

# Tidings

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## OUR EMILY WOODS

By John McKim

Emily was the oldest of four children born into Scottish-Irish, strongly protestant family in the village of Varney. Her early years on the family century farm gave her a life-long attachment to the land and the ability to enjoy solitude. The family moved to Fergus where she attended both public and high school. She recalls those formative years as growing up in a perfect community. No doubt her happy memories were enhanced by meeting her future husband Murray.

In the nature versus nurture issue, Emily was endowed with the best of both. All of her father's generation went on to higher education. Each one on completing his or her professional program would help the younger ones to pay for education. Emily's father was a super-organized workaholic. Her mother was energetic, very quick and active. We all marvel at Emily's energy and organization and thank her parents for her being the person we admire so much.

From her earliest years, Emily was driven to teach. As soon as she was confirmed, she began to teach Sunday School. After attending Stratford Normal School, she taught in country schools at Mount Forest, Stewartown, and Belwood where the teacher's career rose or fell not on reading and math but on the Christmas Concert. While Emily was teaching, Murray was attending O.A.C., Guelph, where he graduated in Agriculture Science 1956.

They lived in Lindsay, Kettleby and Aurora. With these many moves one unbroken stable force held Emily and that was the United Church. With every move she joined a new United Church and plunged into whatever job was needed - C.G.I.T., Sunday School, U.C.W., you-name-it. At the same time, she was teaching school or alternating caring for her family but most of the time, doing both plus church work. Finally in 1974 the minister suggested that she combine teaching and her religious commitment and she accepted her first church job for pay at Aurora United Church. Since

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then, Christian Education has been her mission.

It is surprising to realize that Emily is a slow-learner. Not in ability, but in time. She achieved her University Education the hard way through part-time studies at York & King's extending over 15 years, graduating in 1985 with a B.A. focused on Religious Studies.

The Woods have three adult children and six grandchildren. Emily knows the joys of family life and also the sorrow and heartache of having a profoundly handicapped grandchild. Her deep faith has helped carry her through the dark side of life's journey. She expresses an incredible gratitude to the ministers, leaders, teachers and friends of the church who have guided and nurtured her. Out of this gratitude, Emily's goal is to share with others her belief in God and to help others in their spiritual growth.

Emily's special commitment to Christians in general and to First-St. Andrew's members in particular is toward Christian Development. She believes strongly that Christian Development is fundamental for all life, strength and growth of the congregation. "It is how God works through people. It gives a vision of peace and justice and care of the earth". She believes that Christian Development must involve all ages; adults teaching children and children teaching adults. She is convinced that "the stronger our Christian Development programs and the more people who participate, the stronger our faith and the stronger our church".

For Emily Woods herself, a driving force is personal growth through readings and discussion. She longs to share her faith and beliefs with us and to encourage all to make spiritual growth a life-long pursuit.

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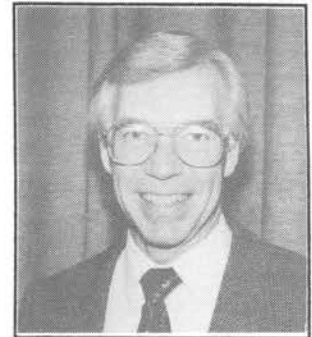
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## COUNCIL BUSY, SUCCESSFUL IN FIRST HALF OF 1993

By Doug McGregor, Chair of Council

The new Council of First-St. Andrew's met three times in the spring: March, May and June. The feeling is that the new structure improves communication and decision making. The council learned to refer to the document *Statement of Policy and Procedures*. Two years of hard work, care and thought went into this document, and it is now proving to be of great assistance.



The meeting agendas were very full. A number of matters are still being resolved: visitation, advertising and 1994 finances. Two important areas are nominations (finding the right people for the tasks that need doing) and volunteer management (encouraging and caring for those who contribute time and talent).

The Council was delighted to welcome Marion Jackson Tyler, and looks forward to her contribution. We also look forward to information that will be provided to the congregation by the Stewardship Committee in the coming weeks. The fall meetings will be busy and challenging, and we encourage your ideas and input as we move forward.

