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of St Andrew
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Inside·Out

Fall 2017

Fall Worship

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 11 a.m.
Welcome Back Sunday
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 11 a.m.
Student Welcome Sunday
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Taizé Chapel Service (Evening Prayer and Song), 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 11 a.m.
Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, 11 a.m.
World Communion Sunday
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 11 a.m.
Thanksgiving Sunday
Sermon: Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 11 a.m.
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt
Chapel Communion, 12:15

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Taizé Chapel Service (Evening Prayer and Song), 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, 11 a.m.
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Clyde Ervine

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Vacation Bible School is such fun!

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

All Saints Sunday, 11 a.m.
Reformation Sunday
Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Sermon: Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Twenty-Second Sunday after
Pentecost, 11 a.m.
Remembrance Sunday
Sermon: Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost,
11 a.m.
Sermon: Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Taizé Chapel Service (Evening Prayer
and Song), 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after
Pentecost, 11 a.m.
Sermon: Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Christ the King Sunday, 11 a.m.
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sermon: Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

Greetings from the Minister

Breaking down walls



Dear Friends,

As we begin a new fall session at The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul I hope there will be opportunities for us to see each other in new ways. May we also be prepared to knock down a few walls...

Please allow me to explain what I mean by this:

A minister tells the story of how he had been in a parish for a number of years yet for whatever reason was unable to meaningfully relate to one particular church member. One day the minister plucked up the courage to go and see the parishioner in the hope that he might be able to build some kind of relationship between them.

The parishioner was an avid gardener and took great delight in maintaining a low stone wall around his beautiful garden. As the minister was parking his car at the parishioner's house he inadvertently backed into the wall, knocking part of it down. At that moment any hopes of reconciliation between the minister and parishioner evaporated, or so the minister thought as he imagined the parishioner never speaking to him again. But on the contrary, this unfortunate episode provided a space for humour and in turn a lowering in tension between them. The parishioner saw the funny side of it!

They never became the best of friends and the minister never quite found out why the parishioner had been cold to him in the past, but now at least they could communicate with one another in a meaningful way.

Perhaps this anecdote relates to many of our situations. Is it not the case that often we have tendencies to build walls around the things we cherish so as to keep others out? In the fractured society we live in today this is understandable. But in situations where our walls begin to crumble might there be opportunities for us to see others in a better light?

The Gospel cites time and time again how Jesus noticed, stopped, listened and responded to the needs of individuals. The Psalmist put it well when he spoke about God watching over our going out and coming in. If the knowledge of God's very personal care and concern is a source of great comfort, let it also be an inspiration to us at the beginning of this session, so that in our worship and in all our activities, our church is a place where each person is known, valued, well treated and loved. May our church be a place where we can knock down walls if we have to!

*Your minister and friend,
Glenn*

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. 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.

New Members

Welcome to you all

One of the greatest joys in the church is to welcome new members to our midst. In late June the following people joined our fellowship. It is wonderful that they have taken this important step in their lives and the life of our congregation.

Welcome to Jacob Dufresne, Ian MacKenzie, Doreen Adair, Derek Chubry, Marguerite Chubry, Karla Veronica Urzua Toledo, Gabriel Isidro Valenzuelo Morales, Margaret Suttie, Elizabeth Durnford, and Chantal Boisclair.

We are also very happy to welcome young communicants from our congregation. There were eight of them this year and we had a special party to celebrate their membership in the church family. A wonderful group as you can see from the photo!



Celebrating our young communicants!



The Reformation

500th Anniversary celebration in Montreal

There will be a Conference on this special anniversary – October 29 and 30 – at the McGill University School of Religious Studies and at The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. Speakers will include The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt, Prof. Charles Taylor, Dr. Gerbern S. Oegema, and Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm.

The conference focuses on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in light of the rich, many sided and often conflict laden relations between the Reformation and the world's religions. Papers will address a selection of topics involving central aspects of the relationship between the history of the Reformation with the Catholic Church, with Judaism, Islam, and the Asian religions, as well as with the Indigenous people and the inter-religious dialogue. A central question in all papers will be what we can learn from the past to make our present and future better, especially in the context of inter-religious contacts in Quebec and Canada and in light of the growing influence of religion and globalization. A panel discussion will close this colloquium, which will be open to the public.

