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Inside·Out

Fall 2019

Worship

October - December

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Ian Fraser

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Remembrance Day, 11 a.m.
The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Stewardship Sunday, 11 a.m.
The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Taizé Service, 6:00 p.m.
The Rev. Ian Fraser

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Christ the King Sunday with Communion,
11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Ian Fraser

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Advent Chapel Service, 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Worship Service Advent I, 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Advent Chapel Service, 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Worship Service Advent II, 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Ian Fraser

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Advent Chapel Service, 5:30 p.m.

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Raising Money for Cancer Research

On June 14 and 15, our Youth Group participated once again in the **Canadian Cancer Relay for Life** raising money for cancer research. Our young people have participated and cherished this event for many years, and plan to do it again in 2020. Thank you all for your tremendous support and generosity in providing donations!

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Worship Service Advent III, 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Longest Night Service, 6:00 p.m.
The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

Advent Chapel Service, 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Worship Service Advent IV, 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Ian Fraser

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Family Christmas Eve Service, 4:00 p.m.
The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service,
11:00 p.m.
The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Ian Fraser

Greetings from the Minister

Amid All the Business Take Time to be Still



At the time of writing, we are just a few days away from our Reunion Sunday and our Welcome Back Reception. There is excitement in the air as we begin the busiest session of the year by welcoming new members and anticipating reuniting with old friends. At The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, fall and winter are full of many varied activities and experiences for people of all ages: from Apple Picking and the Pumpkin Ball; Rachmaninoff, the Fall Fair and Remembrance Day; to the Advent Chapel Services, the Pageant, the CBC Sing-in, Carols by Candlelight and our Christmas Eve services.

Amid all the business and excitement, Scripture reminds us to take time to be still and know that God is God (Psalm 46: 10). Here too, we have opportunities to do this. The Quiet Garden is a place of solace for many, as is our Sanctuary where people of every faith and none come to be still, and to pray. Our Taizé services touch many hearts and our renowned choral music and worship services bring comfort, encouragement and meaning to people across our city and beyond.

At the heart of all that we do at A&P is the shared desire to believe in and trust in a God who seeks a relationship with us. That God is also a missional God who encourages us to promote God's reign in our world by ever pushing boundaries and journeying with new experiences. So, as we leaf through this current edition of InsideOut, may we take time to give thanks for who God has invited us all to be. May we also take time to be still and wait for God's prompting, individually and collectively, as God continues to lead us in promoting His presence in our city and beyond.

*Your minister and friend,
Glenn*

From the Church Registrar

Baptisms 

Annabella Masutti
September 28, 2019

Marcus Masutti
September 28, 2019

Marriages 

**Xavier Roy and
Sarah Halmarson**
April 12, 2019

**Alexandre Favreau-Lessard
and Brittany Baumann**
August 24, 2019

**Ian Moodie and
Celine Laferrière**
May 18, 2019

**Alistair Wood and
Katie Kiskaddon**
September 28, 2019

**Michael Cristos and
Gabriella D'Accampo**
August 3, 2019

Funerals 

Douglas Gordon Kinnear
JMay 17, 2019

Memorials

Grant Murray
June 7, 2019

Eric Riordon
August 14, 2019

Dan De Silva
September 28, 2019

What's Next for the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul

What lies in store and what direction will we pursue over the next 5 years?



It has been my privilege to give leadership to the visioning process that we called “What’s Next”. From the fall of 2018 until the last spring, the What’s Next Team was busy listening – listening to what matters most to people at A&P, what touches them spiritually, what they love to participate in, and what ideas they have to make ministry more faithful, inclusive and energizing. And mostly, the team was trying to listen to something else: the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking through these conversations and showing a path forward.

I want to thank the members of the team who embraced the process with enthusiasm and real commitment. Rarely have I worked with a group as dedicated to their task as this team. They gave multiple hours to participating in discussions, collecting data, and interpreting what they were hearing. I also want to thank my colleague, Glenn Chestnutt, for giving his support and help to the project, being open to where it might go, especially as the team began to discuss recommendations.

