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Mary Jane and Ross McMullen

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Gone Fishing Children presented Barbecue for Ben April 23

A VISIT WITH THE McMULLENS

By Elaine Wilton

When Mary Jane and Ross McMullen were enlisted by Angus MacQueen as leaders of the Hi C Youth Group in the early 1960's, they took the first step in their on-going involvement with First-St. Andrew's. Having just moved to London as newlyweds, the McMullens were living on Princess Avenue and alternately attending Metropolitan and First-St. Andrew's. Their fondness for Angus MacQueen and the people they met at First-St. Andrew's were responsible for their decision to join this church.

For the next five years Mary Jane and Ross led the Hi C group in its Sunday evening social and educational pursuits. One of those pursuits, Mary Jane recalls, involved bringing the McMullen television set to the church basement so the teens would not miss the Beatles' debut on the Ed Sullivan show.

In 1962 Ross and Mary Jane moved to Canterbury Road, which was then on the outskirts of London, and began raising a family. Their three daughters, Beth, Lynne and Jane all attended UWO and have since gone on to their respective careers in library and information science, training to be a commercial pilot, and speech and language pathology. Just last year, Beth and her husband John presented Mary Jane and Ross with their first grandchild, Alexander (A.J.).

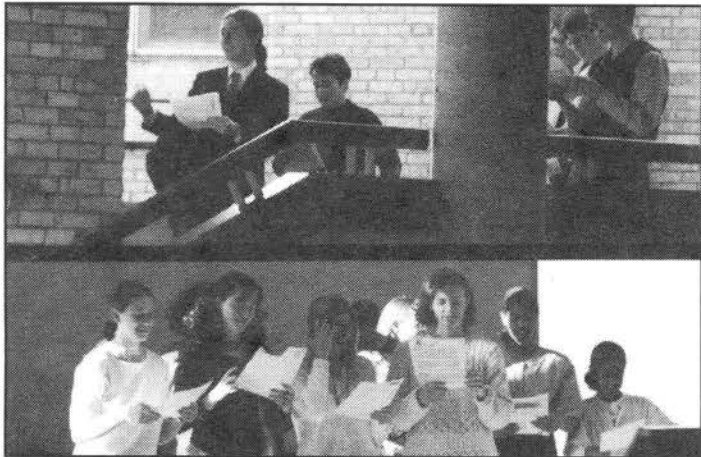
In their spare time Mary Jane and Ross enjoy a variety of hobbies, one of which is flying. As a licensed pilot Ross is able to fly to the family cottage in Haliburton in record time. With Mary Jane as navigator they have also made flying/camping trips to Florida, the Yukon, Anchorage, and P.E.I.

Over the years the McMullens have maintained an active involvement in church activities with Ross serving as communion clerk, a member of Session, a member of two pastoral relations committees and currently as chair of Council. Mary Jane has participated in UCW, CGIT, the Isabel Getliffe Sewing Group, and is now a member of Council as the chair of the Christian Development committee. As well, she has been a school volunteer and Girl Guide leader.

As Chair of Council, Ross presides over congregational meetings,

the Annual Meeting, and at least six council meetings per year. He also meets with Frank on a regular basis. In addition he attends various church functions such as the new members' and confirmands' dinners. One of his goals is to work with the council to develop a strategic plan for the church. This plan would focus on activities geared to a wide range of congregational interests so that more FSA members would find activities in which to become involved. The considerable talents of the ministerial staff will be a great asset in developing the strategic plan. Ross points out that all committees are doing an excellent job, and many exciting programs have been proposed.

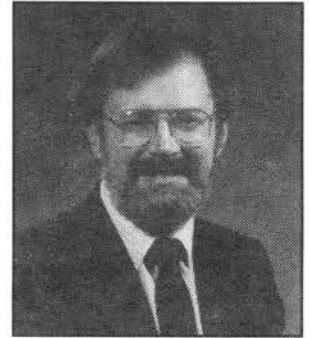
As members of First-St. Andrew's, we are indebted to Angus MacQueen for his good judgment and foresight in recruiting such a dedicated team as the McMullens to lead the Hi C Youth Group.



Over 40 attended the Easter Sunrise Service led by our Teens

THE CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FSA

By Wib Dawson



Wib Dawson

On March 7, 1804, one of the world's most notable organizations was born. It took as its mandate the translation, production, and distribution of the Scriptures into the languages of the world's peoples without doctrinal note or comment and at a price they can afford. The name of this organization was The British and Foreign Bible Society. Its very first foreign language project was the Gospel of John in Mohawk which was distributed in the Ottawa-Montreal area. In the following 190 years, the Bible Society family has expanded to include 126 Bible Societies, of which the Canadian Bible Society is one, working in over 200 countries and territories around the world. And the mandate continues to be the same.