The evening of the second day will be a Liturgy of Solemn Vespers for the Reformation. It will be held at The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. Clergy are The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt, and Pere Pierre Dufour. Music will be by J.S. Bach and Felix Mendelssohn, and performed by the church choir; organist J. Oldengarm and conductor J-S.Vallee.

Organized by the Council for Theological Education in Montreal (Cite-M), the Center for Research on Religion (CREOR) and the School of Religious Studies (SRS), McGill University.

For more information see the McGill website, or contact gerbern.oegema@mcgill.ca

Music at A&P

What are hymns all about?



Every Sunday morning at St. Andrew and St. Paul, our service includes at least four hymns that the congregation sing, along with the choir and the organ. Why do we do this? Where do these hymns come from? Who wrote them, and why?

Prior to the Protestant Reformation of 1517, virtually all music and spoken word in Western church services was sung or said by clergy or the choir; these two groups in a sense spoke, prayed and sang “on behalf” of the assembled congregation—and did so in Latin, a language that was used only in scholarship and church, and not really spoken by anyone. That is not to say that lay people had no connection with their faith: on the contrary, every aspect of daily life was permeated by a sense of the universe’s divine order, the so-called Great Chain of Being. In practice there was a tradition of biblical stories being acted out in plays by lay people. The once-in-a-decade Oberammergau Passion Play, held in south Germany to this day, is a famous remnant of this. Lay people, even if illiterate, were known to memorise long passages of scripture, the creeds, or other sacred texts and poetry. Thus, even if church services proper remained the province of the clergy and musicians, daily life could be rich in matters of faith, and atheism would probably have been considered conceptually impossible.

Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox and the other Reformers understood the power of symbols. The pre-Reformation church used symbols effectively: the monumental verticality of a Gothic cathedral makes the believer feel small in the presence of Almighty God, and draws her eyes heavenward; the mystery of the physical elements and choreography of the Mass (the bread and wine transforming into the physical body and blood of Christ) creates a sense of awe, wonder and uncertainty that can easily require some form of mediation between the believer and God; etc. A symbol whose strength the Reformers grasped to genial effect was the people’s voice: they took the clergy and musicians’ monopoly on speech and song in worship, and shared it with the congregation: congregational hymn-singing was the result.

To varying degrees, the Reformers felt that scripture (and preaching on scripture) was the only Word that belonged in worship services. For Calvin, Zwingli and Knox in particular, even ancient sacred poetry was inadmissible. From this doctrine of “Sola scriptura” (“Scripture alone”), only biblical words could be sung. And where are the best songs found in the Bible? In the Psalms of David, naturally! Calvin and company set about making rhyming, metrical versions of the psalms, and setting them to fairly simple, repetitive tunes that congregants with no musical training could learn fairly quickly. They also set key prayers (the Lord’s Prayer, the Songs of Mary and Simeon) and the creeds to music, so that lay people could readily learn and sing those as well. The 16th- and 17th-century Genevan and Scottish psalters, from which many of the metrical psalms in the first 69 numbers in our Book of Praise are drawn, are the product of their labours. These three Reformers saw no room for choirs in church or instruments either: only the people of God singing the Word of God would do.

Unlike his stricter contemporaries, Luther felt that the ancient musical, poetic and artistic traditions of the faith had a place in worship, so long as they could be justified scripturally and were relevant to the local context. He differentiated between the styles of worship that were appropriate for private devotions, village churches, city churches and university churches. The complexity of the music, preaching, ritual and languages used should rightly increase in each category. However, common to each is a strong emphasis on congregational song. Luther naturally approved of metrical psalm singing, but also fostered a flowering of original hymn-text writing that has never been equalled to this day. The great hymns of Philipp Nicolai, Johann Walther, Paul Gerhardt, Martin Rinckhardt and others are well-represented in our Book of Praise. In addition, Luther personally translated many of the great Latin hymns of the ancient church into German, often adapting the original irregular Gregorian chant melodies into more metrically strict forms for congregational singing. In this way, Luther looked to the past in order to enrich the future.

