

Tidings



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Preacher from past gallops to the church

BY MONIQUE BEECH
Free Press Reporter

Rev. David McKane wasn't feeling like himself yesterday morning.

In fact, the First St. Andrew's United Church leader adopted a new persona — an 18th century Methodist "circuit-rider" preacher named John Wesley.

This month, United churches across Canada will celebrate the 300th birthday of Wesley, the founding father of Methodism. It is one of three denominations, including Presbyterian and the Congre-

gational, which make up the United Church.

But few celebrations will include a horse.

"Good morning friends," McKane said as he rode to meet his congregation on the church's front lawn. The tails of his long pilgrim-style jacket were blowing over the horse's flanks.

"Hello Father Wesley," replied the crowd of about 100, waving and chuckling at the spectacle.

"It's a great way of making the event come alive," said Joann Silcox, a church member for 15 years.



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NEIGH SERMON: Rev. David McKane relaxes after his ride.

"In downtown London, it's as close as you can come to the fields where Wesley preached."

Local Methodist ministers of yore travelled a circuit of 20 to 40 communities by horse, preaching in fields, cabins, schoolhouses and bars every day, Rev. Susan Shelstad said to the children gathered by her feet during the service.

"Can you imagine having church in a bar?" she asked.

"You're not even old enough to go in to a bar."

Despite Wesley's outdated preaching methods, McKane said in a multicultural, secu-

lar society the English forefather's message of "think and let think" is relevant today.

"He insisted on nothing but faith working out in love. He was way ahead of his time."

But McKane doesn't long for the circuit-rider life.

"Are you kidding? Eight hours in a saddle would do me in. I'd never walk again."

Yesterday's event also included a dedication of the church's relict copper steeple in honour of Wesley.

A small orchestra performed 18th century chamber music composed by Wesley's brother.

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FOR THE BIRDERS

by Enid Merritt



Enid Merritt watches for the birdie(s)

What do.....Joan & Mike Bancroft, Cameron Bereznick, Margo Christodoulou, Jean Comfort, Beth & David Girvan, Augie & Gerry Meacham, Enid & Paul Merritt, Mary Vernon, Winnie & Dave Wake and others have in common

other than being members of FSA? They are avid BIRD WATCHERS! Some like Cameron and Mary are just beginning what has become one of the fastest growing outdoor activities in North America.

May is peak migration for colourful warblers and other songbirds who travel for thousands of miles from their wintering grounds as far south as South America and Mexico and as far north as the Boreal Forests of Canada. They nest, raise young and then return in the Fall. A hummingbird can travel as far as 4,000 miles (hard to believe). Point Pelee National & Rondeau Provincial Parks are the most southerly peninsulas in Canada where, on a lucky day, one can be surrounded by orioles, scarlet tanagers and warblers. Closer, a walk on trails along the Thames will yield many exciting sights and sounds.

Birdwatching enhances our awareness of birding habitat and teaches us to conserve this habitat.

As Christians at FSA we share a commitment to care for the earth and our environment and to "live with respect in creation." Bird watching enhances our awareness, but also gives great pleasure

CONFERENCE REPORT

By Ted Kostecki



The moral and ethical issues surrounding the use of alcohol and gambling proceeds have been fiercely debated in the past, but without a generally satisfactory resolution. The debate continued at London Conference 2003 in late May in Sault St. Marie and there still isn't a resolution.

Although not for trying.

Both issues were passed on to General Council, the governing body of the church, for resolution.

Resolutions governing the use of alcohol during church functions were hotly debated, but eventually sent on to General Council for an overall clear policy. Currently, the policy is one of voluntary abstention. It is up to individual churches to decide what to do.

Resolutions on the use of gambling dollars were also debated at length, but eventually also sent on to General Council. The resolutions to change church policy (which now urges churches to refrain from applying for grants such as Trillium) were brought forward by the Ministries for Camping and Persons with Disabilities.

One interesting motion approved by London Conference called on the United Church to petition the Federal Government to re-examine the Truscott case.

Several motions calling on the church to prod the government on income security and affordable housing issues were also approved.

Rev. Richard Bott from St. Mary's was installed as President of London Conference. President-elect is Marilyn Hart from Middlesex Presbytery. Next year's meeting will be held in mid-May in London.

The meeting of General Council will be held in mid-August at Acadia University in Wolfville, NS. I was fortunate to be elected as one of the half dozen delegates from Middlesex Presbytery.

The theme of the meeting is "There is Hope". The three major issues for discussion are: Building Right Relationships with Native Peoples and Interracial Issue; Mission and its Funding; and What Next? (dealing with the reorganization of the church).

I'll be glad to answer any questions you might have about Conference or General Council.

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Info-Line

Recovenanting Sunday

Sept 7. A time when the members of the congregation renew their baptismal vows.

Corn Roast

August 10. The Grow-A-Row group is organizing a Corn Roast at FSA right after the service. We will be joined by the folks from St. Marys United, who are partners with us in the Grow-A-Row project.

Blood Donor Clinic

The Candian Blood Services will hold a blood donor clinic in the Lower Hall on August 22nd. Watch for details in the weekly bulletin.

