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Editor's Message



David Wardlaw

The *Tidings* team welcomes Anne Cummings as a regular proofreader. She succeeds Pat Sole who passed away in December 2022, having served admirably for eight years in the role. Anne was a guest proofreader for the last issue and subsequently volunteered to make it permanent. Thank you, Anne!

The feature article for this issue is an Our Neighbours piece about St. Paul's Cathedral. It is authored by a consortium from the St. Paul's Heritage Committee which is chaired by Bette Ferguson who coordinated its preparation and was my point of contact. The idea for this article arose when I was listening to the message delivered by guest preacher, Bishop Robert Bennett (retired), from St. Paul's at an FSA worship service in January 2023. Bishop Bob's emphasis on inter-church cooperation and getting to know each other as churches struck a chord with this editor.

Our new Children's Coordinator, Chris Lindsay, provides an overview of our revitalized and energized children's programming in the Next Generation column. Did you know that 50 children and teens have participated in Sunday programming between January and May of this year?

After a minor hiatus, the Spiritual Dimensions column returns with a piece entitled *Water is a Sacred Force*. Nancy Quinn has written a synopsis of the talk given by the guest speaker, Brandon Doxtator of the Oneida Nation of the Thames, at the UCW luncheon on May 1 in Proudfoot Hall. The talk was a moving and inspired mixture of prayerfulness, respect for nature, history, and the technical hurdles and solutions encountered by his nation in its multi-year quest for a safe water supply.

In the Introducing column, learn about the background, qualifications, and interests of our new Minister of Music, Chris Fischer. Chris has a long, diverse, and accomplished career as musician, choral director, pianist, and organist – read all about it in Merran Neville's account. What is immediately apparent from the article and from Chris's brief time with us is that we are blessed to have Chris in our midst and as a member of our leadership team. †





Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

"THE

VIOLENCE

OF

FORM"

As unavoidable as they might be, the forms through which we envision the world and bestow it with purpose, also distance us from what philosopher Jacques Derrida describes as the "living energetics of meaning" ("Force and Signification"). They tempt us with promises of completion and precision, thereby concealing the truth of meaningful labor—which is messy and never-ending. Even the spiritual practices that aid some of us in our pursuit of "sabbath," are bursting with a plenitude of unintended (and thus, unpredictable) effects. Physiologically, the medical field qualifies this activity (while motionless) as the resting metabolic rate (RMR). A necessarily omnipresent dynamism, the activities measured by RMR include breathing, blood circulation and basic neurological function. Living energetics indeed!

«Our challenge, as a people of faith, is to not foreclose possibility or give in to the despair that forever lurks behind our daily activities.»

While Derrida was originally taking aim at a literary movement known as "structuralism," his insights have been subsequently applied more broadly to encompass several fields, including my own: Religious Studies. And I think it bears repeating that definition remains the first and most difficult task of any scholar of religion: What is it?! Better yet, what is it not? In James H. Leuba's *Psychological Study of Religion*, more than fifty definitions of religion are attempted. And this was in 1912! To be sure, there have been others since this monumental study. Building on Leuba's disciplinary

insight, Jonathan Z. Smith will later write that "Religion is created in the scholar's study."

So, if form never fully captures the spirit of the word or phrase (thank you, St. Paul and St. Jacques), and in every other community we can never finally say what God is, are we not better off leaning into the creative uncertainty of our lives with faith rather than making futile attempts at "capturing" the Holy Spirit? Bottling it, as it were, into a liturgy that will always be "decent and in good order."

As we all know, the changes in our community and every other are a testament to the mercurial life of Spirit. Our challenge, as people of faith, is to not foreclose possibility or give in to the despair that forever lurks behind our daily activities. And while the forms we impose may not seem so malevolent, they do keep us from full and right relationship with those persons "un-

recognized" and "uncategorized" by these same structures. They perpetuate disparities of race and class, and shield us from the "uncomfortable" truths of our history. They also

keep us "out of touch" with our world, our community, our future generations. The violence of form has little or nothing to do with personal intention, but instead speaks to those insidious principalities and powers that don't want anything to do with the Gospel. My challenge this year is to keep unearthing those ideological prisons that keep us from experiencing the Word made flesh, made new. I invite you to do the same thing in your life. And together, I pray we all experience new horizons of meaning and hope, even as we toil in the valleys of economic uncertainty and geopolitical conflict. †

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Marilyn Arthur

A SENSE OF BELONGING



One of our young adults in the past few months shared with me that growing up in their local church, they felt such a sense of belonging. This person was celebrated and felt welcomed as they spent many hours in Sunday School, then became involved in the youth programs and the many aspects of the life of their church community. Once this person left high school to pursue post-secondary education, they felt a sense of emptiness. They could not find a faith community that welcomed them and provided resources, people and opportunities to feed their faith. They did not feel a sense of belonging. In recent months, they are feeling grateful for the opportunities that have been provided to be fully engaged once again in a faith community with peers that share like-minded beliefs, and with whom they can share who they are, and feel that they belong.

I spoke to a 14-year-old who walked into our church buildings not long ago, seeking refuge from the grief they were feeling. Within minutes of walking into the building, they were greeted with outstretched hands, warm words of welcome, and a feeling that this is where they belonged.

Aren't we all seeking a sense of belonging? For many people, our church communities are where many find that

sense of belonging, that allows them to be “seen” and feel accepted, loved and cherished for who they are. For many young people, the church community is a place where they can come, be together with their peers and RELAX. Many feel they do not need to act a certain way, to wear certain clothes, nor to be concerned that they are being judged. For many, our church communities are where people seek refuge, share their joys and celebrations, and feel accepted for the unique and amazing people they are.

I was so fortunate to grow up in my small rural congregation where I felt a sense of belonging. I knew from an early age that I belonged to God's family and was so grateful for the people that were part of my amazing communities. I am so thankful that I have been called to help create a sense of belonging and community for the people who walk in our doors and into our lives.

We have been invited to be the Body of Christ, to be those outstretched hands for those who are amongst us and for those who are still to come. Thanks be to God that we have been called to share our God-given talents and gifts to form a community that helps each other while serving our communities at large by helping those in our world to know that they are loved and are gifted human beings. †

The Next Generation



BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION

Chris Lindsay



When we think of Sunday School, many of us look back a couple of decades and remember growing up at FSA. Do you remember those children's times as Frank Meadows and Emily Woods brought puppets, Zoey and her grandfather, to life? Do you remember Glenda Robinson reading a story to introduce the week's theme? Or maybe you fondly remember the *Gone Fishing* musicals so lovingly produced by Paul and Enid Merritt.