I am especially grateful for the many who participated in the process through filling out surveys (almost 200 were received), attended one of the 10 focus groups that were held, and joined us for the congregational workshops.

We approached imagining the future through Appreciative Inquiry. Rather than focusing upon an organization’s weaknesses or problems, it raises up its strengths, believing that the future is best oriented by what is already being done well. It became apparent that the areas that are most appreciated at A&P are its music programs, worship and preaching, and its traditions. There is also strong support for children and youth programming and community building activities.

Over 1,000 wishes and comments were collected during the listening exercises. The team thinks it is important to follow up and will do so by sending them to the committees or organizations responsible for those aspects of our congregation’s life. Our hope is that all ideas can be studied and acted upon where appropriate.

The greatest need that was identified was for better connectedness both within the different ministries of A&P and also between A&P and other organizations and people outside the church. We discovered that at times one ministry was not aware of what another was doing, leading to missed opportunities to coordinate activities better as well as to fill gaps that existed. As well, A&P’s presence and ministry would be stronger if we were more aware of the needs in the community, who is doing what, and how we can complement the work that others are doing. While we sometimes don’t see needs to which we can respond, it is also true that the community may not be aware of what we are already doing and how it can benefit.

The team recommended that, when a second minister is called, the person be given a title of Associate Minister for Interconnectedness or Bridge Building, or something similar to indicate the need for someone who brings people together and communicates well. While a portion of the associate’s time will be given to fulfilling existing pastoral tasks such as preaching, leading worship, facilitating study groups and visiting, it is expected that half the time will be devoted to making connections within and without A&P.

The team’s final report was received by the Session in June and then discussed at its September meeting when it approved the report and its recommendations. The full report is available on the church website along with a request form for anyone wishing to read all the appendixes containing all comments and wishes that have been collected.

With the visioning complete, a Search Committee can now be struck to begin the search for an associate minister. I am hopeful that an excellent candidate will be found who will enhance the existing ministries of A&P while also developing new ways in which the congregation can connect both with one another and with the needs of our city.

Reverend Ian Fraser
Associate Minister

New Members

We Welcome Ten New Members to Our Congregation



From left to right: Milena Cerniauskas, Caroline Leaman, Hannah Chestnutt, William Bush, Ruth Darling, Diane English and Charles Elliot

Seated from left to right: Sylvia Schmutz and Aranka Torok

Missing from Photo: Rose Ngo Oum

At a time when many churches are struggling with dwindling memberships or possibly a difficult decision to close, our church continues to grow and remains as active and vibrant as it was a decade ago. I had the privilege of interviewing most of our new members and was inspired to learn how each of our worship services, events and activities plays a significant role in our outreach to the local community. Please read on to find out how these new members discovered our church and what attracted them.

Milena Cerniauskas came to Canada from Brazil. She missed having the opportunity to attend worship services with organ music and a large choir. After asking God to help her find a church home, she visited three churches in her area. During her first visit to A&P, she knew that this was the church she wanted to join. She likes our respect for God's Word and our beautiful choral music.

Caroline Leamon's first visit to A&P was to attend our Carols by Candlelight service in December 2017. She had been looking for a church home for many

months and A&P felt like a good fit right away. She appreciates the learning opportunities that she encounters from discussion groups to our ministers' thought-provoking sermons.

Hannah Chestnutt heard about our church in December 2015 when Glenn discovered that we were searching for a new minister. Within just six short months she accompanying Glenn to Montreal to preach for the call! She particularly likes the programs for children, our Scottish heritage, the strength of the music ministry and our location in downtown Montreal.

William Bush first visited our church on May 5, 2019 when his children, who were attending Bishop's College, participated in the Black Watch Parade that day. He was delighted with our sense of tradition, our respect for others, and the multicultural makeup of our congregation.

Ruth Darling remembers attending our Christmas Eve services and Sunday school rallies when she was growing up with her parents in Montreal West. These pleasant memories brought her back to

A&P to become a member. Ruth likes the worship services, music, high standard of preaching, our traditions and the ecumenical nature of our church community.

