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of St Andrew  
and St Paul

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# Inside•Out

March/April/May 2016

## Worship

### THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH

**Maundy Thursday, 6:00 p.m.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion; Tenebrae  
The Reverend Dr. Kay Diviney

### FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH

**Good Friday, 11:00 a.m.**

Reflections on the Passion Narrative  
The Reverend Dr. Kay Diviney  
The Reverend Jack Archibald

### Good Friday Choral Service, 7:30 p.m.

The St John Passion, J. S. Bach  
Meditation: The Reverend Dr. Kay Diviney

### SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH

**Easter Sunrise Service, 8:00 a.m.**

Chancel; led by our Youth Group

### Easter Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Holy Communion  
The Reverend Jack Archibald

### SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD

Second Sunday of Easter, 11:00 a.m.  
The Reverend Jack Archibald

### SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH

Third Sunday of Easter, 11:00 a.m.  
The Reverend Jack Archibald

### SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH

Fourth Sunday of Easter, 11:00 a.m.  
The Reverend Dr. Kay Diviney

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH

Evening Prayer and Song (Taizé), 5:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH

Fifth Sunday of Easter, 11:00 a.m.  
The Reverend Jack Archibald

### SUNDAY, MAY 1ST

Sixth Sunday of Easter, 11:00 a.m.  
Black Watch Sunday

### SUNDAY, MAY 8TH

Seventh Sunday of Easter, 11:00 a.m.  
Mothers' Day  
The Reverend Dr. Kay Diviney



The Family Christmas Eve Service - the children's own Christmas tree!

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Deadline for next edition: May 15, 2016

# Worship (con't)

**SUNDAY, MAY 15TH**  
Pentecost, 11:00 a.m.  
The Reverend Jack Archibald

**SUNDAY, MAY 22ND**  
Trinity Sunday, 11:00 a.m.  
The Reverend Jack Archibald

**SUNDAY, MAY 31ST**  
Second Sunday after Pentecost,  
11:00 a.m.  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
The Reverend Jack Archibald

## Leading with Care

It is the policy of the Presbyterian church in Canada that all persons, in particular all children, youth and vulnerable adults, who participate in the denomination's programs and ministries and/or use the denomination's facilities will be cared for with Christian compassion and will be safe.

The Church of St Andrew and St Paul subscribes to this policy and maintains it throughout the various programs and ministries of the congregation. Leading with Care has been instituted and will continue to be monitored through a series of church committees and by the Leading with Care Committee which has duties of oversight.

## Send Us Your Ideas for *InsideOut*

If you have ideas for future issues, please submit them for consideration. If you have a question about your Church and how it works, or if you have a question or comment about the Christian faith, we want to hear about it. Submit your ideas, articles, photos or comments to [sue.m.stevenson@gmail.com](mailto:sue.m.stevenson@gmail.com). Submissions should be no more than 500 words. Digital and scanned photos should be about a 1MB jpg file and should be sent as a separate file.

# Interim Moderator's Report



Dear Friends,

As we move toward Easter and celebrate the victory of Christ over death and the creation of one new humanity, we are reminded that everything we do in the context of faith and Christian community is founded on God's grace and God's love for this world. It is this grace alone that is our hope and it is this grace that gives us a vision for a new future created by the One who is making all things new.

As we consider our own future as a congregation we continue to work on the task of calling a new lead minister. This letter will update you on the work of the Search Committee. As of March 1, we have had 11 applications. The Search Committee decided not to pursue three of the applicants. We have met with seven candidates by video conference, with one more interview to be determined. The committee had decided to invite three candidates for a formal interview, however, one of the candidates has withdrawn his application due to personal reasons. The remaining two interviews will take place in March. More interviews may be necessary depending on the strength of the two candidates yet to be interviewed.

In moving forward it will be important to keep our own mission at the forefront of everything we do. That mission is stated in these words:

*We, the congregation of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, representing Christ in the multicultural city of Montreal, celebrate the love of God through*

*Inspirational worship,*

*Growing in faith together as a church community,*

*Being a church home for all people,*

*Sharing God's love with each other and the world around us.*

*Like all mission statements, it assumes that we have not yet arrived and therefore, it requires an openness to seeking those ministries that will move the congregation to fuller expressions of these goals.*

In the congregational profile we also stated a number of challenges and opportunities. These included:

- opportunities and challenges of communicating the good news of Jesus Christ to a generation of adults and youth who are not always accustomed to participating in church;
- the ongoing challenge of creating a common vision that keeps all of our ministries aligned to that vision;
- creating a culture of authentic Christian fellowship that crosses demographic boundaries, finding creative ways of integrating new members;
- using our resources to minister to both those within our community of faith and the larger community; and
- inviting new members while at the same time working with the core of mature committed individuals.

