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THE PERGAU FAMILY

by Nancy Howard



Reach for the Top! That was the theme of the successful 2000 stewardship campaign co-chaired by Paul and Lesley Pergau. For them, though, it seems the slogan wasn't coined just for the campaign, it's how they live their lives, always putting forth their best effort, striving for improvement and making the difference.

Paul was born in the Lac St. Jean area of Quebec in a very small paper mill community. Later his family moved to another small community (Sutton) in the Eastern Townships of Quebec. His family was very church oriented and musical. In fact, they were, on occasion, the entire choir with Mom the organist and soprano, sister alto, Paul tenor and yes, Dad sang bass.

Paul attended Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick where he completed a B.Sc., double major in Physics and Mathematics. At that point in his life, he left behind his small community lifestyle, moving to London to work for London Life. It was there, on the tennis courts, that he met Lesley.

He then joined FSA and found it a very different experience to be part of a large church community and connected with Lesley's family, the Comforts, who were very high profile in the church. Now that would keep a young man on his toes!

Lesley is one of five children, the daughter of Maurice and Jean Comfort. She was born in London and raised at RR2 Thorndale. She walked to and attended a two-room schoolhouse until the regional school was built, after which she was bused at first to Leesboro and then to Dorchester for High School. She sang in school choirs and was very active in sports and student council.

Lesley grew up in the FSA community. She attended Sunday school, Mission Band, Explorers, and CGIT, sang in the junior choir and took piano lessons with Barrie Cabena.

She attended UWO and graduated with a B.Sc. in Mathematics. After graduating she worked at London Life where she met Paul.

At FSA in 1972, Alex Farquhar wed the couple. When their son, Daniel, was born in 1975, Lesley became a "home mom" for thirteen years. But that didn't stop her from getting out there and making the difference. During those years, she volunteered at the Children's

Museum, was treasurer of the board and kept the books for the Resource Centre. She also worked part-time for Weight Watchers and H & R Block over the years. At FSA, Lesley was very active in the young mothers UCW group. She speaks with excitement of the impact of this group for fellowship, spiritual growth and outreach.

Requiring an education fund when their daughter, Karen, decided to go away to school, Lesley returned to full-time work. She now works one day a week as a medical secretary to a Psychiatrist and four days a week at the Children's Hospital as a secretary support for Psychology and the coordinators of the children's care areas.

Many will fondly remember their children, Daniel and Karen, as very enthusiastic and active participants at FSA. They come by it honestly, with the role models of their parents and grandparents. They attended Sunday school, and were part of Gone Fishing, Teen Ringers, youth productions and retreats.

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Lesley and Paul Pergau, with children Daniel and Karen

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The Pergaus (continued)

Currently, Daniel resides in Ottawa and is employed by IBM, though perhaps we'll see a career change as clearly his passion is for flying. He plays in three handbell choirs, and is proud to follow in the tradition of a line of basses, singing in the Rideau Park Church choir. Whenever he is home for a visit, he delights FSA members with his expressive violin melodies.

Karen spent last summer tree planting in Northern British Columbia, and is currently completing her fourth year of Honours Animal Biology at the University of Guelph. She looks forward to beginning her career and doesn't want to miss an opportunity to travel.

Over the years, Paul and Lesley have been committed to many areas of the church. In addition to co-chairing the stewardship campaign of 2000, they have taught Sunday school together, helped with the Gone Fishing Program, and enjoyed the Mixed Pealers with Helen Inch. Paul was chair of the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Team for much of the '90's, served on the Music Committee, Tidings Team and was instrumental in helping to make the FSA Web Site what it is today. Lesley has served on the Finance, Marketing, Nominating, and Volunteer Management Committees.

FSA has known many dedicated volunteers throughout its history, but what sets Paul and Lesley apart is their attitude and approach. Humble by nature, it's definitely not recognition they seek, but they certainly don't allow an opportunity to make a difference pass them by. Life is a journey, and the quest for knowledge and spiritual growth is what drives this couple.

Lesley is currently a member of the Adult Ministry Team. Paul continues as the Web Master and is the new Chair of the Christian Development Committee. He is looking forward to working with

and having Susan back in her CD leadership role in 2002, and plans to "kick butt!" With a spirited sense of humour and contagious enthusiasm, he will inspire and motivate the team to explore new territory. In doing so, the committee hopes to excite the congregation, and raise the awareness of and participation in CD related activities, with a goal of spiritual growth at personal and congregational levels. FSA members will soon realize "CD is more than Coffee and Donuts!" Reach for the Top with Paul and Lesley Pergau, making the difference.



MISSION ED CAPSULE

United Church Television, and particularly the Spirit Connection program which reaches more than 100,000 viewers, is supported by the Mission and Service Fund.

Info-Line

MIDDLESEX PRESBYTERIAL ANNUAL MEETING

Speaker: The Rev. Dr. David McKane. Thursday, February 14, 2002, 9am, Riverside United. \$12.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Feb 10, after the 11am service. Catered lunch. Freewill offering.

