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LENT, HOLY WEEK, EASTER 1999

A FAMILY PORTRAIT

By Elaine Wilton

Nine years ago the Silcox family was looking for a new church home in London. As a result of their decision to join First-St. Andrew's, this congregation has been enriched by the talents and energy they have brought with them.

One of the important features of the United Church that appealed to Jim and JoAnn Silcox was its strong support of social advocacy programs. FSA in particular attracted them because it seemed to be a place where their children, Chris, Tim and Pam, could have a voice.

Chris, the youngest of the Silcox children is now in his fourth year of Political Science at Western with chartered accountancy as his career goal. He was one of the founders of the Teens in Transit group at FSA, and shares the leadership duties of the group with four others, including his girlfriend, Leah Bacon. He is sponsoring a confirmand this year, and is also a member of the Christian Development committee. Outside of church he works at Chapters bookstore in Masonville, participates in hockey pools and collects music and videos.

Tim Silcox seems to be heading in the direction of the financial world for his career. Right now he is taking a year off University and is studying the Canadian Securities course on his own. In addition to being a member of the FSA congregation, he volunteers his time as an assistant coach for Junior Boys' basketball at Lucas.

Pam, the eldest, has completed her Master's degree in Counselling Psychology and is now working as a career counsellor at UWO's Student Development Centre. Like her brothers, she uses her spare time to help others both within the church and outside. Pam's activities include helping with makeup for "Joseph", future membership in the FSA Volunteer Committee, and work with Youth Opportunities Unlimited, and the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. Somehow she still finds time to spend with her close friend, James Bere, a member of Metropolitan United Church.

The desire to help others is something the Silcox children come by naturally. Their parents, JoAnn and Jim, have set the example in their church involvement and in the careers they have chosen. Both physicians, they met at Medical School at Western and married

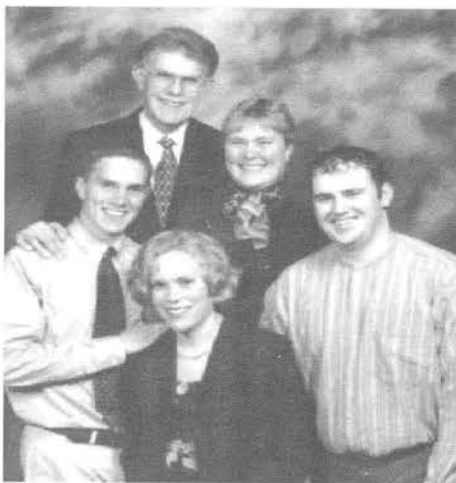
during their post-graduate training in 1968.

JoAnn practises clinical psychiatry four and a half days per week, and spends the other half day at Huron College doing research for her second Master's degree in Theological Studies. With this background, she is well qualified for her leadership of both the Sunday morning and Alternative Worship Bible study groups. On top of this already-daunting schedule, JoAnn participates in the United Church Conference Board, two FSA Committees (Ministry & Personnel and Christian Development), and the FSA Counselling Team which she helped to establish.

Jim describes himself as "the quiet member of the duo." A regular church-goer, he jokes that his volunteer work at church seems to centre around food: flipping pancakes at the Shrove Tuesday supper, working at the fall barbecue and helping to serve meals in the Out

of the Cold program. These activities are all in addition to his professional responsibilities as a gynaecologist at St. Joseph's Health Centre and his position as Associate Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

FSA is truly blessed to have among its members a family with such a sense of personal commitment to others.



Clockwise from the front:
Pam, Chris, Jim, JoAnn and Tim Silcox



Elaine Wilton

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FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN A CONTINUED SUCCESS

By Herb Wonfor



Herb Wonfor

Last fall's Stewardship Campaign was the second of a three year cycle using the "Making the Difference" slogan. We are pleased to announce that we continued to make a difference by matching last year's total amount in pledges.

The success was due in a large measure to all who contributed to the special programmes during the campaign period - the many who participated in "FSA on Display";

the M&S, Music, Volunteer Management and Christian Development Committees with their special presentations; those responsible for the buttons and banners; the follow-up telephoners and the support and encouragement of the Chair of Council, Annabelle Logan, and the Chair of Stewardship Committee, Brian Cram.

322 pledges were received for \$432,440. This was an increase of \$21,915 or 5.34% for those who had pledged in 1997. The average pledge was \$1,342.98, an increase of \$41.63 or 3.20% over last year.

With estimated unpledged envelope givings of \$77,560, we have been able to recommend to the Finance Committee a figure of \$510,000 for the 1999 budget, a 2% increase over 1998.

The results provide a wonderful statement of our congregation's commitment to the witness and mission of First-St. Andrew's.

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WORKSHOP WITH HERB O'DRISCOLL WELL RECEIVED

By Paul Pergau



Paul Pergau

Where will you be in the next millennium? Who really knows for sure? But what Herb O'Driscoll discussed during a day-long session at FSA this past anniversary weekend was not whether there will be a church in the next millennium, but what it will look like.