In its 16 Districts and 18 Bible Book Stores, the Canadian Bible Society works closely with congregations and other organizations bringing God's Word of comfort, hope, and new life. It provides the Scriptures to all new Canadian citizens who wish a copy; to our Canadian Forces recruits. Scriptures are offered in Braille, on cassette or in sign language on video-cassette to all people challenged with hearing and visual impairment. Greek and Hebrew Scriptures are given to theology students; and, of course, the Scriptures are made available to those in prison. With its sister societies, the CBS provides over 70% of the Bibles produced and distributed world-wide in over 2,000 languages.

The Bible Society has appreciated its close association with First-St. Andrew's over the years. We look forward to an even stronger partnership in the future. The Scriptures bring such tremendous hope and encouragement each day to hundreds of thousands of people who are attempting to cope with tremendous hardship and adversity. Over and over these people say how they would not have had the will to carry on if it were not for the strength and encouragement received from the Scriptures. Given the overwhelming demand for the Scriptures there are always shortages of supply and of formats specially designed to be helpful in particular situations.

At First-St. Andrew's our partnership includes our prayers for this vital ministry. It also includes the support of many individuals and together as a church family. The Bible Society works on our behalf in helping us to fulfil our mission of bringing the Good News to those in many different countries who are anxiously awaiting it. Please consider being a First-St. Andrew's Good News partner with the Canadian Bible Society.

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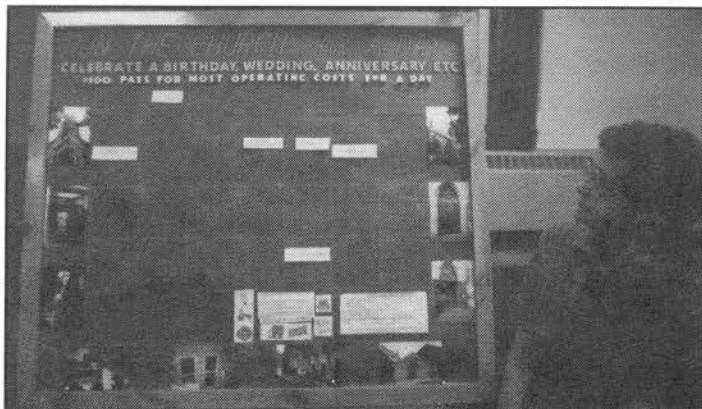
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ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS

from the Earth Stewardship Committee

When showering, turn off the water while you are soaping and shampooing. Then rinse quickly.

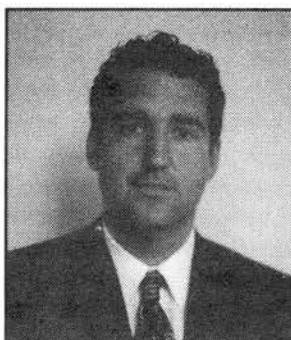


Running the Church for a Day - Joan Ramsay remembers her husband. Births, Birthdays, Weddings, Anniversaries, Reunions, Loved Ones, Graduations, Retirements, can be honoured in this way. Consider doing this alone or with others.

SOW YOUR DOUGH TO GROW A ROW

By David Shaw

First-St. Andrew's and the Social Action Committee has undertaken an exciting new project! FSA is partnering with St. Mary's United Church to grow corn to help feed people in the Third World. Under the sponsorship of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, we will form a rural-urban alliance to grow corn on a 22 acre plot of land off Highway 7.



David Shaw

St. Mary's congregation will provide money, labour and the technical expertise necessary to grow the corn. FSA will help with the funding of the project. Together we can feed a town of 2,500 people for one year! For every bushel of corn we grow, CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) will supplement 4 bushels of corn. This 4:1 multiplier effect makes this project all the more fruitful and exciting. Our plot of land will have 200 rows of corn, the cost of one row of corn is only \$35.

You are invited to purchase your own row of corn and watch it grow throughout the summer season. Watch for future special events like a corn roast, hay ride, and planting and harvesting parties. The Social Action Committee urges you to **SOW YOUR DOUGH TO GROW A ROW** and Rejoice, Renew and above all...Reach out!