FSA continues to be a place where young friendship bonds are formed and good times are had by our kids. FSA is a special place where children know they are welcome...and happily, they seem happy to come to church!

It is clear that times at Sunday school are different; a quick

glance leads us to think kids engage differently. Just see how Ann MacPhail engages our youngest members in their chats. In her friendly and cheerful way, she brings the kids out of their shells so they can share their thoughts with her. She uses more traditional methods such as flip charts, markers, and fabulous crafts, but also knows she needs to use more modern strategies. An example includes finding videos or pictures on her cell phone and having the kids crowd around to watch with her. Mostly, the kids know that her cheery voice and big smiles are always waiting to greet them.

If you stroll past the youth room during a church service, you will see the young people in grades 5 – 8 chatting about the week's theme. We try to include some experiential learning along with good times to keep their attention. After our

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With thanks to Bette Ferguson and the Heritage Committee of St. Paul's Cathedral



ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

St. Paul's Cathedral is known as London's oldest church and is designated as a local historic site. The parish of St. Paul's had a humble beginning in a wooden structure at the Forks of the Thames. Early missionaries travelled from the Diocese of Quebec in the 1820s to offer services to Church of England (Anglican) pioneers. Their first wooden church was moved from its location by the river to the area where the current cathedral stands, only to burn in 1844. St. Paul's Church was rebuilt in two years and has stood at the corner of Richmond and Queens streets since 1846. The first minister, Reverend Benjamin Cronyn and his family arrived from Ireland in 1832. In 1857 he became the first Bishop of Huron elected by delegates here in London and at that time, St. Paul's Church became St. Paul's Cathedral. Cronyn was a supporter of slaves who were escaping from the United States and between 1854 and 1859 there was a school for Black students on the church property. St. Paul's was home to the British Militia during these years and many pieces of military significance are in the building. In 1895, a major renovation took place, and later many wonderful stained-glass windows (including four by Louis Comfort Tiffany) and some stunning wood carvings were added.

St. Paul's Cathedral is the "mother"

church of the Diocese of Huron, an area which stretches from Windsor to Kitchener-Waterloo to Tobermory. The clergy staff at St. Paul's is led by the Dean of the Diocese of Huron and Rector of St. Paul's. The Right Reverend Bob Bennett assumed those roles when the former Dean and Rector retired last fall. Vicar, Michael DeKay; Honourary Assistant, Dr. Virginia Lane; Honourary Assistant, Marian Haggarty and Deacon, Pat Henderson assist Bishop Bennett in the leadership of the parish, under the overall leadership of The Right Reverend Bishop Todd Townshend, the current Bishop of Huron. Parish Council (an elected group of parishioners) meets monthly to lead various activities and an extensive list of committees carry out the work of the people. There are two services each Sunday morning and a mid-week service.

Music plays an important role in our ministry at St. Paul's Cathedral. At the helm of our music program is organist, Ian Sadler. Cornerstones of this ministry are our "professional" choir and the magnificent four-manual Casavant organ. The choir is comprised of music graduates and undergraduates. Alongside regular Sunday services, the choristers present Choral Evensong once a month and are frequently joined by Ian's touring choir, The Cathedral Singers of Ontario. The musical life of the Cathedral is enriched by other en-

sembles who regularly take part in our worship. Beginning in January, some 60 children between ages 8 and 18 came to the Cathedral each Wednesday for training on an orchestral instrument. This program, Young Artist Pre-College Academy, is led by Irene Tandberg from Western University and St. Paul's cellist, Julia McGregor. This group has recently taken part in two worship services. The Cathedral Brass Quintet adds a celebratory note to our Easter and Christmas services. St. Paul's is also fortunate to have an in-house piper, Brian Elliott, who often adds much drama to our services. An outreach part of our music program is the Thursday Music at Midday Series. Alongside the organ, singers, pianists and instrumentalists are showcased at these concerts.

Located in the west end of London on the banks of the Thames River is the 97-acre Woodland Cemetery, Mausoleum and Crematorium which is owned and administered by St. Paul's Cathedral. Among the over 50,000 interments and inurnments at Woodland, roams a herd of over 44 deer foraging throughout this idyllic setting. Many of the 191 drowned passengers of the May 24, 1881 sinking disaster of the double deck stern-wheeler steamboat Victoria on the Thames River lie buried at Woodland. Resting in our Veterans Field are over 1,800 of Canada's War Veterans whose sacrifices and service to Canada are

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Nancy Quinn

WATER IS A SACRED FORCE



Brandon Doxtator



Laurel Kenney

On Monday, May 1, our First-St. Andrew's UCW were privileged to welcome as our *Community Lunch* speaker, Mr. Brandon Doxtator, Elected Councillor of the Oneida Nation of the Thames. Brandon also serves as the Environment and Consultation Coordinator for his community. Our UCW President, Laurel Kenney and Pastor Joshua Lawrence both welcomed Brandon early in the program. Opening Brandon's talk was a beautiful prayer which he gave in both Oneida and English. The evocative refrain was "may we be of one mind." He also taught us the importance of all of us together, indigenous and nonindigenous, to acknowledge the land rather than limiting ourselves to colonial/settler cultures acknowledging the traditional territories.

Brandon gave an important homage to water in opening his discussion:

Water is a Sacred Force.
 Water is the Beginning.
 Water is Sovereignty.
 Water is Life.

Detailed PowerPoint slides helped to both organize and illustrate his talk which was given in two sections. The first section gave the Oneida history going back to Upper State New York where they had stewardship of 6,000,000 acres, stretching from New York to Pennsylvania. His ancestors made a treaty with the Dutch, known as the Two Row Wampum. The two rows of the Wampum represented two boats – one Dutch and the other Indigenous People, who were to live with one another in

friendship, independence, and non-interference. During the American Revolution, the various communities of Oneida made different choices as to whether to back the Americans or the British. In 1812, Brandon's direct ancestors fought for Tecumseh and General Brown. His ancestors chose to relocate to Canada in 1840, where they purchased land. The land, which the Oneida Nation of the Thames owns, is directly managed by his people and is not a "trust." There are 6,400 people in the Oneida Nation of the Thames, with 2,800 of them living in the community of 550 homes.