As the search committee moves forward, we will be looking for someone who can bring excellence to the leading of worship in various settings, who has experience in bringing people together to create a common vision, who has demonstrated courage in moving a congregation forward, who is a team player, who is committed to mission in its various forms, and who values community evidenced by mutual care, spiritual growth and a place of belonging. It is our belief that these are all values to which the congregation as whole is committed in its own witness and service.

I would also like to inform the congregation that Rev. Archibald will be completing his position as stated supply at the end of May. We are grateful that he has stepped in to assist the congregation during this time of transition as we have benefited from his many gifts for ministry. There will be ample opportunity to express our thanks as we get closer to the end of May.

Again, I encourage the congregation to continue to pray for the work of the Search Committee and for each of the candidates who have put their names forward. Not all of them may be suitable for the ministry at St. Andrew and St. Paul, but they are servants of God and we pray for God's blessing on the ministries to which they have been called. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Rev. Dr. Diviney or your elder. In the meantime, may the grace of God, the love of Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with each one.

*Sincerely,*

*The Rev. Dr. Dale Woods*

# Church in Action

## Dinner with Friends



Maurene and Jack prepare for serving dinner

Wednesday, February 24th, was a very special evening at the Native Friendship Centre of Montreal when our Twinning Sub-committee offered dinner to seventy new friends. Directed by Maurene White's fine cooking skills, Wylma Cobb, Diane Aikens, Jill Foster, Frank Philpott and Keith Randall prepared roast pork with roast vegetables, along with cookies and ice cream for dessert. The delicious aromas filled the church hallways.

All was delivered and warmed in the NFC kitchen in time for their weekly Open House and served by Maurene and Frank, assisted by Margarita Medina-Ibanez, Derek Foote and Jack Archibald. The evening passed with much laughter and, later, the sound of the drum that has entertained us in the Quiet Garden the past two years.

"This ministry was the A&P being the Church in action," commented Rev. Archibald. "It was a matter of building bridges to a culture and community needing our love. It was an act of pure compassion 'with no strings attached.' We were welcomed and embraced. We were the A&P to these people. They may not have known of us at all, or they could well associate us with very painful experiences of the past, but on this evening we showed quite another side to how they view the Christian Church."

We were grateful for this opportunity to share with the people of the NFC, another step in a slowly developing relationship. The NFC. To be found at the corner of St-Laurent and Ontario, is a non-profit, non-sectarian, autonomous community development agency whose principal mission is to promote, develop, and enhance the quality of life in the urban Aboriginal community of Montreal. The NFCM, being a part of a national initiative that bridges the gap between two cultures, serves the Aboriginal population consisting of the ten First Nations of Quebec, as well as the Inuit and Métis of Montreal.

# From the Board

## Important updates

The January and February Givings have met the estimated amounts. The congregation's efforts to begin the year are sure to keep our financial ship steady throughout the year. Look for a complete first quarter breakdown of Givings in the April 3 Bulletin of Service.

I am pleased to announce that Ian Moodie has agreed to take the reins as Chair of Stewardship. The Stewardship Committee wishes him the best of success and all their support in the continuing effort to encourage the congregation in the fulfilling of our Church's Mission.

*Christopher Powell,  
Board Chairman*

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# From the Church Registrar

## Christening



**February 28, 2016**  
Grace Alison Irene Lightfoot

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# The Guild Annual General Meeting and Spring Lunch

Date: April 20, 2016

Time: Meeting at 12:00, Lunch 12.30

Speaker: The Rev. Jack Archibald

Topic: "MASTERING A MASTERPIECE: How a Master Painter Portrays Jesus' Favourite Parable"

Reservations: Contact/Phone Edna Ralston – 514.288.9588  
– [ednaralston@bell.net](mailto:ednaralston@bell.net)

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Come and bring a friend to this cheery and friendly event in Kildonan Hall!



# Moment for Mission, Opportunities for Outreach

## Syrian Refugee Family Sponsorship Update

Following our November 22nd Congregational Meeting with Action Réfugiés Montréal Executive Director Paul Clarke (InsideOut, Fall, 2015), the Sponsorship Core Committee undertook the challenging task of identifying a family for resettlement. It was felt that, with the resources available in our church and as a congregation-wide undertaking, we could sponsor two related families. The decision was based solely on need and risk, and we felt that these families would benefit greatly by being sponsored by an organization with the resources of St Andrew and St Paul.

### Meet the Zidan families, Syrian refugees who will be sponsored by The Church of St Andrew and St Paul

Hanan Zidan is married (she and her husband, Iyad, are in their 30s) and has three children, two girls, Hana and Lynne, ages 10 and 7, and a boy, Hassan, 3. Hassan has a handicap that impairs his speech and makes some movements difficult. Prior to the war, Hanan worked in a day care and her husband was custodian at a local school. They lived in Damascus but, when the war began, their neighbourhood became increasingly dangerous due to its proximity to illegal prisons run by the secret service. There were several bombings in the area and their children were deeply affected. They older children have frequent nightmares and day terrors, and Hassan has been unable to access proper medical care. They left Syria in June, 2015, and have been in Lebanon since. Refugees cannot work and the UN food and clothing program was cut some six months ago.

