

Inside Out

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Worship

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7 13th Sunday after Pentecost Welcome Back Sunday Commissioning Church-School Leaders Exodus 12: 1-14 Matthew 18: 15-20 The Reverend Jeff Veenstra

3:00 p.m. Service of ordination for Mr. Christopher Clarke

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14 14th Sunday after Pentecost Sacrament of Baptism Romans 14: 1-12 Matthew 18: 21-35 The Reverend Jeff Veenstra

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16 Service of induction for The Reverend Dr. Dale Woods 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17 Taizé Service Chapel 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Commissioning of Stephen Ministers
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Matthew 20: 1-16
The Reverend Jeff Veenstra

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28 16th Sunday after Pentecost Exodus 17: 1-7 Matthew 21: 23-32 The Reverend Dr. Kay Diviney

SUNDAY OCTOBER 5 17th Sunday after Pentecost World Communion Sunday Matthew 22: 1-14 The Reverend Jeff Veenstra



Two ladies in disguise!

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The Reverend Jeff Veenstra

On Par, with Giving

he first half of this year has seen a wonderful increase in members of our congregation donating through the P.A.R. (Pre-Approved Remittance) system. This momentum is something *The Stewardship Committee* will be building on this fall. Specifically, we have heard a concern from many members of what to give during the offering if they use P.A.R. for the donation. At the end of this year the PAR cards will be discontinued and beginning January of 2015, the offering envelopes will include a box, where a check mark can be placed, to show your offering has been provided through P.A.R. We hope this small change has a big impact with encouraging members to join P.A.R.

A Word From the Minister



Dear Friends,

By the time you receive this newsletter summer will almost be behind us, students will have started back to school, there will be less daylight time and the end of the golf season will be drawing near. September is also the de facto beginning of the church year. The activities, programs, committees of the congregation all begin again for another year. Let me take this opportunity to highlight a few upcoming events this September.

Sunday September 7th is Welcome Back Sunday. This is one of the many wonderful traditions at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul: a welcoming back to the life of the church following a summer of (hopefully) some rest and relaxation. The Church School leaders will be commissioned during worship and a reception, hosted by the Guild, will be held in Kildonan Hall immediately following the service.

Sunday September 7th at 3:00 p.m., Mr. Christopher Clarke, a member of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul will be ordained as Minister or Word and Sacraments by the Presbytery of Montreal. Chris graduated this past spring from Presbyterian College and has received a call from St. Andrews, Duncan, Vancouver Island, British Columbia to be their minister. He and his wife Mary and their two sons, Oliver and Thomas, will be moving to Duncan on September 13th. Friends from the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul are most welcome to attend this special service and are encouraged to offer him and his family a word of congratulations and best wishes as they begin the next exciting chapter in their lives.

Sunday September 14th The first **Lunch and Learn** of the season will be held in Kildonan Hall following the worship service. The presenter will be Mr. Ken Kim, Director of Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D). Ken will speak to us about the relief and development work that PWS&D is involved with in cooperation with its global partners around the world to help eradicate extreme poverty in some of the most impoverished places around the globe.

The timing of this event is perfect because once again our congregation will again have a team that will be running in the Montreal half-marathon and 10 K on Sunday, September 28th, 2014 in support of the work of PWS&D. I have been privileged to witness firsthand the compassionate and efficacious work our denomination is doing for vulnerable people through PWS&D. Thus if you feel moved to sponsor the running team I can assure you that your money will be put to very good and life-changing work.

On Tuesday September 16th at 6:30 p.m. the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul will host a special Presbytery service to induct the Reverend Dr. Dale Woods as Principal of Presbyterian College. Dale is well known to the congregation, primarily because he twice served our church as Interim Moderator. First, during the vacancy when Reverend Richard Topping's left his position as Lead Minister of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul to join the faculty of the Vancouver School of Theology. Secondly, when the congregation resolved to be begin search for an Associate Minister which, of course, led to Reverend Diviney's call to the church. We rejoice with Dale in his appointment as Principal and welcome all friends of the congregation to attend the service on the 16th, and the reception immediately thereafter.

Sunday September 21st. Following worship a brief (20-30 minutes) congregational meeting will be held in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is twofold: 1) to receive a concise update from the Board of Trustees of the congregation's givings vis-à-vis the 2014 budget to the end of August; 2) to launch our fall stewardship campaign.

The space limitations of this piece prevent me from commenting on all the activities happening in and through the congregation in the coming months. The ones I have mentioned are not more important than others, just more immediate. However, as I ponder of the life and ministry of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul it occurs to me afresh how blessed we are to have been invited by the living God to participate in what God is doing in the world to bring healing, hope and redemption to all creation.