Brandon's second section focused on the water issues facing his people. Boil water advisories have become an unfortunate part of life for many years. Brandon grew up drinking bottled water, never tap water. An engineered, in-ground water holding facility called an *Infiltration Gallery* was constructed in 1974. It was thought that this would serve the community's water needs for 15 years, but climate change shortened this time span. In 2009, engineers discovered that the Infiltration Gallery was not up to code. The system worked as a *Green Sand Filtration System* in which chlorine and other chemicals were supposed to treat the water for approximately 90 minutes. In reality, the engineers found that the water was only treated for 1.5 minutes. This meant that there was a one in six chance that there could be E-coli in the tap water. Even washing clothes became challenging, as the water was visibly dirty. The community has subsisted on imported clean water, including bottled water for many years.

Application was made by the community to the Federal Government for funds to build access to a Lake Huron pipeline, thereby ensuring adequate and clean water. Application was also made to upgrade the whole water infrastructure in order to give adequate fire flow pressure. Seventy-four per cent of the Oneida community pipeline infrastructure is 100 mm diameter pipe; however, a minimum of 150 mm is required for fire flow services. The community needs to upgrade to larger piping and have equalization pressure work done when the time comes to connect to the Lake Huron pipeline. As a result Oneida people are ten times more likely to die in a house fire than are people who live outside of the community. In 2016, a father and four children died tragically in a house fire when there was no water available at the required fire flow pressure.

On Wednesday, March 22 of this year, *World Water Day*, the Federal Government signed the documents ensuring \$43,000,000 will be committed to the construction of the Lake Huron pipeline access. This construction is expected to take 18 to 24 months. The Federal Government did not give the additional requested funds to do the upgrade for fire flow.

We are called to witness that the Lake Huron pipeline work will go forward and to be good neighbours, as Jesus taught us, to our Indigenous relations, the *Oneida Nation of the Thames*. This community lunch event and the choice of speaker were inspired by the National UCW's Special Project (2023 – 2027) in support of the United Church of Canada's "Healing Fund." †



Merran Neville



Chris Fischer

It may have taken nearly 18 months, but it was well worth the wait to find our new Director of Music, Chris Fischer! Chris took up the position on Monday, April 10, 2023 and since then has been leading our music in worship and directing the senior choir. Note: Chris uses the pronouns they/them/their.

The search committee met Chris first over Zoom in early November which was followed by an in-person interview on January 7, 2023. This included time spent with the senior choir. Chris holds an Honours Bachelor of Music (BMus), Performance (Voice) from Wilfrid Laurier University and a Master of Music (MM), Music Education (choral conducting emphasis) from Arizona State University, Tempe. Chris also followed private organ study with Dr. Patricia Wright, Toronto and has received from the Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO) Diplomas of Colleague (CRCCO, 2000) and Associate (ARCCO, 2001); and the Healey Willan Prize (2001) which was awarded by the RCCO for having the highest marks in the Associate diploma examinations that year. Needless to say, the search committee was impressed, as we all have been since Chris' arrival.

At the time of applying for the position, Chris had some knowledge of First-St. Andrew's. They knew Terry Head and Alan Barthel and was a student of Barrie Cabena's, all previous Directors of Music at FSA. They knew FSA members Nancy and Harold Jackson through their membership in the Guelph Chamber Choir and Londoners, Katy Clark and Paul Grambo, in the Elora Singers. Positive impressions were formed from these people.

Chris has served congregations in several denominations over the past 32 years as organist/pianist, director of senior and junior choirs, and a youth worship band from postings in the Waterloo, Cambridge, and Guelph area, as well as a couple of years in Tempe, Arizona. Chris has moved (with their cat, Taz) to London from Guelph and has been settling into their new home here.

Chris has performed widely as a tenor soloist and, as mentioned above, is a member of the Elora Singers, an award winning professional choir. They have been a school music teacher and over a long period of time, have run a

private studio teaching voice, piano and organ, as well as working as a collaborative pianist and vocal coach. More recently, Chris has been

teaching a voice validation program online for trans and non-binary singers.

Chris is passionate about social justice, faith development, and outreach initiatives and looks forward to continuing and expanding opportunities for connection and outreach to downtown London and beyond. Chris believes in providing intergenerational activities in the community. As an example of this, Chris coordinated a music program for seniors with dementia as the Director of the "Circle of Song" at the Wellington Terrace Long-Term Care Home, Fergus, ON from 2016-2020. Chris looks forward to bringing intergenerational programs to FSA. They continue their delightful side gig as pianist for the Rainbow Chorus of Waterloo-Wellington, the largest 2SLGBTQIA+ choir in Canada outside of the major metropolitan areas.

A collaborative and affirming ministry is important to Chris and the opportunity to work in team ministry with Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence and other members of the ministerial team was a real draw to FSA. This is the fulfilment of a desire to plan worship services together and explore other opportunities to engage our membership, as well as people beyond FSA, through music.

In their free time, Chris enjoys walking in parks, on trails, and exploring historical neighbourhoods. We've observed that Chris has a weakness for a certain shoe designer and confesses to being a nerd authority on all things Star Trek, as well as a RuPaul's Drag Race superfan!

We are ready to support Chris in their goals and look forward to a fruitful and joyful partnership ahead. Welcome, Chris, we are so pleased that we have found each other! †

Editor's note: On May 16, 2023, Council approved a change in the title of Chris's position at FSA from Director of Music to Minister of Music.



Jean Wright

June McKay

July 1930 - February 2023



At First-St. Andrew's, we all have our own memories of June McKay. Some of us worked in the kitchen with her for UCW functions. Some of us enjoyed the Supper Club evenings she organized with dinner and interesting speakers. Some served on committees like the Trustees' Investment Committee with her. To all these, she brought enthusiasm, hard work, and new ideas.

What was it in her background that made her this extraordinary, multitalented woman? Well, for one thing, she had a background which ranged all the way from growing up in a privileged home where her father was an executive with General Motors in the head office in Oshawa, to becoming the loving, supportive wife of Jack McKay, a theology student in the United Church, and mother of Scott, Jeff, and Janet. When Jack graduated from Emmanuel College, he was sent to Lucky Lake Saskatchewan for his initial "settlement," as was the routine in the United Church in those days. It was another life-changing experience for June to be living in a "rustic" manse in rural Saskatchewan. Eventually, Jack came to Riverside United in London. There, she not only fulfilled the expected role and duties of "the Minister's wife" at that time, but in addition, she became a successful Real Estate Agent.