The Calvinists stayed the course in singing only psalms for a few centuries. However, eventually hymns slipped into use alongside the psalms. Interestingly, the hymns of Isaac Watts (later 18th century) were not officially sung in the Church of England during his lifetime. The Methodists under Wesley began singing Watts’ and others’ hymns around that time, and such was their popularity (and the draw of the Wesleys’ travelling ministry) that the Anglicans finally capitulated in the 1830s, and opened the door to non-scriptural hymn texts. Characteristically, many Presbyterians held out even into the late 19th century, and some especially conservative Presbyterian groups still to this day will only sing psalms without instrumental accompaniment.

Besides the democratic symbolism of giving the people a voice in worship, what motivated the Reformers to introduce congregational singing? Education was a key goal; to that end, the Reformers cleverly taught the new psalms and hymns to children first, and got them to teach their parents. Singing was a commonplace everyday activity in any case; the received repertoire of folk songs was enriched through the addition of new sacred texts, sometimes sung to well-known folk melodies. The new doctrines were thus internalised through repetition at home, at school, at work and at church.

The ideas of the Reformation came to northern Europe at the right time politically and socially, and the movement caught the imagination of key political leaders, who for various reasons were unhappy with the Roman church. The great structural changes that came from the ensuing conflicts laid the basis for much of what is our modern Western worldview, and the rights and freedoms that many of us take for granted. I would argue that the democratisation of theological knowledge that congregational hymn-singing represents is an apt metaphor for the transformation that the Reformation brought. It is a fundamental shift from the Medieval, epitomised by the Great Chain of Being—God, angels, demons, stars, moon, kings, princes, nobles, commoners, etc.—to the Enlightenment, neatly summarised in Calvin’s view of each believer as prophet, priest and king. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

Jonathan Oldengarm, Director of Music

A&P Fall Music List



September 17

Prelude: Pastorale, from Sonata no. 1; Andante Cantilène, op. 15 no. 3 (Guilmant)

Introit: I will sing unto to the Lord,

from *Israel in Egypt* (Handel)

Anthem: Lord, Thou hast been our refuge (Vaughan Williams)

Postlude: Marche sur un thème de Haendel, op. 15 no. 2 (Guilmant)

September 24

Prelude: Two Sketches (Sowerby)

Introit: Exultate Deo (Scarlatti)

Anthem: Lord, when the sense of thy sweet grace (Berkeley)

Postlude: Choral Prelude: Rejoice, ye pure in Heart (Sowerby)

October 1

Prelude: Pastorale, op. 19 (Franck)

Setting: Communion Service in A minor (Darke)

Anthem: O clap your hands (Rutter)

Motets: Jesus, the very thought of thee is sweet (Wood); Sing, my soul, his wondrous love (Rorem)

Postlude: Introduction et Allegro, from Sonata no. 1 (Guilmant)

October 8

Prelude: Auf meinen lieben Gott (Böhm)

Introit: Let their celestial concerts all unite (Handel)

Anthem: Die Himmel erzählen die Ehre Gottes (Schütz)

Postlude: Nun danket all Gott, op. 65 no. 59 (Karg-Elert)

October 15

Prelude: Chorale Preludes (Krebs)

Introit: Ride the Chariot (Spiritual, arr. Smith)

Anthem: The 23rd Psalm (Vaughan Williams)

Postlude: Fantasie g-moll (Müthel)

October 22

Prelude: Psalm 36 & 140 (Sweelinck)

Introit: Chantez à Dieu (Sweelinck)

Anthem: Os justi (Bruckner)

Postlude: Praeambulum d-moll (Weckmann)

October 29

Prelude: Vater unser im Himmlreich (Sweelinck); Vater unser im Himmlreich, BWV 682 (Bach)

Introit: Selig sind die Toten (Schütz)

Anthem: Ein feste Burg, BWV 80/1 (Bach)

Postlude: Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, op. 65 no. 47 (Karg-Elert)

November 5

Prelude: Elegiac Romance (Ireland)

Introit: They are at Rest (Elgar)

Anthem: Domine Jesu, from *Requiem* (Durufle)

Postlude: Paeon (Harwood)

November 12

Prelude: Excerpts from *Schübler Chorales* (Bach)