PANCAKE SUPPER

Feb 12, 6pm in the Lower Hall. A freewill offering will be collected.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Will be held in mid-April. The date will be confirmed soon.

RECITAL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Sunday April 7. For information, call Nikki Attwell at 473-0760.

SPRING GROUNDS CLEANUP

The annual cleanup will take place on a Saturday in mid-April depending on the weather. Look in the weekly bulletin for more details.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

This musical will be produced at FSA March 20-23. Kerry Stover is producing, George Jollink is the artistic director. The choreographer is Laura Wood and Musical Director is Angela Southern. There is still a need for people to help with all aspects of production. Please call George for information at 673-5639.

UCW BUS TRIP

To Mary Maxim's and Five Oaks Centre. June 6. \$15. For information, call Louise Slater 642-7949

THEATRE TRIP

My Fair Lady. Tues., May 14. \$61 includes ticket and bus fare. Tickets at Coffee and Conversation or call Liz Mignotte, 435-0777 or Dennis Pellarin, 438-5462.

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GOD'S STEWARDS: THE KNOWLES

by Linda Badke



Jean and Bill Knowles have been members of First-St. Andrew's for over thirty years. They started worshipping at FSA in the late sixties when they lived in an apartment on Dufferin Street around the corner from the church. Jean grew up near Mount Brydges and belonged to Delaware United while Bill grew up in Toronto and was raised at Davenport Presbyterian Church and later Epworth United Church.

Jean and Bill describe themselves as having been socially conscious for a long time. Bill's sister became ill when he was in his twenties and he realized then that one cannot walk away from people in difficulty. They were both canvassers for the United Way at Canadian National, with Jean being CN's chair in The International Year of the Woman in 1975. During that time period they both became involved with what was referred to as the Women's Committee of Orchestra London.



Jean and Bill Knowles help at a Habitat for Humanity Housebuild

Bill took early retirement from CN in the early 1990s when downsizing and transfers were taking place. Soon after his retirement he began volunteering at St. Paul's Daily Bread where he is now on the board of directors representing the United Church. At about that time he joined the Social Action committee at FSA.

Through his involvement with Social Action he got involved with Grow A Row, the Canadian Food Grains growing project. Bill and David Knoppert have been FSA representatives on the Grow A Row project with our St. Marys' partners.

Jean's marketing department at CN was terminated Canada-wide a year and a half after Bill retired. Her retirement allowed her to get more heavily involved with volunteer activities. When she was asked to join the Social Action committee she quickly jumped at the chance and became involved as an honorary member of the Grow A Row committee. Jean was also invited to join Daily Bread by its coordinator and did so at the end of 1994. Her activities with the Volunteer Committee of Orchestra London have grown to include bingos, boutiques at concerts, being coordinator of the flea market for the yearly spring rummage sale and a member of the executive committee. Bill works at boutiques, the rummage sale and helps Jean with Christmas gift wrapping at Cherryhill Mall. In the fall of 2000, Jean went to a Habitat for Humanity meeting and ended up offering to join the Faith Relations committee.

Both Jean and Bill are grateful that they were able to work for one company for over 30 years. When working with clients at Daily Bread they quickly learned how lucky there were to have had secure jobs, something they see as a rarity in today's society. Bill and Jean watch the folks they deal with at Daily Bread struggle to understand why they have to lobby governments to get a fair break in order to continue their fight for survival in our society.

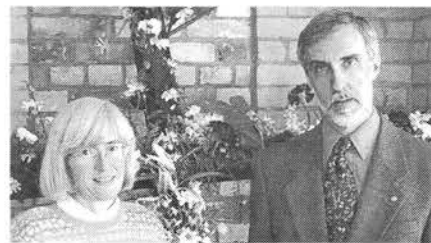
Most of their clients have the courage and conviction to fight in order to improve their lives. The Knowles stress that visiting a food bank is not a comfortable thing to do, and that they try to be kind and Christian in dealing with the people. They point out that their work with Christmas Share at Daily Bread is made easier by the kindness and generosity of our FSA congregation with its increased contributions on White Gift Sunday.

EARTH STEWARDSHIP

by Dave & Winifred Wake

Why are trees important to the environment? Most people think of trees as things of natural beauty, with their interesting shapes, changing foliage, and, in some cases, beautiful flowers. On hot summer days, trees are appreciated because they provide shade.

Of course trees are an essential part of the ecosystem. They provide nesting sites and food for many species of birds and mammals. Trees, however, serve another function - they take carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the air, convert it into plant material, and release oxygen into the air.



Industrialised societies are responsible for putting a great deal of CO₂ into the air. Industrial processes, thermal electric plants, and automobiles are major sources of CO₂

emissions. CO₂ is one of the gases that contributes to global warming.