Some suggestions are: most likely smaller, more mobile, more flexible, less connected to buildings, and more engaged in hands-on mission right in the heart of the community. But more important than trying to figure it all out in advance, we need to trust that God has it safely in hand. We can trust God, and we can trust the future.

Reach Out! Idea

Invite a friend or
neighbour to attend
church with you.



Info-Line

Annual Meeting - February 7 - 1 p.m.

Enjoy a sandwich lunch after church. Hear and see the good news of 1998. Participate in decisions affecting our future.

Observer - New & Renewal - April, 1999

To comply with new federal government regulations for postal subsidies, our group subscription rate will be increased from \$10 to \$12. Still a bargain!

Loved Ones Remembered

Flowers may be placed in the Chapel/Sanctuary in memory of loved ones. For available dates, please refer to the flower calendar in the Atrium Lobby. Call the Church Office (679-8182) by Monday, March 22 if you wish to place Easter lilies in memory.

UCW Recycling Project - Saturday, April 17

UCW Spring Rummage Sale offers us the opportunity to recycle items we are no longer using and the opportunity to support the UCW community projects.

FSA Reaches Out

ELUCOC received \$3000 thanks to the cast, congregation and community support of the musical *Joseph*.

Series: God's Stewards

BETH GIRVAN

By Kevin Johnston



Beth Girvan

Entering the work force can be a daunting, frightening experience, especially for those who are either returning from an absence or are venturing out into the world of employment for the first time. Often, women are faced with added pressures, particularly in wearing appropriate attire that will "make or break" the first impression in the interview process. Beth Girvan has been involved

with *ClothingWorks*, a project in London supporting women entering the job market. This service provides job-ready attire at no cost to women specifically facing economic challenges.

There are shops where women can and do purchase clothing at a low cost. However, they do not specifically focus on clothes appropriate to the work place. "There's no place that they go where there's job-ready attire that's free. Most of them are women who have gone through an enormous amount of training and are finally at the stage where they are at the job interview," says Beth. Many won't need a new outfit, "but for a number of women, it's the last little piece. They've done everything they can and now they have to present themselves at the job interview." They all deserve an equal chance.

ClothingWorks has integrated the best components from like programmes in Toronto and the United States, and is guided by a diverse steering committee.

Several employment agencies have established an alliance with *ClothingWorks*, and can refer up to 15 clients a week. Customers are also referred by many other community organizations.

How does *ClothingWorks* work? Very simply. It relies on donations of current, clean, quality clothing that women are willing to donate. To arrange pick-up of the donation, call *ClothingWorks* at 672-3780. Clients make appointments to visit the centrally located "wardrobe closet", and are assisted by volunteers in choosing attire appropriate for their job search.

ClothingWorks is a hand up, not a hand out. Business apparel that one no longer wears can be shared with women who really can use it. Pants, blouses, skirts, jackets, suits, dresses, shoes, accessories, and new unopened cosmetics or pantyhose are always welcome and appreciated, as long as they are on hangers, clean, in excellent condition, and ready for use. Plus sizes are especially needed.

Beth takes our mission statement into the community. Through *ClothingWorks*, she reaches out to, renews, and rejoices with others in a way that a practical need is met in a very practical way.



Kevin Johnston

JIM GAGNON BEGINS 5TH YEAR AT FSA

By Nancy Howard

Jim Gagnon is no stranger to members of First-St. Andrew's. His custodial work puts him into the hub of all activity. There is a lot of work involved in maintaining such a large building and its grounds. You have to prioritize to keep things running smoothly. Still, you won't hear Jim utter a single complaint when he is asked to perform extra tasks for various church groups.

Born in Carmen, Manitoba, Jim grew up in Montreal. For the past twenty-five years he has resided outside of Lambeth. His face lights up with a broad smile at the mention of Anita, his sweetheart of four years.

Prior to his employment at FSA, Jim worked for Servicemaster in the Fires and Floods Division. Recognizing Jim's good rapport



Jim Gagnon

with people, his boss asked if he would fill a required position at the church. Jim's uncertainty was resolved when he discovered

how good the staff is. There have been some staff changes during his employment at FSA, but the one constant has been the commitment of the staff and their friendly support of one another.



Nancy Howard

January marks the beginning of his fifth year at First-St. Andrew's. Looking back to his early years, Jim couldn't believe all of the activity at the church. There is always something going on and the congregation is so friendly. He laughs as he remembers getting used to the large building. He couldn't find his way back the first time he was asked to do something!