Introit: The fear of the Lord (Howells)

Anthem: Sing joyfully (Mundy)

Postlude: Overture to St. Paul (Mendelssohn/Best)

November 19

Prelude: Grand Organ Piece (Adams)

Introit: Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace (Wesley)

Anthem: Beatus vir (Carissimi)

Postlude: Choral Song and Fugue (Wesley)

November 26

Prelude: Psalm Preludes, Set 2 nos. 1 & 2 (Howells)

Setting: Communion Service *Collegium Regale* (Howells)

Anthem: Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Bairstow)

Motets: Worthy art thou, O Lord (Willan); O Jesus, King most wonderful (Tye)

Postlude: Psalm Prelude, Set 2 no. 3 (Howells)

Fall Concerts

Vespers for Reformation 500

Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

The Choir of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul; Serenata St. John; Jean-Sébastien Vallée, conductor; Jonathan Oldengarm, organist; featuring Magnificat, BWV 243 by J.S. Bach.

Arvo Pärt – Passio

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at l'Oratoire St-Joseph de Montréal

The Choir of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul; Chamber Instrumental Ensemble; Jean-Sébastien Vallée, conductor

Maison du Parc Benefit Concert: Mass in C (Beethoven)

November 24, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Choir of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul; members of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra Players' Association; Jean-Sébastien Vallée, conductor

Montreal Bach Festival's annual Nuit des Chœurs

Saturday, November 25 from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Twelve local choirs, accompanied by organist Jonathan Oldengarm.

George Frideric Handel – Messiah

November 30, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul

December 1, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at l'Église St-Jean-Baptiste

Choir of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul; McGill Chamber Orchestra; Boris Brott, conductor

A Musical Summer...

and a look ahead

This past summer at St. Andrew and St. Paul was filled with musical activity. Each Sunday, a reduced choir of twelve to eighteen singers led the congregation in sacred song, with soloists alone on two Sundays.

A particular highlight came in early July, when our church hosted many events as part of the annual national convention of the Royal Canadian College of Organists, this year held jointly with the Northeast chapters of the American Guild of Organists. On Monday, July 3, nearly 1,000 organists and choirmasters filled the church for the convention's opening worship service. Rev. Glenn Chestnutt preached, while Jean-Sébastien Vallée and Jonathan Oldengarm provided musical leadership along with the choir and brass ensemble. The hymn singing was something to behold; the choir gave first performances of choral works commissioned for the occasion from noted Canadian composers Mark Sirett and John Burge. We were also delighted by the participation of the Revs. Gwenda Wells and Sherman Hesselgrave (Anglican), and Père Pierre Dufour, c.s.c. (Roman Catholic) in the service. Other convention events held at our church included the opening recital (Sunday, July 2), the National Competition in Organ Improvisation of the AGO (Wednesday, July 5) and the winners' recital of the AGO Regional Competition for Young Organists and the National Organ Playing Competition of the RCCO (Thursday, July 6).

Each Thursday in July and August we hosted the Organ Intermezzi midday recitals, featuring artists from Latvia, the Czech Republic, Italy, Germany, the Netherlands and Canada. Each brought a unique take to our mighty Casavant organ, presenting repertoire rarely heard in the city to great effect.

This coming October 31 at 7:30 p.m., D.V., we will host a service of Vespers in honour of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, an event that is one of the key reasons our church exists. Our choir is joined by the musicians of Serenata St. John in presenting J.S. Bach's *Magnificat*, BWV 243, and Mendelssohn's *Verleih uns Frieden*, a touching setting of Martin Luther's famous prayer for peace. The Rev. Glenn Chestnutt officiates. The service falls within an international academic conference being held at McGill University entitled "500 Years Reformation 2017", which includes speakers Charles Taylor, Torrance Kirby and others. Details may be found at cite-m.com/event/500th-anniversary-of-the-reformation-2016-2017/.

In addition, our choir will sing Arvo Pärt's haunting *Passio* at St. Joseph Oratory on November 21; the annual benefit concert for the Maison du Parc on November 24, together with members of the MSO Players' Association; and two performances of Handel's *Messiah* on November 30 and December 1 together with the McGill Chamber Orchestra, at St. Andrew and St. Paul and l'église St Jean Baptiste, respectively.