I got to know June in 1996 when each of us joined "The Nostalgic Theatre," an entertainment group of seniors who put on shows at retirement homes, churches,

and clubs. Although amateurs, there was a strict discipline and we rehearsed seriously every Wednesday for programmes that consisted of skits, monologues, solo and group musical numbers, and dance routines. June shone in these shows. She could take on any role, and the audiences loved her. Probably her most memorable act was "Minnie Pearl" from the Grand Ole Opry where she played this "Hee-Haw" lady to huge applause.

But for all the variety of activities that June did in the London community and at First-St. Andrew's, I think the role for which June will be remembered most, is the person-to-person warmth, friendship, and support that she gave to individuals. She genuinely cared about people and was there for each one of us as we went through the tough times that we all experience. With phone calls, notes, even coffee and cookies in her last years at Fox Hollow Retirement Home, her concern was how WE were.

As I said at the beginning, we each have a special memory, so let me finish with mine. June always treated our daughter Susie with respect and love, and for Susie, "June McKay" was a special friend. I dreaded telling Susie that June had died, but when I did, I said that I had some bad news and finished by saying, "It is sad." Susie straightened right up and said, "No it's not. She knows people up there: her husband, Jack, my husband, John, my brother, Neill, and she's with them now and God."

And that's how we all feel about June McKay. †



Susan McKane David McKane

Enid Merritt

January 2023

For 39 years Enid Merritt was at the heart of FSA and some would say she was the heart. She came to FSA with Paul Merritt in tow as the new organist in January of 1984, after marrying Paul at Colborne United Church in 1975 and moving with him to Moncton, NB where Paul was organist at Central United Church. She possessed a great love for music. Trained as a Kindermusik teacher, she sang in many church choirs and led the Junior Choir at FSA.

She was a gifted water colour artist, having taken lessons from Hilda Markham Gray, and produced many posters for the church choir concerts. Several of them are on display in FSA hallways.

Multifaceted, Enid worked at the library, first in the public library system in Moncton, NB, and then continuing when she came to London. Enid was a loving, generous, and attentive mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed being “mother and friend” to many young people performing in the *Gone Fishing* production and in her junior choirs at FSA, Will Joles among them.

Enid was the consummate host who loved producing delicacies for dinner parties and setting a beautiful table to greet guests. She took that skill to high levels when she transformed Proudfoot Hall, with the help of

the Wennis, into a scene from “*Brigadoon*” for the Burn’s Night dinners. The decorations and tartan banners, the well-planned meal, and the raucous entertainment were all realized under Enid’s guidance. Artistic design, good food, and good friends combined to make enjoyable evenings at the church and in their home.

Paul brought her a new interest in birding when they were married. They enjoyed bird watching trips together with the Inches of the Senior Choir. Their travel adventures also included Historic Organ Tours of Europe to hear (and sometimes Paul got to play) the great pipe organs of Europe.

At home, Enid maintained a lush and varied garden where something new was always happening and where she loved watching the birds enjoy the flowers and the bird bath that she provided. She had a “green thumb” and could make anything grow with tender care. Her garden at Princess Ave, like a Monet painting, was a delight to the eye and to the palette. She died quietly in her own bed on Sunday, January 8 while Paul was playing the organ at FSA.

As David said in his meditation at her funeral, quoting the words of Thomas Moore, “the scent of Enid’s life will hang around all those who knew her for a long, long, long time.” †



Lillian Reid



Sarah Campbell



Mark Stanley



Rebecca Neaves



Alexander Neaves



Isabel Webb

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Chris Fischer



Audrey Coulthard



Laura Gunning Fratschko



Connor Campbell



Shannon Hawke

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chat comes to a natural end, there is always time for ping pong or other games to help the bonds of friendship stay strong.

Instead of dwelling on how things 'used to be,' we are focused on rebuilding and reforming connections with families who are coming out. As we have had almost 50 kids come out between January and May, we are excited to be seeing so many friendships forming!!

The challenges for a developing program are an exciting blessing! We have amazing teenage volunteers who help our youngest members to be safe while they are with us. However, our teenagers are very much in demand on Sunday mornings. So, we are constantly in need of adults who are willing to share their gifts and time to join us for Sunday school. Our kids love getting to know adults they see around

the church and all who join us are touched by bright smiles and (mostly) happy stories.

As you may have guessed, another struggle is limited access to technology that would benefit the Sunday School/ children's program. The increased role of communications technology is a big change from days gone by. Smart TVs, the internet, smart phones, tablets, and other electronic devices are important sources of information and entertainment that contribute to our bond-building, learning, and overall experience while we are together. Using various strategies helps different kinds of learners to engage and, thus, to be involved in the conversation happening around them.

This is an exciting time for FSA's Sunday school as we are building the next generation! †

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY – APRIL 30, 2023



Marilyn Arthur,
Minister of Youth
and Young Adults

Thomson Silcox

Maddie Watson

Elijah Chin-Lawrence

Pastor Joshua Lawrence,
Minister of Worship &
Congregational Life

"The church is really important to me because of how much we do for the Community of London, Ontario."

"My faith journey at this church began sixteen years ago. I've always been part of this church and the people have always had an interest in me."

"I feel that since I've been at this church that God has really helped me understand what it means to be a Christian."

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VIEW FROM THE PEW

I am grateful for warmth, inclusion and sense of family! Also, the wonderful music and bible study."

Carol Riddell-Elson



For the ministry of Joshua, the support of our refugee family, the El Sistema programs at FSA, the giftedness of Vicki and Paul and the Franks and Igor and our music at FSA

David McKane

I am so thankful for Brown Bag Lunch. They've become my friends, counsellors and source of great jokes!"

David Flynn

We are thankful for the love, grace and friendship of so many people in this church over the past 57 years and for the leadership of Joshua and for the inclusive work that our church is doing in the larger community.

Susan McKane

Don & Dorothy Jones

I came to this church as a toddler and I'm thankful for all the people who have given me leadership as I grew up. There were many kind and wonderful people helping me grow in my faith from the Sunday School teachers, Youth leaders and groups that I was involved with like the Senior Choir, Handbells, Christian Development and Bible Study. I especially like the Sunday Service as I feel it helps to start my week off on the right foot and I like the experience of worshipping through music. Thank you, FSA, for a place to call home away from home

I am so thankful....for so many things! For nurturing friendships, for meaningful outreach, for stimulating services, for string music, for youth and elders. Thanks to all.

