTERING THE HOLY**  
 continues the Season after Epiphany, ending with Shrove Tuesday and the Pancake Supper on Tuesday.  
 February 11, 1997 at 6 pm in the Lower Hall.  
**THE AT HOME PAKS**  
 For these special church seasons are included in this mailing for families with children. Wonderful ideas for families! Take a look and try them!  
 the Holy  
 Encountering



**First-St. Andrew's Ministry**  
 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

*A Multigenerational service to celebrate the beginning of the season of light*



- January 5** Epiphany Sunday  
11:00 a.m. Preacher - Frank Meadows
- December 29** Sunday after Christmas  
Preacher - Frank Meadows  
Broadcast on CFP-AM Radio 98  
10:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion,  
The Christmas Story in Drama and Music  
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service -  
**December 24** Christmas Eve  
for Choir and Brass ensemble.

*At 11 am, a Christmas Cantata by Daniel Pinkham,*



- 9:15 & 11 a.m. Preacher - Frank Meadows  
**December 22** Fourth Sunday in Advent  
Led by Catherine Moore  
7:30 pm. Melancholy Christmas
- 9:15 & 11 a.m. Preacher - Frank Meadows  
**December 15** Third Sunday in Advent  
Preacher - Catherine Moore  
Offering of White Gifts
- 9:15 & 11 a.m. C.G.I.T. Candlelighting service  
**December 8** Second Sunday in Advent  
9:15 & 11 a.m. Lessons and Carols  
**December 1** First Sunday in Advent



*http://www.info.london.on.ca/~aa103/fsa.html*  
 information at our web site on the internet:

*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 please call the Presso line for First-St. Andrew's Church, 679-0000 extension 3905. You can also get up to date information at our web site on the internet:*

*As Winter approaches and the days darken, Christ also approaches and his light shines more brightly within us.*

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**WORSHIP**

All of our handbell choirs will play during services in Christmaside. In addition, the Laudamus Handbell Choir will perform the third of our Advent Noon Recitals on December 13.

**THE HANDBELL CHOIRS**

The children will participate in the Advent Lessons and Carols Service; as well, they will present a musical at the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service.

**THE GONE FISHING CHOIR**

The Youth Choir is looking forward to providing special music at the annual C.G.I.T. Candlelighting Service on December 8 at 9:15 a.m.

**THE YOUTH CHOIR**

The choir looks forward to the music of this season more than any other. Highlights of the season are the Advent Lessons and Carols service on December 1; Christmas Sunday, December 22, when we will be joined by a brass quartet; and the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

**THE SENIOR CHOIR**

The Music Ministry puts faith into action as it serves the bond of love and spiritual growth among its participants. The congregation, reaches out to the community, and develops a

**MUSIC**

- February 16** The First Sunday in Lent  
9:15 & 11:00 Preacher - Catherine Moore

*Service in the main sanctuary with the imposition of ashes and the sacrament of Holy Communion*



- February 12** Ash Wednesday  
7:30 pm  
held after the 11:00 o'clock service/lunch.  
The annual meeting of the congregation will be

- February 9** The Last Sunday in Epiphany  
9:15 & 11 a.m. Preacher - Frank Meadows  
Cluster

*The Beginning of Ten Days for Global Justice. The Social Action Committee will lead a service focussing on the ministry of the East London United Church Outreach*

- February 2** Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
9:15 & 11 a.m. Preacher - The Rev. Susan Eagle  
celebrated at both services



- January 26** Third Sunday after Epiphany  
9:15 & 11 a.m. Preacher - Frank Meadows  
The Sacrament of Communion will be

- January 19** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
9:15 & 11 a.m. Pulpit exchange with a neighbouring congregation.

*The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered at the 11:00 o'clock service.*



- January 12** The Baptism of Jesus  
9:15 & 11 a.m. Preacher - Catherine Moore

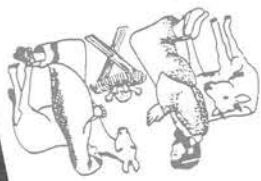


# FSA Program Guide

Advent, Christmas & Epiphany 1996/97



Dear Friends,  
 This year our Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany observances at First-St. Andrew's will have a special significance as we celebrate the many aspects of these seasons with our new hymnbook, **Voices United**.  
 Advent is a time of expectation and hope, a time filled with the promise of new beginnings and learning. So too, as we begin to use **Voices United**, the joy and wonder of childhood, the gatherings with family and friends, the gifts received and given. Other memories are a reality, too, however, memories that may be especially painful at this time of year. **Voices United** will aid us in all these facets of Christmas as we sing familiar, beloved hymns and carols, and learn unfamiliar texts and tunes which offer fresh insights into the manifestation of God's love for all people. During Epiphany, we celebrate Christ as we explore our new hymnbook from cover to cover, we expect to be delighted but challenged, to sing not only the familiar and comfortable, but also to grow with the new and unexpected. **Voices United** be true for each of you this Christmas side.



1. Joy is now in every place, Christmas lightens every face;
2. May the star that shone that night, making your poor stable bright, fill our hearts with love and light, O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.
3. Through the New Year let it stay, leading us upon your way, making Christmas every day, O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.
4. Now and ever may we find your good news to fill our mind; peace and love to humankind, O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.

*Paul Thomas*  
*Catherine Jacob*  
*Frank*  
*Family*  
*Susan*

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## CHURCH FAMILY EVENTS

- **Godspell**  
 Thurs/Fri/Sat  
 Nov. 21 22, 23 - Sanctuary
- **Pancake Supper with Entertainment**  
 Tuesday February 11, 6 pm

By Popular Demand  
**DREAMS -**  
**Biblical Dreams and Ours**  
 \$25 - Tuesdays - 7:30 pm  
 January 21 and 28  
 February 4, 11, 18  
 Details on page 5