Open Church

A very busy summer!

Things started off with a bang as we opened right after Canada Day and went straight into the American Fourth of July holiday. The city was teeming with tourists and St. Andrew and St. Paul seemed to be on the radar of many people. We are in several guide books and the banners out front drew in the curious. As well, the museum with many special installations meant that there were constant crowds out front.

The Church, of course, did not disappoint and we received many, many positive expressions of amazement at what the building contains. Montreal citizens who took the opportunity to come in were also excited with what they saw. The garden was another delight for visitors who enjoyed its beauty and peace. Last but not least, our guides Louis Buckett and Alex Sheasby met visitors with cheerful grace and friendliness. Alex also took time to play the violin each day which was an added bonus. A neighbourhood child care group had a scavenger hunt in the building. I think the goal was to find the Scouts motto in the Chapel. The total number of visitors was 5247! All in all I think we can consider this summer's opening to be a success.

Don Kelly
Programme Coordinator



Visitors – just two of the 5247 that came through the doors this summer!

Fall Fair November 4

Mark your agenda!

Once more the volunteers are gearing up for the big event of November, the Fall Fair.

Donations for the stalls have been arriving at the Church House for several months now, and all are gratefully accepted. We can make a difference through the charities we support with the Fair proceeds, and so it is 'all hands to the plough!'

This year we are led by Katie Kinnear, and her second-in-command, Selma Buckett. Planning has been going on for some months, and for those who have never sampled a day at the Fair, this year is your opportunity! There is a delicious lunch, a coffee and muffins corner, home baking, preserves – the list is below!

On Thursday evening, November 3, there is a Cinq-a-Sept. Book for this event, (\$20) through Susan Stevenson (514-933-2934). All the wine and cheese is donated by church members. You can buy some of the very best items before Saturday's event, and it is a great party!



Fall Fair is a hectic and exciting spot on November 4!

2017 FALL FAIR TABLE CONVENORS

Asian Delights	Siska Chen	(514) 935-5442	huangsiska@gmail.com
Books	Roberta Bolton	(514) 485-1766	rmbolton51@gmail.com
Bottle Shop	Janet Faith Tara Wilkie	(514) 483-1620 (514) 543-1361	janet.faith@sympatico.ca taracam@videotron.ca
Children's Shop	Jean Shettler	(514) 937-0098	shettler@msn.com
Christmas Table	Margarita M.-Ibanez	(514) 538-0831	maggiemedina@hotmail.ca
Church Officer	Peter Sabourin	(514) 842-7225	churchofficer@standrewstpaul.com
Coffee & Muffins	Sharon and Art Dworzak	(450) 689-4379	grammy.shani@sympatico.ca
Convenor's Corner	Naomi Struik	(514) 223-1632	jonathan_oldengarm@hotmail.com
Home Baking	Heather Luckow	(514) 697-6569	e56hnw@hotmail.com
Jewellery	Ann Owens	(514) 931-3295	ann.owens08@gmail.com
Linens & Lace	Carmen Lewis	(514) 935-7558	
Preserves	Joan Blair	(450) 672-3587	joan.nora.blair@gmail.com

A&P Wins a 2017 Experts' Choice Award



Expert reviewers consider The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul among the top attractions in Montreal based on research done by TripExpert (tripexpert.com). On August 20, 2017, we were advised that our church had won an Expert's Choice award in recognition of our standing in the top 9% of Montreal's attractions based on reviews collected from magazines, newspapers and travel guides (such as Fodor's and Michelin). With God's blessings, there is little doubt that our Open Church Tours, which welcomed over 5200 visitors this summer, our worship services in the church and online, our frequent music events, and our extensive mission projects are being noticed in our own community and afar.

Leading with Care

Ever-present at church

The Leading with Care program, one which has been in place for many years, continually makes improvements in our church quietly and effectively. Here are two examples. Have you noticed the white strips that are on steps throughout the building? Peter Sabourin makes certain they are clear and obvious for our safety. The weekly Bulletin now has a message – "As you prepare for this Service, please note the nearest exit from where you are seated. This message from the Leading with Care Committee is part of the Church's strategy of keeping everyone safe." This is a program that continues to take care of everyone, introducing new ideas from time to time.