## SHARING GRACES

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

Oh the Lord is good to me,  
and so I thank the Lord  
for giving me the things I need,  
the sun and the rain and the appleseed,  
The Lord is good to me.  
Johnny Appleseed. (clap once) Amen.

- a singing grace often used at camp.

# Info-Line

## FSA welcomes Marion to Staff Team

You'll want to meet (or welcome back) Marion Jackson Tyler who joined Emily as Directors of Christian Development for FSA on August 15. (Each works half time) We are the luckiest of people to have this team supporting us. Welcome back, Marion!

## Coming

- \* U.C.W. Rummage Sale  
Saturday, October 16 9 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- \* Holly Bazaar  
Saturday, November 6 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Can you help?  
If so, call Debbie Schram, convenor, at 434-8189.

## Phantom Tea

Proceeds are more than \$1,550.00.  
Thank you to all who supported the U.C.W. projects in this way.

## Bifocals

Begins a new season on Tuesday, October 26.  
Come and enjoy good food, warm fellowship and varied programs.  
Interested? Phone Herb or Margaret Wonfor at 645-1884.

## Friendship Visitors Needed

Several neighbourhood districts of 6 FSA families each want a person from the church to visit them one or more times during the year. Would you consider serving the church this way? For more information or to volunteer call Bob Vosper (434-0346) or Catherine Moore (679-8182).

## Thanks Larry & Friends

Larry Kinch and his assistants created a full-size replica of the proposed door leading from the sanctuary to the new access facilities - entrance, elevator and washrooms.

## Rudy Eberhard Banner Dedicated

A beautiful banner, designed by Jane Eberhard and based on her father's favourite hymn, This Is My Father's World, was presented to FSA by Helen and her family, Jane, Peggy, Stuart and John. It was dedicated May 16 by the Revs. Frank Meadows and Catherine Moore in memory of Rudy Eberhard - a great supporter of the people of FSA and warmly remembered by so many.

## Nursery Care Provision for 9:15 Service?

Do you have children younger than 4? Do you sometimes find Sunday morning too long for them? Would you attend the 9:15 Service at FSA if a sitter were provided for the children? If your answer is yes to all of these questions, let us know. Call Marion Mackie (858-1373) or Elspeth Watson (471-6049). If there is sufficient response, we will arrange for a sitter for a trial period, then take it from there.

## Consider Joining the Team

For FSA families who have been unable to pick up their Tidings envelopes in the Narthex, a hand-delivery team, coordinated by Alton Ross and Claire Galbraith, brings it to your door. A big thank you to Barb & Glen Bain, Norm Bales, Cora Mae & Gib Cole, Jean Comfort, Claire Galbraith, Larry Kinch, Al & Grace MacIntosh, Fred & Louise McLarty, Howard Moffatt, Marnie Parsons, Alton Ross, Bob Slater, Bob & Jessie Vosper and Glenn & Lois Wheeler.

Would you consider joining the team? During the year, four deliveries are scheduled with about 25 homes per route. Please offer your help to Alton (641-6215) or Claire (471-0087)

## Communication with FSA is Easy!

During office hours (9-5, Monday to Friday) call 679-8182. After hours if you wish to leave a message the answering machine will accept it. Our fax machine can receive your written copy at 439-6838. To reach someone in the building after office hours, call 679-8234.

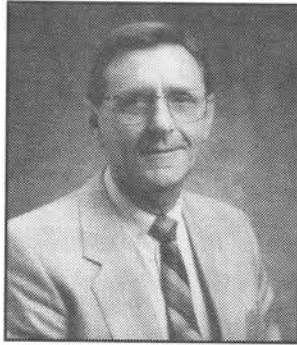
## Miss Sunday's Service?

During the week, drop into the church. On the pulpit floor is a box marked OUT and it contains tapes of last Sunday's service. Please return your borrowed tape to the IN box as soon as possible.

## ACCESS RESCHEDULED TO 1994

By Russ Gonder

In June, the construction of the Access Project was postponed. During the summer, the Access Design and Finance Committees reviewed the project, to gain a perspective on what has happened, and to consider the next steps. Plans are being made with a construction starting target date in the spring of 1994.



