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TED AND SHELLEY KOSTECKI

By Elaine Wilton

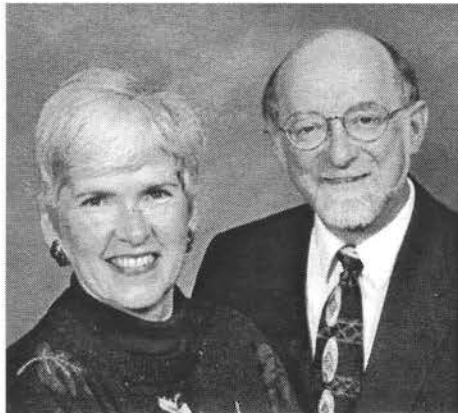
Ted Kostecki has probably never spent as much time attending meetings as he has since he became FSA's Community Development Coordinator. With the double mandate of Outreach and Marketing, the position requires Ted's involvement with well over 25 different groups in the church.



Elaine Wilton

In his first weeks on the job he attempted to acquaint himself with as many of these groups as possible by dropping in on their meetings. He wanted to begin by listening and talking to people in marketing both within and outside the church. His ultimate goal as coordinator is to increase membership and ensure continued financial support for the church.

Ted and Shelley are long-time FSA members, having been married just over 25 years ago by Alex Farquhar. Shelley was originally drawn to the church because of its music. As a former member of the Earle Terry Singers, she was pleased when her friend Barbara Plante invited her to join the FSA choir. Twenty-six years later she is still a member of the choir.



Shelley & Ted Kostecki

Their daughter Lisa was one of the youngest members of Gone Fishing when at age three she accompanied her mother who was one of the leaders. Both mother and daughter remained with the programme for the next eight years. Lisa has now completed a degree in honours Biochemistry and will be starting a Masters at Guelph this fall.

It was last year while Ted was helping Lisa move to a new house in Hamilton that he suffered a heart attack. Experiencing none of the classic heart attack symptoms, Ted shrugged off his upset stomach and was preparing to drive back to London. However, Lisa's instincts, and perhaps her lifesaving skills learned as a lifeguard, told her that her father needed medical attention. Her insistence that he go to the hospital immediately may have saved his life because he was able to benefit from primary cardiac treatment. Ted's recovery has been complete and he will always be grateful for Lisa's persistence in seeking medical care for her father.

As a former broadcaster, Ted is well suited to his new position as

Community Development Coordinator. He has had plenty of experience as a communicator both in London and abroad. While employed at CKSL Radio many years ago, he was sent all over the world to cover news events, notably the Canada-Russia hockey series in 1972 and the Middle East conflict in the 70's. He recently retired from CFPL TV where he had worked for 25 years as an editor producer.

At FSA Ted has been involved in a wide range of activities. He has organized Youth Group retreats at Pearce Williams Camp, participated in two search committees and built sets for music productions. He still sits on the board of Proudfoot House and is optimistic that its programme for women in trouble with the law will be revitalized in spite of the withdrawal of government support.

With Ted involved in his post-retirement career, Shelley has no plans to retire just yet. She enjoys her grade one class at Wortley Road Public School where she has taught for the past twenty years. Besides her involvement with the choir, she plays tennis, gardens and quilts. When Lisa was younger, Shelley was a "Suzuki" mother, spending hours practising piano with her daughter.

Shelley and Ted agree that FSA has played a significant part in their lives. In addition to the spiritual aspect, they cite the many friendships they have made here. They are especially grateful for the support they received at the time of Ted's heart attack.

We in turn appreciate the contributions they have made to the church, and we wish them well in this new endeavour.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ Glennis & Alex Farquhar celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July
- ◆ Olivia & Nelson Foster celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August (see photo below)
- ◆ Mary and Tom McLarty celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August
- ◆ Frank Meadows won the championship in the All Ontario Clergy Golf Tournament
- ◆ Jim Silcox received a 1999 Teaching Excellence Award for classroom teaching, course design, unique instructional methods, teaching aids, educational planning and policy making
- ◆ Jim Silcox won the Douglas Bocking Award for teaching achievement
- ◆ Moira Stewart received the Celebration of Excellence Award for her work in epidemiology



Nelson & Olivia Foster



Joyce and Frank Meadows at his retirement party at Jean Comfort's Farm June 10, 2000

HOW TO HELP THE CHURCH LIBRARY

By Anna Holman



Anna Holman

Donations are very welcome but please note that the Library Committee makes the decision whether to add books or other material to the library. If you are interested, check our guidelines as set out in the "Collection Policy" which is mounted on the wall above the "Pockets" display stand, in the library.

Books which we can't use are donated to First-St. Andrew's rummage sale or to the London Public Library.

Label your donations, please.... with your name, and let us know if you wish to have a "Donated by" and/or "In memory of" label in them. Please put them on top of the card catalogue in the library and address them to the Library Committee.

The Library Committee welcomes suggestions for books, videos, etc., which you would like added to the library. Please put a note in Diane Knoppert's or Anna Holman's mail slot in the atrium.