Fadia Zidan, Hanan's sister, is a single mother in her 30s with a daughter, Lujine, who is 15. Prior to the civil war she was living in the Bab Touma neighbourhood in the oldest part of Damascus with her sister, Badra. It was under heavy bombardment in 2012 and many buildings were being destroyed. The apartment where Fadia was living was hit by a bomb while they were there and some family members were injured. Her daughter fell into a depression and attempted suicide. Eventually, it was too



Parents Hanan and Iyad, and their three children Hana, Lynne and Hassan, hope to live in Montreal.

much to handle and they left Syria for Beirut in March, 2014, where she is unable to work, and the situation is very difficult due to the sheer number of Syrian refugees.

Hanan and Fadia have a sister, Salam who lives in Laval. She emigrated here some years ago, and has herself sponsored Badra and her 3 children aged 20, and 16 year old twins. They arrived this past December and are now living with Salam. It was she who asked ARM if they could find sponsors for other members of her family living in such difficult conditions in Beirut. Salam works in retail and is at the same time studying to become an accountant. In February three members of the Core Committee, Catherine Merklinger, Lucinda Lyman and Brian Merrett, along with Lauren Lallemand from ARM, spent a working evening with Salam and Badra and the children. All shared in a delicious Syrian meal and found it a joy to begin to get to know this warm and resilient family.

Core Committee member Ann Birks and her team is arranging a benefit concert (more below). Robert Bracewell and Brian have been active with pledges and donations, as well as

providing information for the necessary forms. Jane Bracewell, Thea and Lucinda are coordinating volunteer tasking and Catherine is coordinating household requirements and liaising with Salam Zidan. Rev. Jack Archibald provides key pastoral guidance at meetings and in correspondence. By the time you read this, official paperwork will have been completed and we will be making preparations for the arrival of three adults and four children. These preparations are, as was said recently by a member of our congregation, more difficult than people think! Many hands make light work and the Core Committee will be asking for the congregation's help in preparing to settle our families. We can expect that they will arrive in Montreal in mid to late summer, 2016.

The Church of St Andrew and St Paul would be responsible for all of the costs relating to sponsorship, which includes all the needs of the families for a year; the Church is the family's resource base as they work towards autonomy by the end of twelve months. Aside from raising the required funds (an initial target of \$30,000 was an adequate amount to settle four people but, because there are seven people, one of which has medical needs, the target has been set at \$50,000), there are multiple manpower tasks to be undertaken.

After finding, furnishing and equipping two apartments, and acquiring specific items of clothing, we will be among those meeting the families at the airport and transporting them to their new dwellings. We will help locate interpreters, apply for Social Insurance Numbers, select a family physician and dentist, and plan for possible medical emergencies. With Salam we will provide orientation regarding public transportation and banking services, and provide assistance in linking our families with community activities. Working with Salam we will enrol the children in school, make child care arrangements, register for child tax benefits, enrol the adults in language training and provide assistance in finding employment.

In upcoming Sunday bulletins, the Core Committee will be appealing for volunteer assistance from the congregation. Please join us in helping settle these two families!

# Message from the Associate Minister

## Getting the Word Out



*“The church exists by mission, just as a fire exists by burning.”— Emil Brunner*

**H**ow we live together as a community of Christ and how we live among our neighbours are signs to others of the identity of the One we follow. As members of the Body of Christ, the Church, we proclaim Christ in what we

say, in what we sing, in what we do, and in how we live. The word “mission” means “sent,” and this is how we are sent into the world as the people of Christ, pointing always to the One who sent us. For we are sent just as Christ himself was sent before us, and to us, and through us also.

During this season of Lent, in which we reflect on the love and sacrifice of Christ on the way to the cross, and through the cross to the Resurrection, our mission is all around us. We reach into the suffering and dislocation of our war-ravaged world in welcoming a family of Syrian refugees. We reach into our urban community in welcoming the public to our Holy Week and Easter services. We reach into the heart of Montréal in supporting Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre and other downtown agencies. And we reach into the corners of the larger church through the Ten Ministers Fund, which surprises busy and active ministers with a meaningful gesture of support they never expected, and helps them to carry out the *missio dei*, the “mission of God,” in their own communities.

The difference this makes came home strongly to members of our Twinning Group, who recently served supper at the Native Friendship Centre in downtown Montreal. For days beforehand, the church was filled with delectable aromas as the team prepared the meal: roast pork and nine vegetables and piles of potatoes. Then on the night of the supper they food was brought to the Centre, plates were heaped high, and heaped high again. And all present, First Nations people and church workers alike, sat down together in friendship, good will, and delight.