A BENEDICTION

From Louise Davidson

May the Lord go before you to show you the way -
 May He go behind you for encouragement.
 May He be beside you as your friend,
 May He be over you for protection
 And may He be within to give you peace.

Amen!

NEW MEMBERS FAMILY GET-TOGETHER

By June McKay

On April 4th, the 1993 and 1994 new members at First-St. Andrew's were treated to a delightful evening, when we were given an opportunity to meet each other and to learn a little more about this historic congregation.



June McKay

About 80 of us were welcomed by Catherine and immediately put to work designing our own name-tags. The Membership committee members and the co-chairs, Louise Slater and Gergrude Bergey, assisted by the U.C.W. and Staff, made us feel at home.

The evening began with a pot-luck dinner, and anyone who has experienced such a meal knows what sort of enticing assortment was offered.

After dinner we were welcomed by Gertrude Bergey, Frank, and Ross McMullen, the chair of Council. Using some excellent slides, Spencer and Helen Inch gave us a most interesting look at the history of the church building and the congregation. We were entertained by Anne Cunningham and her flute, as well as Elizabeth Van Doorne, who sang for us, and both were accompanied by Paul Merritt.

Emily Woods led us in a time of singing and dancing worship, tied in cleverly to signify that "we are the Church, together".

It was another memorable way in which we experienced love and warm acceptance at our new church home.



New and longtime members share experiences at dinner

DID YOU KNOW?

Beverly Matthews, daughter of Margaret and Roy Hamilton, received her PhD in Sociology (Demography) from the University of Western Ontario in the Fall 1994 Convocation. She and her husband Gavin and two daughters live in Grand Falls, Newfoundland where they both teach for Memorial University.



Ross McMullen

COUNCIL REPORTS TO YOU

By Ross McMullen, Chair of Council (438-0668)

Your 1995 Council met two days after it was elected by the Annual Meeting. You will recall from the Annual Meeting that we balanced the budget by holding or reducing operating costs, and reducing the M&S budget with the proviso that we undertake a fund raising

programme in an attempt to make up the difference. The Chairpersons of Finance, Stewardship and Outreach agreed to form the nucleus of a fundraising group with the power to add appropriate people and to proceed. In March an information letter was sent to all members by the Chairpersons of Stewardship and Finance. As well, a meeting designed to develop fundraising projects was called for March 26 with a follow-up meeting on April 23. You will hear more on this from other sources.

Mission and Service is part of the Outreach Committee of Council It would be higher profile if it had its own seat on Council. It was agreed that this concept would be pursued by Emily Woods who was named to call together the appropriate people and bring a proposal to the April 11 meeting. She did all of this and more.

On April 11, a mandate for a Mission and Service Committee and a mandate for a Social Action Committee were presented to Council and approved. These will now go forward to the next Annual Meeting for final approval.

At the Annual Meeting we introduced the concept of *Strategic Planning* as a way to implement our Mission Statement. At the Feb. 14 Council Meeting we began to set the groundwork for such a plan and continued that at the April meeting. Council supports proceeding, and the next step is to convene a committee to develop the Market Plan segment. This will be the cornerstone of the plan as a whole.

There are many other things going on at First-St. Andrew's. Each Committee of Council is working to carry out the objectives of our Congregation. It is a privilege to be part of this process. If you are not actively involved but would like to be, please let me know. It would be good to have you join us.



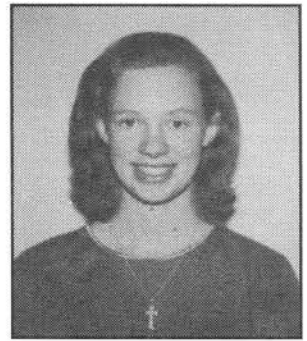
Frank Meadows, Dr. Bill Fyfe (guest preacher), John Wiebe following Earth Stewardship Sunday Service, April 2.