TOM AND MARY MCLARTY

by Bill Watson



The McLartys, Tom and Mary, practitioners of the Healing and Visual Arts, married in 1950.

Tom was born and raised in London, but his origins can be traced back through Scotland, Ireland and the Orkneys. His father was raised on the Sunningdale site of north London. But this fact, as Tom somewhat ruefully acknowledges, has not endowed him with golfing skills. Unlike a

better known Canadian exponent of the game he did switch from being a 'leftie' to a 'rightie'.

But he progressed in other fields with ease and distinction - through Wortley Road school, to South Collegiate, to two years of service in the Canadian Air Force, and post-demobilization through UWO Medical School to graduation in 1952. He remembers two of his teachers with special affection and respect - the surgeons Angus McLachlan and Archie Grace - the major reasons for his decision to choose surgery as his own speciality.

The years 1957 through 1960 were spent in post-graduate study at St. Marks and Central Middlesex hospitals in London, England, and the Leahy Clinic in Boston. He then returned to London and an increasingly busy clinical and teaching practice, which came to focus on gastrointestinal problems.

His church life began at First Church. He moved with his family, as a boy, to St. Andrew's church at the time of church union in 1932, which brought the two congregations together in what we know as First-St. Andrew's United Church.

His main 'hobby' was farming. He bought his first farm at Kincardine in 1960, others later, and maintained that interest throughout his working career as a busy surgeon.

As a dedicated member of FSA he served on what used to be called 'The Session', until it became 'The Church Council', participated in two search committees, and taught in the Junior Sunday School.

He has finally retired from surgical practice in which he had a career distinguished by, among other things, the fact that he was the first surgeon in Canada to perform laparoscopic surgery. But perhaps even more than that, though he wouldn't tell you this himself, he was regarded by his surgical colleagues as 'the surgeon's surgeon'.

Mary was born in Walkerton, where her father was a minister in the Anglican Church. This explains why her childhood was spent in Brantford, Thorndale, Preston, Cambridge and Guelph. After training as a teacher she was stationed at Aberdeen School here in London.



Tom and Mary McLarty

She met Tom while he was still a medical student, being introduced to him by a certain Bill McGinnis, who was Tom's co-dissector at an anatomy table! (This is how you get to know people inside out.) They were married during Tom's third year as a medical student, and subsequently joined First-St. Andrew's.

Her interest in painting began at London's Polytechnic in Regent St., when she travelled with Tom to England in 1957. He must have approved of this initiative, because he presented her with a box of oil paints! And then the interest in art flourished as she travelled with Tom to Boston on the next stage of his postgraduate training.

Then the family came fast. Kate in '60, John in '62, Jane in '64 and Sarah in '68. It is understandable, therefore, why she did not get back to serious painting until 1972. She has subsequently exhibited at Beal, in Ingersoll, and at the Western Fair. If she has any regrets in all of this, they are apparent when she reflects wistfully that she would have liked to pursue art as a career.

If you would like to see one of her art works, go to the London Gallery Art Rental, where you will find her 'Black's Point in November', a pastel from the Bruce Peninsula.

Music has also been an important part of her life - the Junior Girls Choir in Cambridge till grade Eight, Earl Terry's 'All Girls Choir', and, of course, our own FSA choir.

Mary and Tom - Maestros of Brush Strokes and Scalpel.

REACHING FOR THE TOP

by Ted Kostecki

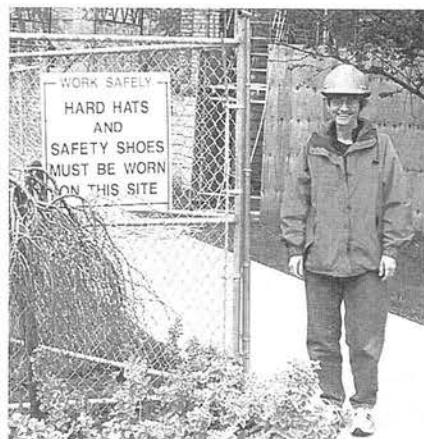


Our "new" old steeple has been dedicated. And the new copper cladding should be good for another hundred years.

In what surely was an attempt to be "Nearer My God", both David McKane and Susan Shelstad donned hard hats and work boots and headed up the scaffolding to the top.

It would have been a great story in this year of the anniversary of the conquest of Mount Everest if both made it.

But, only one made it all the the way, the other most of the way. To find out, you'll have to check the weather vane at the top where one of the conquering climbers wrote his or her name with a marker. Unfortunately for the curious, the scaffolding will be gone by the time you read this.



GOD'S STEWARDS - THE GUTHRIES

by Pam Salmoni

The Guthrie Family - Bill, Helen, Adam, Heather and their family pets, Sam, Maisy and Digby (cats).

Bill and Helen are librarians. He works at the library at UWO, and she worked for the London Public Library for 28 years before retiring in 2002.

Bill was born and raised in Kingston. He obtained a degree in political science and a degree in music from Queens. Then at the University of Victoria he did his Master of Arts and Musicology. In 1974 he came to London to study Library Science at UWO, after which he obtained a post in its library. He has been a member of FSA since 1975.