Diana English first attended one of our Good Friday choral services. Amazed by the music, she brought her family back for the Christmas Eve service. She likes the clarity of our worship services, the direct quotes from the Bible linked to the sermons and the extraordinary music, all of which remind her of her Presbyterian grandparents who loved this type of music and wholeheartedly believed in worship.

Sylvia Schmutz discovered A&P last summer while participating in one of our open church tours with the Walkie Talkies Group from Contactivity. She came back with a friend for the Carols by Candlelight service a few months later and decided that this church could provide the sense of belonging that she was searching for. She likes the organ music and the ministers' prayers which often bring tears to her eyes.

Aranka Torok found A&P 29 years ago when she was looking for a youth program for her blind granddaughter who had come to live with her. Her granddaughter has since moved to Portland, Oregon and is missed dearly. What a good reason to join our church community. She likes everything about our church, and is most delighted with the choir.

To help our 10 newest members find their place within our church community, please introduce yourselves and take time to get to know them.

Gwen Tracy
Chair, Communications Committee

Reunion Sunday & Welcome Back Reception

Gathering our Flock and Sharing God's Message of Hope

“On this Reunion and Welcome Back Sunday, let us rejoice and say to each other - welcome home because we need each other, and God needs us to need each other.” These words from Dr. Rev. Glenn Chestnutt’s sermon set the tone for our special service on Sept. 15th. This year we added a new element to this cherished event – a Reunion, warmly receiving church members who had been away from the flock for a while. In addition, we welcomed 10 new members to our congregation: William Bush, Milena Cerniauskas, Hannah Chestnutt, Ruth Darling, Charles Elliott, Diana English, Andrea Kantor-Torok, Caroline Leamon, Adele Rose Ngo Oum and Sylvia Schmutz.

The scripture lessons, prayers and sermon amplified the theme of the day. Glenn shared the parable of the Lost Sheep “that tells us something of the nature of God. The imagery of a shepherd tending his flock... conveys the notion that the God we worship is a God who will go to any lengths to find whatever needs to be found... When God finds us and brings us home, there is great rejoicing and celebration just like that shepherd who called his family and friends together after he found his lost sheep.”

There really was great rejoicing and a spirit of celebration as everyone gathered after our worship service for fellowship in Kildonan Hall. The reception, convened by Ellian Seto and her team of volunteers served a tasty lunch while members of the choir, dressed in their spectacular red gowns poured tea and coffee. Approximately 200 people - members, adherents, visitors, young and old enjoyed the special lunch and the beautiful slide presentation of our annual church activities shown on the large screen. The Guild, which hosted the event, is grateful for the help of all who



New Members Service, Sept. 15, 2019

made the Reunion such a success. Special thanks to Peter and Jason who helped out with large buckets of water during the city’s water stoppage!

“Welcome home one and all! May we rejoice today because we are restored and made whole as God’s community!”

*Betty-Jo Christiani,
Guild President*

Quotes are from the sermon preached by Dr. Rev. Glenn A. Chestnutt on Sept. 15, 2019. Link to watch this service on our YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yEyh4uAzQWw&t=150s>



**Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt
Chatting with Members**

In Memoriam - Frederick H. Blair (1874-1939)

Organist and Choirmaster of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul

“1,400 Passengers in Athenia reported safe as German sub sinks Montreal-bound liner”—thus was the Montreal Gazette’s headline on September 4, 1939, the day after war was declared against Germany. The first passenger listed in the Gazette’s coverage that fateful day was one “Frederick H. Blair of 542 Pine Avenue West, Organist and Choirmaster of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul.” Despite the positive early report, Blair did not survive the attack but died at sea, bringing to a tragic end to his 39-year tenure at the church. In a cruel twist of fate, the wife and children of the church’s Minister, Dr. Donald were also aboard, but were rescued unharmed.