CGIT's 80th ANNIVERSARY

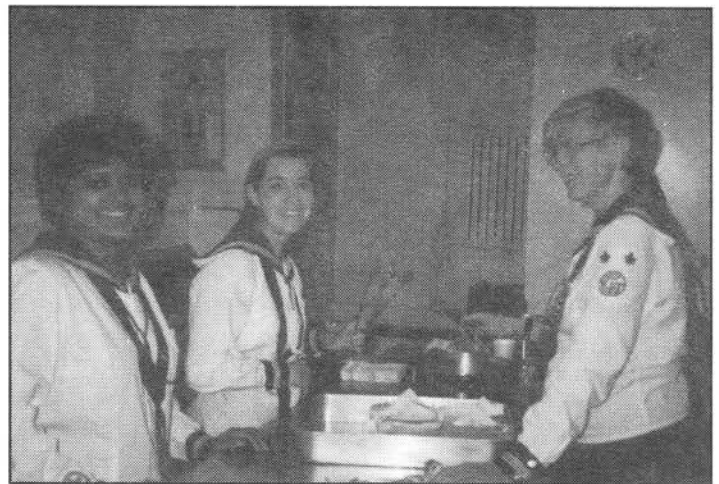
By Ann Denny

C.G.I.T. (Canadian Girls In Training) is an impressive institution, especially in its staying power. This year marks the 80th anniversary of the organization. Every four years, a get-together named *Jamboree* takes place; this is a chance for all the C.G.I.T. groups across Ontario to meet and exchange thoughts and ideas, and just have fun! This year, the *Jamboree* is being held on June 23 - 25. To raise money for this worthy event, our own C.G.I.T. group served up a yummy hotdog and cookies lunch after church on Stewardship Sunday. The girls are looking forward to a fun weekend including sports, crafts, a banquet and a special Sunday morning service.

Jamboree is a big event in the group's year. It is also one of the last events in which one leader, Helen Mahabir, will participate - for the next two years at least. She is leaving this August for a two year teaching assignment with an American school group in Colombia. She will be teaching grades three and four in a school housing children from kindergarten to grade twelve. Although Helen has experience travelling and living overseas, this is her first teaching assignment. We wish her well!



Ann Denny



CGIT Girls at the April fundraising Lunch



Barbara Lloyd, Mary Grace Airey, Dorothy Keddie, Margaret Wonfor, Jean Hill, Lesley Pergau & Jean Comfort make pies

Info-Line

**GREEN ACCESS UPDATE SHEET ENCLOSED
READ ABOUT THE RECENT PROGRESS!**

SPRINGTIME IN PARIS!

An invitation to all the women of FSA to attend the U.C.W. General Meeting to be held at Five Oaks near Paris, ON. Lunch and program begin at 12 noon on Tuesday May 30. For further information concerning transportation, tickets etc. please call Louise McLarty (451-8067). Tickets, \$10, are available until May 23rd.

A HAPPY ENDING - JUNE 2 & 3 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The First-St. Andrew's family is invited to tour the beautifully restored and enhanced Oakland Cemetery on Oxford Street West - a happy ending for an historic place that has seen some difficult times. A pamphlet containing its history will be available from the staff members on duty, June 2 & 3.

FSA OUTREACH PROJECT CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY JUNE 9.

Enjoy a fun evening with Rod Beattie's *Letters from Wingfield Farm* and at the very same time raise funds for the outreach project ELUCOC (East London United Church Outreach Cluster-Cheyenne and Cascade areas.) It's at Banting Secondary School on Friday, June 9th at 8 p.m. \$20 will buy a seat for the performance and include you in the reception which follows OR \$15 will admit you to the performance only. Tickets available at Coffee & Conversation. More information from Barb Plante (472-4586) or Linda Badke (432-5420).

CRAFTY COLLECTING FOR FSA LIBRARY

The U.C.W is collecting craft books, patterns, magazines etc. for the church library to provide a resource for all those sewers, knitters and crafters who are looking for new ideas for the 1995 Holly Bazaar and beyond. If you have any items that you can donate to this collection, please leave them at the church office.

M & S FUNDRAISING GAINING SUPPORT

Goal for 1995	\$22,000
Contributions	
FSA Youth (from Pancake Supper)	\$ 150
UCW Piemakers	\$ 200
UCW Servers/Dishwashers (New members dinner)	\$ 50
Amount yet to be raised	\$21,600

PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY, U.C.W. STYLE!

It's a while since we reminded the women of FSA that you are always very welcome to join one of the units (working groups) of the U.C.W. (United Church Women). It's a great opportunity to get involved, make new friends and serve the church hands-on. Choose *Tuesday Evening Unit*: 3rd Tuesday 7.30 p.m. at the church, *Wednesday Morning Unit*: 2nd Wednesday 9.30 a.m. at 1 Grosvenor Gate or *Thursday Evening Unit*: 1st Thursday 7.30 p.m. at the church. For further information call Lorna Kilb (432-9938)

WELCOME CHARLOTTE ANN BELL??