### 1993 Construction Deferred

Approval had been given to start construction in 1993, at a cost of approximately \$600,000, pending the success of fund-raising efforts. Although the fund-raising was successful, the bids, when opened on June 18th, indicated that the project costs had grown by 50 per cent to almost \$900,000. A review indicated that the project costs could be reduced to about \$800,000 without seriously impairing the design. Even this was far beyond what had been approved by the congregation. Due to the lack of time to deal with the situation, the project was deferred.

### What Happened?

The immediate and obvious question was: "How could this have happened?" The answer starts with the decision, at the Congregational Meeting on Feb. 1st, to proceed with construction this year, instead of 1994, if funding could be provided.

Fund raising was successful and provided the thrust for a '93 construction program. However, the time was short and the development of the final design was more complex than anticipated. As a consequence, cost reviews were not undertaken prior to going to tender. While the result was a great disappointment, we do have a measure of costs which are more accurate than that which could have been obtained by any other means.

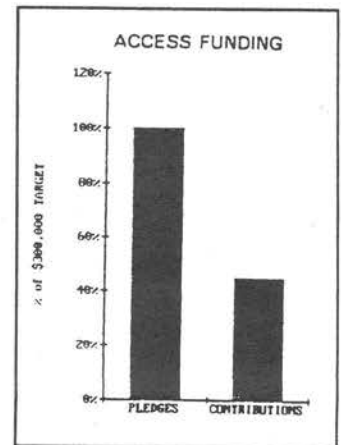
The tenders were reviewed to find out why costs had risen so much:

- \* the initial estimate, prepared by a professional estimator, was based on standard costing factors to provide comparative costs of options studied
- \* the estimate did not reflect the more complex situations revealed at later stages of design. For example, fire safety requirements were much more demanding than anticipated
- \* the estimate was not up-dated because of time constraints.

To further compound the situation, it became obvious as the design developed that some repairs and changes to the existing buildings should be made while construction was being done. Changes to the lower hall, to the lower level of the East Wing, and to plumbing and heating were included. In fact, improvements were included as far out as the foundations of Farquhar House. All of these changes were reviewed at meetings with the Access Committee, Council, and staff, and each was thought to be right, and to add value to the property. The full impact of all these decisions was not assessed, given the enthusiasm to commence construction in '93.

### The Situation Today

We now have a complete set of drawings which capably address our needs and a very complex building configuration. We have a good knowledge of costs. And we have a good funding base from which to work. The original target to raise \$300,000. has been met. Nearly 50 per cent of this has been contributed. A great deal has been accomplished.



The proposed 1994 construction schedule will allow time for an open discussion of options for all interested members of the congregation.

### Communications Are Vital to A Decision

Some members of the congregation have pointed out the difficulty of having full discussion of the plans in a formal Congregational Meeting. It is particularly difficult to raise issues or to disagree with proposals - this can be seen as being negative. It is very important for everyone to understand the proposals, and it is just as important for everyone to share opinions and ideas with the Access Committees, whatever these are.

In order that everyone can contribute to making the right decision, **two Information/Discussion sessions have been planned for Wednesday, October 13: at 10:00 a.m. at 7:30 p.m.** The purpose of these is to communicate both ways - the committee will outline a proposal for the project and its financing, and will seek and listen to all input. If you are interested, particularly if you have concerns or opinions, please plan on attending one of these meetings.

If you are unable to attend, or if you prefer not to present your ideas or concerns personally, the Chair of Council, Doug McGregor, invites you to write to him. He will do