Helen was a minister's daughter and consequently lived in many small towns in Southwestern Ontario. She received her Bachelor of Music degree from UWO and then attended Althouse Teacher's College. After this she returned to UWO and took the library science course. She has been a member at FSA since 1974.

Bill and Helen first met as members of the FSA choir, and were married in 1978. They have two children, Adam and Heather. Adam is 22 and is completing his third year of Computer Science at Western. Heather is 19. Both were baptized at FSA.

First-St. Andrew's has always been an important part of the Guthrie's family life. Helen has been a choir member, on and off, since 1974, is a member of the Laudamus Bells and has accompanied the Junior Joyfuls. Music has always been an important part of her life. Her latest challenge is learning to play the flute.

She has served on various committees over the years, including Library, Music, Choir Social Committee, and the Christian Development Committee. She has taught Junior Congregation in the summer months, read scripture at services, has been a 'Gone Fishing' teacher and accompanist. She attends the Thursday Bible Study group, has participated in the Caregivers Group, and is interested in taking Pastoral Care Training.

Bill has been a choir member since 1975. He is Chairperson of the Youth Component of the Christian Development Committee, and has been a member of the Social Action Committee. He attends the Wednesday Men's Brown Bag Lunch Group. They both participate in the Circle of Friends.

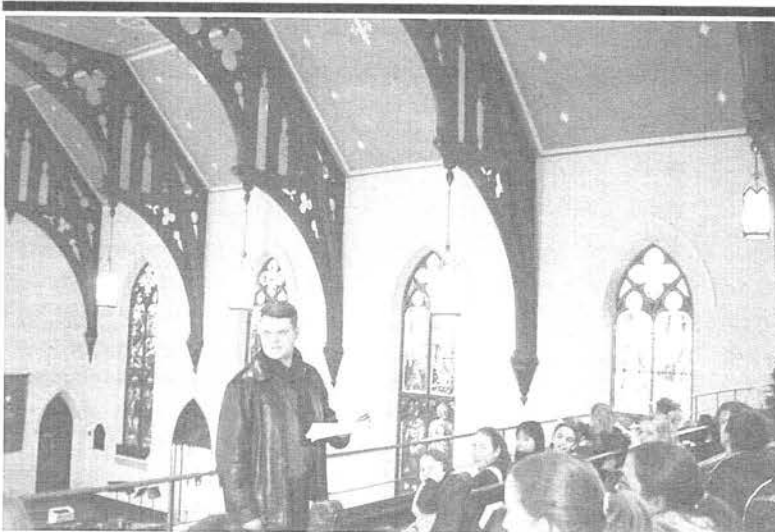
Adam has been a Senior Choir member for the past three years, having graduated from the Youth Choir. He plays violin in the FSA String Orchestra. He was the Vocal Scholar in 2001/2003. He is a back-up bell ringer and has participated in the 9:15 service as singer and violinist. He has been a member of the Amabile Boy's Choir for 13 years. His passion is aviation, and rumour has it that he is also a pretty good cook.

Heather loves music, crafts, sports and is involved in the Friendship Club for teens and adults with disabilities at North Park Community Church. She enjoys the bible stories, music, crafts and the social aspect of this group. She participates in programs and sports offered by Community Living, London, the Ontario Special Olympics Association, and she attends camp in the summertime with her best friend Jodi. She enjoys lighting the candle for the FSA services. She has attended Gone Fishing Sunday School, Teens in Transit, and Confirmation Classes.

First-St. Andrew's has provided the Guthrie family with many friends, education, stimulation, and inspiration. It has shaped their beliefs about justice, peace, love, equality, human worth, and has for many years been the centre and focus of their lives. They, in turn, have been generous and caring stewards.



The Guthries (clockwise): Heather, Adam, Bill, Helen



George Brunton, a teacher at St. Mary's School For The Arts, brought his students to see our Sanctuary ceiling. George spent several months on his back painting the symbols on the ceiling when the sanctuary was refurbished in 1999.



Ron Logan (far right) joins dignitaries in breaking ground for the new Men's Mission on York St. Ron was co-chair of the fundraising committee

FROM THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL



As you read this note, you might longingly be thinking of summer and a break. We trust that you will have an enjoyable and refreshing time with family and friends during the summer months. With the start of services changing to 10:30, there will be some more time Sunday afternoons too.

We have again had the pleasure of recognizing some of the people at FSA who make a difference in our community. There are so many, but today I will only highlight a couple. Congratulations to Ron Logan who was the recent recipient of the Ivey Award of Excellence from the London Foundation – Well deserved. I, as your representative attended the sod-turning at the site of the addition to **Mission Services London**. You will recall that FSA made a commitment of \$2,000 per year, for 5 years, towards the building campaign (not to be confused to the totally separate givings to Mission and Service Fund of the United Church). The campaign was co-chaired by Ron and was a tremendous success, thanks to the generosity and caring of a wide variety of Londoners also including individual members at FSA such as Don & Marion Spencer, and the FSA W.U.C.C., many of whom also were in attendance.