Jesus promised abundance to those who forgive and those who give in his name. “A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap,” he said, “for the measure you give will be the measure you get back” (Luke 6: 37–38). The more extravagant we are, the more truthfully we proclaim the overflowing, abundant, extravagant grace of Jesus, who was so open-handed toward all of us. Maybe, just maybe the people whose plates we have heaped high — refugees who find a welcome, ministers who find encouragement, First Nations people who find a table spread before them — will look at the stone front of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul differently from now on, saying this, this is where we have caught a glimpse of people who have been transformed by Christ.

It has been a year and more than a year of challenge and change in our church. We still miss our minister and friend Jeff Veenstra, who so loved to see the Church reaching out in mission. We remain grateful for the unique gift that his ministry among us was. And we continue to remember him as, during this season of Lent, we remember who and whose we are.

*In shared ministry,  
Kay Diviney*

## Reaching Out

### Music for the Refugee Journey

A benefit concert to support our refugee project will be held in Kildonan Hall at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27th. We are delighted that MSO flautist Timothy Hutchins and pianist Janet Creaser Hutchins have donated their time and their talents for this event. Following the concert a reception and silent auction will be held. On offer will be pairs of tickets to a home-town hockey game, special event tickets for the OSM and premium tickets for Rogers' Cup tennis this summer, as well as intriguing gifts from Ogilvy's and Birks, and marvellous works of art by renowned local artists.

Attendance is limited to 150 people. Tickets are \$50, and a limited number of reduced-price tickets are available at \$20. Donors will be issued tax receipts for amounts above \$50 - *thank you for considering making an extra gift!*

Information on the concert and ticketing can be had by contacting [outreach@standrewstpaul.com](mailto:outreach@standrewstpaul.com) or the church office at 514 842-3431. To secure your reservation please send your cheque, marked 'Sponsorship Concert' to The Church of St Andrew and St Paul, 3415 Redpath Avenue, Montreal H3G 2G2. Your tickets will be available at the door.

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OF THE CHURCH OF ST ANDREW AND ST PAUL  
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# REACHING OUT MUSIC FOR THE REFUGEE JOURNEY



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# Music at A&P

Sing to the Lord a new song!



**W**e of the church's music staff take up that scriptural directive with enthusiasm, and are happy to announce several new ventures this spring. We welcome an Artist-in-Residence for the term, we'll celebrate a cantata service in early April, and we welcome a guest choir in mid-May.

We are very pleased to report that Juno-nominated violoncellist Elinor Frey will be our Artist-in-Residence for the Spring 2016. Ms Frey is a member of l'Ensemble Caprice (our usual Good Friday choral service collaborators), and plays with many other leading ensembles nationally and internationally. Here is Ms Frey's motivation for wishing to play in a liturgical context, in her own words:

"It is a great pleasure and honour to be artist-in-residence at the Church of St Andrew and St Paul during the Winter and Spring of 2016. As a cellist I have enjoyed performing at A&P in its large musical celebrations such as the Bach Passions. While I find these events inspiring and important in the greater vision for music as an integral part of the church community, I wondered what it would feel like to play cello in the context of a traditional service, not only at an extraordinary evening liturgy. I wondered how the context of worship, how the silence of religious contemplation, and how music's resonance alongside prayer would feel in that moment of making sound on my instrument."

"Singers and organists (indeed gospel bands and other varieties of ensembles) come to church each week, but somehow cellists have not stayed in the church-playing tradition. When the instrument the "violoncello" first emerged in the middle of the 17th century, its first players were employed at the great Basilica of San Petronio in Bologna. The line of performers that held the position of principal cellist at San Petronio set the stage for a long history of incredible musicians who brought the cello to prominence. Importantly, they were the first to write solos and sonatas for the instrument, often intended to be used in church. These Italian cellists also modelled the possibilities inherent to their instrument that were later exploited by J.S. Bach in his magnificent unaccompanied Suites."

"In church, these cellists likely played instruments slightly larger than the industrialized standard of today, instruments that also supported the choir and played alongside the organ during the service. The tradition of using the cello in church in N. America has an interesting history as large-sized cellos flourished in the mid- 19th century. Since it is nearly impossible to find an original, un-modified 17th c. Italian cello under \$1 million (!), I decided to find one of these North American instruments called the "American Church Bass" to pursue my idea of playing as a church musician and to also connect to the traditions of this continent. I may also play preludes and solos on a smaller size cello as players during the 17th c. likely had multiple instruments of varying sizes, selected for the piece of music and occasion at hand."

"Thank you for sharing this journey with me and giving space to this music in your hearts and in this vibrant community ."

Ms Frey will join us in services on Sunday, February 28, March 20, May 22 and June 5, playing the preludes and accompanying the choir.