That part is behind him now, but First-St. Andrew's remains a wonderful place to work.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

By Barrie Evans, Chair of Music Committee



Barrie Evans

"The music of the Gospel leads us home" wrote the 19th Century English hymn writer Frederick William Faber. As I thought about writing this short piece for *Tidings* about "Friends of Music", I could not help thinking about our loss of a loyal friend of music, Spencer Inch, who died last August of cancer. I met Spencer through the senior choir close to twenty-five years ago and in this sense he was for

me a friend *through* music. Spencer and Helen's support of music was demonstrated in many ways including being "Friends of Music". It was fitting, therefore, when Spencer died, that Helen asked that memorial donations be made to the "Friends of Music" and I would like to thank her and to thank all of you who in your love and respect for Spencer made contributions.

The "Friends of Music" are people in our church and community who contribute financially to enable our Christian witness to continue to flourish and to provide the benefits of music to London and beyond. Each year, thanks to the "Friends of Music" we are able to

produce a concert series, planned and coordinated by our Music Director, Paul Merritt. Our aim is to continue to operate on a non-profit basis to keep the ticket prices as low as possible. The Concert series continues to be self-supporting and operates independently of the Church Council. The concert series is an important vehicle for musical outreach to our community. For many of us, music is the key to deepening our faith. I, like others I know, was drawn to this congregation because of the wonderful opportunities to enhance our faith through musical worship.

We are thankful for people like Spencer Inch and it is important to continue the work that he supported for many years. You can become a "Friend of Music" simply by enclosing your cheque in an envelope marked "Friends of Music" and placing it on the offering plate or mailing it to the church office. Contributions in any amount will be gratefully received and they are tax-deductible.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Shirley & Stan Parsons celebrated their 56th Wedding Anniversary in December.

COUNCIL REPORTS TO YOU

By Annabelle Logan

Chair of Council (471-2518)



Annabelle Logan

Thank you all for your kindness and support during the two years I have had the opportunity to serve as your Chair of Council. This has been an enjoyable time and I am so grateful to have had this wonderful experience.

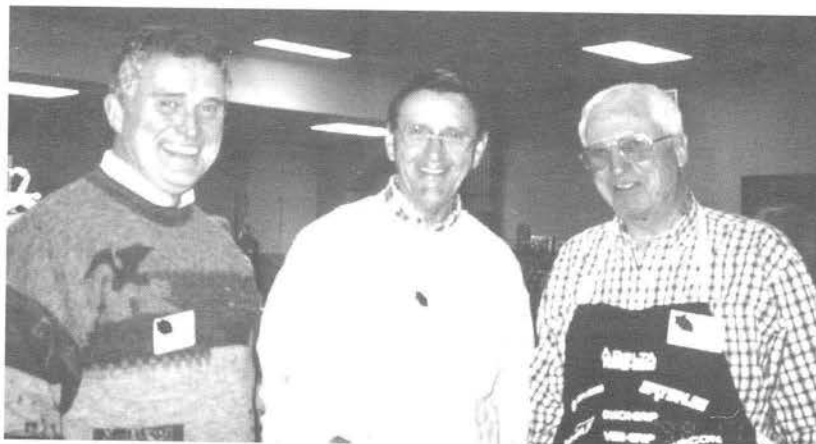
I know that you will all welcome and support Dr. Bill Watson as he takes the helm. Bill has a wealth of experience and knowledge of this church and the United Church as a whole. He is certainly the perfect person for taking First-St.

Andrew's into the new millennium.

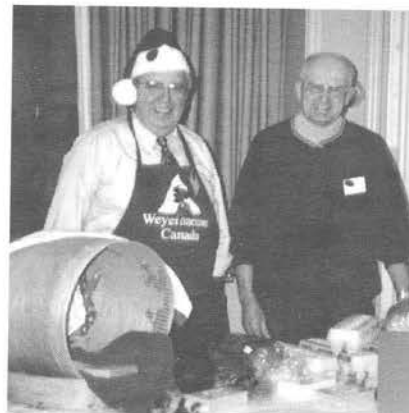
Council has had two meetings - the first being on Dec. 8. At that time Council unanimously endorsed a letter from Kevin Johnston requesting that he be presented as an Inquirer for candidacy towards ordered ministry in the United Church of Canada. Congratulations, Kevin! Paul Pergau and Terry Peters presented the new web site and it was received with great enthusiasm. Terry Peters and Lesley Pergau presented wonderful information from the Needs Assessment Committee. More will be presented at the Annual Meeting, Feb. 7, 1999. Herb Wonfor, our Stewardship Campaign chair, brought us up to date on the pledges. With 314 pledges in, the total comes to \$423,870, giving us an increase of \$21,000 over 1998. Unfortunately there will be a shortfall in our 1998 budget because of unforeseen payments for disability and also there is a slight shortfall in envelope givings. On a recommendation from the Executive of Council, the Finance Committee is now being co-chaired. Gerry Shaw and Ken Wright have graciously accepted these positions for one year. They presented the 1999 budget at the January 12 Council Meeting. The budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting, Feb. 7, 1999.

