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Inside·Out

Winter 2018

Winter Worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

A Service of Lessons and Carols and
Sacrament of Holy Baptism, 11 a.m.
Meditation: The Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney

Family Christmas Eve Service, 4 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service,
11 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

First Sunday after Christmas/New
Year's Day
Sermon: The Rev. Ian Fraser

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Baptism of the Lord
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Celebration Sunday
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

— Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Presentation of the Lord
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Transfiguration Sunday
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

First Sunday of Lent with Holy
Communion
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Heritage Sunday
Second Sunday of Lent
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt



On November 26, the following new members were welcomed to our congregation. The right hand of fellowship was extended to Sebastien Pause, Serena Cho, Eva Luz Munguia, Francois Forest, Witness Makileni, Don Kelly, Janette Braun, Peter Braun, Yilin Chen Walonoski and Josh Walonoski. What a pleasure to meet and greet them on that day. Photo Brian Merrett.

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Greetings from the Minister

Tidings at Advent



Dear Friends,

Just as Christians today are faced with the challenge of celebrating the birth of Jesus in

the context of a culture of secularism and consumerism, so the early Christians of the Roman Empire were confronted with as difficult a challenge. Whereas we are asked to make many decisions on what we will buy, what we will wear, and where we will travel to, the early Christians were being asked to make only one decision—who was their ultimate leader? Was it the Roman emperor or was it Christ? Part of their response to this challenge was to go through a period of spiritual preparation as they waited for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Advent became the time when Christians could focus on looking forward and being ready for the moment when the world was lit up, not by decorations for the emperor, but by the light of Christ. Advent comes to us as a time in the Christian year for waiting, a time of reflection, a time of preparation for the coming of the Messiah. This preparation does not mean that we have to stop all our other Christmas preparations, but it may help to bring us closer to the reason we celebrate Christmas at all.

This Advent season may we take time for ourselves, for each other and above all for God – the God who is preparing to come among us again as that baby in a manger on Christmas Day.

May I wish you all a joyful and blessed Advent and Christmas.

*Your minister and friend,
Glenn*

Our Syrian Refugees

It is positive news

By the time you read this issue of *InsideOut*, it will have been 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.

The Sponsorship Core Committee has just learned that Fadia and Hanan will have their visa interviews at the Embassy on October 11th. This interview - the last of three - would determine that they are cleared to come to us as soon as transportation is arranged. There is no current estimate as to how long this will take and we will update you with announcements in the Sunday Bulletin.

We have been very fortunate to have the office of Marc Miller, our MP, making inquiries on our behalf. They have our deepest thanks.

From the Church Registrar

Baptisms



September 24, 2017

Lily Victoria Einollahi

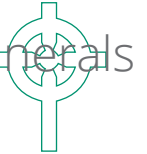
Marriages



October 7, 2017

Kevin Lavoie-Ladouceur and Arica Cabral

Memorials & Funerals



August 22, 2017

Eleanor Stubley

November 9, 2017

Nicole Bellerose

November 27, 2017

Jacques Tétrault

Leading with Care

Moving forward...

Leadng with Care is a policy of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. It is there to ensure that everyone who participates in our programs and ministries will be cared for and will be safe. This involves safety and protection on one hand, and training and support on the other. In these complicated times, this is perhaps even more important than in times past.

The Leading with Care (LwC) guidelines have been laid down and all staff, both paid and volunteer, are expected to follow them. The LwC Committee monitors how well we are doing and keeps records. Some of the guidelines include police checks and these have been in place for leaders for some years. Around the church you can see that there are CCTV cameras for security, and fire drills in the church building will become more frequent. Epi pens are available. CPR training has been given. There is a defibrillator with a team of trained and registered personnel. Church School teachers have had a first aid course. Incident and accident forms are filled in and stored.

These are all part of the LwC program. It is important. If you are asked to participate, please know that by doing so you are helping to keep our church a happy secure place for all the activities that go on. If you have questions or suggestions, we'd be glad to hear from you.

*Ann Owens
Chair, Leading with Care*

Katie MacIntosh

Our student minister



My name is Katie MacIntosh and I feel very blessed to be the student minister at St. Andrew and St. Paul this year until the end of April. I am currently in my 3rd year of the Master of Divinity program at Presbyterian College. Prior to moving to Montreal, I attended St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia, where I grew up, and graduated from the Bachelor of Arts program with a double major in history and English. I have served on staff at Camp Geddie in NS, owned by the Atlantic Synod of the PCC, for several summers as program staff, a counselor and business administrator.

For the past couple of summers I have served as a student minister in the congregations of the Richmond Bay Pastoral Charge and West Point Presbyterian Church in Prince Edward Island. I have an interest in international mission projects that has led me to participate in experiences to Ghana, Malawi, and Guatemala. I look forward to continuing to get to know many of you in the coming months as we worship and serve together.