Congratulations also to the many young members of FSA for their participation in the recent Kiwanis Music Festival. We are very proud of your accomplishments. The music legacy of FSA is in good hands. At a recent Sunday service Barb Plante was recognized for her 30 years of dedication to the Bell Choir of FSA. As you may or may not know, Barb in so many ways has been (is) a tireless contributor to many projects of the Church including the music program and together with Bill Watson initiation of the "Out of the

Cold" program to name only a few.

With David's leadership, we are also developing a pastoral care team for congregational outreach and the Health Ad-hoc Committee is developing a survey of congregational needs to enhance our awareness and allow planning for their group development. You should see that survey in the summer or early fall.

Council has also focused on a number of needs of the Physical Structure of FSA. Any who have attended have seen the results of the much needed recladding of the steeple. As this work nears completion, Council is also working on several other items including some additional repairs to the archway roof over the main entrance, finding a suitable higher volume dishwasher for the kitchen of the lower hall, making the main level of the office and Chapel more multipurpose and accessible, as well as the need for additional parking and long-term vitality of the physical structure to meet the programmatic needs of the congregation.

Financial matters are of course on the agenda for all members of Council as well as the Congregation and we were delighted with the turn-out and the fun we all had at the recent silent/live auction. I know many people who took home a bargain – even if Ron Logan did out-bid me at \$10/bottle for that marmalade jam - all for the benefit of the Church and to assist the Bell Choir attend an upcoming festival. Special thanks to our guest Auctioneers, Murray Woods and the kilted David McKane.

In closing, we at Council wish you a happy and healthy summer, and remind you that the Council meetings are open to anyone in the Congregation.

Respectfully,

Doug Jones, Chair of Council



UCW LONDON CONFERENCE

by Laurel Kenney

On April 25 and 26, 2003, the United Church Women of London Conference gathered at the host church, FSA, to share the theme "Count Your Blessings." Nan Cressman, our guest speaker, made us aware of the joy that lies in reaching out to the unknown as we widen our circle of blessings with others.

Eric Skillings, the Bible Study leader, challenged us to make choices in order to take control over issues within our church. We need to wrestle with choices as a church, even as Jacob did in the Old Testament. What have we sought for in our church and lost, and what are we now seeking?

Paul and Enid Merritt and Dr. David McKane led the lively hymn singing, and Sharon Jones' children's Suzuki group, "Haggis Stew," won the hearts of all.

We shared our responsibilities with the many regions of Middlesex Presbyterial UCW throughout the conference. Thanks to all the women who prepared and served meals hosted throughout the church, billeted guests, and shared with our gracious and well-organized UCW president, Margaret Wonfor, a time of exploring new ideas, meditation, Christian fellowship and service.

We have so many - are you counting yours?

HOSPITALITY MEALS ARE A TEAM EFFORT

Yes, it takes money to make the Hospitality Meals Program a success in London! But it also takes the time and energy of dozens of volunteer from FSA and from other churches to help feed the hungry in our community every Monday. Each week, program coordinator Donna Travis does the shopping for the meals.

But there is a third component from which we sometimes receive support: the private sector. Over the years, we've received help from Bakeries and merchants in the London area. Currently Donna picks up our bread from Mission Services, which gets its supply



David Manness, a member of team 4, picks up a load of donuts from Chuck Cassar at Tim Horton's, Exeter and Wellington Road. Only David knows how many donuts are missing by the time he gets the containers to the church.

from stores like Sobeys. We get some of our treats from Tim Horton and we're looking for more people like Bill and Jeff Mahoney, the owners, to contribute financially or with useable products.

We'd like to remind everyone that it takes money, time and food to maintain this valuable program at First=Andrew's. Do you know anyone that can help?

BEADS OF HOPE CAMPAIGN

by Barbara Dalrymple



The World Has HIV-AIDS, Act Now! It is this message that The United Church of Canada hopes its congregations will hear and respond to as it launches a two-year, one million dollar appeal to address the growing HIV-AIDS pandemic that is gripping the world.

According to recent UN AIDS' statistics, 20 million people have died of AIDS-related illnesses, 40 million people are currently infected with HIV and 14 million children have been orphaned.

***While it is true that the impact of HIV-AIDS is most evident in some parts of Africa, the spread of the disease is not isolated to that part of the world.**

In Asia, home to half the world's population, the HIV-AIDS epidemic is poised to explode to similar, if not greater, levels than Africa.

In China, home to one fifth of the world population, the prevalence of HIV rose more than 67% in the first 6 months of 2001.

India has more people living with HIV than any country other than South Africa.

AIDS is now the leading cause of death in some countries in the Caribbean.

The United Church's appeal, which incorporates awareness raising, advocacy and fundraising, is called THE BEADS OF HOPE CAMPAIGN. The intricate handiwork of several South African women's groups who are producing thousands of pins incorporating the image of a crossed red ribbon, the international AIDS symbol, inspired the name. These pins are being sold as a fund-raiser.

On Sunday, March 23, we launched our BEADS OF HOPE campaign. Following a very inspirational service, the Stewardship, Outreach and Mission committee served lunch to more than 100 people. Following lunch Gloria Aykroyd and Jean Wright gave us some insight into the world of HIV-AIDS.