In shared ministry, *Jeff*

Fall Fair Forecast

Come one, Come all!

he date is November 1, and here's the list of those responsible for running the different tables. There's always room for more volunteers as each convenor makes up their team of helpers. So if you are interested, please contact one of the many listed below.

Items for sale at the Fall Fair can be brought to the church side entrance every week-day from 9:00 until 5:00. Something that you may be discarding may be just what someone else is looking for! It is amazing what can be sold at this event!

Please note the message from Phyllis Proppe concerning the PLUM PUDDINGS. The ordering process is changed. Make sure that if you want a plum pudding, you now will have an order form, and payment is prior to delivery, rather than after delivery.

The money that is raised at this FALL FAIR goes to support local charities. Often the money from the church's OUTREACH Committee is delivered at the same occasion as that from the Guild's Fall Fair, so that the church is able to provide support to many local organizations with a united approach!

Bring a friend to the FALL FAIR! Plan to enjoy a good lunch! Have coffee and a muffin in a cheery setting! Everyone is WELCOME. Non-perishable food items are gratefully accepted at the door.

If you've never been before to this event, make this the year that you attend!

Table Convenors

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Plum Puddings 2014

What no plums?

The Guild is busy preparing for the annual production of 300 pounds of plum pudding. In truth, there are no plums but there are all kinds of other good things including 12 bottles of dark ale.

This year order forms will be mailed out and pre-payment requested. If you have not received an order form by mid-September please contact BETTY-JO CHRISTIANI

Tel. 450-465-1054

e-mail: bj_christiani@hotmail.com There will be puddings for sale at the Fall Fair but last year we were sold out by 10 a.m., so to make sure that you have a pudding for your holiday festivities, send your order in early! Requests will be accepted up until Oct.19, 2014.

Tartans Please!

Here's an unusual request! Do you have any old tartan scarves, shirts, skirts, kilts -- even old holey ones!? Beverley Hutchison turns them into wonderful tartan wreaths for the FALL FAIR! If you can supply her with these 'raw' materials, she'll be delighted to hear from you! Beverley Hutchison – 514-933-4761

Wine & Cheese Party

Thursday, October 30 5 – 7 pm in Church House This event has become the enjoyable kick-off to the Fall Fair. Reservations for this can be made by phoning 514.933.2934, cost is \$20. Susan Stevenson will be delighted to hear from you, and along with Wayne Riddell and Donald and Penny Wilkie and others will be there to welcome you.

This is an opportunity to meet lots of folk that you might see in church but not always have the chance to chat with. Here's the time, with excellent wine and delicious cheeses. Special items from the different stalls upstairs will be available for purchase at this evening's party.

This year the Wine and Cheese Party is being held on Thursday evening, as the customary Friday evening is Hallowe'en and we don't want to compete with THAT event! Please note this in your agendas!

Reservations: 514.933.2934

Music at A&P

Making a joyful noise



he beginning of a new season is always invigorating for us in the church's music department, New challenges, new relationships,

and new opportunities for ministry abound. One of those challenges lies in making the old new: we sing some very "old" music, but must make it feel dynamic and relevant to today's worshipper. We also strive to make recurring liturgical feasts feel musically fresh: All Saints' comes but once a year, but is associated with very specific texts and the commemoration of the departed faithful; without careful attention, this could easily become a stale and dusty affair.

Our innovations for the current season include some new (to us) works by familiar composers, and discoveries of composers whose work we have never yet sung. The autumn will emphasize the former, and the spring the latter.

Besides the regular Sunday music (listed on this page), our extra autumn concerts and services include the following:

Saturday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m.: we once again perform as part of the Canadian International Organ Competition's concert festival; Hubert Parry's *Blest pair of Sirens*

(a setting of John Milton's ode *At a solemn Musick*) and Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Dona no-bis pacem* (based on a poem by Walt Whitman) form our part of the evening, with organist Jonathan Oldengarm playing a solo arrangement of the extensive orchestral scores.

Saturday, November 15, afternoon into the evening: we again host the Montreal Bach Festival's wildly popular *Nuit des Choeurs* event. Last year, nine local choirs each sang 30-40 minute programmes. Attendance was stellar, and should be even stronger this year. If you are a lover of choral music, it's a great opportunity to hear a cross-section of Montreal's choral scene in one place.

Sunday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m.: For the first time in recent memory, we will sing Mozart's Great Mass in C minor, together with members of the Montreal Symphony under the able direction of Jordan de Souza, at the annual benefit concert for the Maison du Parc, one of the province's last remaining AIDS hospices.