Volunteers are urgently needed to help with typing and filing catalogue cards as well as putting the books in order on the shelves. If you are interested in helping, please call Diane Knoppert (668-4063) or Anna Holman (673-0987).

Thanks to Anna and all the volunteers in the church library

Info-Line

PHIL BALDWIN CONGRATULATED AND THANKED

Phil has begun a new career as a minister with a four-point charge. His contribution to FSA as Choir Member and Tenor Soloist will be remembered and valued.

GROW-A-ROW - ANOTHER SUCCESS

About \$ 3400 has been raised so far. You can add your support with a cheque payable to FSA marked Grow-A-Row and your envelope number.

UCW RUMMAGE SALE - FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29

Please help by contributing, sorting, pricing, selling or cleanup - or all of the above!

NOSTALGIC THEATRE FUN IS BACK

Friday November 3 at 7:30 Lower Hall - \$8
Watch for ticket sale so you will not be disappointed. Past performances sold out!

JOAN AND PETER WYATT ANNIVERSARY PREACHERS

On Sunday, November 19, First-St. Andrew's will celebrate its 168th anniversary with guest preachers the Revs. Joan and Peter Wyatt of Toronto. Plan to be a part of this celebration.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25 - HOLLY BAZAAR

Bring your Christmas list of names to the Atrium and Lower Hall to match up with a super selection of items made by members of the FSA family. Thanks to all who have contributed talent or helped make this event possible.

LAUDAMUS BELLS PLAN LUNCH AFTER CHURCH

Save November 26 and plan to attend.

HEARING IN CHURCH DIFFICULT?

Individually adjustable walkman-type receiver sets are available to help. Ask your usher or Alton Ross.



Tidings

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Series: God's Stewards GERTRUDE COLE

By Gertrude Bergey

When you feel music in the air, look for Gertrude Cole! Obviously the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation felt that music, for they awarded her an Ontario Volunteer Service Award on May 6, 2000. Hallelujah! And watch for the pin on her lapel!



Gertrude Cole

This honour is well-deserved. As Chair of the U.C.W. Wednesday Morning Unit's "Extendicare Project", Gertrude arranges a programme and tea party for the first Wednesday afternoon of October through June, for the forty or so residents able to attend.

Goodies (fruit bread preferred) and a cup of tea are provided and served. Live music is first choice for entertainment. Many, if not most, of the audience are in wheel chairs. Attention spans may be limited - but music is familiar and soothing - a glimpse into a world now gone! On one occasion recently, two women played piano duets, stressing nostalgic tunes. One dear soul got up and danced, oblivious to her audience!



Gertrude Bergey

Programmes include Bells, Solos, Duets, Children's School Choirs (a big hit) and even Pre-School Groups, as well as Poetry, Stories and instrumental Music.

The volunteers who assist Gertrude presently include Lillian Madill, Jean Gorwill, Jean Comfort, Elspeth Watson, Dorothy Harrison, Mary Grace Bell, Margaret Wonfor, Ruth Coghill and Thelma Pleiter.

Gertrude is well-qualified to lead this project. After graduating from Toronto Normal School, she taught in public schools in both rural and urban areas. After the war, she and her husband Earl moved to London. While she was teaching in Middlesex County, the area near London was annexed, so she found herself teaching in London City. Soon, her expertise was recognized and she was appointed as a Music Consultant.

In addition to raising a family of four - Julie Anne (deceased), Richard, Alice and Christopher - Gertrude managed to obtain her Bachelor of Musical Arts Degree from the University of Western Ontario. And, of course, she almost always had private voice students.

She always kept abreast of developing school music trends and requirements, and completed her duties with a smile - or was it a song?

Mrs. Cole has just retired from our Church Choir after thirty years of service! so now you will hear her in the pews!

Gertrude Cole continues, in her quiet way, to share her talents and expertise with those whose horizons are limited. She is the Ontario Volunteer Service Award personified!

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP

If you have leftover household products, find a friend, neighbour or relative who could make use of them.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE

By Heather Bedford

For this issue, I have taken pointers from a booklet called *Knowledge is the Best Medicine* sponsored by the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Health to bring you some health tips. I have a few pamphlets or you may get one through the Middlesex-London Health Unit, Public Health Nursing Department.

Questions to ask about prescription medication you are taking:

1. Why am I taking it?
2. What is the name or names of the medication?
3. Do I have any alternatives?
4. Are there any side effects? Which ones should I report?
5. Does the doctor want to see me while I am taking this medication?
6. Is there any patient information available?
7. Will the medication affect any other medication I am taking? (This includes prescription, non prescription and herbal medication.)
8. Are there any foods or beverages I should avoid?
9. Can I drive the car? (That's providing you could drive in the first place!)
10. What do the symbols and stickers on the medication container mean?