Frederick H. Blair was born in Chatham, NB in 1874. In 1897, he left Canada to pursue advanced studies in London with Sir Walter Parratt, one of the greatest organists of the day. He moved to Montreal in 1900, assuming positions at both this church and the McGill Conservatory, where he taught piano, organ, and accompanying. He served as founding president of the English section of the Casavant Society, which promoted high-profile recitals across the city from 1936-39. The inaugural artist was the legendary Marcel Dupré; among others, André Marchal, Joseph Bonnet, Ernest MacMillan, Carl Weinrich and Fernando Germani were heard at Notre Dame Basilica (1936-37 season), and at the brand-new Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul (1937-38).

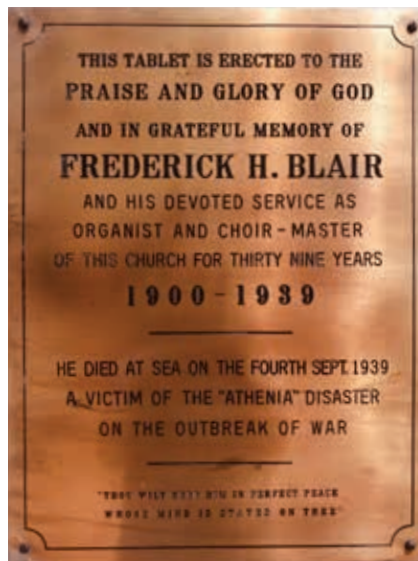
Blair was also a force in the city’s choral scene, conducting the Montreal Oratorio Society for a season, and fielding an impressively large church choir here (more than 70 members—see the photographs in our church hallway for documentary proof!) Under Blair’s leadership the annual tradition of presenting major choral works with organ or orchestra on Good Friday thrived and grew, with soloists brought in from New York, Toronto and Boston. During one particularly ambitious Holy Week, the choir presented Parts 1 and 2 of Handel’s Messiah, extensive excerpts from Bach’s St. Matthew Passion, and Stainer’s Crucifixion in its entirety.

Blair’s relationship with Reverend Dr. Donald was especially close. Both men possessed exceptional energy and work ethics, and a passion for perfection in every detail. Under their combined leadership, the worship life of the congregation prospered. Blair’s death in 1939 was a tremendous loss to Dr. Donald, who memorialized Blair as follows:

“Aloof, holding strong opinions, deeply religious--- Frederick Blair was able to

reach the very heart of a hymn or song and to urge its meaning on those he taught or for whom he conducted...”

Jonathan Oldengarm, with credit to The Canadian Encyclopedia, The Montreal Gazette (Sept. 4, 1939 issue), and Saints, Sinners and Scots (Rev. J.S.S. Armour, 2003)



Frederick H. Blair Memorial Plaque and Bust



The Choir of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul 1932

Music at A&P

The Seasons, Part I



We Montrealers are highly attuned to the seasons. Extreme heat in summer, extreme cold in winter, golden

leaves in autumn, and green buds in spring define our annual experience. The church or liturgical year also has a recurring structure, but it doesn't start in January or end in December. Rather than calendar months, the church year has seasons and feast days, the highlights of which are Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. There are many lesser feast days that are observed in various churches; if you keep an eye on the header and music notes title in our Sunday bulletins, you'll see these mentioned regularly. In this issue and the next of Inside-Out, I will give a brief history of a few of the liturgical seasons we'll pass through, and will explain some of our practices around those occasions.

You may be asking yourself: "why did nobody talk about the church year when I was growing up in the Presbyterian/United/Christian Reformed/Baptist church?" The answer lies in the incremental changes that have taken place in almost all Western churches during the past several decades. Broadly speaking, the so-called "liturgical" churches (e.g. the Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans, etc.) have loosened aspects of their traditionally strict observance of seasons and feasts to accommodate local events, tastes, and our ever-changing culture. Conversely, without sacrificing their ability to speak to the moment, we mainline "free" churches have found the structure and predictability of the liturgical calendar to be a helpful guiding light in uncertain times, when it seems harder than ever to define "truth". This means that some of our received "free" traditions may fit less comfortably with the much older (but newer to us) observances of the church year—particularly when the culture around us is rowing in the opposite direction.