The first Council Meeting of the new 1999 Council will meet Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. I wish the Council and its members and all of you, my very best in good health and happiness for 1999.

God bless to all.



Bill Peel, Russ Gonder, Ross McMullen working at the Bazaar



Anson Wever and John Jones

HOLLY BAZAAR NOVEMBER 5,6 1998

By Laurel Kenney



Jean Wright and Eileen Pyper

Action at the Holly Bazaar, November 5 & 6, 1998 - the result of a year when women and men of our FSA community planned, phoned, collected, glued, sewed, sawed, sanded and preserved. Our Access area proved an attractive showcase for this ambitious undertaking which also utilized the entire downstairs area.

To all who helped in any way, your efforts are sincerely appreciated. The net profit was \$8,180 which results in regular contributions to M & S and to many Outreach organizations throughout our city.

P.S. Perhaps you harbour a secret hobby - the results of which could be part of our bazaar 1999! Early February is Seville orange season - who can make orange marmalade for the Holly Bazaar, November '99? Let us know!!



Diane Macpherson and Heather Bedford
(Bob Vosper in the background)

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

By George Jolink



George Jolink

"WE ALL DREAM A LOT - SOME ARE LUCKY SOME ARE NOT

BUT IF YOU THINK IT, WANT IT, DREAM IT, THEN IT'S REAL

YOU ARE WHAT YOU FEEL.

BUT ALL THAT I SAY CAN BE TOLD ANOTHER WAY..."

It was two years ago, closing night of *Godspell*, emotions were high. There was a feeling of tremendous accomplishment on the part of all those involved. The cast, crew and creative team were buoyed by the audience response and we all felt good. Then someone innocently asked "What's next?" That's when *Joseph* began.

From November 11-14, 1998, First-St. Andrew's was shaking to its very foundations with the upbeat energy and creative talent of 50 actors, dozens of crew members, and a production team of over a hundred people. The show was entertaining, energetic, colourful and poignant. It retold a familiar story in a way that was designed to reach both young and old. It was the culmination of two years of planning, and months of work.

Behind the scenes, a production such as *Joseph* requires several key elements which have to work together to achieve an end result. First and foremost there must be a production team committed to bringing to life the thousands of details that create the final picture. Under the skilful leadership of Glenda Pennington, many volunteers were solicited to head up areas such as Programme/Poster, Publicity, Ticket Sales, Costumes, Makeup, Set Construction, Properties and many more. These people worked with their own teams to develop the show that you watched.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat



As well, there has to be a creative team which develops a vision, a look for the show. How will it sound? What symbols will be used? Where will the dance sequences be? These are all questions which were handled by George Jolink, Glenda Pennington, Angela Southern, Laura Wood and Andrew Kilpatrick. More than many shows, *Joseph* features music and dance. The work of Angela and Laura was inspiring. Moving 50 actors quickly in a tight



space presents unique problems. Through flexible and collaborative approaches, this team presented a show that worked well in our historic sanctuary.

The final ingredients were the collective efforts of cast and crew which brought the creative vision to life. The singing talents, the dancing, the lights and sound, the props and costumes made the *Joseph* dream a reality. Special mention should be made of the coat which was designed by Margie Hennen in a process that began in the spring. Painstakingly handcrafted by Carol Shaw and Nancy Hutchinson, our "Technicolor Dreamcoat" was amazing!

Many people both inside and outside of First-St. Andrew's have asked, how is it that this church is able to mount successful large scale productions such as *Godspell* and *Joseph*? Quite simply, we "think it, want it, and dream it." Drama at FSA in this form has

been promoted and encouraged by our administrative staff, the music staff and the church Council. We have a vision that fosters community outreach in many new and exciting ways. Musical Theatre using church and community talent, is just one more way that we accomplish

our goal. Our community preview performance was well received, and this production allowed FSA to make a significant contribution to ELUCOC.

Once again First-St. Andrew's presented a musical which played to sold out houses and was very well received by its audiences. Once again there was an excitement in the air on closing night. Once again, someone innocently asked, "What's next?"

Any dream will do.



Changes...

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

BAPTISMS

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

Kaelan Nicholas William Davidson

Jessica Ann Petersen

Mykaela Mae Springer

Next Baptism: May 9, 1999

NEW MEMBERS

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



Received November 22, 1998 (* By Confirmation)

Back: Karen Reese*, Carol Latter, Mary Scott, John Scott
Centre: Rob Vanderheyden, Susan Bowman, Elizabeth Turner,

Betty Anne Younker, Dale Inder

Front: Andrew Hillman*, Catherine Scott

Next reception of new members by Transfer: April 25, 1999

Next reception of new members by Confirmation: May 2, 1999

MARRIAGES

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

November 7 Susan Elizabeth Carter, Daniel Albert Bowman

December 5 Jennie Lynn Wiebe, Klaus Franzreb

January 16 Cynthia Anne Ellis, Andrew Tate Hunter

DEATHS

"Well done good and faithful servant."