On Sunday, April 3 our choristers Kristi Bryson (soprano) and Duncan Campbell (baroque trumpet) will sing and play J. S. Bach's virtuosic Cantata 51, *Jauchzet Gott in alle Landen* ("Praise God in all lands"), together with string players from l'Ensemble Caprice. This spectacular hymn of praise tests the trumpeter and singer to the limit, and sets of some of Scripture's most joyous words.

On Sunday, May 15 we will be joined by the Mount Sacramento Singers, an excellent California-based choir. Our choir will sing the morning service together with them, and Mount Sacramento Singers will present a concert in our church that Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

In other news, our restoration work continues on our church's great Casavant organ. This spring we installed a Violin Diapason stop that dates from around 1920 in the Choir division, and is a beautiful example of the late-Romantic pipe voicer's art. It has a silvery, string-like tone that blends magnificently with the other voices in the division. Our next major task (scheduled for early June) is replacing the leathers in the organ's main static reservoirs, the large pressure-regulating bellows that serve as the organ's lungs.

*Jonathan Oldengarm,  
Director of Music*





# Chorister's Corner

## Reasons to sing in the A&P Choir

Those who sing in a church choir rarely come to it late in life; usually, there is a long association with sacred or secular music in the home, at school, or in the community.

I have sung ever since I was a tiny tot, even before I joined any choirs at all... my family would sing Polish folksongs, Lenten melodies, Easter and lovely old Christmas carols both at home and at our parish church. Almost all of my friends in my school community, it seemed, sang in a choir of some sort. Whether it was at home, at school or at church, vocal expression was a given and natural way of sharing celebrations and marking important religious events, particularly at Christmas time (oh, those joyous hymns and carols!). What a grand feeling it was to sing a rollicking, exuberant melody or even a sad, melancholic one, out loud, all together, in concert with dozens or even hundreds of others!

Even impromptu moments of singing very, very loudly at home, and being quite silly about it (my Mom's specialty) while we cleaned the house, made our chores almost fun!

It felt GOOD to sing with others....but why?

Well, it would seem that singing, particularly singing along with others, as in a choir like the Choir of Saint Andrew and Saint Paul, is especially beneficial for the singer, in more ways than one.

Three main reasons why singing in the A&P choir is good for you.

### Good for your body

Studies in Copenhagen and Great Britain have shown that singing along with others is good for your heart, lung function, and muscles of the core. When a group of singers breathe deeply together, concentrate on the conductor, and listen to each other, their heart rates become more regular and synchronised, their breathing capacity and lung function increases to a significant degree, showing improvement similar to the effects of yoga and Pilates, and their core muscles become more toned; singers even report sleeping more soundly after a choral singing session.

### Good for your heart and brain

Choral singing is a well-respected and versatile tool in the medical toolbox; it can serve as a version of music therapy, fostering a sense of community, feelings of belonging, stimulating creativity and concentration, and encouraging positive mental and emotional states in people prone to depression, people suffering from illness, and people living with dementia. Choral singing has been used for decades in clinical settings like hospitals, hospices and seniors residences, but our A and P choristers also know that singing together has emotional and intellectual benefits for us all. Many choristers report that they leave rehearsals feeling more energized and happy than when they arrived; they feel challenged musically and intellectually in the company of like-minded musicians.

"I sing at A&P for the community of dear friends that I've made in the choir over the years, for the great music and inspiring music-making, and for the weekly challenge of sight-reading and refining new and familiar music. Singing at A&P has made me a better musician and helped me to appreciate the art of ensemble singing!" (Ellen Wieser)

### Good for your soul

Many choristers at A&P come from religious backgrounds other than Presbyterian (I myself was brought up in the Roman Catholic faith). Despite any differences in our past religious experiences, one thing remains a strong and steadfast constant amongst A&P choristers; we sing to serve God, and we feel blessed to be able to do so in a church community as open and welcoming as Saint Andrew and Saint Paul.

"I sing in the choir of Saint Andrew and Saint Paul to sustain myself artistically as a singer/musician, but also to offer my gifts as much as possible to an appreciative and thoroughly beautiful congregation and public! The atmosphere of the choir is at once professional, of a very high standard, but also warm, like a family, and very inspiring in its eclectic tastes and talented members. It is a privilege to be a part." (Josh Whelan)

"I love the music program at A&P. Before moving to Montreal in 2005, I worked as a voice teacher and vocal coach in the US. So when I moved to Canada, I needed to find an outlet for all that learning and performing. The high musical standards of the choir plus the warmth of the church community was just the thing for this lonely immigrant!!!" (Wendy Glaubitz)

"I agree with my colleagues; singing at A and P is the best!" (Anna Mizera)



# Organ & Choral Music List for Easter to Trinity 2016



## Easter Sunday, March 27

Hymns: 190 (Easter Hymn); 202 (Victory); Communion Hymn 197 (Lasst uns erfreuen); 198 (Vulpius)