Thankful that FSA is an affirming community that welcomes all and seeks justice for all.

Pastor Joshua

Wonderful services of worship, outstanding choir, Bible study on Thursday AM, great minister in Joshua, Brown Bag Lunch hour and so much more

Bev Lindsay

I am thankful to have been so warmly welcomed by the FSA community. I am grateful for the opportunity to sing within such a robust music program. Thank You!

Anonymous

I am thankful everyday I wake up, put both feet on floor and am able to take care of myself. I am thankful every Sunday to see so many little people attending Sunday School and I am thankful for their leader, Chris. I am thankful FSA is able to give shelter to homeless people during these cold winter months. Thanks to the volunteers who make it possible.

Barbara Luft

I say thanks because I see my friends at church every Sunday. And I say thanks for Paul and all the music...and Bob and his harp. And I say thanks for Joshua and everything he says and when he talks to me after church. And I am glad my church helps people who are hungry and who need a warm place to sleep

Lorna Gunning Fratschko

I am very thankful for all the support while I have been sick these past months

Regina Moorcroft

We are thankful FSA is affirming and welcomes everyone...even mice!

Charlie and Charity

Susan Bell

Thankful that FSA is an affirming community that welcomes all and seeks justice for all.

George Jolink

I am thankful for the ministry of Joshua Lawrence and the music of Paul Merritt, the choir handbells and FSA Strings

Jean Wuensch

I am thankful for the opportunity to be in ministry with this very supportive and caring congregation. I am incredibly thankful for FSA and the energy, resources and love that you give to the children, youth and young adult ministry.

Marilyn Arthur

I am very thankful for all the ways FSA has met my spiritual needs and helped me grow in faith. How great has been the leadership under Joshua and David, the wonderful music program inspired by Paul, Bible Study and Outreach with Ark Aid. May it continue for others too.

Mary Mattar

Thank you to our committed staff, Council members and many volunteers who live our mission through Faith, Service and the Arts.

Merran Neville

Editor's Note: These quotes are excerpts from some of the submissions to FSA's recent campaign, "LENT: An opportunity to give thanks...and to give."

GIVING IS EASY AT FSA

This is the title of small cards that have recently been put in the pews in the Sanctuary – and posted to the FSA Web Site - by the FSA Stewardship Working Group.

The purpose behind the cards is to let you know that there are now at least five different ways to contribute financially to FSA:

- PAR – Pre-Authorized Remittance
- Cash or cheques
- On-line donations through our website
- Direct E-Transfers from your bank account
- Donation of public securities

For more details, please read the "Giving is Easy at FSA" pew card and keep one with you for future reference.

Consistent weekly and monthly donations (through PAR for example) are the best way to contribute to FSA. It ensures that we have the necessary funds to support the operational needs of our community of faith throughout the year.

THANKS FOR YOUR
ON-GOING SUPPORT



The FSA Long-Term Giving” Committee of the Board of Trustees has a fundraising initiative intended to provide a sustainable source of operational funding to the church. We are seeking additional members of the PROUDFOOT SOCIETY. The primary intention is to strengthen our Proudfoot Legacy Trust funds to ensure the future needs of our congregation. This Benefactor program recognises members when they make a gift, or promise to make a gift to FSA in the future.

The membership of First-St. Andrew's Proudfoot Society is composed of individuals who:

- make a gift of \$10,000 or more to the Proudfoot Legacy Trust; or
- have committed to a significant contribution, in the future, to the Proudfoot Legacy Trust

So, if you make a Trust donation or have provided for FSA Proudfoot Trust Funds in a trust, insurance policy or in your will (or other provision such as assign stocks or bonds etc.), we need to know who you are.

We need members of the congregation to identify their eligibility by confidentially informing John Eberhard, Chair of the Long-Term Giving Committee of the Board of Trustees, that you qualify and wish to be recognised as a Member of the Proudfoot Society. Talk to John at 519-471-3065.

Each year May is “Leave a Legacy Month.” Remember that FSA is a “charity”. It needs your help just like any other charitable organization. This is a good time to remember that recognition of the membership in the Proudfoot Society will take place once a pledge is received. This is a good time to include FSA as an “end of life” beneficiary in your will. This is the gift that keeps on giving!

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COUNCIL

David Wardlaw

At a special congregation meeting on May 7 following the worship service, the congregation unanimously approved the appointment of Rev. Anne-Louise Jannaway as Minister of Pastoral Care at FSA. The appointment is part-time (12 hours per week) and commences June 1, 2023. We are blessed to have someone as qualified and experienced as Anne-Louise (Annie) in our midst and in this role. The FSA staff are eagerly looking forward to working with her. Please join me in welcoming Annie in her new capacity! We are grateful to the search committee for their efficient and effective service on our behalf. Committee members are Ardath Finnbogason-Hill, Heather Locking-Cusolito, Don Jones (Chair), Susan McKane (Secretary), Deanne Pederson, and Rev. Kerry Stover (Antler River Watershed Region Liaison).

The budget presentation at the congregational meeting on January 29, 2023 makes clear that we must focus more attention on stewardship, fundraising, and sustainable revenue generation, and cost savings. A multi-point, multi-year plan to create a sustainable operating budget for the FSA community of faith was approved by Council at its May meeting. Implementation will begin immediately. A communications strategy for the multipoint is being developed, with an initial announcement expected in early June.

This year the Lent/Easter campaign was given a new look with the theme ‘An opportunity to say thanks and to give.’ Members of the FSA community were invited to write a note (on paper or online) expressing an aspect of FSA for which they are thankful. The notes were posted in the Atrium and in the eblast. The campaign culminated in an opportunity to make a special donation to the operating budget. The total raised was \$8,325 from 36 donors (two donations were much larger than the average donation). Council thanks Jim Silcox and Steve Elson for creating and implementing this novel campaign.

In February, Council received and accepted a report on livestreaming at FSA from the Planning Committee. Live streaming offers an excellent opportunity for FSA to reach out beyond its walls and increase the presence and impact of FSA in the community and beyond. The report contains recommendations concerning documenting the livestreaming procedure, technical improvements, training of volunteers, establishment of a fee schedule for livestreaming of special events; and oversight of livestreaming by the Communications and Marketing Working Group. Current staff and volunteers are to be congratulated for the excellent quality of the live streamed weekly Sunday services. †



SHARED YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Marilyn Arthur

The youth and young adults who have been participating in our events, programs and outreach opportunities are grateful to FSA, Metropolitan, and Siloam for providing these gatherings and the resources that make these opportunities successful. Many of our young people have shared with me that the formative community, the support from their peers, and the opportunity to discuss and put their faith into action have been meaningful and important.