Kathleen Elizabeth Moore November 5

Charlotte Meta Wachenfeld November 25

Hugh Gordon Murray December 17

Barbara Robertson Dalby December 21

GOODBYE & GODSPEED

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

Pat & Alan Pauli

MORE THAN 80 GATHERED

By Jean Comfort



Jean Comfort

More than 80 people gathered on Dec. 1, 1998 in the Lower Hall for the Annual Meeting of the U.C.W. It was our Christmas meeting and the Tuesday Evening Unit had given the room a festive air. There were poinsettias and red and green serviettes to decorate the tables. The buffet tables were laden with colourful salads, steaming casseroles and tasty desserts prepared by

members of the three units - something to satisfy every taste. Before dinner, we were able to visit with church staff and other guests or purchase gift items from the "bazaar" tables.

Our president, Louise McLarty, called us to our tables. After welcoming us, she introduced Judge Peggy Eberhard McGugan, daughter of Helen Eberhard. Peggy led us in a thoughtful prayer blessing before we shared our Christmas meal.

After dinner we reassembled in the sanctuary for worship. The drama, written by Peggy for her church in Orillia, told the story of Gabriel's message to Mary, Mary's visit with Elizabeth, and Joseph's response to the angel's visit, in word and song. It was a satisfying experience as we entered into the first week of Advent. Members presented the drama. Gerry Meacham expressed appreciation to the participants and to Peggy for making her work available to us.

At the business meeting which followed, Louise McLarty was in charge. Minutes of 1997 Annual Meeting, Annual Meeting report 1998, the Treasurer's Report and the Budget for 1999 were presented and approved. A collection for the Clara Bailey Fund for Beth Emmanuel church was made.

Louise reported the investment of \$3,000 for future use. This was made up of \$2,000 from a bequest from the late Pearl Case, and the balance of a memorial gift to Mrs. May Meadows. This was approved. Another bequest of \$5,000 from the estate of Gladys Erskine is being processed.

Lorna Kilb, as chairperson of nominations, presented the new slate of officers. She expressed appreciation to all the executive with particular thanks to those retiring - Lu McLean as treasurer and Shirley Peel as secretary. The new president, Laurel Kenney, was welcomed. Laurel thanked Lorna and presented Louise with a gift and thanks for her years as president. After announcing executive meetings and unit work months, she closed the meeting. All was accomplished in good time.

ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS

From the Earth Stewardship Committee

Avoid using hazardous chemicals to clean your oven. Instead, use a mixture of water and baking soda, or pour salt onto fresh grease spots and wipe them clean minutes later.

Guess who's having fun now at First-St. Andrew's United Church
How did you do?

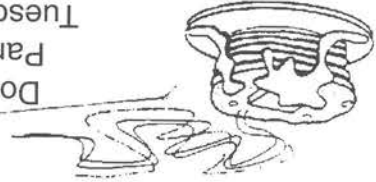
JACK HILLIER



Now can you guess who is pictured here--->

M _ R _ N | L _ S _
L _ A _ L
L _ N _ R

Don't Forget the Pancake Supper
Tuesday February 16
6 PM



LIFE GOES ON THIS WAY

Life goes on this very way,
Mankind sowing the seed, the grain;
Rising afterwards their tired bodies,
Rising refreshed on a new day.

Realizing, finding the task
Of the new dawn that he accepts,
Like the seed, the grain
That for a fertile soil did ask.

Pushing itself upwards,
Out of the darkened earth.
First in that delicate haze
Then ears, the ripening start.


Fryke Costenbrug

FSA Making the Difference!

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. Contact the UCW president, Laurel Kenney (439-9300) for more information.



UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

and Jack McKay (471-5668) and Shelstad) at 6 pm (ending by 9 o'clock) in the lower hall. Call June (Program - TBA) and April 27 (Dreams and Spirituality - Susan and an interesting program follows. Save Tuesdays March 23, with a pot luck dinner like no other. A sing song with Paul Merritt evening get-togethers starting a guest or new member at our or a couple - you are invited to be If you are of bifocal age - single



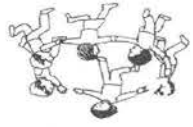
BIFOCALS

Contact Ann MacPhail (645-8867) Announcements for notice of gatherings. Children welcome. Watch weekly. Singles and marrieds who enjoy fun are invited to join with the circle of friends.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

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



HAVA JAVA 'N' JUICE

FRIENDSHIP & LEARNING GROUPS

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, Narthex and Atrium entrances of the Sanctuary where you may leave your donations. Financial contributions are also welcome. Thank you for helping others!