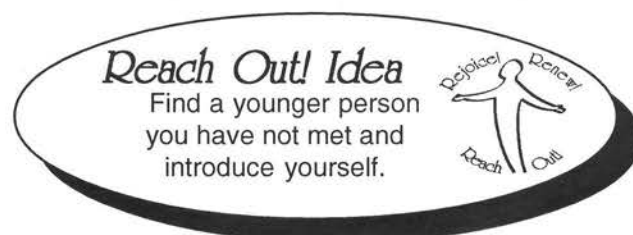


Heather Bedford

Helpful tips:

1. If you are having problems swallowing your medication, your doctor or pharmacist may have some suggestions.
2. If you are having trouble opening the medication or reading the label, ask the pharmacist for a different container and clearer instructions.
3. If you find it hard to remember to take your medication the handiest container is a "dosette" box - available either in daily containers or one for a week at a time. They are available for minimal cost at the pharmacy.
4. Keep your medication in a dry, dark place - not in the bathroom near heat and moisture nor in the sunlight. Check to see if it requires refrigeration.

The best advice is "living smart" - eating well and staying active.



Reach Out! Idea

Find a younger person you have not met and introduce yourself.

COUNCIL REPORTS TO YOU

By Bill Watson

Chair of Council (471-6049)

- Nancy Howard was received as an Enquirer towards training for the Ordained Ministry.
- The report of Kevin Johnston's Discernment Committee has been approved by Conference and Kevin highly commended.
- George Jolink outlined the plans for a production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* in the Sanctuary during Holy Week, 2001.
- Susan Shelstad was designated Acting Minister of Worship and Administration from August 1 until the installation of Frank Meadows' replacement.
- Paul Pergau, co-chair with Lesley of this year's Stewardship Campaign, intimated that the theme might be *New Beginnings*.
- The Property Committee is in the preliminary stages of planning for Phase III of the renovations, which will address particularly the "Christian Education Wing."
- A one day retreat for Council is being planned for Saturday, September 16.



Gwen Plested and Cammie Wilson at Maytime Communion

MISSION ED CAPSULE

The Mission and Service Fund currently supports 85 community outreach and social support programs across Canada

WHAT FSA'S \$111,847.88 ACCOMPLISHED

By Barbara Plante

The Mission and Service Fund is perhaps one of the most exciting and important aspects of the operation of The United Church of Canada. It is the main source of income for the Church, and it is the fund through which the Church is able to do all of its wonderful Mission Work across Canada and around the world. Congregations all across Canada contribute to the M&S fund. Our congregation designates a percentage of the budget each year to go to M&S. In 1999, we sent \$111,847.88 or 22%.

Through the Mission and Service Fund, each of us is given an opportunity to be part of a wonderful partnership of people helping people. The M&S fund allows us to stand with the oppressed and marginalized both here in Canada, and in other countries to address injustices and bring hope, and encouragement as well as concrete assistance in the form of personnel, money, food, equipment, etc. We are involved in projects to help street children, oppressed women, those fallen on hard times, students and youth, emerging congregations. We operate four acute care hospitals and four medical clinics in Western Canada. We are assisting with an education programme aimed at combating Child Prostitution in southeast Asia, and we are part of the effort to address the complicated issue of Child Labour in countries like India and Pakistan.

The scope of our Church's Mission Work is vast, and the specifics are impressive. But its very vastness sometimes makes it difficult to generate enthusiasm for the work of the Mission and Service Fund. When we were able to designate our money to go to specific projects which we had heard about and wanted to support (which we were able to do in the past), it was easier to be enthusiastic about our Mission givings, because we knew exactly where they were going. The trouble with that method was that the projects that had the best speakers got the funding, and there were many worthwhile projects going on in remote areas of Canada or other parts of the world which struggled to keep afloat. And so the decision was made to change the method by which funding was allocated. In order to fairly allocate the money which comes in to the Fund from all the congregations across Canada, the money is all sent to National Office and divided up from there. This is a much more effective way of making sure all our Mission projects, Missionaries, and various programmes get the funding they require. The problem with this method is that it is more difficult to keep the members of our congregations aware of all the work that is being done with their givings.

The Mission and Service Committee is given the task of keeping you aware of our Mission work. We do this through Minutes for Mission, our bulletin board in the Lower Hall, Mandate magazine which you will find on the tables outside the sanctuary and chapel, and various other projects. **THE MISSION AND SERVICE COMMITTEE NEEDS NEW MEMBERS.** The work of this committee is vital to the life of not only our own congregation, but also our Church as a whole. We would welcome anyone who would like to serve on this committee, and help us keep our congregation abreast of the wonderful partnership we are all part of, as our church seeks to minister to needy folks across Canada and throughout the world.

To help, call the church office (679-8182) or Barbara Plante (472-4586) or Annabelle Logan (471-2518).



JUBILEE

ANCIENT CALL FOR RENEWAL IN OUR TIME

By Barbara Plante



Barbara Plante

What is Jubilee?

"You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives 49 years. Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month - on the day of atonement - you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty

throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; you shall return, every one of you to your family." Leviticus 25:8-10

The celebration of the year of Jubilee is mandated in scripture. Every seventh day is a **Sabbath**, and every seventh year is a **sabbatical year**. By multiplying seven times seven years, you arrive at 49, with the fiftieth year held sacred to commemorate the deliverance of the Jewish people from Egypt.