The most obvious manifestation of this push-and-pull is the season of Advent. We

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven"
- Ecclesiastes 3:1, KJV

have a rich and complicated practice of Advent and Christmas at St. Andrew and St. Paul. In many details we observe the four Sundays of Advent in our Sunday morning services: the readings from scripture; the lighting of the wreath; the choice of organ voluntaries; the singing of Advent hymns; the decorating of the church, etc.) In other aspects we skip Advent entirely: the first Sunday of December is traditionally the much-loved Church School Pageant; the second Sunday is traditionally the CBC Christmas Sing-In; and the third Sunday is traditionally the Family Christmas Reception and Carols by Candlelight. All of these are occasions that engage hundreds of members of the congregation, thousands of Montrealers, and in the case of the Sing-In, millions of Canadians who tune in to the radio and web broadcast (nearly 2,000,000 this past edition.) A fair number of Christmas carols also are sung in the December morning services, and given the heavy demands on the choir at the season, the choral music throughout the month is almost uniformly Christmas-themed.

Interestingly enough, our mixed practice is more in tune with our surrounding culture than is the traditionally strict Advent observance of the liturgical church. From commercial to social to emotional pressures, everything in our society urges us towards Christmas beginning in early November. This is no bad thing: the thousands of people who flock to our church for these services prove the point, and represent a wonderful ministry opportunity for us at a key moment of the year. However, our own Christian walk can be deepened by reflecting on the point of Advent.

Since sometime in the 6th century (probably the Council of Macon in 581 AD), the season of Advent has marked the beginning of the church year. The length of Advent observance has varied from seven weeks down to only a few days before Christmas. In our tradition, Advent includes the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Day. It is a time of preparation for Christ's coming as an infant at Christmas, but also for his Second Coming as the Supreme Judge. This is why some of the

Advent scripture readings contain some strong stuff about the last judgement and the end times: hardly themes we associate with "Away in a manger"!

Traditional Advent observances have included fasting on some or all days of the season; keeping an Advent calendar (for children this often involves finding a small treat on each day!); setting up a Christmas tree and other decorations; or lighting a Christingle. In our own church we light the candles of the Advent wreath: three purple candles for the first, second and fourth Sundays, and a pink candle for the third "Gaudete" Sunday. Gaudete is a moment of hope in a generally penitential season, and the bible readings of the day emphasize Christ's work of healing, liberation and reconciliation. The Magnificat, or Song of Mary (Luke 1: 46-55) features prominently as well. We sing hymns that prepare us for Christ's imminent arrival: O Come, O come Emmanuel; O How shall I receive Thee?; Hark, the glad sound; Lo, He comes with clouds descending; Hail to the Lord's Anointed; and others.

Why slog through all of that self-denial and defer Christmas? Scripture often teaches us the value of waiting: "Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength"; "We wait for Thy loving kindness, O Lord"; "My soul waiteth, yea more than watchmen waiteth for the morning". Waiting has always been hard to do: had it been easy, the Bible's writers probably wouldn't have mentioned it much! Waiting is an essential part of faith, described in Hebrews as the hope for things unseen. Advent gives us a thoughtful moment, supported by two millennia of fellow believers' journeys, to stretch that spiritual muscle, as we reflect on the imminent arrival of the Child of Bethlehem. Of course we live in a culture of Christmas, and our practice will always reflect that. In our hearts, however, let there always be a place for some quiet, patient and hopeful waiting.