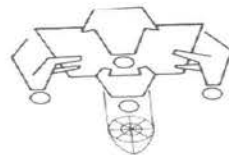
FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS

RAINBOWS

Rainbows is effective support programmes for children and adults who have experienced death, divorce, separation or abandonment. First-St. Andrew's is currently working in cooperation with Robinson Memorial and Colborne Street United Churches, sharing facilitators, resources and space. If you know someone who would benefit from such a programme, please contact Heather Bedford (679-8182) or Mary Vernon (657-7568).

COUNSELLING TEAM

Under the direction of the Ministerial Staff who provide individual spiritual direction to those seeking help where requested, the Counselling Service is staffed voluntarily by three members of the congregation whose professional training and daily work experience is in the counselling context.



Kerry Hill, a management consultant and career counsellor, provides personal counselling and detailed vocational assessment by appointment when mutually convenient. Ardath Finbogason-Hill, a nurse-educator with considerable experience in personal counselling, and JoAnn Silcox, a psychiatrist, work as a team to provide initial assessment and follow-through counselling for individuals, couples, families or groups facing personal transitional crises.

Referrals may be made through Ardath Hill at 657-3000. Please feel free to contact the Ministerial staff for further details or speak to any of the counsellors directly.

DIAL-A-PRAYER 439-6838

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

Coordinators: Donna Ellis (782-7084) and Deanne Pederson (432-1583).

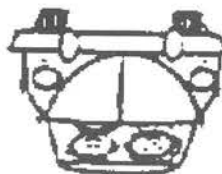
COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Every Sunday, following our 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services, the congregation is invited to remain after service for refreshment and the deepening of friendship. This is an opportunity for each person to make contact and share his/her journey as a valued individual within our community of faith. Volunteers are needed to make and serve coffee and to clean up. If you can help, please call Eileen Pyper (471-4058) or Shirley Peel (439-1698).



RIDES

If you need a ride to and from church and/or church events, please call Louise Slater (642-7949).



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 9.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION

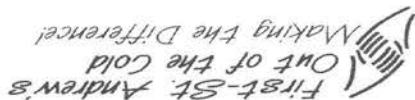
Preparation for marriage is important because marriage is important - to the persons involved, to society in general, and to God. First-St. Andrew's works in cooperation with Westminster College to offer classes. Call Westminster College (673-0040) as soon as possible.



Next events: Thursdays in March, 7-9 pm; Apr. 9 & 10 or Apr. 23 & 24, 7-10 pm and 9:30 am-4:30 pm.

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, maintaining a furniture cupboard for the use of refugees and the impoverished 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, 5:30-6:30 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? September to December; January to April; May to August. Contact Andy Hunter (471-3659) or Joanne Girvan (473-3814) or the church office (679-8182).

GROW-A-ROW PROJECT

CIDA'S 4:1 matching policy means \$236,500 has been provided for the Canadian Food Grains Program through the efforts of St. Marys and FSA over the past four years. Watch for GROW-A-ROW V so you can participate and help alleviate hunger in the developing world.

SAVE CANCELLED STAMPS

Clip leaving 1/4 inch envelope paper showing. One lb. 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 had bin below the mailboxes next to the elevator.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH GROUP

Grade 7 and up! Come join the group in the Upper Room on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. after Youth Choir.
 Leaders: Lionel Morise (438-8109), Peter Welch (439-8023) and Jenn Cull.



TEENS IN TRANSIT

Grade 7 and 8
 This lively group meets at 11:00 a.m. Sundays in their own room off the Upper Room.
 Leader: Chris Silcox (642-2152)



PANCAKE SUPPER

Shrove Tuesday became known as Pancake Day because pancakes and other rich foods were prepared on this day to use up forbidden Lenten foods such as fats, eggs and butter. Be ready for the Season of Lent! Come and enjoy our Pancake and Sausage Supper! Entertainment too! Sponsored by the youth of the Church and the Youth Committee.
 Cost: Adults \$5, Children \$3, Family \$15.



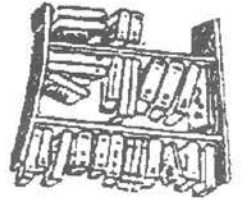
TEEN CONFIRMATION CLASS

This group will be meeting regularly to explore what it means to be a Christian and a member of the church.
 Confirmation will take place on Sunday, May 2.



LIBRARY (NEXT TO CHAPEL)

The Church Library has Lenten and Easter books and videos for your personal reflection or to share at a meeting or gathering. Watch for displays in the Atrium on Sunday mornings, or come browse in the Library.



ADULT DEVELOPMENT

**BIBLE STUDY
 THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

10:00 a.m. in the Parlour. Lectionary study. Everyone welcome.

Leader: Susan Shelstad (679-8182)

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

9:15 a.m. in the Kerygma Room. Coffee is on and the fellowship warm.

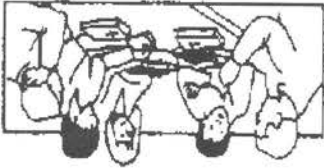
Leader: JoAnn Silcox (642-2152)

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlour. A Study based on the book, *Say To This Mountain*, by Ched Myers, on the Gospel of Mark.