Gloria is a social worker and the Programme Co-ordinator of the St. Joseph's HIV Care Programme. Almost 900 patients have been registered since the programme opened in 1990. Gloria attended the 2002 international AIDS conference in Durban South Africa; the theme of which was "Break the Silence". Fifty percent of AIDS cases worldwide are now women; there are 7.5 new infections every minute.

If you would like more information on AIDS, a video is available in the church library entitled BEADS OF HOPE, produced by VISION TV which includes an interview with Stephen Lewis who is the UN special envoy on AIDS in Africa.

So far we have received \$4,597.43 from overseas relief offerings and the sale of BEADS OF HOPE pins.

We hope to increase this amount to at least \$5,000.



Gloria Aykroyd and Jean Wright get set to hand out cake while Jean's granddaughter Payton William-Wright looks on.

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

SO...WHAT ARE YOU DOING AFTER SCHOOL?

by Deborah Maund

Recently, I had the opportunity to sit down with three young ladies from the congregation and ask this very question. During the past two years I've come to know these three ladies as very energetic, kind and ambitious people. This year, all three will graduate from High School and now as they face a new stage in their lives, I thought it would be interesting to check in with them and to share some of their thoughts with you.

Eileen McCurdy, Dale Radoja and Natasha Roberts are no strangers to FSA. They've grown up in this church and have participated in many of the offerings at FSA throughout the years – Secret Pals, Gone Fishing, Sunday School, Youth Council, Retreats and the like. When asked what their fondest memories of growing up at FSA were, no one hesitated a moment before sharing some of their personal highlights. Eileen said that she remembers crawling under the pews after church chasing her brother. She also holds many Christmas Eve services and the wedding of her sister, where she was the flower girl, among her memories. Dale holds her many activities and the music at FSA among her fondest memories. As for Natasha, her memories include Gone Fishing and picnics in the park.

When asked what they'll miss most about FSA, they each had very clear ideas about this. They agreed that they will miss the faces of familiar people saying "hi", the music and the special celebrations. Each of them was also quick to add that no matter where they go, they plan to come back to their FSA home. Eileen even went so far as to say that she hopes one day to be married and to have her children baptized at FSA!

Although each young lady is facing a somewhat uncharted course, Eileen, Dale and Natasha each have a few ideas where the next year or two will lead. Eileen will travel to Germany next year for a yearlong exchange trip through the Rotary Centre, following which, she plans to pursue a University degree in English or in International Relations. Dale plans to study History or Social Sciences at University and Natasha, University bound as well, intends to study English.

We will miss you but wish you all happiness and good fortune, as you pursue your new adventures. May you remember that you'll always have a home at First St. Andrew's United Church.



Natasha Roberts, Dale Radoja, Eilene McCurdy

Changes...

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."

CONFIRMANDS - SPRING 2003

Jessica Dalton
David Eberhard
Matthew McCurdy
Calvin Radoja

NEW MEMBERS BY TRANSFER - SPRING 2003

Mary McKim MacKenzie
Nadine Reeves
Robin Sutherland
Sharon Sutherland
Lorna Yurchuk
Mike Yurchuk

KEVIN HEADS WEST

by Kevin Johnston



I will be going to the Virden-Wallace pastoral Charge in Virden, Manitoba, to begin my Internship on September 1st. This is the same P/C where Rev. Phyllis Barnes experienced her internship in the late 1970's.

There are over 500 families in the Virden congregation. Average attendance is about 175 per week plus a 20-25 member choir. Wallace is much smaller, with 36 families and average attendance of

15 per week.

Virden is located on Number 1 highway near the Saskatchewan border, midway between Winnipeg and Regina. The nearest big city is Brandon, about 75 km to the east. Across from St. Paul's United in Virden is the area Youth for Christ. There are several other churches in the town.

St. Paul's celebrated its centennial in 1982, and Wallace in 2000. St. Paul's has a Sunday School of 25-40, and Wallace 6-10. Both congregations are fairly conservative.

With 45-55 funerals and 15-20 weddings a year, there is ample opportunity for outreach, and since there is a good number of retired families, there is a constant need for visitation. The area is also about to undertake a Palliative Care initiative through the Regional Health Authority, and there is a crisis team for the hospital and local schools.

It is the charge's hope that I will be involved in every aspect of rural ministry.

I will not know my new address and phone number for a few months, but my 3-mail (kedjo@aol.com) should remain the same. Feel free to contact, or even visit me and the congregations at Virden-Wallace, between September 2003 and April 2004.

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spiritual growth through worship,
friendship, learning and action**

DEATHS

"Well done good and faithful servant."