The youth have had great fun getting together for a variety of events such as games, activities, and faith discussions at the churches, coffee houses with our partners from LUSO (with the youth from their programs) and participating in events outside of the church buildings. Our young adults meet almost weekly for a light meal, faith discussions and activities. They were involved with helping set up beds for Ark Aid. Every month we also gather for “Hops and Hope” pub ministry where we gather around the table with food, a biblical passage to discuss, and a theme to explore.

It was a delight to be involved with the confirmation worship service on April 30 where we celebrated with Elijah Chin-

Lawrence, Thomson Silcox and Maddie Watson. They went through the confirmation program in 2021-2022 and we thank them for their patience in waiting for their confirmation service.

We will have six youth and young adults from the ages of 15-30 employed with the churches this summer thanks to a Canada Summer Job Grant. These students will have almost full-time employment for eight weeks. They will be responsible for planning and leading our three-day camps, planning and implementing youth, young adult and intergenerational events this summer, community outreach, and planning for future youth and young adult programs. FSA, Siloam and Met will each be hosting a full-day camp for children entering JK-Gr. 6 in September. Please contact me for the registration link and details. †





TRUSTEES

Jackie Williams

Paul Cooper



Our Trust Funds continue to provide FSA with significant financial support annually for FSA operations and for necessary capital projects and repairs. They are conservatively invested to protect the principal of the funds, and, while the stock markets were low for all of 2022, and may remain so through 2023, the Trustees are always focused on the long term. Our investment focus has been to stay invested, so as to benefit from a potential market recovery in 2023 or early 2024.

It has sometimes been a challenge to meet all the calls on the Trust Funds during the past 16 months, and we are indebted to David Manness, our Chair of the Investment Committee, for deciding on strategies to minimize any sale of assets. In 2022, because of market downturns in both equity and fixed income markets, the Trust Funds, experienced capital losses of \$502,000, while at the same time providing financial support of \$235,000 in funding for church operations, restricted fund support, and capital projects for the church. That is a total reduction in Trust Fund value of \$737,000 in 2022. However, by the end of March 2023, the overall Trust Fund capital gain was \$200,000, so staying invested is helping our Funds recover.

This year to date, the Trust Funds have already provided a total of \$133,186 to the church to support operations, and to provide income from the Clark, Music, Eberhard and Brown Restricted Funds. We still must be careful in prioritizing new projects, giving our current and future congregations confidence that all gifts are used wisely to sustain the ongoing financial health of FSA. Thanks in large part to the extraordinary generosity of a member of our congregation, we will soon have a new, part-time individual to deliver pastoral care to those requiring care.

Although we seem to be experiencing a slow start to spring so far, we wish everyone a time of peace and renewal. †



UCW

Nancy Quinn

On Monday, May 1, 2023 our First-St. Andrew's UCW had the privilege of hosting a very special *Community Lunch* with speaker Brandon Doxtator, Elected Councillor, Oneida Nation of the Thames (see article on page 6). Brandon spoke energetically and in detail, aided by Power-Point slides, about his people's history and their challenges in getting access to clean water. He opened with a prayer that "our minds might be one." We listened and we learned. Our focus was on education and fellowship; this was not a fundraiser.

We sold all 100 tickets (at \$25 each) for this memorable

event, within our own church and to attendees from over twelve area churches. Everyone, men and women, were welcome! Our heartfelt thanks to the many UCW members who helped with getting posters out to area churches, setting up and preparing the logistics of the lunch, and for "welcoming well" on the day of the event. We enjoyed a half hour time of fellowship before starting the scrumptious lunch, which Linda Arthur of *Village Catering* prepared. We opened our lunch program with Millie Bates honouring our long-time, now retired, Correspondence Secretary, Jeane Stewardson.

Our tireless UCW President, Laurel Kenney, co-ordinated the organizing of the event, with the help of the UCW Executive and Nancy Quinn. Laurel was master of ceremonies, ably helped by the following UCW members: Nancy Quinn introduced Brandon along with Linda Badke, who gave Brandon a beautiful, hand-sewn red flannel bag with invitational tobacco in it. Helen Guthrie thanked Brandon, and spoke of our need to think about the impact of our decisions on future generations. Linda Badke and Kathryn Patton, energetically facilitated the Question and Answer time. A special shout out to Jim Silcox, who made an amazing suite of publicity materials including: three sizes of posters, bookmarks, tickets and nametags! Our May 1st event was inspired by the National UCW's Special Five-Year Project (2023–2028), which supports the United Church of Canada's Healing Fund. Please, stay tuned as our FSA UCW explore ways to build right relationships with our Indigenous neighbours in the London Area.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our March Phantom Tea Fundraiser. We appreciate your generosity in continuing to mail in or drop off your UCW Green Envelope Cheques, Care of FSA, Attention UCW – Please make out your cheques to "FSA United Church Women." †

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MEMBERSHIP & NURTURE

Heather Locking-Cusolito

As our committee adapts to our new rotating leadership everyone is playing their part.

- Our four pastoral care ministries continue under the leadership of Mary Mattar (Lay visitation), Annabelle Logan (Caring Callers), Bev Lindsay (Prayer Chain), and Gerry Meacham (supportive letter writing)
- All of our committee could not be more grateful for the recent appointment of Annie Jannaway to the position of part-time, pastoral care minister starting June 1, 2023. Annie will be attending our next committee meeting. We will be exploring with her the best ways to coordinate and communicate with her without burdening her time. Annie will be working 12 hours/week.
- On April 23, 2023 we were delighted to welcome joyfully the following people as new members of our community of faith:
 - Sarah Campbell
 - Connor Campbell and Shannon Hawke
 - Audrey Coulthard
 - Chris Fischer
 - Lorna Gunning Fratschko
 - Alex and Rebecca Neaves
 - Lillian Reid
 - Mark Stanley
 - Isabel Webb
- Appreciation is extended to Glenna Hall, Jim Silcox and Kathryn Skelly for the preparation for this exciting event. (See photos on page 10)
- Pastor Joshua anticipates holding another new members Sunday in the fall which will be preceded by our second Newcomers Friendship Group of the year.
- Glenna Hall, Pastor Joshua, Heather Locking-Cusolito and Kathryn Skelly will be meeting this summer to streamline the process of preparing for new members to join FSA.
- We are grateful for the work of the various representatives from Council who volunteered to coordinate one month of Coffee and Conversation. Glenna Hall will once again be reaching out to these representatives to schedule which month they would like to volunteer for in the 2023-24 church year.
- Lemonade on the Lawn under the leadership of Membership and Nurture will begin on the first Sunday in June and continue until Labour Day Weekend.