What does it mean for our lives today?

Jubilee is an all-encompassing vision of social and ecological justice which calls for release from bondage including the bondage of debt (Deuteronomy 15:1,2), redistribution of wealth, and renewal of the earth. In the biblical tradition, it was the "Sabbath of Sabbaths", a time which occurred every 50 years. At Jubilee, slaves were to be set free, debts were to be forgiven, wealth was to be equitably and generously shared among all, and the land was to be given rest from its labour. In 1994, John Paul II described Jubilee as an effort "meant to restore equality among all the children of Israel, offering new possibilities to families which had lost their property and even their



personal freedom.... The riches of creation were to be considered as a common good of the whole of humanity.... The Jubilee year was meant to restore this social justice."

As the world enters the third millennium, we its people are also in need of a Jubilee. We are in a time and place so far removed from the time of Leviticus that the drawing of any comparison would be absurd. We have pushed the limits of science and the boundaries of technology far beyond what was imagined 50 years ago, let alone in the time of the Israelites. We have created economies far more complex than any kingdom or empire. And yet, now, in the year 2000, humanity is still faced with the problems it has always known: debt, unjust working conditions, poverty, and the potential for environmental exhaustion.

It is in this context that the Canadian Ecumenical Jubilee Initiative (CEJI) has issued the call for Jubilee. It is a call that is proclaimed in solidarity and partnership with our brothers and sisters in the developing world. Their commitment to this process has been signaled in different ways: from Archbishop Desmond Tutu's statement that the Jubilee 2000 campaign to eradicate debt among the most highly indebted countries "is a timely proposal with which to celebrate the Millennium", to Salvadoran

Jesuit Jon Sobrino's observation that "the Third World hopes for and demands a Jubilee and ...cries out for solidarity."

The United Church, along with other churches and social justice organizations has been urging the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund to forgive the debts of struggling Third World countries. So far this effort has not been successful. **We are being asked to write to Lloyd Axworthy, or our own members of parliament, to encourage our government to put pressure on the World Bank, and the IMF to forgive these debts.** We are being asked to join our voices with Churches and coalitions around the world to be the people to make this Third Millennium vastly different.

The good news of God's reign of justice, peace and integrity of creation - and the church's mission to witness to this - has never been more urgent.

NEW CURRICULUM FOR CHURCH SCHOOL

By Nancy Howard



Nancy Howard

For several years, the Children's Ministry Team has been considering alternatives to the *Whole People of God* curriculum used in our church school. While this lectionary-based study offers valuable lessons for our children, from a publishing point of view, it has been out too long. Here at FSA, the WPG has simply run its course; children and teachers alike are becoming bored with its repetitive nature.

Along with several other denominations in Canada and the United States, the United Church of Canada has been involved since 1997 with the development of a Bible story-based curriculum, called *Bible Quest*, to be launched this fall. Susan, Kevin, and members of the Children's Ministry Team have evaluated the curriculum and we are excited to introduce a new agenda to the church school.

Bible Quest recognizes story as one of the primary ways we understand who God is, whom we are and how to tell others about God. It invites children, youth and adults to seek meaning from the Bible through questioning, playing, praying, wondering, acting,

relating, and stating belief. It understands that interpretation helps us to connect insights from the Bible to living in the contemporary world as disciples of Jesus Christ." From an educational point of view, these sessions meet all of the different learning styles in its interactive approach.

And that's not all! We've decided to change the class structure as well. During the initial portion of our program we have had success with inter-age interactions in our "Big Circle" with our whole community from age 3 to age 13. Believing this interaction to be a valuable experience for our children, and to make staffing easier to accommodate our fluctuating numbers in attendance, we've decided to group some of our classes together. At 9:15 a.m., the multi-age program will continue as it has in the past. At 11:00 a.m., we will have three groups of children (age 3-JK, K-grade 3, grades4-6). We intend to have two staff per class per unit. A mandatory training session is planned for late summer when the materials have arrived. Parents and other interested individuals will be invited to attend. Come share the experience of *Bible Quest*.



Changes...

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

BAPTISMS

"I will be with you always, even until the end of the

Jason Edward Attwell
 Morgan Isabel Getliffe
 Robyn Elizabeth Swartman

Next Baptism: September 24, 2000

MARRIAGES

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

May 6 Mary Anne Clarke Brown, Elmer Gordon Butt
 May 12 Kimberly Sharon Crowther, James Ronald Alexander
 June 3 Nieve Madeleine DaCosta, William James Roy Lomas
 June 10 Kimberley Ann Carter, John Derek Schiffer
 August 5 Linda Marie Smith, Scott Michael Howe
 August 12 Joanne Elizabeth Richardson, David Terrence Bunt

DEATHS

"Well done good and faithful servant."