But before launching into the new, a brief review of the recent past would be appropriate too. This summer's organ recital series was once again well-attended and had its costs covered through donations at the door. Thank you to all of you who attended and contributed so generously! We welcomed artists from Canada, France and Germany, and have already had numerous requests from organists who wish to play next season.

Summer choir too was a great success. Thanks go out to our choristers who donned polyester cassocks even in the deepest heatwaves, and sang with real passion and commitment. We received much positive feedback regarding the male and female ensembles, as well as the two soloist Sundays (thanks to Clayton Kennedy, baritone, and Sarah Halmarson, soprano). I would also like to thank organist Mark McDonald, a doctoral student at McGill, who played for services during my absence in July. We wish Mark the very best as he goes off to compete in the North German Schnitger competition, to be held in September of this year.

We happily enter the coming season with the same personnel we had last year: Conductor Jordan de Souza, Director of Music and Organist Jonathan Oldengarm, Assistant Conductor and Publicist Andrew Gray, and Organ Scholar and Librarian Duncan McDonald. We welcome Scott Feltham as incoming Chair of the Worship and Music Committee, and warmly thank outgoing Chair Madonna Bailey for her excellent work and support over the past few years. A good team, working together to build the church's musical outreach, *Soli Deo gloria*!

Jonathan Oldengarm, Director of Music

From the Church Registrar

Baptisms

May 11, 2014 William Philip Gabriel Peters

July 13, 2014 Andrew Emile Bolduc

Marriages

May 18, 2014 Steven Snodden and Valerie Lanouette

June 21, 2014 Michael Findlay and Paula Frendt

July 5, 2014
Ian Biever and Kristin Stapleton



June 14, 2014 Stephanie Jean Garner

July 16, 2014 Jean Heuser

August 2, 2014 Shuling Chen

Honorary Doctorate for Wayne Riddell

n Wednesday May 28, our Director of Music Emeritus was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Music by McGill University's Schulich School of Music. It was a grand occasion, and the photo portrays the exciting and joyful event which was also graduation for many of the School's students. Wayne Riddell gave the Convocation address.

On the previous Sunday afternoon, at The Church of St Andrew and St Paul, a concert was held in his honour. The large audience heard our choir singing many of Wayne's favourite choral pieces. There were tributes and appreciations from friends and colleagues, musicians and choristers, from across Canada. It was a truly wonderful afternoon, and highlighted how fortunate we are to have his constant interest and encouragement of our music program!



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Organ & Choral Music List Fall 2014



Prelude: Elegiac
Romance (Ireland)
Introit: Jubilate Deo in
C (Britten)
Anthem: O, how
amiable (Vaughan

Postlude: Allegro maestoso, from Sonata in G, op. 28 (Elgar)

Williams)

September 21

Prelude: Dublin Organ Mass (Leighton) Introit: Fight the good fight (Gardner) Anthem: Let the people praise thee, O God (Mathias)

Postlude: Toccata (Mathias)

September 28

Prelude: 2nd movement, from Organ Symphony (Sowerby)

Introit: From the ends of the earth (Hovhaness)

Anthem: For lo, I raise up (Stanford)

Postlude: Fantasia and Toccata, op. 57 (Stanford)

October 5

Prelude: Fantasia in C (Tomkins)
Setting: Communion Service in A minor
(Darke)
Anthem: Thou art my King, O God (Tomkins)

Motets: Salvator mundi (Blow); Christ, our Passover (Willan)

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in C minor (Willan)

October 12

Prelude: Psalm Prelude, Set 2 no. 1 (Howells) Introit: Nun danket alle Gott (Liszt) Anthem: O clap your hands (Gibbons) Postlude: Psalm Prelude, Set 2 no. 3 (Howells)

October 19

Prelude: Canzona in G flat, op. 46 II B (Karg-Elert)

Introit: Give almes of thy goods (Tye)
Anthem: Sing ye to the Lord (Bairstow)
Postlude: Jerusalem, du hochgebaute Stadt, op.
65 (Karg-Elert)

October 26

Prelude: Dies sind die Heilgen zehn Gebot, BWV 678 & 679 (Bach) Introit: Teach me, O Lord (Byrd) Anthem: O Lord, arise (Weelkes) Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in B minor, BWV 544 (Bach)

November 2

Prelude: Nun bitten wir den heilgen Geist (Lübeck)

Introit: I heard a voice (Tomkins)
Anthem: Lord, Thou hast been our refuge
(Joubert)
Postlude: Praeludium in G. Bux WV 149

Postlude: Praeludium in G, BuxWV 149 (Buxtehude)