With gratitude for the many ways that each member of the congregation contributes to nurturing and supporting one another in many ways every day. †



Affirm Subcommittee

Karen Low

Our committee has been busy over these past few months welcoming new members, creating a brochure that will outline our work, and looking ahead to this year's Pride celebrations.

Since our last report, Karen attended an on-line, panelled workshop presented by Affirm United entitled, "United Against Hate," that addressed increasing threats against LGBTQQ-IA2S+ communities and discussed commitments to action. The panelists spoke about the prevalent purposeful spread of misinformation, particularly in regard to transgendered individuals and drag performers. They spoke of the dire need for allyship and the importance of intentional intergenerational support.

First-St. Andrew's United Church is a community of faith committed to embracing all persons regardless of age, ability, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, economic circumstance and physical or mental health. It is here all are welcome to tell their story, offer their gifts and find love and acceptance for the whole of their being. Through support, education and advocacy, the Affirm Sub-Committee will continue to work within the church and community, seeking to ensure that all aspects of our life and witness reflect the inclusivity we promote.

The Church has not always been a place of sanctuary for the gay community. We are considering the possibility of offering a Queer Spirituality Group – a safe space for those who wish to explore the intersection of faith and their LGBTQQ-IA2S+ identities; an affirming place based on a shared thirst for community and connection through the study of scripture and spiritual practice.

Come join us for our Pride celebrations in July. We hope to offer an inter-faith service of worship during Pride Week and once again the parade will be passing by our church lawn. Whether you are able to march or can stand by to cheer, you will help spread the word that FSA is a warm and caring place to be! †

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Archives Subcommittee

Don Jones

The year 2023 has been a busy year so far for your Archives Committee. Moving to a new room was accomplished with great cooperation among the members of the Committee.

Your committee members were diligent: Pat Carter, Jim Silcox, Heather Vouvalidis, Judith Walker, David McKane and myself. Items will be easier to find in the collection, because one of the large file cabinets was emptied and its contents put into dust free boxes with contents pages as the first item in each box.

The catalogue of the FSA Archives Collection in the new Archives Room has now been placed on the website by Jim Silcox. The topic of the archives that are contained at Western University Library was discussed at our committee meeting and after some investigative work, we hope to make that part of the collection available to researchers who wish to look at the items contained there.

Because the new Archives room is slightly smaller than the old room, we are attempting to digitize, prioritize and avoid duplication of items that are already digitized. The idea of digitizing is, of course, relatively modern and the books of bulletins and calendars that were bound and stored prior to the current digital age are left intact and stored. These books are well labelled and organized in the new room.

Our weekly Thursday afternoon work bees are suspended for the time being, but over the spring and fall our goal is to work on the photo cabinet that has many books and albums of photographs dating many years ago and right up to the present. Some have been digitized, but there are too many to do quickly, so this project will take literally years to complete.†



MUSIC

Merran Neville

Chris Fischer, our new Director of Music has arrived! Chris is introduced in the article on page 7 of this issue of *Tidings*.

In our last Music Report, as we looked forward to Chris's arrival; we also recognized the tremendous gift of leadership that we have been blessed with from Paul Merritt, organist emeritus, Viki Meredith, interim choir director, and Kathy Frank in their direction of the senior choir and partnership with Joshua in selecting and preparing music for services. Paul and Viki have been with us from September 2021! The Good Friday service was truly a mountain top experience. It was a combined service with Metropolitan United. This service featured scripture interspersed with movements from "Eternal Light: A Requiem" by Howard Goodall sung by the FSA Senior Choir. Easter Sunday, with anthems, hymns, the Brass Quartet and a "Flash Mob" led by Christina Lindsay and Laura Wood, was a joyful celebration of Easter. We

also continue to be blessed with the leadership of Richard Frank, Director of the Laudamus Bells and Igor Saika-Voivod, Director of the FSA Strings. The Laudamus Bells performed "Simple Gifts" in the April 30 confirmation service and are now on summer recess until September.

The FSA Strings have a concert coming up on June 7 at 7:30pm. Guest artists performing with the Strings will be Katerina Juraskova – cello, and Madeline Hall – guitar.

We look forward to the special jazz service on Sunday, June 11 brought to us by Sonja Gustafson with fellow performers, including Chris Fischer at the piano.

We wish everyone a relaxing summer. †



PROPERTY

George Jolink

The Property Committee is responsible for the management of the buildings and grounds at First-St. Andrew's United Church. This is a large and complex portfolio as we struggle to maintain and enhance our facility in a fiscally responsible way. The property committee relies on funds from both the operating budget and from time to time, capital funds from the Board of Trustees.

The Property Committee mandate also includes generating funds for the church by overseeing the rental of space. We have a large desirable facility in a central location with on-site parking and we are fortunate to be able to leverage this asset in order to support the operations of our organization. This year, with Meals on Wheels and our new partnership (El Sistema), we are able to restore our rental income stream to pre-pandemic levels. In addition, we have several regular and recurring users. We are pleased to be a facility of choice for the Kiwanis Music Festival, Amabile Choirs, Magisteria soloists, and many local musicians. We rent out about half of our parking spaces during the week on a monthly basis and are currently exploring avenues to increase parking revenue.

We get calls on a regular basis requesting the use of space at FSA. The criteria for allocating space are based on actual availability, impact to First-St. Andrew's programming, and ideological fit with our mission and vision. All rentals are vetted by staff and long-term contracts are approved by Council.