Leaders: Frank Meadows & Susan Shelstad (679-8182)

BASIC CHRISTIAN BELIEFS WORKSHOP

If you are interested in joining the FSA family or want a refresher course, call the church office (679-8182) and leave your name. The workshop will likely be held on a Saturday in April.



PASTORAL CARE

Heather Bedford is responsible for the Ministry of Pastoral Care and Visitation.

CONGREGATIONAL VISITING TEAM

This group works at meeting both short and long term needs of the members of our congregation. The men and women of this group visit approximately 70 shut-ins on a regular basis, and also around birthday and holiday times. If you or anyone you know has need of extra help, support or visits, please call Heather Bedford (679-8182).



SHUT-INS SPRING COMMUNION

The shut-ins annual communion service is Wednesday, May 12. Invitations will be extended and the Congregational Visiting Team will be calling to arrange transportation. In the meantime, mark your calendars. This service is always very meaningful for all those who take part. The reception following the service is a time for renewing friendships.



ADULT DEVELOPMENT

MUSIC



NINTH ANNUAL AMABILE FESTIVAL

Sunday, February 14, 1999 at 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm
 Amabile Youth Singers, Junior Amabile Singers and Amabile Boys Choir
 Admission \$10.00, \$8.00 and \$5.00



VANCOUVER CHAMBER CHOIR

Jon Washburn, Conductor
 Wednesday, February 24, 1999 at 8:00 pm
 Admission \$12.00 and \$10.00 Reception to follow.

FRIDAY LENTEN NOON RECITALS

12-12:30 - Luncheon (\$5.00) served following

March 12 - David Jones, Piano

March 19 - Paul Merritt, Organ

March 26 - The Bellissima Ringers

SAINT NICHOLAS, A CANTATA

by Benjamin Britten

Sunday, April 18, 1999 at 7:30 p.m.

The Choir of First-St. Andrew's United Church,

St. Marys Children's Choir,

Children's Talent Education Centre String Orchestra

Paul Merritt, Conductor

Darryl Edwards, Tenor



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*First-St. Andrew's
 Christian Development
 Making the Difference!*

CRADLE ROLL

We are delighted to welcome each new baby into the church family with our *Growing in God's Love* mailings. Be sure to let the church know when your new baby arrives. Since the last Tidings, we have greeted Kaelan Davidson, Jessica Petersen and Mykaela Springer.

Coordinator: Nancy Stanlick (451-9491)



For infants to two years old - located next to the Chapel on the main floor. Open for 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

Coordinators: Judy Cull, Mary Gonder (451-0992)

CHURCH SCHOOL

9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

Continuing with the *Whole People of God* curriculum, Unit 5, *Lenten Conversations*, and Unit 6, *Winds of Hope*, will take us from Feb. 21 to May 23.



SECRET PALS

Children in grades 3 to 6 are exchanging letters with adults in the congregation on a monthly basis. They are using mystery code names and deliver through the red Secret Pal mailbox in the Atrium. In the spring, we will have an "unmasking event" to reveal each pal's identity.



GONE FISHING

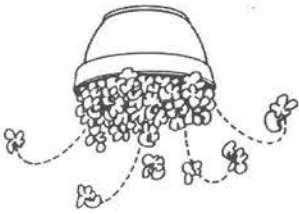
The Gone Fishing program, a joint effort of Music and Christian Development, is for children in grades one to six. We meet on Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. for snacks, choir, Christian development, music instruction, dinner and chapel.

Term 2 began on Jan. 13 and will end on April 14. We will not meet over March break for two weeks, March 10 and 17.

Coordinators: Susan Shelstad and Paul Merritt (679-8182)

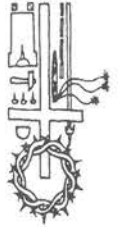
POP N' POPCORN

Girls and boys in Grade 5 and 6 get together for fun on Friday evenings about once a month. Watch weekly Announcements for details of time and place. Or call one of the coordinators: Janice & Jim Elliott (657-7183), Virginia & Bob Rogan (472-4137), Jeannette & Stuart Eberhard (672-8400)



First-St. Andrew's Ministry

All of the people including
 The Rev. Dr. Frank Meadows
 The Rev. Susan Shelstad
 Heather Bedford
 Paul Merritt
 Diane Macpherson
 Jim Gagnon
 Pat Sole



We will invite the clergy and members of Metropolitan United Church to join us in our sanctuary for this special service at 11:00.

Preacher - Susan Shelstad

April 2 Good Friday

7:00 Alternative Worship

9:15 & 11:00 The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated.