Trees, especially in the first 60 to 100 years of their lives, store large amounts of CO₂. Planting forests cannot compensate for all of the carbon released in the normal functioning of our society, but each tree we plant helps to store carbon, thereby reducing the amount of CO₂ in the atmosphere.

Planting trees and working to protect forests are ways for us to be good stewards of God's earth. Start thinking about how you can help to plant a tree this spring!

COUNCIL MUSINGS

by Gertrude Bergey

Council is alive and well. Committees are functioning in all cases. Interesting and innovative ideas are appearing.

The Search Committee has now completed its work and can have a well-earned rest. We are grateful to them for finding Dr. and Mrs. McKane and convincing them to come to us. We are beginning another stage on our Church Life—and it looks rosy!

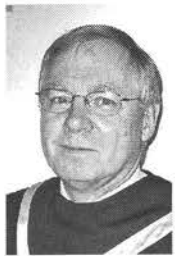
The Marketing Committee has enabled us to examine our procedures, concerns and goals. A whole new approach to many areas is presently under way. We are alive!

We congratulate everyone for the "warm fuzzy" feeling engendered by our Greeting Time before the regular services. All those big smiles, strong handshakes, and eyes shining "a welcome" make this church more truly God's House!

On a much less joyful note we wish to try to thank Elaine Wilton, Acting Chairperson and Editor of this publication. Elaine is stepping down after having made a very fine contribution. Thank you, Elaine.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

by *Barrie Evans*



The "Friends of Music" institution may not be unique to First-St. Andrew's but it is not all that common and it deserves some explanation. The best way of thinking about the group is to compare its role to that of the sponsors and patrons of the Stratford Festival. High quality theatrical performances in Stratford would not be possible without the patronage of a group of dedicated people who wish to give so that others may benefit. In the same way, the Concert Series

is fully supported by the "Friends of Music" so that many can benefit.

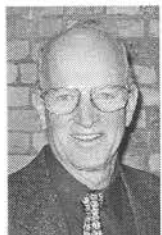
The aim of the Concert Series, as we have affirmed this year, is to provide first rate musical performances at a reasonable cost to enrich our congregation's appreciation of church and liturgical music and also to provide outreach to the community to entice people to our church so they may be exposed to its many facets, with music being just one.

For this year, our Music Director, Paul Merritt, has planned a wonderful program including *A Night at the Opera* with John Tessier and Jennie Such (both former soloists in our senior choir), and the St. Lawrence String Quartet. The Senior Choir will be performing the Requiem Mass in an all-Mozart concert in the Spring. A full program is available from the office, or from Paul and it is also posted in locations throughout the Church.

Thank you to all who have freely given to support the "Friends of Music". If you would like to make a donation and haven't done so before, you can simply enclose a cheque in an envelope marked "Friends of Music" and place it on the offering plate or you can mail it in to the church office. Contributions in any amount will be gratefully received and they are tax-deductible. Your name will appear with the other "Friends of Music" on the Concert Series flyer in recognition of your support.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2001

(The comments are excerpts from the annual report by Ken Wright, Chair of the Finance Committee)



"The Year End Operating Summary for 2001 brings good news, in that once again we have come in under budget. The forecast for the year 2001 was a deficit of \$26,756 and the actual result was a deficit of \$21,405, \$3,000 under budget. The various committees are to be congratulated for their adherence to their budgets. The few budget line items that were over their limit were due to uncontrollable circumstances such as increased utility and insurance rates.

On the income side, we closed many small "suspense" accounts which had been dormant for a few years and these, added to the profits from the previous musicals such as *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, have enabled us to keep our deficit within reason. The final debt figure for the year, \$21,405, will be covered by reducing that amount from the Johnson/Young Operating Fund. After that has been done, the Fund will stand at approximately \$15,000."

BIFOCALS OF FSA

by *Al MacIntosh*



HISTORY: In the mid 1950s when Angus MacQueen was our Senior Minister, he suggested to Lockie Miller that the Mr. & Mrs. Club should sub-divide into two groups: those couples whose combined age was 80+ and those whose combined age was less than 80. Planning meetings were held, and some of those taking part were Herb & Grace

Cocker; Maurice & Elizabeth Cowper-Smith; Bob & Mary Edy; Harry & Grace Gemmill; John & Dorothy Given; Faye & Ed McLean; Lockie & June Miller; Bill & Eleanor Ollerhead; and others.

The name initially was the "Alumni Club"; then in the early 1960s the present name, Bifocals, was adopted. Membership was open to all couples whose combined age was 80 or more, and members who had lost their mates were encouraged to remain in the club. Several times persons who were single asked if they could join. One person (Irene Snider) asked Rev. Tony Gazzard about becoming a member. Tony suggested, and the club agreed, that single persons (age 40+) be welcomed as members. It is now not necessary to have a mate, or even to wear bifocals, to be a member!

PURPOSES OF BIFOCALS: To foster friendship and fellowship, to partake of a wide variety of GOOD food, to participate in the sing-song, to enjoy interesting programs.