Charlotte Ann is completing her second year at the Centre for Christian Studies in her preparation for diaconal ministry. As a part of her practical education in a congregation, she will devote 12 hours per week over the September 95 to April 96 period in the First-St. Andrew's Christian Development Program with Marion Jackson Tyler as her program co-ordinator and supervisor.

THIS YEAR'S STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP

Work, Money and Meaning will be held November 3-5 at the Nottawasaga Inn, Alliston, Ontario. Keynote speaker will be Herbert O'Driscoll. Singles, couples or families would enjoy this experience. Watch the weekly *Announcements* for registration details.



CONGRATULATIONS TO FRANK MEADOWS

On May 16, Frank is being recognized for his ministry with an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by United Theological College in Montreal.



FSA Family enjoys Youth fundraising pancake supper

Changes...

First-St. Andrew's United Church: a Christian Ministry nurturing spiritual growth through worship, fellowship, learning and action

DEATHS

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

Anne Burnside Boyd	March 9
John Wilkes Cram	February 3
Dorothy Marie Lawrence	March 12
Mae Blossom Millson	April 2
Ernest Moore	April 1
Millie O'Neil	April 7
George Loranzo Peterson	February 14
Blanche H. Waldock	October 15
James David Williamson	March 18
Kenneth Neill Wright	March 12

GOODBYE & GODSPEED

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

Lori & Joe Chacon
Linda Smith

MARRIAGES

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

February 14	Melanie Irene McLearn Michael Werner Walter Lamm
April 1	Susan Jean Wright John Anderson Bell

NEW ELDERS

(elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting, February 12)

Rick Bain	Gertrude Bergey	Jenn Cull
Heather Cusilito	Janice Elliott	Jim Elliott
Wilma Evans	Don Ewert	Robert Haisman
James Harvey	Penny Hove	Kevin Johnston
Corinne King	Margaret Leonard	Harumi Matchett
Jack McKay	June McKay	Mary Jane McMullen
Joyce Meadows	Pauline Owen	Deanne Pederson
Bruce Richardson	Bob Schram	Russ Scorgie
Andrea Storie	Peter Welch	John Wilkey
Barbara Williamson		Elaine Wilson

THE BLUE COMMITTEE

By Carol Shaw

Many Christian churches have been changing the colour for Advent from purple to blue; purple being the colour representing repentance and blue being the colour representing hope. In the fall of 1994 the Worship Committee of First-St. Andrew's, with the encouragement of the staff, decided to join this movement and consequently a sub-committee was formed to address this question. It was found that we already had a lovely blue Advent banner made by Nancy Hutchinson for Advent 1993. Our task then is to produce antependia for the lectern, the pulpit and stoles for Frank and Catherine in blue.



Carol Shaw

A number of meetings have been held and a workshop organized that was led by Elizabeth Titch, a well-known professional fabric artist and banner maker. We are now selecting the design and fabrics and hope to begin constructing our antependia and stoles by mid-May or early June.

Anyone with stitching or design skills who would like to join this group is encouraged to call me at 474-1680.

1995 COUNCIL REPRESENTS ALL FSA ACTIVITIES



Back: Carolyn Minion (Volunteer Management), Mary Jane McMullen (Christian Development), Paul Huston (Finance), Paul Merritt (Director of Music), David Shaw (Social Action), Bob Slater (Volunteer Management), Bill Watson (Stewardship, also Presbytery)
Middle: David Pederson (Ministry & Personnel), Elspeth Watson (Worship), Lorna Kilb (UCW President), Emily Woods & Marion Jackson Tyler (Directors of Christian Development), Louise Slater & Gertrude Bergey (Membership and Nurture)
Front: Catherine Moore (Minister of Pastoral Care & Outreach), Heather Vosper (Secretary), Ross McMullen (Chair), Doug McGregor (Nominations), Frank Meadows (Minister of Worship and Administration)
Not Pictured: Ron Logan (Trustees), John McKim (Mission Education), Bruce Moor (Music), Robin Procnier (Property)

First-St. Andrew's Ministry
 All of the People and
 The Rev. Frank Meadows
 The Rev. Catherine Moore
 The Rev. Herb Womfor
 Paul Merritt
 Emily Woods
 Susan Brown
 Pat Sole
 Marion Jackson Tyler
 Jim Gagnon

Caregivers and Leaders are needed for the Nursery and Children's program in June, July & August. If you are able to help on one or more Sundays, please phone Emily at the church, (679-8182). Your gift of time and sharing with the children will be very much appreciated. Resources and programs provided.