Jonathan Oldengarm
Director of Music

Music List for September – December



September 8, 2019: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: Excerpts from *Eleven Organ Pieces* (Hampton)
Introit: Jubilate Deo

in C (Britten)

Anthem: Gloria & Laudamus Te, from *Gloria* (Poulenc)

Postlude: March for a Joyous Occasion (Susa)

September 15, 2019: Welcome Back Sunday

Prelude: Variations on *Wondrous Love* (Barber)

Introit: Go Down Moses (Tippett)

Anthem: Psalm 105 (Diorio)

Postlude: Heraldings (Hebble)

September 22, 2019: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: Excerpts from *Organ Book I* (Rorem)

Introit: Have mercy on us (Copland)

Anthem: Sing ye to the Lord, from *Israel in Egypt* (Handel)

Postlude: Passacaglia in G minor (Handel, arr. W. T. Best)

September 29, 2019: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (*Michaelmas, observed*)

Prelude: Andante Cantabile, from *Symphony no. 5* (Tchaikovsky / Lemare)

Introit: Magnificat (Muhly)

Anthem: Adonai, Adonai, from *Chichester Psalms* (Bernstein)

Postlude: Prélude et Fugue en do majeur, op. 109 no. 3 (Saint-Saëns)

October 6, 2019: World Communion Sunday

Prelude: An Wasserflüssen Babylon, BWV 653 & 653a (Bach)

Setting: Missa Brevis (Cabena) LIB 614

Anthem: Let all the people praise Thee (Mathias)

Motets: O Lord, increase my faith (Gibbons); Super flumina Babylonis (Palestrina)
Postlude: Toccata Giocosa (Mathias)

October 13, 2019: Thanksgiving Sunday

Prelude: Moderato & Pastorale, from *Fantaisie*, op. 110 (Glazunov)

Introit: Hvalite imia Ghospodne, from *All-Night Vigil* (Rachmaninoff)

Anthem: Te Deum in G (Vaughan Williams)

Postlude: Fugue, from *Fantaisie*, op. 110 (Glazunov)

October 20, 2019: Imagine Sunday

Prelude: Excerpts from *Eleven Chorale Preludes* (Brahms)

Introit: Levavi oculos meos (Miškinis)

Anthem: Ascending into Heaven (Weir)

Postlude: Allegro deciso, from *Evocation*, op. 37 (Dupré)

October 27, 2019: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: Sonata IV, BWV 528 (Bach)

Introit: Laudate Dominum (Sweelinck) ESM

Anthem: Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen, from *Ein Deutsches Requiem* (Brahms)

Postlude: Prelude in E minor, BWV 548 (Bach)

November 3, 2019: All Saints (observed)

Prelude: played by the McGill University historical brass ensemble

Introit: Herr, nun laßt du deinen Diener in Frieden fahren (Kraushaar)

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

Postlude: Toccata, from *Suite*, op. 5 (Durufé)



Nathaniel Watson Concert

Nathaniel Watson, of our choir, and of the Schulich School of Music Voice Faculty, will present Franz Schubert's song cycle, *Winterreise*, in Kildonan Hall, Thursday evening, November 7, at 7:30 p.m., accompanied by Prof. Michael McMahon, who is a veteran of many winter journeys. Nat made his professional debut in New York in 1982 in a recital of Bach arias at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He has known these songs for 40 years, and has sung the other Schubert cycles while living in New York, having received coaching from the great Hermann Prey, among others, but this will be a first-time scaling of this mountain in its entirety; an informal recital run-through, offered free of charge, in preparation for a Faculty Recital a week later at McGill, just before the snow starts flying. The performance will last 70 minutes. Members of the congregation and members of the choir are cordially invited to attend.

November 10, 2019: Remembrance Sunday

Prelude: Spitfire Prelude, from *The First of the Few*; Prologue, from *A Wartime Sketchbook* (Walton)

Introit: For the Fallen (Guest)

Anthem: Dirge for two Veterans, from *Dona nobis pacem* (Vaughan Williams)

Postlude: Allegro, from *Symphonie VI* (Widor)

November 17, 2019: Confirmation and Stewardship Sunday

Prelude: Sicilienne, from *Suite*, op. 5 (Durufé)

Introit: Ubi caritas (Durufé)

Anthem: Brich dem Hungrigen dein Brot, BWV 39/1 (Bach)

Postlude: Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons (Durufé)