Warren Burgess Kitt May 9
 Ernest Wilbert Lyle Brinkman May 22
 Shirley Evelyn Peel July 7

GOODBYE & GODSPEED

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

Norma & John Wilkey

NEW MEMBERS

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



Received May 7, 2000

Back: Jim Pook, Bill Milton, Stewart Toll, Don Spencer
 Middle: Catherine Pook, Maureen Eyre, John Albert, Marion Spencer
 Front: Sadie Milton, Abigail Albert, Elsie Silcox

Next Reception of New Members, November 26, 2000

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS

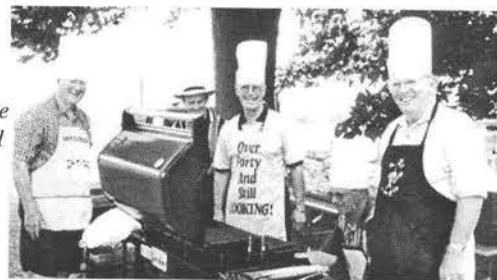
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Back: Sara Vis, Jessica Cavers,
 Natalie Cram, Dale Radoja
Middle: Eileen McCurdy,
 Heather Guthrie, Jason Attwell,
 Rebecca Wilson
Front: Mark Procnier
Not Pictured: Amanda Pereira



FSA Celebrates the
 75th Anniversary of the
 formation of the United
 Church of Canada, on
 June 10



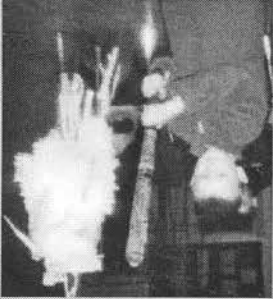
Jack McKay, Stan Hill,
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 Logan cook at
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 Frank and Joyce

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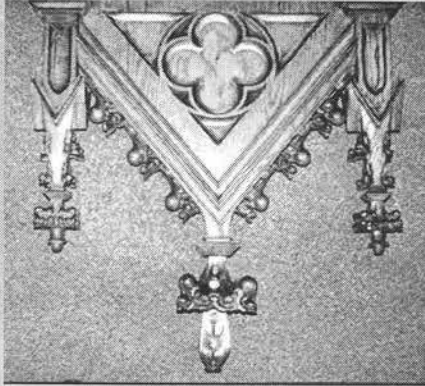
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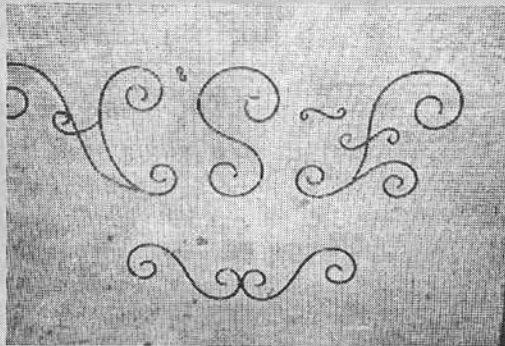
How
did
you
do?
?

Guess who's having fun now at
First-St. Andrew's United Church

From Last Issue - What is it? Where is it at FSA?
The top of one of the hymnbards in the sanctuary



Answer in next issue of Tidings



WHAT IS IT?
WHERE IS IT AT FSA?



New members are always welcome. Contact the UCW president, Laurel Kenney (439-9300) for more details.

- ⇨ the first Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church ParLOUR
- ⇨ the second Wednesday, at 9:30 a.m. at 1 Grosvenor Gate
- ⇨ the third Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church ParLOUR

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



UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

- ⇨ November 28 - Armchair tour with Albert and Lorna Kill
- ⇨ October 24 - 2001 Games - London's plans

5668). Guests and new members are always welcome. Interested? Phone June & Jack McKay (471-



9:00 p.m.) Come and enjoy good food, war
fellowship and varied programme
October 24 (6:30

BIFOCALS

the weekly announcements for upcoming events.
If so, it sounds like Circle of Friends is the group for you! Watch recreational activities and in particular, do you enjoy festive meals? Do you enjoy variety in creative energies? Do you enjoy variety in evening, or perhaps find an outlet for your atmosphere? Do you need to unwind on a Friday Do you enjoy an informal, fun-loving



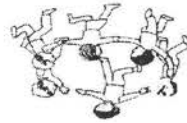
CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Have fun and make new friends. Arrange games to fit your calendar. For more information call Nancy and Jim Hutchinson (471-4267)



BRIDGE GROUP

An informal group for parents and preschoolers offering networking and support. Tuesday mornings, 10:00-11:30. Contact Sandra Dwyer (691-1853)



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FRIENDSHIP & LEARNING GROUPS

contributions are also welcome. Thank you for helping others!

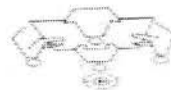


FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS

Please keep in mind the Community Outreach Committee's food collection for St. Paul's DAILY BREAD food bank. Baskets are provided at the entrances to the chapel and sanctuary, and a bin is located beneath the mailboxes in the Access Lobby to collect food every Sunday. Baby food is also a special need and may be left at any time. Financial

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 (657-3000). Please feel free to contact the Ministerial staff for further details, or speak to any of the counsellors directly.