Knitters for Neechewagon

Warmth and comfort sent on

Each year the Knitters set themselves a goal of knitting 200 plus articles – mitts, scarves and hats – which will be sent to the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry, a ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. This year, as they have done before, the Knitters produced well over their goal of 100 parcels of two articles wrapped in Christmas paper, donated by members of the Choir and enclosing a card with Christmas greetings from the congregation contributed by the members of the Church School. The shipment left the church on Monday 27th November in good time to be with the Reverend Stewart Folster's flock for distribution at their Christmas gathering. This year, as well as the 100 parcels, there were twenty four hats knitted by a former member of the group, Isabel Burnett, who returned to her native Australia a few years ago. Isabel was a great supporter of this group and wanted to keep on contributing.

The group also had a visit from a former member Tracey who too contributed her efforts when she was in the city for a year. Tracey returned to Taiwan a year ago, but visited the group when she was back in Montreal this summer, so it is good to know that the congregation's efforts have gone international without any help from social media! The knitters thank all who have contributed wool and in any other way. Without your support we could not continue this program, to help our friends survive the severe winter weather in Saskatoon and give many of the recipients their only wrapped Christmas gift and a card with Christmas greetings from their friends in The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul.



Fall Fair 2017

Thank you!

The Guild Executive of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul would like to thank everyone involved in making the Fall Fair 2017 a great success. The money raised was over \$25,000. The event is truly a wonderful example of God at work. As a result of your caring support, the needs of many people within our community will be reached. The Guild Executive looks forward to working with you again in making the 84th Annual Fall Fair on Saturday November 3, 2018 as successful. In the meantime, enjoy the photos kindly taken by Martin Oldengarm.



Top: Bottle shop did well!

Above left: Preserves team ready to sell

Above right: Michael Neil and Katie Kinnear, happy convenors

Mount Royal Cemetery

'...a bank whereon the wild thyme blows...'

Researching for the history of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, our Minister Emeritus The Reverend J.S.S. Armour, discovered two intriguing plots of land. Up in the Mount Royal Cemetery, side by side, one plot was owned by St Andrew's Church and the other by St. Paul's Church, the two congregations that joined in 1919. The Cemetery founded in 1852 has long been a cherished space for Montrealers.

When the two plots were mentioned in the book "Saints, Sinners, and Scots", a group of members wondered if this could not be a possible burying ground for present day members, their families and adherents of the church. There were no legal barriers – the plots were part of the heritage which came together when the churches joined. All that was required was some organization and some money.

With the approval of the Session and the Trustees, a group of members put in place a plan which paid for the renovation of the site, space for 500 cremated remains, and the erection of three monuments – for St. Paul's, St. Andrew's, and St. Andrew and St. Paul's members. The site is very lovely, on a high point in the cemetery It has a sweeping view across to other hills, and flowering shrubs and trees and swaths of purple thyme, in this beautiful place atop Mount Royal.

Anyone who is a member of the congregation, or an adherent of three years, can plan final resting places for their families here. There is a fee (\$500 payable to the church) which gives the right to have the cremated remains of the deceased buried in the plot. It also entitles the family to have that person's name inscribed on the memorial stone of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. This is an agreement that is arranged through the Board of Trustees. Organisation for the burial and the inscription on the memorial stone must be completed through the Mount Royal Cemetery office.

If this opportunity is something about which you would like to know more, information is available though the Church Office.

Presbyterian Connection

Have you discovered this gem?

There's a new quarterly newspaper coming out of the Presbyterian Church office in Toronto. **Presbyterian Connection**. It is full of news of our denomination, of its leaders, and its mission work at home and overseas. Copies can be found in the Narthex and it is a great read. Highly recommended by *InsideOut!* With the demise of the Presbyterian Record, perhaps we thought there would be no successor. But there is, and it is good news. Pick one up and decide for yourself.

A&P Winter Music List



December 31

with a soloist from the Choir

Prelude: Première Suite de Noël (Balbastre)

Postlude: Noël Suisse (Daquin)

January 7

Prelude: Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 684 & 685 (Bach)

Introit: The White Dove (Healey)

Anthem: Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 7/1 (Bach)

Postlude: Fugue in C, BWV 564/2 (Bach)

January 14

Prelude: Communion (Dubois)

Introit: Occuli omnium (Wood)

Anthem: And the glory of the Lord, from Messiah (Handel)

Postlude: Fiat lux (Dubois)

January 21

Guest Ensemble: Harvard University Chapel Choir

Prelude: Communion (Grisson)

Introit: Christ, whose glory fills the skies (Bissell)

Anthem: Hallelujah, Amen, from Judas Maccabeus (Handel)

Postlude: Toccata en fa majeur (Grisson)