Prelude: Excerpts from *St. Paul Suite* (Holst, arr. Oldengarm)  
Setting: *Missa resurrectionis* (Hancock)  
Anthem: *Surrexit a mortuis* (Widor, arr. Oldengarm)  
Motets: *This joyful Eastertide* (Wood); *Alleluia* (Thompson)  
Postlude: *Toccata*, from *Symphonie V* (Widor)

## Cantata Service, April 3

With Kristi Bryson, soprano, Duncan Campbell, baroque trumpet and members of Ensemble Caprice

Hymns: 214 (Hyfrydol); 199 (Ave Virgo Virginum); 241 (O Quanta Qualia); 188 (Hymn to Joy)  
Prelude: *Christ ist erstanden*, BWV 627  
Cantata: *Jauchzet Gott in alle Landen*, BWV 51  
Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in G major*, BWV 541 (Bach)

## April 10

Hymns: 247 (Richmond); Metrical Psalm 47 (Kingsfold); 236 (Engelberg); 237 (Miles Lane)  
Prelude: *Choral*, from *Symphonie romaine* (Widor)  
Introit: *Ye Choirs of new Jerusalem* (Stanford)  
Anthem: *Salmo 150* (Aguilar)  
Postlude: *Toccata in G* (Dubois)

## April 17

Hymns: 250 (Praise, my Soul); Metrical Psalm 32 (Harington); 282 (Horsley); 307 (Aurelia)  
Prelude: *Christ lag in Todesbanden* (Scheidt)  
Introit: *Surrexit Christus hodie* (Scheidt)  
Anthem: *Light of the World* (Elgar)  
Postlude: *Presto*, from *Sonata in G*, op. 28 (Elgar)

## April 24

Hymns: 385 (Warrington); Metrical Psalm 80 (Dominus regit me); 328 (St. Thomas); 458 (Slane)  
Prelude: *Fantasy, Episode, Song & Serenade*, from *Organ Book I* (Rorem)  
Introit: *Sing, my soul, his wondrous love* (Rorem)  
Anthem: *Come, Thou fount of every blessing* (Wachner)  
Postlude: *Reveille*, from *Organ Book I* (Rorem)

## Black Watch Sunday, May 1

Hymns: 76 (Hanover); Metrical Psalm 9 (Crimond); 87 (St. Anne); 504 (Cwm Rhondda)  
Prelude: *Requiem aeternam* (Harwood)  
Introit: *Greater love* (Ireland)  
Anthem: *I was glad* (Parry)  
Postlude: *Paean* (Harwood)

## Mothers' Day Sunday, May 8

*The Church School Children sing in service*  
Hymns: 205 (Praise, my soul); Metrical Psalm 28 (London New); 204 (St. Magnus); 207 (Llanfair)  
Prelude: *Alléluias sereins*, from *L'Ascension* (Messiaen)  
Introit: *Coelis ascendit hodie* (Stanford)  
Anthem: *God is gone up* (Finzi)  
Postlude: *Transports de joie*, from *L'Ascension* (Messiaen)

## May 15

*With guest choir the Mount Sacramento Singers*  
Hymns: 266 (Spiritus Vitae); Metrical Psalm 42 (Old 100th); 257 (Down Ampney); 465 (Cwm Rhondda)  
Prelude: *Komm, Heiliger Geist*, BWV 652 (Bach)  
Introit: *Draw us in the Spirit's tether* (Friedell)  
Anthem: *Te Deum in G* (Vaughan Williams)  
Postlude: *Komm, Heiliger Geist*, BWV 651 (Bach)

## May 22

*With Elinor Frey, Artist-in-Residence, violoncello*  
Hymns: 277 (Nicaea); Metrical Psalm 19 (St. Paul); 413 (Franconia); 273 (Moscow)  
Prelude: *Menuets I & II and Gigue*, from *Unaccompanied Suite No. 2 in D Minor*, BWV 1008; & *Sonata in G* (Domenico Gabrielli)  
Introit: *Tibi laus* (Philips)  
Anthem: *Dignus est Agnus* (Williamson)  
Postlude: *Prelude in E flat*, BWV 552/1 (Bach)

## May 29

Hymns: 525 (Marion); 445 (Pater Omnium); Communion Hymn 354 (Picardy); 425 (St. Denio)  
Prelude: *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*, BWV 662 & 664 (Bach)  
Setting: *Communion Service in A minor* (Darke)  
Anthem: *Blessed City, heavenly Salem* (Bairstow)  
Motets: *I sat down under his shadow* (Bairstow); *Tantum ergo* (de Sévérac)  
Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in A minor*, BWV 543 (Bach)

## Church School Celebration Sunday, June 5

*Church School Children sing in service*  
*With Elinor Frey, Artist-in-Residence, violoncello*  
Hymns: 83 (Lobe den Herrn); *Children's Hymn* 251 (Madrid); 477 (Winscott); 458 (Slane)  
Prelude: *Andante*, from *Gamba Sonata in D major*, BWV 1028 (Bach)  
Introit: *Sicut cervus* (Palestrina)  
Anthem: *Fight the good fight* (Gardner)  
Postlude: *Everyone Dance!*, from *Five Dances for Organ* (Hampton)



# Stated Supply

A new friend for our church



Jack Archibald

It was Thanksgiving time when The Reverend Jack Archibald arrived at The Church of St Andrew and St Paul last October. And that meant very soon it was Fall Fair time. Appointed as Stated Supply to assist Kay Diviney in the running of the church for the next six months, he says he was astonished at the activity and energy around the church building during those days ... “and then we were into Advent and Christmas!”