STATISTICS: Present membership (year 2002) is 130, and attendance averages between 70 and 100. Seven pot-luck dinners are held annually, 4th Tuesday of each month (6 pm) from October to May (December excluded).

ORGANIZATION: Coordinators - one couple; Vice Coordinators - one couple; Treasurers - one couple. Responsibility for meetings: There are 3 groups (40+ in each group) sharing duties in turn (meaning each group takes the lead twice per year.) Two couples are elected as Convenors of each group.

PROGRAM FORMAT: Meet & Greet - 6 pm. Grace - 6:30 p.m. Buffet meal (Our cooks are the best in the city!) Brief moment of business, sing-song led by Paul Merritt. Feature for the evening - Guest Speaker, or Travelogue, or Talent Night, or Fun Night, etc. Benediction - shortly after 8 pm.

THINGS WE'VE ENJOYED: Travelogues by various members, address by former Mayor Diane Haskett, "We've been walking on the Bruce Trail" by the Inches and Comforts, June McKay's jokes, Skit on "Minister Shopping" by Enid Merritt & Emily Woods, the 3 junior Baldwins with their violins, Paul Merritt's Commercials advertising Choir Concerts, Recitals during Advent and Lent, and many more.



The Wearing of the Tartan: led by Rev. David McKane, all those wearing tartan gather at the January 22 meeting of Bifocals.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

by Kevin Johnston



Once again the children of our Church School awed and inspired those who were able to attend the 2001 Christmas Eve Family Service. Candyce A. Peterson's "Stable Mouse's Gift" certainly brought smiles and a few tears as our amazing young actresses and actors brought to life the Christmas story from the eyes of the animals who had front row seats in the stable that night.

Donkey, Cow, Sheep, Dove, and Stable Mouse, as well as our two Narrators, were the centre of our story. As well, a real life holy Family (complete with live baby!) and the awesome (youth) Evangelists joined the rest of the children. One of the most poignant moments in the play occurred when our Angel, Megan Bereznick, told the animals how very special their individual gifts were that were presented to Baby Jesus. This was certainly very special for all of us, as Megan's newly acquired voice activator enabled her to have a voice to be heard!

Word has it that approximately 300 people were in the congregation. Certainly, the very hard work the cast exhibited in preparing our presentation led to what has been dubbed by many "the best Christmas pageant seen at FSA in many years." If you missed out, make sure to join in the 2002 Christmas Eve Family Service. It will certainly make your Christmas complete!

During our Sunday classes, we have been looking at Ruth, the Christmas stories, and Jonathan and David. Completing the winter session will be the Temple of Solomon, Josiah and Huldah, Jeremiah's covenant, Jesus' call to fish, Jesus the Good Shepherd, reconciliation at the altar, bringing friends to Jesus, and the Greatest Commandment. In Big Circle time, we'll continue to learn the books of the Bible, and look in-depth at our United Church Creed. Stay tuned for the new banner, based on the Creed that the grade 4-6 class, under the supervision of Gwen Jones, is creating for FSA.

There's always a welcome for all who join us, regardless of age. Who knows what ways you too will be inspired and touched by spending time in the Children's Department!

WHO IS IT?

We dug into our files to show you a childhood picture of somebody well-known to FSA members. The answer is on the bottom right of page 7.

No peeking please.



REACH OUT! IDEA

Meet new people by sitting in a different part of the sanctuary - closer to the front perhaps?

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

by Aayme Rogan



The Youth Council has been very busy over the last little while with holiday season activities and preparations for our upcoming events.

We had the UWO Oxfam president come in as a guest speaker at one of our meetings. He enlightened the group with information concerning the campaigns he is helping to support and also ones we could support with the council or on our own. We were all very impressed and informed when he was finished speaking, and his visit may have sparked interest in some members to actively participate in events to come in the future.

We also participated in the gift-wrapping at St. Paul's Christmas Share. As far as gift giving goes, we made pro-fleece holiday scarves which we gave away so a few more people can be warm and more colourful this winter.

On March 1-3, we plan to have a weekend retreat at Pearce Williams Christian Centre, and any teen in the congregation is welcome to come. On April 5 and 6, we plan to participate in the 30-hour famine and at the same time, we would like to re-paint the upstairs room. We are also hoping that we will be able to lead a service on a future Sunday and are very excited to start the planning process.

For our holiday fun, we had a Christmas get-together in early December. Our meetings resumed in January 13 and we would love to have any other youth in the church come and join us. If anyone wants information on the next meeting time and place, you can call me at 472-4137.

Thanks, you'll hear from us again soon.