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 cooperation with Robinson Memorial and Colborne Street United Churches, sharing facilitators, resources and space. If you know someone who would benefit from such a programme, please contact Heather Bedford (679-8182) or Mary Vernon (657-7568).

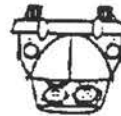
DIAL-A-PRAYER (439-6838)

For a moment of meditation in a busy or a quiet day, please call our Dial-A-Prayer. Coordinators: Donna Ellis (782-7084) and Deanne Pederson (432-1583)



RIDES TO AND FROM CHURCH

If you need a ride or know of anyone in need of transportation, please call Louise Slater (642-7949) who will arrange the ride.



ADULT CONFIRMATION

Open to all adults wanting to explore the essentials of faith, and what it means to be a member of a community of faith. You are invited to come for a refresher, or to prepare for confirmation or reaffirmation of faith. Please call the church office (679-8182) if this interests you.

NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

On **November 26**, at the 11 AM service, we will have new members joining us through confirmation, by transfer and by reaffirmation of their faith. Prior to this, there will be New Members Evening on **Thursday November 23**.



Come for supper and a tour of the church followed by an orientation evening. Child Care available. If you would like to become a member of First-St. Andrew's, please call the church office (679-8182) and one of our staff will be happy to contact you.

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 cooperation with Westminster College to offer classes throughout the year. For more information call the church office (679-8182) or speak to one of the ministers.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

A Baptismal preparation session is held on the Thursday evening prior to every Baptism, to further prepare the parents who are bringing their children for Baptism. We explore the meaning of Baptism, and prepare for the Sunday service. The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated **September 24**, and Baptismal Preparation will be at 7:30 p.m. on **September 21**. Call the church office as soon as possible if interested. (679-8182)



VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

The Volunteer Management Committee encourages each of us to discover, develop and offer our gifts and talents, and to match our gifts with the volunteer needs of our church. We are all a part of doing God's work with the gifts we have been given. Our current computer file will be deleted this fall to rebuild an accurate file during the stewardship campaign.

Co-chairs: Barb Williamson (435-0777) Muriel Parsons (434-6574)

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Every Sunday, following our 9:15 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.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community Outreach is involved in...Hospitality Meals, preparing baby layettes, organizing food collection for the youth action centre and Sr. Paul's Daily Bread, actively supporting the ELUCOC in special projects, working with Sr. Marys United Church in support of the Canadian Food Grains Bank, and occupying a chair on their board, sending two members to the LIFT Council meetings, and more...

HOSPITALITY MEAL

This program runs **September 11 - April 30**, 5:30 p.m., to provide hospitality meals for about 100 persons. One hundred or more volunteers have been involved, many of them from other churches. Could you help out for a 4 month period?(Sept-Dec) or (Jan - Apr) Contact Joanne Girvan (637-2211) or the church office (679-8182).

BENEVOLENT FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

Community Outreach 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. Our need for these funds is increasing. Help us to be helpful to others in need.

CRADLE ROLL

A kit called *Growing in God's Love* is sent to families with a new baby to help celebrate important events to age 3. Since the last tidings we have greeted Morgan Gelliffe and Robyn Swartman.

Coordinator: Nancy Stanlick (451-9491)

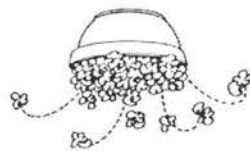
SECRET PALS

Children in grades 3 to 6 are matched up with volunteer adults in the congregation to write to each other under assumed secret identities throughout the year. In the spring there is an unmasking event for secret pals to meet each other.

Coordinator: Nancy Howard (289-0540)

POP 'N' POPCORN

Girls and boys in grades 5 & 6 are invited to events on Friday evenings about once a month just for fun and friendship.



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

TEENS IN TRANSIT (TNT)

For young people in grades 7 and 8. This group meets on Sunday mornings at 11 am in the Upper Room.



YOUTH GROUP

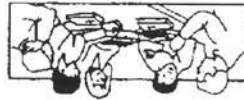
For young people in grade 7 to O.A.C. This group meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Upper Room to eat, learn and discuss, plan events, and have fun. Fall start-up will be on Sunday, **September 10th**.



TEEN CONFIRMATION CLASS

Leader: Lionel Morise (438-8109)

For young people in grade 9 to O.A.C. This class, which meets throughout the year, prepares young people for church membership. We will begin this fall on Sunday, **Oct. 15th**, with the presentation of Bibles during the 11 am service, and a lunch after worship to look at the year's activities. Confirmation will take place in the spring of 2001. Register by calling the church (679-8182).



ADULT DEVELOPMENT

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

This group meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am upstairs in the Music Room.

Leader: Dr. Jo Ann Silcox (642-2152)

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Begins **Sept. 14th** at 10 am in the Parlour. We will be using the *Whole People of God* adult study material.