Feb. 23 - Gordon Sutherland
Mar. 1 - Donald Samuel Moore
Mar. 3 - Etta Mary Stackhouse
Mar. 8 - Florence Stewart Fysh
Mar. 18 - Edwin Strachan
Mar. 23 - Norene Lindsay
Mar. 26 - Gwendolyn Wilton
Mar. 28 - Joy Amanda Jackson
Apr. 21 - James Melville "Mel" Deacon
May 18 - Margaret Smith

BAPTISMS

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

FIORINO-DeVULDER, Amelia Catherine
LEARN, Beah Elise
LEARN, Gabriella Frances
SMITHYES, Iain Sinclair
SMITHYES, Peter Michel

MARRIAGES

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

March 15 - Stacey Anne Paddick, Paul Jonathan Bailey
May 31 - Heather Margaret Carter, Wayne Alexander Forbes

GOODBYE & GODSPEED

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

Ann McGregor Reilly (transferred)

CONGRATULATIONS RAY GETLIFFE



Ray was one of three recipients this year of London's Hockey Men of Distinction awards. Ray won Stanley Cups with the Boston Bruins and Montreal Canadiens. He also is the one who nicknamed Maurice Richard the Rocket.

The awards are presented by the Huff 'N Puff Seniors Hockey League for meritorious service to hockey and the community. A picture of Ray will hang in London's Sports Hall of Fame at the John Labatt Centre.

SOLAR ENERGY

by Robert K. Swartman

Solar energy can be utilized in many ways, principally through two distinct technologies, solar heating and solar electricity. Solar water heating systems can be used in a number of applications including campgrounds, condominium apartment buildings, car washes, restaurants, greenhouses, food processing plants, laundromats and health clubs.

Solar electric modules which use the photovoltaic effect, produce electricity to be used in remote locations or for emergency or backup power. They are popular at cottages and are used on highway traffic signs.

Solar water heating systems can be large, for commercial or industrial use, or small for residential systems. They are similar in principle, varying only in size. The solar collectors are usually located on the roof, where they receive the sun's energy. In a solar water heating system, heat transfer fluid is circulated between the collectors and a heat exchanger, where the heat is either used or stored in a hot water storage tank. The most common type of solar system for year round use in Canada uses antifreeze as the working fluid.

A car wash is an excellent application for commercial solar water heating because it is a low temperature application, and the load matches the availability of solar energy. Another excellent application is a laundromat, and one of the very best is a nursing home.

When a system is properly designed based on the energy demand and cost savings, the solar fraction is normally about a quarter of the total hot water load.

A major design consideration is the positioning of the solar collectors, which should face the sun as much as possible. In Canada this means facing south. The collectors should be mounted on a rack tilted at an angle. They may be exposed to wind, so the rack must be securely fastened to the roof. During the winter, snow can accumulate around the panels causing an extra weight load on the roof. Therefore, the supporting structure for the collectors must be able to resist the uplift due to the wind as well as the extra load of snow.

Solar hot water systems will work throughout the year, as long as the sun is shining. However, the collectors are not as efficient in the winter. But even if the outside air temperature is -15C, water can be heated from 5C to 15C, representing a substantial energy saving.

Typical problems with solar hot water systems are leaks, failed pumps, or faulty controllers. But they make up for their quirks by requiring little to no maintenance. Any dust accumulation gets washed away with the first rainfall.

Currently, solar (or wind) systems cannot replace the electricity power that industry relies on. However, using solar energy to supplement heating and hot water from regular forms of energy is feasible and viable today, and will reduce greenhouse gases. I believe that anything we can do to enhance the health of our planet is worthwhile.



Bob Swartman (right) exchanges information on Solar Heating with David Hallman, United Church of Canada Environmentalist.

FUNDRAISING AT FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S

There were two successful fundraising events during May: the Silent/Live Auction and the geranium sale. Thanks to all those who contributed their time, talents, energy and those who purchased items.



Auctioneers Murray Woods and David McKane, along with Bob Plante, helped raise more than \$7,800 for the work of First-St. Andrew's



Marg Leonard's sale of Geraniums and Hanging Pots raised nearly \$1,600 for the work of FSA. Marg was assisted by a dozen volunteers who unloaded the truck and sold geraniums through the day.

SNAPSHOTS

(Right) No, it's not a costume party. Just the Grow-A-Row gang at the start of the Grow-A-Row campaign.



(Left) The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper flippers and servers.



(Above) The Spring Rummage Sale and (Right) some of the helpers at the China table (below) Men At Work at the Rummage Sale.



(Above) Leprechaun custodian Rusty Robertson spotted on St. Patrick's Day.

(Left) Pat Sole and David McKane share a birthday cake (shaped like a groundhog) on their groundhog day birthday.



FSA Program Guide

Pentecost 2003

WORSHIP

June 8 - Pentecost Communion

9:15 & 11:00 am

Rev. Dr. David McKane

June 15 - Trinity Sunday

9:15 & 11:00 am

Rev. Dr. David McKane

June 22 - Second after Pentecost

10:30 am - Lower Hall

Rev. Dr. Susan Shelstad

June 29, July 6, July 13

10:30 am - Lower Hall

Rev. Dr. David McKane

July 20 - Mission & Service Sunday

10:30 am - Lower Hall

Rev. Betty Sangster

July 27 - Seventh After Pentecost

10:30 am - Lower Hall

Rev. Dr. David McKane

Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

10:30 am - Lower Hall

Rev. Dr. Susan Shelstad

Sept. 7 - Reconvanting Sunday

9:00 am & 10:30 am

Rev. Dr. David McKane

Sept. 14 - Fourteenth After Pentecost

9:00 am & 10:30 am

Rev. Dr. David McKane

MUSIC

THE SENIOR CHOIR

The choir is taking a well deserved summer break after a busy Lenten and Easter season, several concerts and a taping for a new CD to be released later this year.