Retired from active ministry for three years, Jack Archibald and his wife Marian had settled into a very pleasant routine in Ottawa. Their son and his family live and work there; their daughter works in the UK. Jack’s last charge was St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church in Ottawa where, with four full-time staff, he led the work of a large and active congregation.

It had not been his intention to take on any other major role in the church. However, as he describes what he understood immediately to be a congregation in need of encouragement and care, he agreed to come to Montreal and to our church. A furnished apartment was found for him close by. Sometimes his wife comes to join him for a few days. He has brought his good spirit of energy and caring to our congregation and to our leadership. His years of experience and wisdom in ministry are clearly greatly appreciated by everyone that meets him. And he says he finds the congregation full of warmth and love – even more so than he had expected. He and Kay have a great working relationship as they minister to us. “Jack has been so generous in sharing his gifts and his life with us,” says Kay. “His cheerful ways, deep compassion, and heart for ministry have encouraged and uplifted all of us.”

Trained at Knox College, Jack’s first ministry was in Pictou County in Nova Scotia – a three-point charge. Next he was called to St. Columba in Belleville where he remained for six years. Then it was on to St Andrew’s Church in Parry Sound for fourteen years. This town is very close to his and Marian’s hearts as their children grew up there, and they have a cottage where they go each summer. It was from there that they moved to St Paul’s in Ottawa for fourteen years.

When Jack realized that our congregation was having an unusually difficult time in the loss of our minister Jeff Veenstra “who was really in his prime years”, he felt he must come and provide what support and encouragement he could. He is here, with love and warmth and a great sense of humour, until the end of May. He has added so much to our church community in his prayers, his preaching and his humanity. As a congregation, I believe we are blessed with his generous sharing of his retirement time. And perhaps he’s even enjoying Montreal! We certainly hope so!

## Seniors’ Support Program

From the St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Homes Foundation

The Foundation/Corporation was created in the early 1960s to support Presbyterian Seniors in the Montreal and area Presbytery. The Foundation has long ties with The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul as many church members have financially supported the Foundation since its inception. In fact many of the elderly we hope to reach today with our services, are the very ones who have supported the Foundation for many years.

Since January 2013, the Foundation’s care of the elderly now includes the support of Presbyterian seniors living in their own homes by helping them navigate the often complicated healthcare system and community services. The services are provided free of charge and by every indicator, the Seniors’ Support Program (SSP) has been a success

with many elderly Presbyterians being able to continue to lead independent lives due to the efforts of the program. We are already working with several members of this congregation as well as seniors at 15 other churches in the Presbytery. However, we feel that there are still many people who may feel isolated and who could benefit from the program. We hope that this article might help us reach family members, care givers and the elderly of this congregation, especially those who don’t often make it to church.

Here are some examples of the ways the Seniors’ Support Program can help :

- Organizing and accompanying seniors to appointments with doctors, CLSCs and community services.

- Providing support for daily living activities and for medical equipment such as walkers, Medic Alert bracelets and Life-Lines.
- Facilitating access into the healthcare system or to community services needed (one of the services they do best!).
- Helping seniors and loved ones make transitions to other kinds of care and accommodation.

If you know of anyone who might benefit from this assistance, please contact the Church Office or The Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney.

We are committed to being able to offer the highest level of services possible and are pleased to be a part of the A&P’s vital church ministry.

*Ann Maher, Program Director*  
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# Youth Group

Energy and Service personified

**H**ats off to our amazing Youth Group! They continue to devote a great deal of energy and many hours of service to others.

They were a great help throughout the Christmas season – devoting time to the Christmas Pageant and Family Dinner, serving at various receptions and doing an outstanding job for the St. James Drop-in Center in the “Coldest Night of the Year” walk.

During the Youth Retreat, they spent most of their time discussing and planning ways to help with the children of the Syrian family we are sponsoring. They made placemats with thoughtful messages printed on them and are preparing a “Coffee House” on April 1 to raise funds that will go towards purchasing school supplies and other needs of the children.

Before the “Coldest Night of the Year” walk, Alain Spitzer, Executive Director of the St. James Center came to talk to the Youth Group about the homeless and the work of their Center. Our youth are an incredibly sensitive and empathetic group who want so much to lend a hand and reach out to those in need.