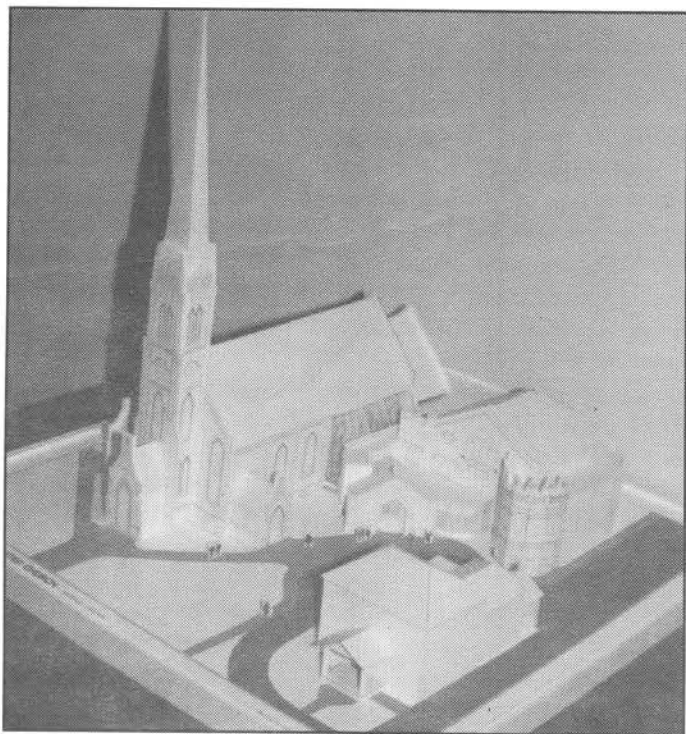
everything possible to ensure that your input is shared and is considered by the Access Committees.

As well, Russ Gonder, Chair of Access Design Committee, or Rick Ashall, Chair of Access Finance Committee, will welcome your inquiries and comments.

## The Plan

In the interest of securing good competitive prices and completing the work during the less active summer period, a contractor should be selected and a program approved at the Annual Meeting in January 1994. To permit that, the architect must have directions for the project by mid-November. To achieve this, a Congregational Meeting is being proposed for Sunday, November 14, 7:30

p.m.. Between now and the end of November, an active program of information sharing and consultation will undertaken to develop a plan. The Access Committees ask you to become involved, communicate and help in this project which is so important to First-St. Andrew's.



*Proposed Access Project*

## OVERHEARD . . .

**Catherine:** Herb, isn't it unfortunate that more people haven't responded to our 'Care Ring' idea? I wonder why?

**Herb:** *My guess is that our senior members want to be independent for as long as possible.*

**Catherine:** And yet, it seems to me that the Care Ring, as we've conceived it, is meant to prolong independence for Seniors, for as long as possible.

**Herb:** *But you know, people have said to me that they don't want someone phoning them all the time. It's an invasion of privacy.*

**Catherine:** But if giving up some privacy means prolonging independence, wouldn't it be worth a try? After all, folks can negotiate the terms of their daily contact. It could be one minute or 15 or 30 minutes - whatever folks agree on.

**Herb:** *That's true. You know, I've seen a lot of changes in my lifetime - more people living on their own and families living further apart.*

**Catherine:** You would think then, that it would be really comforting for family members in Vancouver, Toronto, even out of the country, to know there can be daily contact from the church community, and even back-up if necessary, people who are prepared to go to someone's home to make sure everything's okay, and contact them if it isn't.

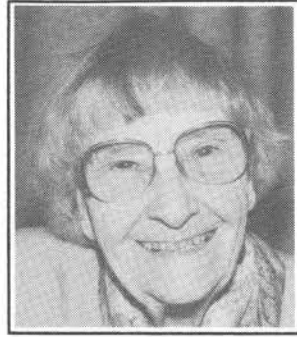
**Herb:** *Yes, the Care Ring makes a lot of sense.*

**Ed.:** Contact the Rev. Catherine Moore or the Rev. Herb Wonfor through the Church office (679-8182) if you or someone you know would like to be part of the Care Ring. See the First-St. Andrew's Fall 1993 Program Guide provided to each family for more information. Additional copies are available in the Narthex and at the Chapel entrance.

# ECHOES:

By Louise Wyatt

A bite-sized, one per issue investigative pastime of biblical references currently encountered.