Leader: Susan Shelstad (679-8182)

"MYSTERY AND SPIRITUALITY" SERIES

with Dr. Jim Schmeiser of King's College

Tuesday evenings in **October (3rd to 24th)** at 7:30 pm. Jim is an engaging and very knowledgeable speaker. These evenings are always very popular. Cost is \$25.00 for the series. To register, call the church (679-8182).

DREAM GROUP

Come and discover the amazing world of your dreams. We meet usually on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Parlour. (Note: In September we will meet on Fri. **Sept. 22nd**). For more information, contact Anne Cunningham (433-9663).

DRUMMING CIRCLE

No experience necessary! Just come and experience the joy and the release of drumming together. We have plenty of drums to share. We meet on the second Friday of each month, beginning Friday, **September 8th** at 7 pm in the Parlour.

LIBRARY (next to the Chapel)

Our church library contains many wonderful things — good books for all ages, videos, and periodicals — all for your use. Come in and check us out! New material arriving all the time.

CD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Donations to this fund are used to help children and young people attend programs and events such as youth retreats, camp, and Conference events. Your help is appreciated.

PASTORAL CARE

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

CONGREGATIONAL VISITING TEAM

Our Congregational Visiting Team is a group of dedicated members of FSA who offer ongoing friendship and support to the "shut-in" population through regular visits during the year. Presently we have 27 men and women who visit. If you know of a "shut-in" who is not being visited or if you feel you could offer this type of support to our "shut-ins", please call Heather Bedford (679-8182)



PRAYER CHAIN

Need prayers for yourself or others? Call Pat at the church office (679-8182) and the name or concern will be passed through the prayer chain. First names only will be used unless permission is granted to use their full name. Confidentiality will be respected.

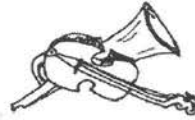
HEALING PRAYER TEAM

Members of our team are prepared to come and pray with you in your home or hospital room. Two people will be sent in response to your call. Phone the church office (679-8182) and someone will get back to you.

A new preschool music program will be offered for children ages 3 to 5 years by registered Kindermusik Teacher Enid Merritt. This program will offer rhythms, dance and nature appreciation Wednesday mornings (time to be announced) in the Autumn.

MUSIC GARTEN

participate in some way. 8234 or 679-9173) if you play an instrument and might wish to



The Ministry of Music seeks to use instrumentalists to enhance the important role music has in our church life. Small ensembles and soloists provide occasional preludes to worship and accompaniments to hymns and anthems. Please contact Paul Merritt (679-8234 or 679-9173) if you play an instrument and might wish to participate in some way.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

the Church Office (679-8182). 4586 or 461-1202) for further information or leave your name at



LAUDAMUS BELLS

The Laudamus Bells, now in its 30th year of offering praise at First-St. Andrew's, is reaching out for new members in readiness for the fall season. Men and women who read music and can commit to a weekly practice from September through May are invited to join our friendly, enthusiastic group, and let Barbara know of others in the community who may be interested. Please call Barbara Plante, Director (472-4586 or 461-1202) for further information or leave your name at

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

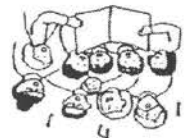
Our new Children's Choir got off to a great start last year with many exciting events such as the *Zerrubabel* musical, the daffodil planting and the children's music recital. If your child is six years old or up, bring them to our first rehearsal on Wednesday, Sept. 20, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. We're sure they'll enjoy themselves and will want to return to share their musical gifts with the congregation throughout the year.

THE YOUTH CHOIR

Open to all Teens, the Youth Choir sings during worship throughout the year and often prepares a Musical as well. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. As the choir is an integral part of the Youth Program, see Sunday Morning Youth Group in the YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY section for more details. Please contact Paul Merritt (679-8234 or 679-9173).

THE SENIOR CHOIR

Come sing with us!



THE CHOIRS

The Music Ministry puts faith into action as it serves the congregation, reaches out to the community, and develops a bond of love and spiritual growth among its participants. Consider the many opportunities to rejoice at First-St. Andrew's in 2000-2001.

MUSIC

There is also a nursery class at 11 am for children 3 & 4 years old in the classroom across the hall from the infant nursery, next to the washroom on the main floor.

Coordinator: Judy Cull

A nursery is available at both services for infants to two years. The nursery room is next door to the Chapel on the main floor.

NURSERY

Church School Coordinator: Kevin Johnston (672-5664) children, 3 & 4 year olds go immediately to their classrooms.)

This fall we are beginning a new curriculum called *Bible Quest*, based on the Bible stories. For the fall term the children will be looking at the stories of Creation, the Burning Bush, David, and the Peaceable Kingdom. We will begin our new season on Sunday, September 10th. Children in kindergarten to grade 6 move to their church school class after the children's story in church. (Nursery

CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:15 AND 11 AM



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Through the generous support of *Friends of Music*, First-St. Andrew's sponsors an excellent Concert Series which presents a wide variety of musical programs including organ recitals, vocal concerts, choral/orchestral concerts and instrumental recitals, as a musical outreach to the community. Highlights of the upcoming season include a recital by the young Canadian tenor, John Tessier (our former tenor soloist!), an all-Bach program by renowned American organist James Kibbie, and a chamber music recital in aid of Jesse's Journey. For information on these and our other concerts, please see our 2000-2001 brochure.