On the “Coldest Night of the Year” event, they raised \$3,042.01, exceeding their goal of \$2,000 for the St. James Center. A huge thank you to all who supported and sponsored us!!

The Youth Group is now preparing for the Easter Morning Sunrise Service and breakfast and invite all of you to join us!

Many of the Youth Group have already committed to working at VBS as counsellors again this summer. Please note dates of VBS in the Church School Report.

Upcoming events to mark in your calendars:

- March 24, Easter Sunday - Sunrise Service followed by Pancake Breakfast
- April 1 – Coffee House

We welcome all young people in Grades 6 through 11, who might like to join this energetic, friendly and fun group - please contact us at 450-689-4379 or email [grammy.shani@sympatico.ca](mailto:grammy.shani@sympatico.ca)

*Art and Sharon Dworzak  
Youth Group Leaders*



Wrapped up warmly for the Coldest Night Walk.



A visit from the director of the St. James Drop-In Centre.



The Youth Group enjoying the Retreat.



# Church School

## A&P Pageant's 50th anniversary!



The Church School was very involved in preparations for Christmas throughout the months of November and December. Once again four of our families helped with the Advent Candle lighting each Sunday - special thanks to Ian and Hugh Edwards, and the Luckow, Cristofaro, and Beaulieu families.

A special thanks to the Oegema family for lighting the Christ Candle at the Family Christmas Eve Service.

Of course we were also very busy with one of our biggest events – the Annual Christmas Pageant! This being the 50th Anniversary of the Pageant, it was indeed a very special one! All of our Church School classes were represented this year – from Nursery through to High School and of course our Youth Group played an integral role in the planning and presentation. Throughout the choir rehearsals, casting, costume fittings, we began work on creating a roster of all the participants scanning 50 years. With the incredible devotion and hard work of The Rev. James Armour, a publication will be available shortly for all to enjoy!

After the Pageant, the Church School hosted a wonderful family dinner attended by over 220 people. It was a very special time of fellowship and fun after all the hard work done by so many! A time to share and make new friends, while viewing a slideshow of past and present Pageants, enjoying a sing-a-long led by David Christiani and of course the arrival of our favourite “pipe-playing” Santa. How blessed we are to have so many of our Congregation willing to share and help with the Pageant and Family Dinner – two enormous and important events at Christmas enjoyed by so many – young and old.

This year, we thought it would be a great idea to have the Pageant professionally filmed and once I have received permission slips from all our parents, it will be made available to everyone interested in having a copy.

We had a wonderful turnout for the Family Christmas Eve Service with numerous visiting children joining us to decorate the Christmas Tree as our Church School and Youth Group read the scriptures as well as the significance of the various decorations. What fun to watch the children’s glowing, happy faces as they added tinsel, angels, stars, hearts, shepherds staffs, and bells to the tree, each feeling they had a very important task to perform. Finally as the service ended, Kay Diviney invited everyone to sing “Happy Birthday” to Jesus and then enjoy some birthday cake!!

In January our senior classes participated in the Annual Youth Retreat held once again at Ville St. Martin, who always make us feel so welcome and accommodate us so kindly. I was told by the Administrator that we are one of their favourite groups! Our theme this year was “Welcoming our Refugees” and we enjoyed a very informative presentation by two young people from St. Columba by the Lake, who shared their experiences in the planning and welcoming of their refugee family from the Congo. On Saturday we were very pleased to welcome Brian and Lucinda who gave an update on the families we will be sponsoring and answered many of the questions the youth had about the sponsorship. Over the weekend we spent a great deal of

time discussing the ways in which they could help the families arriving. They made special placemats to present to them on their arrival, and decided that they would concentrate their efforts on the children.

Our Church school is growing and we are most pleased with the number of young teens who continue to attend classes every Sunday – our Senior classes, in fact have the largest number of attendees on any given Sunday. At the other end of the spectrum is our precious Creche and each Sunday some of our wonderful volunteers come earlier to help with the babies of our Choir members.

Upcoming events to note in your calendars:

- March 20, Palm Sunday - Our junior classes will be singing in church
- April 10 - The Annual Cabane a Sucre is scheduled at Sucrierie de la Montagne
- May 8 – Mothers Day Breakfast
- June 12- Church School Celebration and Honoring Fathers
- Week 1 July 11-15 and Week 2 July 18-22: VBS - “SURF SHACK – CATCH THE WAVE OF GOD’S AMAZING LOVE”

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers for our Church School.

*Sharon Dworzak*  
Church School Coordinator



Welcome to the Christmas Reception!



# Christmas Pageant 50th Anniversary



Top: The whole Pageant cast – 2016!

Above: Guess who is behind the beards!

Right: All dressed and ready to go – a rich lady and the Virgin Mary.