January 28

Featuring music by A&P Musician Alumni

Prelude: Three Meditations (Meek)

Introit: Seek the Lord, from Three Songs of Isaiah (Wachner)

Anthem: Weave for us a garment (Owolabi)

Postlude: Dance (Owolabi)

February 4

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

Introit: Nunc dimittis St. Paul's (Howells)

Anthem: Vox dicentis (Naylor)

Postlude: Toccata Giocoso (Mathias)

February 11

Prelude: Benedictus, from Sonata Britannica (Stanford)

Introit: Psalm 121 (Kodály)

Anthem: Light of the World (Elgar)

Postlude: Finale, from Sonata Britannica (Stanford)

LUX

Latin for LIGHT

The choir's new CD, recorded last spring, will bring you light with its superb music and artistry. For only \$20 you can give great joy at Christmas with this beautiful recording. It is available through the Church Office.

LUX

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JONATHAN OLDENGARM
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Music at A&P

Active – and appreciated wholeheartedly!



The months of October, November and December, 2017 have to be among the fullest on record in the music ministry

here at St. Andrew and St. Paul! October marked the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, and as good Presbyterians we contributed to the celebration in several meaningful ways. On October 21 we were part of an ecumenical musical service held at l'Eglise St-Nom-de-Jésus, together with the musicians of Serenata St. John. Guests of honour included Presbyterian, Lutheran and Roman Catholic clergy, Maestro Kent Nagano and others. On October 31, we hosted a Vespers service featuring Bach's *Magnificat*, BWV 243, again with the Serenata players, and Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican guest clergy in addition to our own Rev. Chestnutt. Attendance was strong, in the 400 range, with enthusiastic congregational singing of the Reformation hymns. The service was made possible in large part thanks to a generous anonymous donation, given in appreciation of the work of the Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt, and of the music ministry of the church.

Remembrance Sunday, November 6, was as poignant a service as always, given our church's long history with the Black Watch RHR, and our many congregants' personal ties to the armed forces.

On November 21 we were privileged to perform Arvo Pärt's *Passio* as part of the Montreal Bach Festival, at St. Joseph's Oratory. The evening also marked the 100th anniversary of the Oratory's large Crypt Church, where the concert took place.

On November 24, we hosted the annual benefit concert for la Maison du Parc, one of Montreal's last AIDS hospices. As usual, our choir was joined by members of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra Musicians' Association in a

moving performance of Beethoven's Mass in C. The October 31 Vespers, and both the November 21 and 24 concerts were conducted by Jean-Sébastien Vallée.

The next day, we hosted la Nuit des Choeurs, an annual event held by the Montreal Bach Festival. 14 local choirs sang 30-minute programmes, from 4:00 until 11:00 p.m. Organist Jonathan Oldengarm accompanied 10 of them, in what has become an annual extreme accompanying endurance test! Again, attendance was excellent, with between 400 and 800 listeners in the church throughout.

On November 30 and December 1, our choir joined the McGill Chamber Orchestra in performances of Handel's *Messiah*, under the direction of Boris Brott.

Last but not least, on November 19 we launched our new Christmas CD "LUX", which at the time of this writing is among the top sellers in the Christmas Classical category on iTunes, and has received glowing reviews from the Wholenote and other journals.

All of this activity has allowed us to build bridges into the broader Montreal communities, both in partnership with other Christian brothers and sisters, and also with various cultural and performing arts organizations. Together we can express the joy of our faith, welcome new members to our church family, and generally bring light and hope to a troubled world. We are deeply grateful for the generous support of the congregation, the Board, the Session, the clergy, staff and volunteers of the church, without whose constant assistance none of this would be possible. Soli Deo Gloria!

Jonathan Oldengarm

Youth Group

A busy program; something for everyone!

Our Youth Group welcomed some new members in September and we enjoyed a **Brainstorming Meeting/Lunch** to share ideas and set out goals for the coming year. They are always devoted to helping others and one of their projects will be raising funds for the Caribbean flood victims.

The Youth Group did a super job organizing and preparing the **Pumpkin Ball**. They helped entertain the children throughout the evening and due to the creativity and hard work set out by Islay McDonald, the “best ever” (as described by the children), Haunted House was created! GREAT JOB ISLAY!!

The youth also served the meal and cleaned up Kildonan Hall after the event. Well done!!

Our Youth Group were once again a huge help with **Fall Fair** – some worked at the tables throughout the Fair, while others arrived in time to help with the cleanup. They set out for a Youth Group dinner together once they had finished their job!!

On November 12, a **VBS Counsellors Reunion** and **2018 VBS Program Kickoff** was held in Kildonan Hall. Over 20 of the counsellors attended and enjoyed a slide show of VBS memories, followed by lunch together! These young people are an inspiration and are to be commended for the positive impact they have all had on the children who attended VBS over the past 6 years. They are all looking forward to VBS 2018 which will take place the 2 middle weeks of July.