March 28 Palm Sunday

7:00 Alternative Worship

9:15 & 11:00 Preacher - Frank Meadows

March 21 The Fifth Sunday in Lent

7:00 Alternative Worship

9:15 & 11:00 Preacher - Frank Meadows

March 14 The Fourth Sunday in Lent

7:00 Alternative Worship

9:15 & 11:00 Preacher - Frank Meadows

March 7 The Third Sunday in Lent

7:00 Alternative Worship

9:15 & 11:00 Preacher - Barry Moore

February 28 The Second Sunday in Lent

7:00 Alternative Worship

9:15 & 11:00 Preacher - Barry Moore

February 21 The First Sunday in Lent

Preacher - Frank Meadows

and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

February 17 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday service in the main sanctuary with the imposition of ashes



web site: www.fsauunited.london.on.ca

Come and worship at First-St. Andrew's as we follow Christ on the Lenten journey that takes us to Calvary, and beyond to the empty tomb and the glorious light of the resurrection. Our regular worship times are 9:15 a.m. in the chapel and 11:00 a.m. in the main sanctuary. You may want to try Alternative Worship at 7 p.m., beginning in the Lower Hall. Everyone is welcome. Up to date information regarding each of our services can be had during the week by telephoning the church (679-8182) or by looking at our

WORSHIP

April 4 Easter Sunday

9:15 & 11:00 On this joyful Sunday of the resurrection we shall have special music with brass accompaniment. The preacher at both services will be Frank Meadows.



April 11 The Second Sunday of Easter

9:15 & 11:00 At the 11:00 service there will be a presentation by the children of our Gone Fishing program.

April 18 The Third Sunday of Easter. Earth Stewardship Sunday

9:15 & 11:00 Preacher - Frank Meadows

7:00 Alternative Worship

April 25 The Fourth Sunday of Easter.

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday.

9:15 & 11:00 At the 11:00 service we shall receive new members by certificate of transfer. Preacher - Frank Meadows

7:00 Alternative Worship

May 2 The Fifth Sunday of Easter.

9:15 & 11:00 At the 11:00 service we shall receive new members by confirmation. Preacher - Susan Shelstad

7:00 Alternative Worship

May 9 Christian Family Sunday

9:15 & 11:00 At the 11:00 service we shall celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. Preacher - Frank Meadows

7:00 Alternative Worship

May 16 The Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:15 & 11:00 Final service before renovation of the sanctuary begins. Preacher - Frank Meadows

7:00 Alternative Worship

May 23 Day of Pentecost

9:15 & 11:00 The 11:00 service will be held in the Lower Hall.

7:00 Alternative Worship



ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP

Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm

We meet first in the lower hall for singing and then choose either Bible Study in the Library with JoAnn Silcox or contemplative worship in the sanctuary with Susan Shelstad.

At 8:00 pm we join together again in the lower hall for coffee and pot luck dessert. Come join us! It's a wonderful way to end or begin a week.

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CHURCH FAMILY EVENTS

- Pancake Supper
Tuesday February 16 - 6 PM
Adults \$5, Children \$3, Family \$15
- Lunch after Church & Annual Meeting
Sunday February 7 - Noon

MODERATOR AT FSA

Friday Afternoon
April 16
1:30 - 3:00
Economic Justice?
The Rt. Reverend Bill
Phipps & Community Reps

Let us all feel richly blessed and rejoice in this Easter season.
 Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.
 We strengthened to serve you in the Church and in the world, for the sake of Jesus
 We dedicate ourselves again to you, praying that, in the power of your Spirit, we may
 live a life of love and service, and died for us on the Cross. We thank you that it was
 in a garden in springtime that he rose again, Lord of life and Conqueror of death.
 We thank you for the gift of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who became a man,
 in the nest, lambs in the field - every where the promise of new life.
 released from the icy grip of winter; the green blade of wheat rising through the dark
 earth; flowers in hedgerow and garden; trees in bud, blossom ready to break; fledglings
 "Almighty God, creator of all things, we thank you for the spring of the year - earth
 Here is a beautiful Easter prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication:
 journey. Compare our journey to the journey Jesus took and the choices he made, ending with the
 ultimate sacrifice of his life for us.
 quiet times will surface periodically, or we can coast and wait for others to help us along our
 celebration. Do these words not describe the journey each of us takes through the dark, sad and
 descriptive words that remain, we have every range of emotion and feeling - from sadness to
 Easter Sunday - joy, victory and celebration.
 If you take the names of the celebratory days out of the previous paragraph, and look at the
 choice. Good Friday produces an image of darkness, sadness and vigil followed soon after by
 and rest our will power, or we can coast through Lent as though it's not happening - we have the
 Tuesday - fun, feasting and fellowship. We can make the choice of fasting, abstinence and self-denial
 Lent to Good Friday and end with Easter. Some of us start our annual pilgrimage with Pancake
 We will soon begin our annual pilgrimage which will start with Ash Wednesday, continue through
 Dear Family and Friends of First-St. Andrew's



FSA Program Guide

Lent, Holy Week, Easter 1999