During the summer, there will be different soloists performing at our Sunday Worship Services.

The Choir begins practices for the fall on Thursday Sept 4.

Music
AT FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CRADLE ROLL

A kit called *Growing in God's Love* is sent to families with a new baby to help celebrate important events to age 3.

Coordinator: Nancy Stanlick (451-9491)

NURSERY

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

Coordinator: Judy Cull

CHURCH SCHOOL

As we move into our summer schedule with one service at 10:30 a.m. June 22-September 1, Church School will be one multi-age class for children 3 years of age to grade 6. If you're interested in helping, please call church school coordinators Chris and Monique Silcox, 438-3404.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

TEENS IN TRANSIT (TNT)

For young people in grades 7 and 8. This group will meet Sunday mornings in the Upper Room during the regular church school year.

Leader: Nancy Howard (289-0540)

TEEN CONFIRMATION CLASS

This year's confirmation class will begin meeting in the fall in preparation for their confirmation.

Picture below is the class of '03: Matthew McCurdy, Calvin Radoja, David Eberhard, and Jessie Dalton.



YOUTH COUNCIL

The Youth Council is run by the young people of the congregation under the supervision of Debbie Maund and Erin Linforth, and supported by the Christian Development Committee. They decide on programs, activities, and worship that is relevant to them, meeting usually on Sunday evenings at 6:30 pm.

Advisors: Debbie Maund (679-0716) & Erin Linforth (435-0170).

ADULT DEVELOPMENT



KEEP THESE GROUPS IN MIND FOR THE FALL

Sunday Morning Bible Study

This lively group meets on Sunday mornings upstairs in the Primary Room.

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

Thursday Morning Bible Study

10 am in the Parlour. This popular lectionary Bible Study group is guaranteed to make you grow in your Christian faith.

Leader: Susan Shelstad (679-8182)

Dream Group

Come and discover the amazing world of dreams. We meet usually on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Parlour. For more information, contact Anne Cunningham (433-9663).

LIBRARY

Our church library contains many wonderful things — good books for all ages, videos, and periodicals — all for your use. Come in and check us out! New material is arriving all the time.

CD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Donations to this fund are used to help children, young people and adults attend programs and events such as youth retreats, camp, and Conference events. Your help is appreciated.

PASTORAL CARE

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

COUNSELLING TEAM

There is a counselling service available to FSA members staffed voluntarily by the following: Kerry Hill, a management consultant and career counsellor, provides personal counselling and detailed vocational assessment by appointment when mutually convenient; Ardath Finnbogason-Hill, a nurse-educator with considerable experience in personal counselling, and Jo Ann Silcox, a psychiatrist, work as a team to provide initial assessment and follow-through counselling for individuals, couples, families or groups facing personal transitional crises. Referrals may be made through Ardath Hill at 657-3000.

PRAYER CHAIN

Do you need prayers for yourself or others? Call Pat at the office (679-8182) and the name or concern will be passed through the prayer chain. First names only will be used unless permission is granted to use the full name. Confidentiality will be respected.

CONGREGATIONAL VISITING TEAM

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

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER

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

RIDES FOR SENIORS

If you need a ride to and from church and/or church events, please call Helen and Bill Cockshutt (858-9454).

DIAL-A-PRAYER 439-6838

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

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Every Sunday, following our 9:15 am and 11:00 am worship services, the congregation is invited to remain for refreshment and the deepening of friendship. This is an opportunity for each person to make contact and share his/her journey as a valued individual within our community of faith. Volunteers are needed to make and serve coffee and to clean up.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

A Baptismal preparation session is held prior to every Baptism (usually the Thursday evening) to 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 again in late September. Call the church office if interested. (679-8182).

STEWARDSHIP MISSION OUTREACH

Stewardship Mission Outreach is involved in the Hospitality Meals, preparing baby layettes, organizing food collection for the Youth Action Centre and St. Paul's Daily Bread, actively supporting the ELUCOC in special projects, working with St. Marys United Church in support of the Canadian Food Grains Bank, and occupying a chair on their board, sending two members to the LIFT Council meetings and more.

GROW-A-ROW PROJECT

Over the past five years, money has been provided for the Canadian Food Grains Program through the efforts of St. Marys United Church and FSA. The donations are matched 4:1 by CIDA. This summer, the group will be using a farm near St. Marys. There will be a Corn Roast at First-St. Andrew's in the second week of August. The proceeds toward the program last year were more than \$9,400. Over the last four years, the congregations of FSA and St. Marys United have donated about \$84,000 to the Grow-A-Row project and when matched by the government, that means \$420,000 worth of food was shipped to countries where the need is high.

HOSPITALITY MEALS

This program runs year round on Mondays, 5:30 p.m. providing hospitality meals for about 100 persons. One hundred or more volunteers have been involved, many of them from other churches. We are now looking for a limited number of volunteers for the summer. Could you help out for a 4 month period? Contact Donna Travis, 672-6116, or the church office, 679-8182.

FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS

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

FRIENDSHIP & LEARNING GROUPS

BIFOCALS

Bifocals resumes in the fall. Come and enjoy good food, warm fellowship, a sing song and varied programs. Watch the weekly announcements for upcoming events this fall. New members and guests are always welcome. Call Shirley Wynne, 474-4788 or June McKay, 471-5668 for information.



Top Hat: Marion Wilson won the best hat contest at Bifocals May meeting



Shirley Wynne and June McKay dial down from Heaven on their cell-phones.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

All persons twenty and over who enjoy fun are invited to join with the Circle of Friends. Look for information in the weekly bulletin.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

The purpose of the UCW is to unite women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and to provide a medium through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service. First-St. Andrew's has three units meeting monthly as follows:

The first Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlour

The second Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at 1 Grosvenor Gate

The third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the church parlour

New members are always welcome.

BRIDGE GROUP

Another season will begin under the direction of John and Mary Scott. Look for information about next fall's activities in the bulletin this summer



A FINAL WORD

PENTECOST 2003

This has been a long and busy season from Lent to Pentecost.

Beside Sunday Worship Services, there were the Pancake Dinner, a Rummage Sale, a couple of Town Hall Meetings, three Music Concerts, three noon recitals, the Easter Weekend Services, David Hallman speaking on the Environment, our session on HIV/AIDS in Africa, a salute to the music of our youth, a Labyrinth Walk, several Bi-Focals events, the distribution of our new Directory, a recognition of Barb Plante's thirty years with the Bells, New Members Sunday, Confirmation Sunday, Baptisms, the Auction, the Geranium Sale and the John Wesley Sunday.

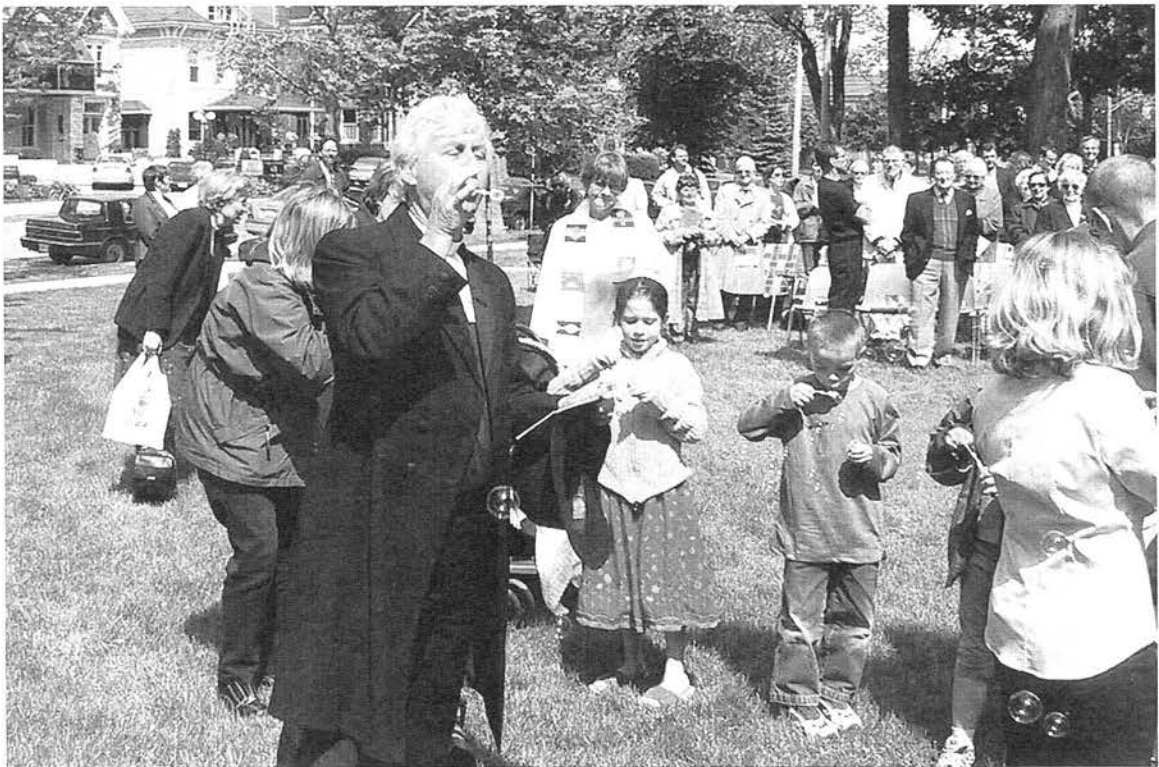
And now, it's summertime and the promise (threat?) of hot weather.

Our services will continue each Sunday at 10:30 in the (cooler) Lower Hall.

In the meantime, we'll be planning, with a few breaks, for the fall season.

The staff wishes you a healthy, relaxing and uplifting summer.

Paul *Rusty* *Ted* *David* *Sue*
Susan *Pat*



First-St. Andrew's Ministry

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

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

Paul Merritt: Director of Music

Ted Kostecki: Community Development Coordinator

Sue Scorgie: Office Coordinator

Pat Sole: Secretary/Receptionist

Rusty Robertson: Custodian