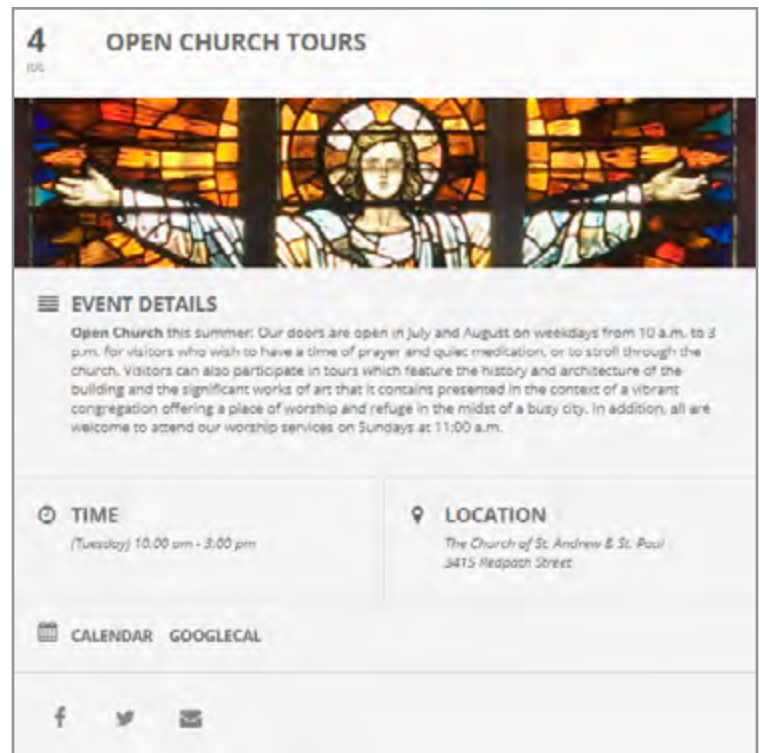
Our New Website Calendar

Take a peek

A modern, feature-rich, highly visual calendar was recently added to our re-designed church website. Not only does this calendar make it easy for the staff of our church office to enter and update services, events and activities, it allows them to:

- Add photos and a complete description
- Set up recurring calendar entries
- Indicate a location
- Give access to Google Maps for our visitors
- Activate the RSVP function for breakfasts, lunches, receptions, etc.
- Filter entries so that they are highlighted on their corresponding webpages

These are but a few of the many features available. If you have a new event or an update to add to the calendar, drop by our church office to talk to Sue or Tiago, or send them an email at info@standrewstpaul.com.



From the Church Register

Baptisms



April 30
Liam James Vogelesang-Dancik

June 25
Jonathan Djaballah

June 25
Rosalie Djaballah

Memorials & Funerals



March 1
Violet Lightfoot

March 18
The Rev. William J. Klempa

March 21
David Garner

April 22
Muriel McMaster Clark

May 15
Bonnie Lou Planche

June 17
Grace Reid McMaster

July 4
George Drummond Birks

August 10
Susan Godber

Marriages



May 20
Deanna Allen and Jaime Hutchison

June 3
Sabino Scali and Sabrina D'Antonio

June 17
Scott McGrandle and Jennifer Durand

June 24
Eric Latse and Benedicta Corlyn



Christmas Puddings

The Queen Elizabeth Hotel is helping again

The Queen Elizabeth Hotel, which for many years has generously steamed our plum puddings for sale at the Fall Fair, is open again after major renovations and the new chef has agreed to continue the tradition of helping us with our pudding fundraiser. Good news indeed!

We will continue to take pre-paid orders from our loyal clients, so watch for the order forms which will be available in the Narthex on Sundays in September and at the Church Office. The form can also be emailed to you.

Please note that this year we will be making half pound, one pound and two pound puddings. The deadline for pre-orders will be September 30th. Don't forget to order our world famous hard sauce! And remember that the puddings also make a great Christmas gift.

For information, contact Betty-Jo Christiani:

Email: bj_christiani@hotmail.com
Phone: 450-465-1054



A happy day for Deanna and Jaime!