November 24, 2019: Reign of Christ, and Holy Communion

Prelude: Excerpts from *Vesper Voluntaries* (Elgar)

Setting: Missa Ego Flos Campi (Padilla)

Anthem: Jubilate Deo (Walton)

Motets: Set me as a seal (Walton); O sacram convivium (Tallis)

Postlude: Crown Imperial (Walton/Murrill)

December 1, 2019: First Sunday of Advent

Prelude: Sonata III in d minor, BWV 528 (Bach)

Introit: A Virgin Most Pure (arr. Wood)

Anthem: Gabriel's Message (arr. Clements)

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in g minor, BWV 535 (Bach)

December 8, 2019: Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 & 660 (Bach)

Introit: Lute-Book Lullaby (L'Estrange)

Anthem: The Flight (Causton)

Postlude: Toccata on Veni Emmanuel (Carter)

December 15, 2019: Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude: Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn (Sweelinck)

Introit: Jesus Christ the Apple Tree (Archer)

Anthem: O Magnum mysterium (Woo)

Postlude: Toccata in F major, BWV 540/1 (Bach)

December 22, 2019: Fourth Sunday of Advent (Christmas Family Sunday)

Prelude: Les Bergers, & Les Anges, from *La Nativité du Seigneur* (Messiaen)

Introit: Softly (Todd)

Anthem: This Christmas Night (Williamson)

Postlude: Dieu parmi nous, from *La Nativité du Seigneur* (Messiaen)

December 24, 2019: Christmas Eve, 4:00 p.m. Family Service

A quartet from the choir

December 24, 2019: Christmas Eve, 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

With the full Choir

December 29, 2019: First Sunday after Christmas Day

A soloist from the choir

January 5, 2020: Second Sunday after Christmas Day, Epiphany of the Lord (observed)

A quartet from the choir

Jean-Sébastien Vallée
Conductor

Awards



Clara Maranzano

On May 9, 2019, Clara Maranzano was awarded the Master of Divinity degree and the Diploma of the Presbyterian College – she can now move forward to ordination as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament. During the convocation ceremony, she gave an excellent speech entitled “Student Reflection” and also received the George McLellan Prize in Pastoral Theology.



Edythe Arnott

Another A&P member, Edythe Arnott was also recognized at the Presbyterian College convocation as having completed the Bachelor of Theology degree in partial fulfillment of a Master of Divinity degree. She also won three prizes: Frederick Buechner Prize in Writing; Kydd Prize for Excellence in Masters of Divinity 2; and the Duncan Gordon Prize in Greek.

A Legacy That Sings

Wayne Riddell spoke to McGill about his career and his inspiration for giving back.



Wayne Riddell, BMus'60, DMus'14, has given the joy of music to so many – whether they are singing under his baton or listening in an audience.

Tell us about your eclectic career.

I graduated with a Bachelor of Music in Education and taught in the public school system for four years. For three of those, I saw about 2,600 students a week. I very much wanted to be a teacher but I also wanted to be a performing musician.

Later I studied organ with a very famous organist in Montreal, Kenneth Gilbert, DMus'81, and that was wonderful.

In 1968 I was invited to become a lecturer in Music at McGill, and eventually I became an assistant professor and then a full professor. I was there for 12 years and I really enjoyed my time there. I had a lot of wonderful students.

By that time I had a professional choir, the Tudor Singers of Montreal. They became very well-known and toured all over Canada, Europe and the United States.

I was organist and choirmaster at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. I had 15 very happy years there. Prior to that, I

was at the Erskine and American United Church, which is now Bourgie Hall. I followed a wonderful man who had been one of my teachers at McGill, George Little. I was very fortunate to take over that choir, because they could sing almost anything.

I was also choral master with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra for 10 years, which gave me the opportunity to mount large works that I would never have been able to do on my own because of financial considerations.

In 1986 I gave that all up and I had 15 wonderful years as a freelance musician. I travelled all over, in Canada, in Europe, conducting. That was exciting, because I didn't have to put back every dollar I owned back into the organization.