We continue to include our Youth in Sunday Service and we are looking forward to having them play an even more active role in the coming year. They enjoy reading the lessons, as well as ushering.

One of our Youth Group members, Henry Feltham, represented the Church School and Youth Group on Remembrance Sunday. Henry did a superb job carrying in and laying the wreath in honor and in memory of so many brave souls that should never be forgotten.

The Youth Group also helped with the **Family Christmas Dinner** following the Pageant, the **Family Christmas Reception** as well as the **Family Christmas Eve Service**.

Also coming up is the **Annual Youth Retreat – January 12-14** at Villa St. Martin. We are looking forward to a wonderful time of fun and fellowship, including tobogganing and cross country skiing!! The theme this year will be “**Discovering Your Dependable Strengths**” – based on the Workshop attended by Art, Sharon, Thomas and Maygan as well as Sarah Dupont, a youth leader from St. Columba, who will all be attending the Retreat.

We are delighted that some of the **St. Columba Youth** will be joining us once again this year and Sarah along with her sister Letitia Dupont will be leading the music. If you know of any young people, ages 12-16, who would like to attend the Retreat, or if you would like more information, please contact Sharon at grammy.shani@sympatico.ca

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to all, for a blessed and joyous Christmas.

*Sharon & Art Dworzak
Youth Leaders*



Above: VBS
Counselors
reunion

Left:
Remembrance
Sunday

Below: Ready
for ushering
duty



Church School News

Welcoming new families

Church School happily welcomed families on **Welcome Back Sunday** in September and I am delighted to report that our Church School is growing with many new children joining us, some as a result of VBS 2017! There will be many new faces at the Pageant this year!!

We were blessed with a magnificent, sunny day with a wonderful turnout for our **Annual Apple Picking Event** in early October. Many members of the congregation and a number of our new families joined us for their very first apple picking experience. It was a joy to watch their excitement as they boarded the wagons heading out to the orchard. It gave us fresh eyes on an event we have enjoyed for so many years together. We were also joined by our favorite Church School mascot "**Griffin**"!

On October 27, once again our Youth Group prepared a fabulous **Pumpkin Ball** which was enjoyed by many, including some of our new families. There was great excitement as the children arrived in magnificent and creative costumes preparing for an evening of fun! After a delicious dinner, the children headed off to what many of them have described as the best "Haunted House" ever!! More details of the Haunted House and its creator can be found in the Youth Group Report!!

"Mad Science", our entertainment for the Ball, topped things off, and he did a fabulous job entertaining the children, with various interesting and amazing experiments. This year's Mad Scientist kept the children captivated for over an hour – not an easy task with a combined group of children ranging in age from 3-12!!

The Church School has been blessed with a wonderful singing coach team!! **Heather Luckow** and **Zacy Benner** have brought enthusiasm and creativity to our music program! They led the Church School and encouraged the VBS Counsellors to sing a VBS favorite together during the service in October, and have been working

tirelessly preparing the children and Youth Group for the Pageant. I am so impressed with the excitement they have brought to the program – the children are not only singing beautifully – they are having fun!!

The Church School, Teachers and Youth Group have all worked hard preparing for the **Christmas Pageant**. I personally experience great joy in the preparations leading up to this wonderful event, as I am surrounded by enthusiastic and amazing hard workers!! From our music team mentioned above, costume coordinator Bobbie Cristofaro, our Director Michael Cristofaro, and the amazing teachers who have been so patient with the coming and going of students for fittings and singing rehearsals during class time, and many who will also be working behind the scenes at the Pageant. Our Youth Group have been a great help with the younger children, lugging up the large Pageant bins from the basement and many will be taking part in the Pageant, including some working behind the scenes. It is truly a combined effort!

The Church School families also participated in the **Advent Candle Lighting** and many of the Church School and Youth Group will be participating in the very popular **Family Christmas Eve Service**.

Art and Sharon along with Thomas Donoso, Maygan Godin and Jisu Yoon (all Church School teachers) attended the "**Discovering your Dependable Strengths**" Workshop and all are very enthusiastic about the limitless possibilities this program can have for the congregation as a whole. There are different applications of the program, divided up between Middle School (beginning at age 12), High School, University, all the way up to seniors in various life situations. They view the program as an opportunity to build leadership in the Congregation. Art and Sharon are now facilitators, equipped to teach the program, and look forward to scheduling events over the course of the coming year. We will keep you posted as these events are confirmed.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Church School to wish everyone a blessed Christmas and may you find peace and joy in the coming year.

Sharon Dworzak
Church School Coordinator



Far left: A wee boy's first apple picking adventure

Left: Preparing a Haunted House

Above: Singing for the pageant