Scottish Country Dancing

Celebrating 60 years at Kildonan Hall

September 2017 marks 60 years that the Scottish Country dancers have enjoyed dancing weekly on Tuesday evenings in St. Andrew and St. Paul's Kildonan Hall. We would like to show our appreciation to the congregation by inviting them to join us, as our guests, for lunch on Saturday, September 30th at 1245 in Kildonan Hall. The lunch will be followed by a dance at 1400 – an easy, fun introduction to Scottish Country dancing. There is no charge for either event. If you are dancing, please have soft sole shoes.

We will have live music – Torridon Scottish DanceBand with Kathleen Fraser-Collins on Piano, Ashley MacLeod on Fiddle and Fred Collins on Drums – and all the dances will be beginner-friendly. Come to try dancing or just to watch and listen to the wonderful music.

If you are planning to attend the lunch, please email a_and_p@scdmontreal.org to let us know. You can also contact Katie Kiskaddon at church to let her know that you will be coming (or phone her at 514-632-2326). You could also sign up after church on September 24th at the coffee and fellowship which our dancers will be hosting.

Please consider joining us for this fun-filled afternoon.

Holly Boyd
Secretary RSCDS Montreal branch

Mission and Outreach

Waiting for our Syrian Refugees

By the time you read this issue of *InsideOut*, it will have been just about fourteen months since July, 2016, when our applications to resettle Fadia and Hanan Zidan and their families were received by the Canadian Embassy in Beirut. Processing times, which were averaging eight months back then are now about fourteen months, meaning that, around now, our families should be getting the call from the Embassy to come in for their visa interviews.

We have been very fortunate to have the office of Marc Miller, our MP, making inquiries on our behalf and the Sponsorship Core Committee is anticipating good news very soon... and trying to fulfill immediate local needs

Hundreds of cross-border refugees need our help!

There is a strong and immediate need for fall and winter clothing, toiletries and household items for the hundreds of refugees crossing into Quebec as they flee the US. As of late August there are over 600 refugees living at the YMCA Residence on Tupper Street. The delay in processing welfare cheques is about 2 weeks and then families move out to find their own accommodation.

This is where we can help.

Instead of contacting the Y, interested families and individuals are encouraged to partner with a family to help them fulfill their immediate needs, which include transportation, household items, toiletries and clothing.

Please help! Thank you!

PWS&D – an active component of Mission and Outreach

Stepping down as Chair of Mission and Outreach, Brian Merrett has taken on the Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D) portfolio, so capably administered by Derek Foote over the past number of years. PWS&D is very active in international and local aid projects and, at The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, we hold various events doing the year to bring awareness of and raise funds for this highly respected branch of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

We encourage you to read about their work on the PWS&D website and to see how you can get involved. Please visit presbyterian.ca/pwsd/get-involved and contact Brian at pwsd@standrewstpaul.com to offer your services.

Church School

So much to celebrate!

The Church School 2016-2017 year concluded with a number of very special occasions to celebrate. Our Church School participated in the **Palm Sunday Service** and then set up their **Spiritual Walk** in the Iona Room on Easter Sunday for families to enjoy.

In April, we had a great turnout for our **Annual Cabane a Sucre**. We were blessed with a “picture perfect” day and were delighted to welcome Susan Stevenson’s family visiting from Scotland!

Another delicious meal was prepared for us by Iain Lamont which everyone enjoyed at the **Mother’s Day Breakfast**. It was a special morning as some of our young people shared their talents in honoring Mothers and all the special women in their lives. Thanks to all who participated and a special thank you to Iain for his amazing faithfulness to our Church School!

We had a wonderful **Confirmation** group this year and the following young people were welcomed into the Congregation on Sunday, May 21st. Cecilia Andrivon, Nico Cristofaro, Caroline Dahdah, Nicholas Dahdah, Islay McDonald, Myriam Monterrozza, Sheldon Philips and Brianna Simons. These young people were asked to prepare a Statement of Faith at the end of our series and we were struck by the sincerity and thoughtfulness that each put into their statements. I would like to share some of



Happy Mother’s Day to this family!

what was written by a number of these young people:

“To love God is the greatest virtue; to be loved by God is the greatest blessing”; “This Confirmation class has strengthened my faith in God. Knowing that God exists with love in his heart, not only for me, but for everyone, really brought me reassurance”; “God is my Savior. I know that my church is a good place to be;” “I have a responsibility to share my talents and give back to my congregation”; “Why am I getting confirmed? Because the church is my ‘family’ and in this ‘family’, I will be guided further and grow on my journey as a Christian.”