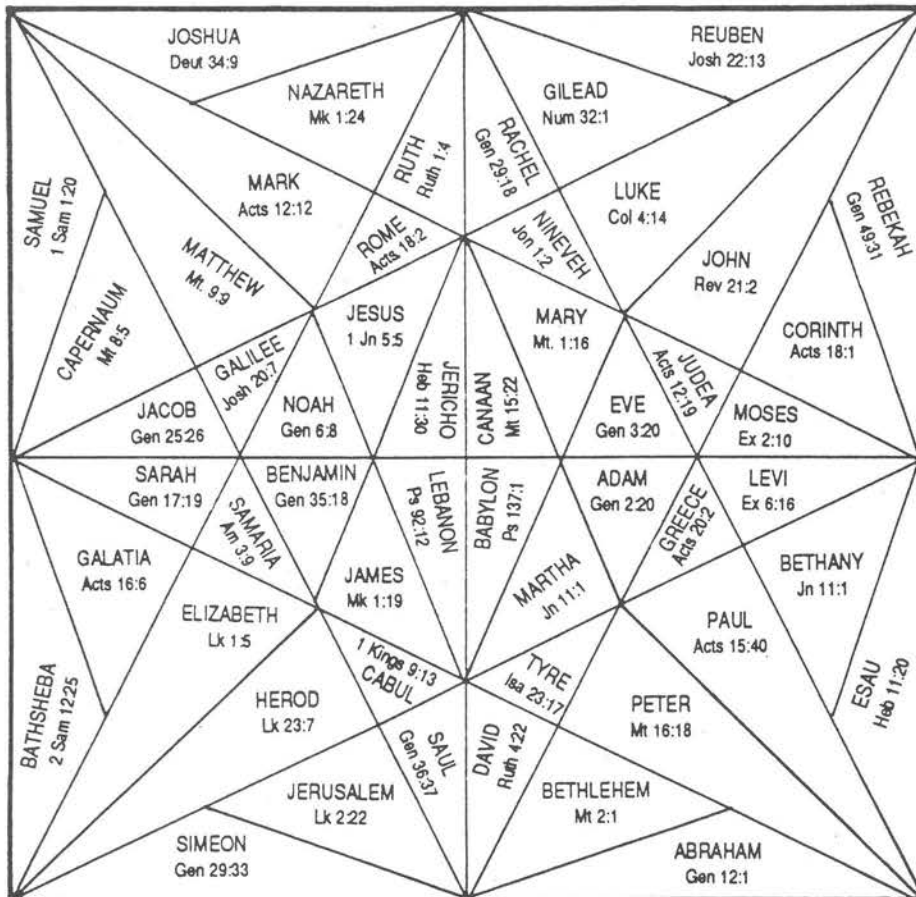


"Divide the desolation". It vibrates for us midway in the novel's first brief paragraph. Fiction? Not scripture? Are you sure? One of those intertwinings which constitute Echoes. I won't even pretend to ask you. Here you may leave my trail. The hard part is to find the divide and the desolation in combination.

(The kingdom/house divided which falls into ruinous collapse from its divisiveness "cannot stand" is a repeated cluster in the gospels. Check Matthew 12:25, Mark 3:24-35 and Luke 11:17-18. Lincoln used it as keynote in 1859. Abomination is associated with it in Daniel.)

Fascinating to see where the division and the desolation combined biblically and stylistically the words:

New English Bible - the reference in Matthew



My mother's 1892 authorized edition - Luke excerpt

Her Moulton's Modern Reader's Bible 1895 - excerpts from both the Matthew and Luke references

The Doubai 1945 new Catholic translation by Fr. Roland Knox from the Vulgate - here the Luke excerpt returns to the word desolation

These all come from periods of new translation and study and reinterpretation, in my mother's case the movement called A Higher Criticism. No wonder I was sure the Brontë expression was biblical. What is the title of this novel?

\* \* \*

How did you get along with the summer double-header challenge? The hymn Churchill loved is number 283 "Who would true valour see", written by John Bunyan and sung to the tune Monks Gate.

The author of Sacred Hunger, Barry Unsworth, built his book around two hungers - both claiming to be basic and presumably blessed. One is the element of secular enterprise - successful in entrepreneurial endeavour. The other is the yearning for brotherhood, fellowship, co-operative living among all human beings. Each hunger is embodied in a main character.

Color spaces with names of places in the Bible — Red  
 Color spaces with names of people first appearing in the Old Testament — Blue  
 Color spaces with names of people in the New Testament — Yellow



## ENVIRONMENT TIP

from the Earth Stewardship Committee

Think twice before throwing away items that no longer work properly or that are worn. Will repairing or refinishing them make more environmental sense than replacing them? If you cannot find another way to use items yourself, then pass them on to others who would welcome using them. (e.g. UCW Rummage Sale, Goodwill, Salvation Army Thrift Store).