November 9

Prelude: Sonata in C (Telemann)
Introit: The souls of the righteous (Vaughan Williams)
Anthem: In Flanders' Fields (Healey)
Postlude: 1st movement, from Symphonie VI (Widor)

November 16

Prelude: Tryptique (Langlais) Introit: For the beauty of the earth (Rutter) Anthem: Behold, now praise the Lord (Brockless) Postlude: Fête (Langlais)

November 23, 2014

Prelude: Sonata in E flat (Bartmuss)
Introit: Above all praise and all majesty
(Mendelssohn)
Anthem: Judge Eternal (Hancock)
Postlude: Toccata, from Suite no. 1 (Hampton)



Down Town Out-Reach

International visitors welcomed

Thanks to some special funding, we were able to open the doors of our church on an almost daily basis.

We had two wonderful hostesses; Clara Maranzano and Emma Marentette who, as members of our congregation, welcomed guests every Tuesday through Saturday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Both Clara and Emma provided information on the history of our community, our building, and the treasures we are privileged to care for.

The July results were very heartwarming when we consider that we received, on average, 74 visitors a day. There is a great appreciation from people who come in and spend a few moments of quiet reflection in our church.

Emma, who sings in our choir, reports that: "Every day we get at least one person who says that they live or work in the area, and have always wanted to see inside the church, but couldn't as it was generally closed. We receive a lot of traffic from people on their way to or from the Musée de Beaux Arts. Being situated next to the museum is definitely an advantage, as we are on the tourist path.

Many people are grateful for a quiet space to pray, meditate, or simply close their eyes and escape from the city. A few people come regularly, for a few minutes each day.

Thursdays we have our Organ Intermezzi series. These have been well attended, and encourage a different audience to enter the church. Clara and I are spoiled with Mebbie Aikens' home-made cookies and iced tea, prepared specially for the organ music devotees!

We receive visitors from all around the world: Japan, Iran, Chile, France, Russia, as well as local visitors from Montreal. I find it especially enriching to speak with visitors from other faith groups. Clara had a long discussion with a big family from Oman, who were very interested in Christianity, and what that means, and the Presbyterian tradition. They seemed particularly intrigued by our tradition of women ministers.

A church should be open to the community, to receive visitors whenever they need a sacred place to pray, or admire the stained glass, or discuss issues of faith. Clara and I are delighted to be able to support this role in the church's mission."

A&P Going Rock 'n Roll?

Well, sort of. At least for one day, on Sunday, September 28.

he Rock 'n' Roll Marathon Series visits 24 North American cities and four European cities and attracts participants from all five continents. It is now the largest running series in the world. Over the years, the various events of the series have focused on the exciting atmosphere along the course and the music within the event (music every mile!), which quickly became the signature of the Rock 'n' Roll Series. All of the events are highlighted with local bands and local cheer squads that add to the excitement of the event.

This year's Montreal Marathon will find the finish line at Lafontaine Park where runners and spectators will enjoy live music and celebrations! With growing participation, the Series will have raised more than 235 million (since 1998) to help various charities.

Our charity of choice is Presbyterian World Service & Development. PWS&D works with international partners to carry out long-term community development programs that empower vulnerable people to overcome root causes of poverty and create lasting change.

There is a wide choice of running events, from the full 42-kilometer marathon, a half-marathon, as well as 10- and 5-kilometer runs, with a one-kilometer mini-marathon for tiny runners. Jeff and Diana Veenstra will lead Team A&P. Others confirmed for the half-marathon or 20-km run include the leaders of the Outreach PWS&D sub-committee, Frances Torlage and Derek Foote, plusMadonna Bailey, Diane Gardner, Michael Neil, Jeannette Kelly and David Newton.

Runner or not, your chance to support Team A&P will come on two Sundays, September 14 and 21, when you can sponsor individual runners or the entire team. All your sponsorship challenges will go directly to support the worldwide work of PWS&D.

And, if you feel like a little rock 'n' roll, join us for the celebration at Lafontaine Park after the service on September 28.



Church School News

Never a dull moment!

ur Annual Church School Celebration and Honoring Fathers Sunday which was held on June 8 was a wonderful day of celebration and fellowship.

A number of our students ushered with their fathers, Mathias Andrivon played a beautiful piece of music on the piano before the service, and Thomas and Francis Donoso read the lessons. The Church School was well represented by these wonderful young people.

After the Service a delicious lunch was hosted by the Church School in the Quiet Garden and enjoyed by the Church School families and our Congregation. This is always a special luncheon to attend. I thoroughly enjoy watching our youngest children run around the garden amongst the adults, our Youth Group serving the meal and the Congregation having the opportunity to get to know our Church School families a little better and to make new friends.