It was a privilege for both Art and me to lead the Confirmation classes this year and we thank Glenn for entrusting us with the responsibility.

We wound things up on June 4th, combining the “**Church School Celebration and Honoring Fathers**” with a very special event for Art & me! We wanted our Church Family to share in the Celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary, so invited everyone to be present as we renewed our vows followed with a reception in Kildonan Hall. Faith being a most important element in our marriage, we wanted to share in and be surrounded by, those who have supported and loved us at the A&P and celebrate with us the many blessings we have enjoyed over these 50 years – much of the joy bestowed on us has been through our affiliation

and work at the church. What a joy it was for us to have Glenn officiate such a beautiful service, to have Jonathan and Stephanie provide extraordinary music, for Stratsi to have the service streamed worldwide and for Peter to make certain everything ran smoothly! One of the added highlights was to have Luca, from our Church School and Youth Group play the bagpipes for us. It truly was a special day! Thanks to you all for making the day extra special!

Church School of course did not end in June, but rather continued on throughout the summer months thanks to a host of wonderful volunteers and Church School teachers. An Open Class and the Nursery continued every Sunday and a good turnout was enjoyed each Sunday. A huge thank you to all who kept the program running so beautifully!

In July a very successful **Vacation Bible School** was attended by over 50 children! Details can be found in the **Youth Group** article.

Sharon Dworzak, Church School Coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Welcome Back Sunday – September 10

Apple Picking – October 1

Pumpkin Ball – October 27



Left: A treasured family on Mother's Day.

Above: Sharon and Art Dworzak celebrate with their grandchildren.

Youth Group

Leadership opportunities for everyone

The Youth Group once again did a wonderful job preparing and leading the **Easter Morning 'Sonrise' Service** followed by a pancake breakfast, prepared by our ever faithful Iain Lamont. We always appreciate and marvel at the dedication these young people exhibit regarding this special service – teenagers spending a Saturday morning rehearsing and then arriving back at the church for the service at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday! Pretty remarkable!

In July, 24 members of the Youth Group working as Counsellors, led another very successful **Vacation Bible School** which was attended by over 50 children! Many of the children attending were new to the church and 'first timers' at VBS – these amazing young people made them all feel very welcome, which was also very reassuring to the parents.

A couple of weeks before VBS, many of the counsellors spent the better part of a week preparing and setting up the Program. Their enthusiasm and dedication was indeed infectious and inspiring!

The program this year was **"Hero Central – Discover your Strength in God!"** and what fun it was to see the children enthusiastically dive into all the activities run by our Youth. There were stories to hear, songs to learn, with old songs to revisit, wonderful arts and crafts to enjoy, fun science experiments, delicious snacks and lots of games! Of course, a favorite day is always "Water Day" when out come the hoses, 'slip and slide' and water balloons, all provided by Peter. Most exciting was to observe friendships develop as new children joined the group. We had former Church School children who had returned to Montreal for vacation from Taiwan as well as Toronto, and new children from the neighbourhood who had viewed our VBS sign outside or had heard about the program. A number of these new families have expressed an interest in joining our Church and Church School.

It was a busy two weeks, but incredibly rewarding for myself as well as all the counsellors who worked so hard to keep the children busy, happy and safe. All the counsellors put in so much energy and care into providing a wonderful Vacation Bible School experience for all who attended.

They are already looking forward to the program in Summer 2018!

Sharon & Art Dworzak
Youth Group Leaders

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Welcome Back Sunday – September 10

Youth Group meeting to coordinate aid to Texas flood victims – September 17

Apple Picking – October 1

Pumpkin Ball – October 27

Fall Fair Cleanup – November 4



Four little maids from VBS.



The garden is well-used by VBS.



Counsellors had fun too!