CAN YOU HELP?

At First-St. Andrew's United Church Nursery during the service. Children's program after the Children's Time in the service, in the Fireside Room. Three year olds are welcome either in the program or the nursery.



June 11 - Sept 7

A special multigenerational Worship Service will be held outdoors at Pearce Williams Retreat Centre near Iona Station, followed by a picnic lunch and activities. See flyer in this mailing for details.



June 4

SUMMER SUNDAYS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our final program of the year will be the Tenth Anniversary Concerts given by the **AMABLE YOUTH SINGERS**. This choir is renowned in London, Canada and abroad for its singing. You won't want to miss this special celebration. There will be two concerts on **SUNDAY, JUNE 11** at 2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 for Adults and \$8 for Seniors and Students.



WELCOME



During July and August, our Senior Choir will have a well-deserved break from its busy rehearsal schedule and this will give us an opportunity to hear our soloists as they provide vocal music to enrich our worship. Alex Clark, former Director of Music at Metropolitan United Church, will be playing the organ for the services here in July.

SUMMER SERVICES

MUSIC

September 11	9:15 & 11:00	We shall resume our regular 9:15 & 11:00 pattern of two services. Preacher - the Rev. Frank Meadows
September 3	10:30	Labour Day Sunday Preacher - the Rev. Catherine Moore
August	10:30	For all the Sundays in August, the preacher will be the Rev. Catherine Moore.
July	10:30	For all the Sundays in July, the preacher will be the Rev. Frank Meadows.
June 25	10:30	Third Sunday after Pentecost. We will be trying out a new liturgy for Sunday worship to help determine whether it should be included in the new service book for the United Church of Canada.
June 18	10:30	Second Sunday after Pentecost. Preacher - the Rev. Catherine Moore
June 11	10:30	Trinity Sunday Preacher - the Rev. Frank Meadows
June 4	9:15 & 11:00	The Day of Pentecost. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be conducted in the chapel. Preacher - the Rev. Frank Meadows

WORSHIP

Come and worship at First-St. Andrew's as we remember and celebrate the story of the church from its earliest days until now. Our regular worship times are 9:15 a.m. in the chapel and 11:00 a.m. in the main sanctuary. Beginning on June 11th, we will have one service only at 10:30a.m. in the main sanctuary for the duration of the summer.

May 28
9:15 & 11:00

The Seventh Sunday of Easter. Catherine and Frank will both be away at the annual meeting of London Conference. The preacher will be the Rev. Jack McKay, a member of First-St. Andrew's. The service will be conducted by Lesley Pergau.

May 21
9:15 & 11:00

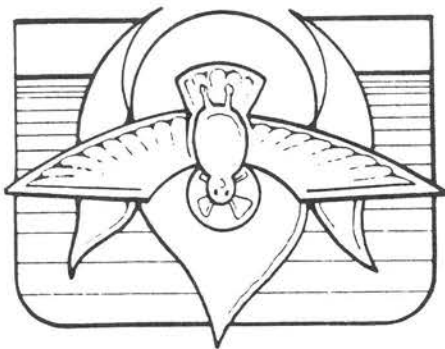
The sixth Sunday of Easter. Preacher - the Rev. Catherine Moore

Worship Schedule:

Frank
Catherine
Lesley

May there be many cool cafes waiting for you this summer. And whether you're in town or away on vacation we hope you will find your way to a cool church to worship God.

PENTECOST



God keeps a cool cafe. What more could I ask?
She provides a comfortable chair
to take the weight off my weary feet;
she puts up an umbrella to shade me from the sun;
she serves me iced tea.
Though I have battled with the crowds at the bargain counters,
though I have suffered the scent of too many sweaty bodies,
I don't care.
I know what's waiting for me at the end of the day
An ice cream cone.
It drips over the edges, and I lick it up gratefully.
I close my eyes;
the sound system plays the gentle chuckle of waves
lapping on a shore.
I am content.
I would love to sit here forever.
In God's cool cafe.

My friend Jim Taylor allowed his creative insight a little elbow room one hot day after some shopping and he came up with this paraphrase of the 23rd psalm. I share it with you as a summer treat.

It has been a little cooler than usual, considering that we are this far into Spring. But Summer is coming, and that means days when the heat is almost more than we can bear. Maybe even too hot to play golf or to shop!

Dear Friends:

FSA Program Guide
Pentecost 1995