The property committee understands that using our facility in this way also has a cost to us in the form of increased wear and tear, general maintenance, supplies, and possible inconvenience to our members. This year has seen a major reorganization of church spaces which took several months to complete. While there are still growing pains as we learn new ways of doing business, the benefits include a more efficient use of space in the entire building, an additional income stream, and community visibility. †



OUTREACH

Barb Dalrymple and other committee members

St. Paul's Social Services – Food Bank and Fellowship Centre
(from Barbara Symington, Program Director, St. Paul's Social Services)

It is wonderful to be invited to contribute to *Tidings* this month, as we share the hugely demanding mission of supporting our community through these times. The need is greater than ever before and so is our need to sustain the relationship that we share to continue to create genuine impact.

I am honoured to collaborate with wonderful staff, Bishop Bob, Vicar Michael, the Parish and all the volunteers, who make every initiative a labour of love.

The ongoing support from First-St. Andrew's – the donations of food, toiletries, and financial support from the White Squirrel Golf Tournament, has been a blessing for many years.

Going forward, we are making improvements in our Fellowship Centre and accessing Harvest Bucks to provide healthy and fresh food for our guests. Our caring and talented community will do greater things than we can ever ask or imagine!

White Squirrel Golf Tournament – Kickoff

A successful pizza lunch was held on May 7 which raised \$665.00. Thanks to Pat Pettit for her organization skills, donating the pizza and baking all the yummy cookies. Thanks to Dale Pettit and David Beach for picking up the pizza from our neighbour on Waterloo St., Pizza Rounds.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank – Grow-a-Row

Stay tuned for information about the Grow-a-Row Campaign and corn roast in September.

East London United Church Outreach (ELUCO)

Nancy Howard, our ELUCO Community Support Worker, reports that many families in the Marconi Community are facing big issues in a variety of circumstances and seeking support. Nancy is there to listen and provide counselling.

The offices of OW (Ontario Works), ODSP (Ontario Disability Support Program) and Housing (London Middlesex Community Housing) remain closed to in-person meetings. Nancy is there to aid in dealing with the myriad of forms required for these services.

Families are struggling to put food on the table, with the ever-increasing cost of groceries. Nancy can assist with our Breakfast Snacks and School Lunch Program. As well, we sometimes receive donations for emergency food from the unit. She picks up bread at Abundant Life Community Church to distribute each Wednesday, plus any leftovers from the Welcome Wednesday Program. The Food Coalition is providing limited amounts, so there are not many leftovers these days.

Thank you to all who attended the recent Voices of Broadway Concert at Siloam United Church. It was a great concert and provided much needed funds for ELUCO to continue our programs.

Afghan Family Refugee Project

Good news! We have recently submitted all the required applications to our Sponsorship Agreement Holder at the United Church of Canada. This was an onerous task, but we have hope that our applications will soon be processed and move on to the next step.

Watch for our newest fundraiser, the sale of Maple Syrup!†

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PLANNING
Steve Elson

The following reflect highlights of what the Planning Committee is working on at the present time:

- Kathryn Patton and Nancy Johnson of the Planning Committee, along with volunteer Glenda Robinson, are exploring opportunities to promote FSA's beautiful Sanctuary and related space as a wedding venue for the wider community. They have connected with a wedding planner and are looking for an opportunity to have "Style Shots" taken: basically, this is setting up the Sanctuary for a wedding for the specific purpose of showing off the venue. Additional weddings will generate additional revenue for FSA.
- Barrie Evans, Laura Wood, Kerry Hill, Bonnie Adamson and more recently, Sarah Campbell have formed a task group that will take the lead in developing an approach to strategic planning for FSA. Please stay tuned – there's more to come.
- On February 21, Council approved a position paper on livestreaming developed by the Planning Committee. This paper sets out the operational and management needed to allow live streaming at FSA to grow and flourish. This, too, provides an opportunity for revenue generation based on livestreaming special events.
- The Planning Committee is in the process of establishing a Social Media Working Group to give leadership and direction to the future use of social media at FSA. Membership in this working group includes Planning Committee members and others, including new FSA member Lorna Gunning Fratschko, who is a social media marketing professional.
- The Planning Committee is working with the Property and Finance Committees to update the fees FSA charges for the use of space for events.
- Laura Wood (wearing her Chair of Finance hat) has briefed the Planning Committee on FSA's current and pending financial challenges and the committee is taking a close look at how it can contribute to FSA's response.†



WORSHIP
Jo Ann Silcox

The Worship Committee continues to meet monthly in conjunction with Christian Education as part of an overall Faith Formation initiative.

We recently celebrated the addition of a number of new congregants, both teen and adult, and look forward to fashioning worship to embrace their needs and foster their involvement.

The method of administration of Communion is a subject of ongoing debate in light of COVID concerns. Jan Hendry has been remarkably patient through this long debate.

We are blessed to have the commitment of Rev. Karen Low to provide pulpit supply on those occasions when Joshua is away. Her love of preaching is contagious!

Jean Wright has courageously coordinated the challenging role of Narthex Coordinator all year and Carol Elson will take over this task in July.

Anne Cunningham is quietly recruiting scripture readers on a consistent basis allowing a variety of voices to be heard.†

"St. Paul's Cathedral" continued from page 5

honoured annually on November 11 by students, veterans, serving military members, and appreciative citizens. Woodland Cemetery remains a vibrant multi-million-dollar business with a staff of seventeen employees ready to serve London's bereavement requirements.

Outreach in the community has been a vital part of the life of St. Paul's over the years, including a food bank, and a Fellowship Centre (lunches for needy people). Support for refugees has also been a part of our history. Tours of the cathedral can be arranged by calling the church office. Various pamphlets about the history and artifacts are available. †

Answers to the FSA History Quiz (page 20)
1. (c)
2. (b)
3. (b)



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Milestones

Deaths:

June McKay, Feb. 19, 2023
 John Jardine, Mar. 1, 2023
 Shirley Savigny, Mar. 13, 2023
 Harold Jackson, Apr. 10, 2023

New Members (Apr. 23, 2023):

Audrey Coulthard
 Lillian Reid
 Connor Campbell
 Shannon Hawke
 Isabel Webb
 Mark Stanley
 Lorna Gunning Fratschko
 Chris Fischer
 Sarah Campbell
 Alexander Neaves
 Rebecca Neaves



Judith Walker
 & The Archives Committee

Confirmands (Apr. 30, 2023):

Maddison Watson
 Elijah Lawrence
 Thomson Silcox

Just wondering?

What is the longest season of the Christian year?

- a. Lent
- b. Advent
- c. Pentecost

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- a. The first Sunday after Easter
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 - b. Green
 - c. Purple

Find the answers on page 19.

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