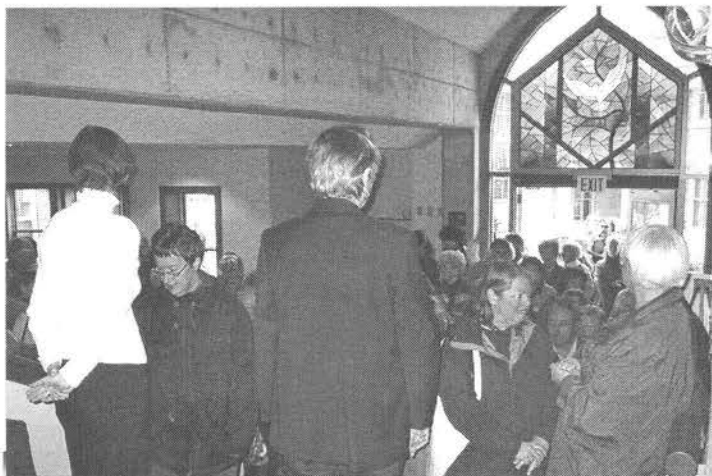
THE LAYETTE LADY



Several times a year, Kay Hillier comes into the nursery during the week to "build" these layettes which are handed out through St. Paul's Daily Bread. The layettes, a project of FSA's Stewardship Mission Outreach Committee contain all the things a new mother might need for the care of her baby. So far, Kay has put together 36 layette kits and there's a strong demand for more.

THE HOLLY BAZAAR

The Holly Bazaar on November 17, 2001 raised more than \$10,500 for the work of the UCW. Members of the UCW would like to thank everyone who provided crafts and items, everyone who worked at the tables and especially everyone who attended.



Above: 15 minutes before opening and there's already a lineup stretching down to Farquhar House



Left: Ardath Hill and son Tristin were in charge of the Children's Corner



Left: At the Men's Crafts, Ron Logan has just sold Frank Meadows a hat he couldn't do without.

Right: Marg Leonard claims the Lone Star Quilt with a top bid of \$750. Making the presentation are Dallas Knight and Pat Flynn.



Right: Donna Ellis, Liz Mignotte and Carol Burns are behind the jam counter

Below: preparing the sandwiches for the Cafe Noel: Tristin Hill, Chuck Travis, Isobel Moffat, Amanda Swartman



Left: Roger Snyder and Paul Mifsud were selling people the basic food items: cheese and eggs.

Below: Janet Pividor and Katherine Wonfor dispaly goods at the Pet Corner



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 time."



*Above: Alyssa Lynn Baer with Scott and Debbie
Left: Victoria Alice Bouch with Gary and Michelle*

Next Baptism: May 12, 2002

MARRIAGES

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

December 8, 2001 Maryanne McCulloch, Roger Niles

DEATHS

"Well done good and faithful servant."

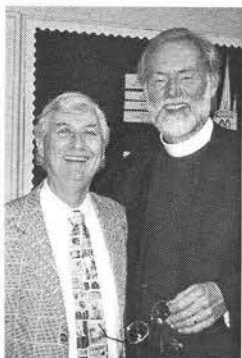
Margaret Waters December 22, 2001
Camilla Wilson January 11, 2002

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



*Six new members joined FSA in November:
clockwise from left: Natalie Fawcett, Shirley Allbutt, Jennifer Tuckwell,
Scott Baer, Debbie Baer, Jeff Mitchell.*

COVENANTING SERVICE



*The Rev. Dr. David McKane
and the Rev. Dr. Malcolm Sinclair*

Members of First-St. Andrew's and family, friends and colleagues of Rev. Dr. David McKane witnessed his Covenanting Service Sunday, January 20 in the sanctuary.

Rev. Kristiane Charlton, the president of Middlesex Presbytery presided over the celebration of the placing of Rev. McKane into FSA, and his covenanting with the members of First-St. Andrew's.

David was presented with symbols of his Ministry: a bible, water, bread and wine and *Voices United* Hymn Book.

The sermon was given by the Rev. Dr. Malcolm Sinclair. David and Malcolm have been friends since 1964 and have entertained together as "The Singing Ministers" for 25 years. Malcolm is the preaching minister at Metropolitan United in Toronto. The two anthems sung during the service were written by former colleagues of David's.

A THANK YOU TO SUSAN



Left: Council chair Gertrude Bergey and M&P Committee chair Barb Plante flank Rev. Dr. Susan Shelstad in the lower hall after a presentation of flowers and a weekend holiday package. Susan was thanked for her work as acting Minister of Worship and Administration while the search was on for a permanent Minister.

Right: M&P Committee member Karen Procnier serves some "Thank You Susan" cake to youngsters at the reception in the Lower Hall.



The answer to "Who is This?" on page 5: The picture is that of Susan Pearson, better know to you as the Rev. Dr. Susan Shelstad.