David Hallman discusses environmental concerns with Anne de Weerd and Phyllis Barnes following his message God's Action, Our Response at our annual Earth Stewardship Service of Worship, June 6th.

## SOON IN THE OCTOBER OBSERVER:

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** How often do we use food for something other than to nourish our bodies? As Christians, how do we resolve the tension between plenty and poverty, between joyous celebration and guilt? October, the month of the Thanksgiving feast, is an ideal time to reflect upon the meaning of food, beliefs and attitudes that sit down to dine with us.

**FAMILY TIES:** When separation or divorce happens, the children need to know that we do not divorce them. Love is a fundamental need and when children feel rejected they do not flourish; they do not grow into secure and loving adults. A divorced father tells his painful story with the hope that other divorced parents will resurrect or maintain a relationship with their children.

**WHEN GOD CALLS:** How does God call us to ministry through the density of our everyday lives? How receptive is our hearing and how willing are we to change our plans, our place of residence, our lifestyle? The National Faith and Theology Committee is studying the Theology of Call and what it means within the United Church.

# 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."*

Tyler Andrew Cull  
Shawn Patrick Dixon  
Jacob Derek Fuller  
Paul Alan Galbraith  
Kristen Elizabeth Haisman  
Charlotte Adelaide MacDonald  
Lauren Isabel McCrimmon  
Lisa Melnychyn  
Kaitlin Norman  
Adrienne Cara-Lea Sadler  
Paul David Scott  
Mark Andrew Smith

*Next Baptism: October 17*

## Deaths

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

Norman Albert Bale	August 6
Cora Mae Cole	June 27
Murray Wylie Fysh	August 12
Edna Orillia Hoegy	July 26
Lillian McFadden	August 22
Donald Gordon McLeod	August 26
Jana Lyn Elise Oldham	August 15
Chester Langford Philip	April 29
Charles James Underell	May 10

## Marriages

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

May 15	Kelly Renee Wilson William Frank Bollman
May 29	Jennifer Ann Johnston David Erol Aksoy
June 5	Kimberley Anne Hall Todd Allen Vickery

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## Marriages...Continued

June 12	Laura Jane Alton Thomas Franz Dueck
June 26	Deborah Lynn Dewbury Matthew Bradley Barrett
July 3	Ellen Margaret Pinchin Patrick Norman Breen
July 10	Shelley Gayle McLeod Glenn Allan Martin
August 21	Jillian Margaret Davidson Grant William McCosh



## Received May 16:

Back: Deborah Dewbury, Bill Shepard\*, Marian Henderson\*, Don Beck  
 3rd row: Lisa Melnychyn\*, Lionel Morise\*, Velma Beck  
 2nd row: Rose-Ann Petracca\*, Cathy Schaefer\*, Jane Ebbs, Peter Welch  
 Front Row: Corey Ebbs, Shelley McLeod, Sandra Jones (Visitor)  
 Absent: Pamela Commodore, Meredith & Richard Crouch, Bev & Jack Fowler, Lorna & Ray Getliffe, Jim Long, Norma Reeves

\* received by Confirmation

## New Members

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



## Youth Confirmation Class - Confirmed May 30:

Left to Right: Mike Davey, Julie Stieglitz, Ann Denny, Christina Lindsay, Kimberley Harris, Julie Girvan, Carrie McMillan, Kaitlin Norman, Robert Wheable, Kristan Harris, Elspeth Evans, Kathy Ashall, Andrew Kilpatrick



## Adult Confirmation Class - Confirmed May 30

Back: Lionel Morise, Paul Mifsud, Bill Shepard, Mark Smith  
 Middle: Lisa Melnychyn, Marian Henderson, Cathy Schaefer, Cara-Lea Sadler, Shawn Dixon  
 Front: Marlene Craig, Rose-Ann Petracca  
 Absent: Sarah Bell

*Next Reception of New Members, Sunday, Nov. 21*