CONCERT SERIES



First-St. Andrew's Ministry
 All of the people including
 The Rev. Dr. Susan Shelstad
 Heather Bedford
 Paul Merritt
 Ted Kosteck
 Kevin Johnston
 Diane Macpherson
 Jim Gagnon
 Pat Sole

New This Fall!
 Beginning on Worldwide Communion Sunday we will be offering, in addition to the communion stations, two healing prayer stations. Members of our Healing Prayer Team will be at kneelers nearby to pray with anyone who would like to receive a prayer for healing.

Oct. 8 The seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Thanksgiving Sunday
 9:15 and 11 am
 Preacher – Susan Shelstad

Oct. 15 The eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Mission and Service Sunday
 9:15 and 11 am
 Guest Preacher - Barbara Planie



Oct. 1 The sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Worldwide Communion Sunday
 9:15 and 11 am
 Preacher – Susan Shelstad

Sept. 24 The fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 9:15 and 11 am
 Preacher – Susan Shelstad

Sept. 17 The fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 9:15 and 11 am
 Preacher – Susan Shelstad

Sept. 10 The thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Recovenanting Sunday
 9:15 and 11 am
 Preacher – Susan Shelstad

Sept. 3 The twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
 10:30 am in the Lower Hall
 Labour Day Sunday
 Preacher – Susan Shelstad

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 You will also find updated material each week on our website at
 information about our services (24 hours a day) call 679-8182.
 Wednesday evenings at 7:45 pm in the Sanctuary. For up to date
 am in the main Sanctuary. Contemplative worship services are on
 Our regular times of worship are 9:15 am in the Chapel and 11
 Come and worship at First-St. Andrew's as we celebrate God's
 presence with us.

WORSHIP



Peggy Williams and Phyllis Egerton at the reception following the Maytime Communion Service - May 17, 2000

Morning Prayer in the Chapel
 Each morning at 9:10 to 9:30 am, Tuesday to Friday, beginning Sept. 12, we gather in the Chapel for a time of prayer and worship as we begin a new day. If you are in or around the church for meetings or errands, why not join the staff in common prayer?

This is a time to restore your soul and rest in God. casual.

This fall our alternative worship is taking the form of a contemplative service on **Wednesday evenings at 7:45 pm** in the Sanctuary, beginning **Sept. 20**. The service includes a time of singing together, stretching, drumming, scripture, silence, and spoken prayer. On the first Wednesday of each month we will also have a time of healing prayer. Dress is casual.



Contemplative Worship Services

Oct. 22 The nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Access Sunday
 9:15 and 11 am
 Preachers – Susan Shelstad & Karen Blachford

Oct. 29 The twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
 Music Awareness Sunday
 9:15 and 11 am
 Preacher – Susan Shelstad

Nov. 5 The twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
 Remembrance Sunday
 9:15 and 11 am
 Preacher – Susan Shelstad

Nov. 12 The twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
 Stewardship Sunday
 9:15 and 11 am
 Preacher – Susan Shelstad

Nov. 19 The twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
 168th Anniversary Sunday
 9:15 and 11 am
 Guest Preachers -
 The Rev. Peter Wyatt and the Rev. Joan Wyatt

Nov. 26 The last Sunday after Pentecost
 The Reign of Christ
 Reception of New Members
 9:15 and 11 am
 Preacher – Susan Shelstad



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CHURCH FAMILY EVENTS

- Nostalgic Theatre is Back! - \$8
- Songs and skits
- Friday November 3, 7:30 pm
- Proceeds to UCW projects

Lunch after church
Lower Hall Sunday November 26

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Paul *Summer* *Joe* *Shelstad*

...all is well, safely rest, God is nigh"

Dear Friends

"Day is done, gone the sun, from the hills from the lakes, from the hills from the skies....."

Summer is coming to an end. Children's camps will be closing and summer cottages will be lovingly given the preparation needed for another winter. September brings new beginnings - a new school year, new activities, new friends. It's like that around First-St. Andrew's right now. We have Susan Shelstad as Acting Minister of Worship and Administration while the search is on for a new minister. Kevin Johnston is a new candidate for Ordination as well as introducing a new Church school curriculum. Paul Merritt is preparing new music and hymns for our pleasure and inspiration. Heather Bedford is thinking of new ways to bring health issues to the congregation. Pat Ted Kosiecki is looking at new approaches to make our church more visible and welcoming. Pat Sole is searching for new clip art for the bulletin. Diane Macpherson is adjusting to her new office one floor up. Jim Gagnon is perfecting new ways of keeping our beautiful church clean.

For all of you, all of us hope you are looking at some new beginnings, whether it is a course you take for work or pleasure, a new hobby or maybe even new additions to your family. It is an exciting time of the year. Make the most of every day and be glad you can be a part of this world we share. Oh, yes, we can look forward to the beginning of the end of allergy season with the first frost.



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