THE VISITOR FROM BELLA COOLA

by Shelley Kostecki



We can make a meaningful difference in Native Missions. That declaration was evident on Jan. 2 when the Reverend Betty Sangster spoke to a large gathering of U.C.W members and guests in the church parlour. It was an eagerly anticipated opportunity for people to hear from our dear friend and long time former member of First-St. Andrew's. Betty gratefully acknowledged and thanked the U.C.W. for its gift of \$5,000 to the Building Fund for Emmanuel United Church in Bella Coola, B.C. where Betty ministers to the Nuxalk people. She took this opportunity to encourage us to look upon this U.C.W. act of giving support through sharing of funds as just a beginning to a greater understanding of this and other native communities. She stressed the need to show native people that we do care about their future. Betty elaborated on how we can be profoundly influenced and enriched as we learn more about the rich spiritual and cultural traditions and history of native peoples.

Her presentation began with photos of her congregation at gatherings, celebrations, services and fundraising activities. She also showed an exquisite wood carving, a hand made ceremonial drum and a beautiful painting- all purchased from area artisans. This brought some of Bella Coola to us and helped us feel a connection.



Rev. Betty Sangster demonstrates a hand-made ceremonial drum for Rev. David McKane

The deep respect and love Betty feels for her congregation and community was evident as she shared stories about their history as a proud people and their struggles to find a place in the present day. She told of her childhood; living with her parents and siblings in Bella Coola and being allowed to watch ceremonies filled with tradition. Betty was proud to report on the many successful fundraising activities over the past several years: all focused on reaching a goal which would enable the congregation to begin building a new Emmanuel United Church. The native and non-native people worked together to make the dream for a new church a reality. Through faith, time, effort and the pooling of talent and labour the actual demolition has been completed and a new building is well on its way. This has not been without pain as the old building filled with memories was torn down.

The new church structure will launch new beginnings, memories and traditions which can be incorporated with the meaningful and rich past traditions. To learn more about Betty's congregation and their building journey keep informed by checking the U.C.W. bulletin board in the lower hall

PILGRIMAGE TOUR

The Rev. Dr. Frank Meadows is leading another pilgrimage tour: "The Treasures of Turkey", St. Paul in Asia Minor, Sept 27-Oct 18, 2002. For information, contact Frank Meadows, 657-6893 or Roger Snyder, 672-5664.

FSA Program Guide

Lent, Holy Week, Easter 2002

WORSHIP

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

Feb. 3 - 4th after Epiphany

9:15 & 11 am

Preacher: David McKane

Feb. 10 - Last after Epiphany

9:15 & 11 am

Preacher: David McKane

Feb. 17 - 1st in Lent

9:15 & 11 am

Preacher: David McKane

Feb. 24 - 2nd in Lent

9:15 & 11 am

Preacher: Susan Shelstad

Mar. 3 - 3rd in Lent

9:15 & 11 am

Preacher: David McKane

Mar. 10 - 4th in Lent

9:15 & 11 am

Preacher: David McKane

Mar. 17 - 5th in Lent

9:15 & 11 am

Preacher: Susan Shelstad

Mar. 24 - Palm Sunday

Sacrament of Holy Communion

9:15 & 11 am

Excerpts from *Jesus Christ Superstar*

Mar. 28 - Maundy Thursday

Mar. 29 - Good Friday Service

We join Metropolitan United Church at 11 am.

Mar. 31 - Easter Sunday

9:15 & 11 am

Preacher: David McKane

Apr. 7 - 2nd of Easter

9:15 & 11 am

Preacher: David McKane

Apr. 14 - 3rd of Easter

9:15 & 11 am

Preacher: David McKane

Apr. 21 - 4th of Easter

9:15 & 11 am

Preacher: Susan Shelstad

Apr. 28 - 5th of Easter

9:15 & 11 am

Preacher: David McKane

May 5 - 6th of Easter

9:15 & 11 am

Reception of New Members, Confirmation at 11 am

Preacher: Susan Shelstad

May 12 - Christian Family Sunday

Sacrament of Baptism at 11 am

9:15 & 11 am

Preacher: David McKane

May 19 - The Day of Pentecost

9:15 & 11 am

Preacher: David McKane

MUSIC

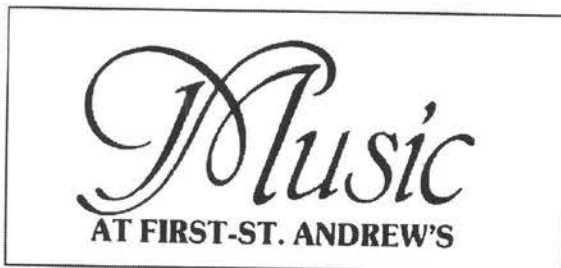
A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Saturday, Feb. 16, 8:00 p.m.

Featuring favourite quartets, arias and duets (including the Pearlfishers) John Tessier, Tenor; Jennie Such, Soprano; Gregory Dahl, Baritone; Maria Cowen, Mezzo Soprano; Jim Bourne, Pianist

Admission \$12.00 and \$10.00

Reception to follow.



THE ST. LAWRENCE STRING QUARTET

Saturday, March 2, 7:30 p.m.

Geoff Nuttall, Violin; Lesley Robertson, Viola; Barry Shiffman, Violin; Marina Hoover, Cello

Admission \$15.00

Children 12 and under \$5.00

Reception to follow.