Our **Church School** continued over the summer months as an open class for children ages 5 through 12 and the Creche and Nursery also remained open for babies and children up to age 4. This was made possible by the dedication of our Church School staff who volunteered throughout the summer. A huge thank you to all of you and to Sandra Prior for coordinating and planning out the schedule.

Once again **Vacation Bible School** was an amazing experience for our counselors as well as the children attending. Thirty-three children from ages 4-12 participated in our program — the theme being "**Imagining and Building with God**". What fun it was!!! The majority of our counselors were from the A&PYouth Group and they were fantastic!!

We initially began with two classes (Junior and Senior) but as the camp grew throughout the first week it became necessary to split the groups into four — a very nice problem to have!! Some of the counselors were responsible for the Bible Lessons, another group for Arts and Crafts, another for Science and another group for Games and Sports.

Our days were very busy and filled with Bible stories, Instruction, Music, Games, Arts and Crafts and lots of fun!!! We were delighted to have access to the Trafalgar School gym once a week, where the children enjoyed a gigantic parachute, soccer, games such as Red Rover as well as the use of other gym equipment and activities organized by our camp staff.

We had theme days including Pyjama Day, Dress Up Day, Water Fun Day and finally Friday afternoon presentations for their parents. All in all, it was an amazing time for everyone. A special thank you to Peter and Daniel for looking after us throughout the two weeks and for putting up with the noise and constant action!!

We invite you to view photos of this year's VBS on the large bulletin board at the top of the stairs leading up to Kildonan Hall.

Upcoming Events:

September 7: Welcome Back Sunday

September 28: Apple Picking (to be confirmed)

October 24: Pumpkin Ball

Our Church School is growing, particularly in the Creche and Nursery classes and I invite you to join our team. You can volunteer as little as once every two months, or every third Sunday of the month. Whatever time you may have to give, it would be greatly appreciated and I can assure you it will be an experience you will thoroughly enjoy!!

Please contact me at 450-689-4379 or email grammy.shani@sympatico,ca if you have any questions about our programs or would like to join our team.

On a sad note, after a long and courageous battle with cancer, our former Church School Coordinator and Church School teacher, Shuling Chen passed away on July 29. She will be remembered fondly by so many whose lives she touched. I have lost a dear friend. She will be missed terribly by us all. May she rest in peace,

Sharon Dworzak Church School Coordinator

Youth Group

Weekend restoration

ur Youth Group closed off the 2013-2014 year by participating once again in "Canadian Cancer Relay for Life" which took place on June 6-7. We were blessed with a beautiful evening and walked the full 12 hours together from 7pm Friday through to 7am Saturday. This has become a very special event for our young people as they remember and pray for those we have lost to this terrible disease and those who continue to fight the battle. This year we were joined by the sister and aunt of a little boy George whom we had prayed for two years ago who sadly lost his battle with leukemia. His family has said they will join our team next year.

As reported in the Church School report, many of our Youth Group members prepared and worked at Vacation Bible School, "Workshop of Wonders" during the last week of July and the first week of August. They all did an amazing job, keeping the children very busy and very happy! It was wonderful watching them as they interacted with the children and how caring and responsible these young people are.

At the beginning of September we will be heading off for a weekend, to help out with the restoration of a church in the Eastern Townships. Stay tuned for more details.

Also — we will be having a **Car Wash** on **Welcome Back Sunday** (weather permitting) to help fund Vacation Bible School.

Our Bible School is offered free to families so everyone can enjoy two weeks of camp, and the Youth Group would like to contribute to this very worthy and important program.

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

Art and Sharon Dworzak Youth Group Leaders



Planters from Destination Centre-Ville

his summer, DESTINATION CENTRE-VILLE donated five planters to our church. We've placed them at the portecochère doors and in the Quiet Garden where they make a colourful contribution to our landscaping.

DESTINATION CENTRE-VILLE is Montreal's not-for-profit downtown commercial development association with more than 8,000 businesses involved. Part of its mandate is to make sure that downtown Montreal is a clean, safe and dynamic area where tourists, workers and customers enjoy shopping, working and living in general.

This is also the organization that installs the beautiful lights on our ginkgo trees at Christmas time.

We are delighted to be included in DESTINATION CENTRE-VILLE's efforts to beautify the downtown area. This is also recognition, by the association, of our efforts to keep up our property, and of the role our Quiet Garden plays in downtown life.

Jeanette Kelly

Fun times at Vacation Bible School!





In the Trafalgar Gym with Vacation Bible School.



A super team of counselors