TWELFTH ANNUAL AMABILE FESTIVAL

Sunday, March 3 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Bob Chilcott, Guest Conductor

Amabile Youth Singers, Junior Amabile Singers, Amabile Boys Choir

Admission \$15.00, \$12.00 and \$8.00

FRIDAY LENTEN NOON RECITALS

12:00-12:30 - Luncheon (\$6.00) served following

March 1 Bellissima Ringers

Susan Carscadden-Mifsud, Conductor

March 8 Organ Recital

Paul Merritt, Organ

March 15 Forest Green Chamber Choir

Andrew Pickett, Conductor

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

Wednesday March 20 to Saturday March 23, 8:00 p.m.

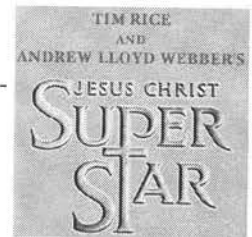
Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

Lyrics by Tim Rice

Advanced Admission \$12.00 -

Student/Senior \$10.00

At the door \$15.00



EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Come and celebrate this joyous day with our choir, brass quartet, string orchestra, and portions of Handel's *Messiah*.

SALUTE TO MUSIC, TO YOUTH!

Sunday, April 7, 3:30 p.m. at FSA

Special Recital for FSA children and youth.

Open to all ages including those studying at University.

Any instrument including voice and any level of achievement.

Call Nikki Attwell (473-0760) to participate.

Sponsored by the Music Committee.

THE GLORY OF MOZART

Saturday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m.

The Choir of First-St. Andrew's with Orchestra

Paul Merritt, Conductor

Including "Requiem"

Admission \$12.00 and \$10.00

BELLS AP-PEAL-ING

Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 p.m.

Laudamus Handbell Concert

Barbara Plante, Conductor

Bells and More

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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.

Coordinator: Nancy Stanlick (451-9491)

NURSERY

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

Coordinator: Judy Cull

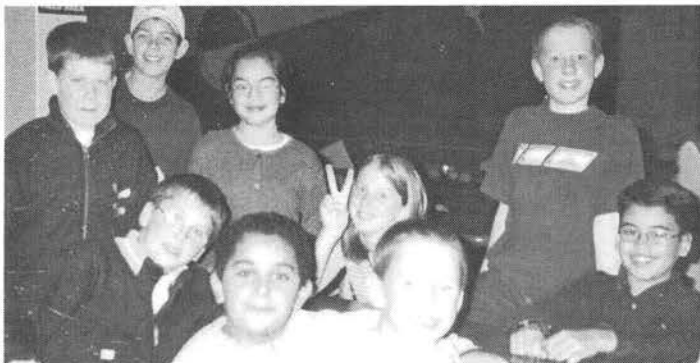
(There is also a nursery class at 11 am for children 3 years old to kindergarten in the classroom across the hall from the infant nursery, next to the washroom on the main floor. These children go to their class after the children's story in church.)

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School Coordinator: Kevin Johnston (672-5664)

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.



Pop n' Popcorn group goes bowling at Fleetway in November

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.

Leader: Nancy Howard (289-0540)

TEEN CONFIRMATION CLASS

This year's class of eight young people are preparing for confirmation in the spring.

YOUTH COUNCIL

This fall we began a new venture with our young people in the formation of a Youth Council. The Council is run by the young people of the congregation, supported by the Youth & Young Adult Committee. They decide on programs, activities, and worship that is relevant to them. A retreat will be held at Pearce-Williams on the weekend of March 1st to 3rd. Watch for registration forms or call the church for details.

Advisors: Debbie Maund (679-0716) & Erin Linforth

ADULT DEVELOPMENT

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

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

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

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10 am in the Parlour. We are using the Whole People of God adult study material.

Leader: Susan Shelstad (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. For more information, contact Anne Cunningham (433-9663).

LENTEN LABYRINTH WALK

Friday, February 15th. Lower Hall.

Cost - \$5.00 per person. Walk begins at 7 p.m.



LIBRARY

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 pastoral care provided by David McKane and Susan Shelstad, members of our congregation reach out to others in a variety of ways.

COUNSELLING TEAM

There is a counselling service available to FSA members staffed voluntarily by the following: 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.

CONGREGATIONAL VISITING TEAM

Our Congregational Visiting Team are members of our congregation who offer ongoing support to our shut-ins. We have a visiting team of 30 who maintain contact with the members of our congregation on a regular basis, and especially at birthdays and holiday times. If you are interested in becoming involved in this very rewarding experience, please call David McKane (679-8182).

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER

This group is for those who find themselves in the role of caregiver, and who are feeling a bit overwhelmed. Please contact Heather Bedford (685-1714) or Jo Anne Silcox (642-2152) for further details.

RIDES FOR SENIORS

If you need a ride to and from church and/or church events, please call Stan Harris (473-2453).

DIAL-A-PRAYER 439-6838

For a moment of meditation in a busy or a quiet day, please call our Dial-A-Prayer at 439-6838. Coordinator Bev Lindsay.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Every Sunday, following our 9:15 am and 11:00 am 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

A Baptismal preparation session is held prior to every Baptism (usually the Thursday evening) 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 administered **May 12, 2002**. Call the church office if interested. (679-8182).

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. Call Westminster College (673-0040) as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community Outreach is involved in Out of the Cold, preparing baby layettes, organizing food collection for the youth action centre and St. Paul's Daily Bread, actively supporting the ELUCOC in special projects, working with St. 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.

OUT OF THE COLD (OOTC)

This program runs year round on Mondays, 5:30 p.m. providing 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? May to August, September to December, January to April. Contact Donna Travis, 672-6116, or the church office, 679-8182.

GROW-A-ROW PROJECT

Money has been provided for the Canadian Food Grains Program through the efforts of St. Marys United Church and FSA over the past five years, matched 4:1 by CIDA. Watch for news about GROW-A-ROW VII so you can participate and help alleviate hunger in the developing world.

SAVE CANCELLED STAMPS

Clip, leaving 1/4 inch envelope paper showing. One pound of stamps equals one bible which will be distributed somewhere in the world through the Canadian Bible Society. Please deposit cancelled stamps in the right hand bin below the mailboxes next to the elevator.

FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS

Please keep in mind the Community Outreach Committee's food collection for St. Paul's DAILY BREAD. Baby food is also a special need and may be left at any time. Baskets are placed at the entrance of the Chapel, and Narthex and Atrium entrances of the Sanctuary where you may leave your donations. Financial contributions are also welcome. Thank you for helping others!

FRIENDSHIP & LEARNING GROUPS

HAVA JAVA 'N' JUICE

An informal group of parents and preschoolers offering networking and support. Tuesday mornings 10:00-11:30. Contact Sandra Dwyer (438-6546)

BIFOCALS

Come and enjoy good food, warm fellowship, a sing song and varied programs. Watch the weekly announcements for upcoming events. New members and guests are always welcome. Call June & Jack McKay (471-5668).

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

All persons twenty and over who enjoy fun are invited to join with the Circle of Friends. Our next meeting is the "Cracked Ice Bonspiel" on Saturday February 23 organized by Liz Galbraith. Saturday April 13 is Spiritual Journey at the home of Ann McPhail and Graham Wagner. And in May, Pat Tripp is organizing a Wild Flower Nature Walk. Watch the weekly announcements for more information.

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 7:00 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

New members are always welcome.

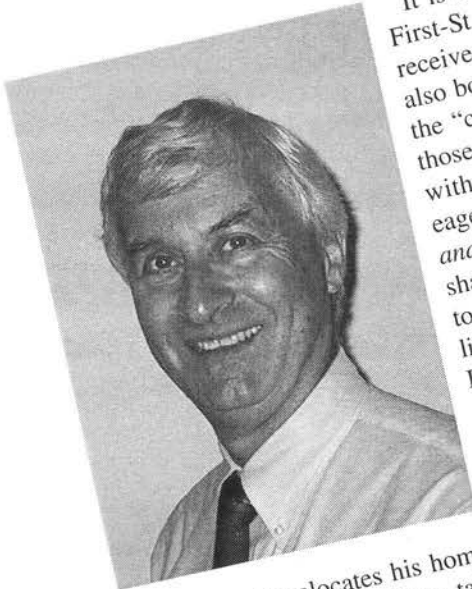
BRIDGE GROUP

Have fun and make friends. Arrange games to fit your calendar. For more information, call John and Mary Scott (238-6013).



A FINAL WORD

Lent, Holy Week, Easter 2002



It is a delight for the McKanes to have arrived at First-St. Andrew's. The welcome with which you received us has been most warm and generous. It is also both humbling and daunting to add my voice to the "choir of voices" that have gone before me and those of the wonderful team that I join. I look forward with no little trepidation but also with a sense of eagerness. One of the songs in the musical, *The King and I*, is "Getting to know you," and that is what we shall be about over the next several months, "getting to know you, getting to know all about you, getting to like you, hoping that you'll like me too!" Forgive me if I ask you your name several times before it sinks in.

Epiphany is a time for journeying. The wise ones journey to Bethlehem in search of a Christ-child. Jesus journeys to the Jordan to begin a new chapter in his journeys from Nazareth to Capernaum. There are journeys that you and I have taken, and there is the journey that has brought us to this place. As we journey together, may we do so in a spirit of generosity and risk, a spirit of service and mission in the name of one who is Light for the journey and the Way that we travel.

Grace and Peace



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Be part of ensuring the future of First-St. Andrew's United Church through a planned gift to the Vision Fund.

First-St. Andrew's Ministry

The Rev. Dr. David McKane: Minister of Worship and Administration

The Rev. Dr. Susan Shelstad: Minister of Christian Development

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