What is choral life like today in Montreal?

Choral life is more professional today. There are more good choral organizations. They come up with the funds to pay singers. When I was working I had to rely a lot on volunteer singers. We always had a paid core, but most were volunteers who wanted to sing.

In a way it's good with more paid people, because it naturally elevates the standard. The other side of the coin is, where do the people who just want to sing go?

What are the two funds your bequest will support?

The first is the Wayne Riddell Choral Award, established by friends and colleagues when I received my honorary doctorate. It provides an annual scholarship for a student with an interest in choral music.

I feel honored that a scholarship was created in my name. I'm absolutely amazed at how many people have contributed to it. Something that began quite small has become quite big. I'm hoping the same thing will happen with the Norman Beckow Choral Excellence Endowment Fund.

I wanted to do something to perpetuate Norman's name. He loved music, and he particularly loved choral music.

I wanted to create a fund that would allow the Director of Choral Studies to do things like bring in guest artists and guest conductors, or any project that they would not have otherwise had the funds to do. So a couple times a year, there's money to do that extra special thing.

Norman would always do his best to provide the capital needed to make any large project that I was doing happen. A true patron of the arts.

These kind of funds are very important. I got a scholarship when I was a student. They sometimes make the difference between a student being able to come study at McGill or not.

The University can only do so much. Philanthropists provide funds to do things that would not otherwise happen. That's the wonderful thing about it.

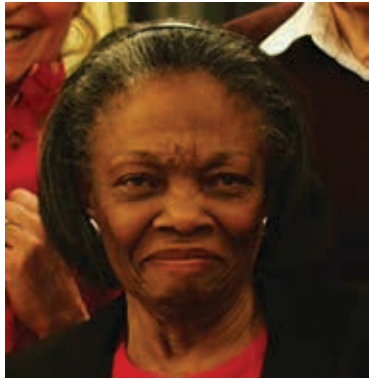
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<https://www.mcgill.ca/giving/why-giving-matters/2019/06/09/legacy-sings>

Dorothy Thomas-Edding

Receives the Honora Shaughnessy McGill Ambassador Award

Named in honour of Honora Shaughnessy, MLS'73, long-serving Executive Director of the McGill Alumni Association, this award is presented to a friend of McGill who has made an exceptional contribution to the University as a role model in fostering friend-raising, loyalty, professionalism and team spirit.



Dorothy Thomas-Edding, DipPT'62, DipOT'63, BScP&OT'64, DipEd'73, MScA'75

It's no small feat to establish a physical therapy school, but that's exactly what Dorothy Thomas-Edding did in her native Jamaica. And what a tribute to McGill's own School of Physical & Occupational Therapy, which she credits for

fostering her passion for her profession.

From 1992 to 1999, Dorothy worked with the utmost professionalism and team spirit in both Montreal and Kingston, Jamaica, with a Canadian International Development Agency grant to establish the school. Based within the University of the West Indies, the school opened in 2001.

Dorothy certainly had the credentials to take on such a project. She is a four-time graduate of McGill's School of Physical & Occupational Therapy where she was a lecturer, professor, and consultant for over thirty years.

Her outstanding dedication to McGill is evident in her roles on Senate and on numerous committees, and also as a Director of the Board of the McGill Women's Alumnae Association, where she is committed to supporting female students with scholarships and bursaries.

She has been duly recognized by physiotherapy and community organizations for her dedication. She was named one of the YWCA's Women of Distinction in 2003 and received a 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal in 1992. In 1993, she was a recipient of an Honorary Membership Award from the Canadian Physiotherapy Association.

In addition to being an exemplary professional, Dorothy is the model of a loyal friend and has always been quick to offer support when needed to both students and fellow professors.

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<https://myalumni.mcgill.ca/s/1762/gid2/interior-connect.aspx?pgid=405&gid=2>

The Fall Fair - Only 2 Weeks Away!

Book your calendar for November 2nd. This year will be our 86th annual Fall Fair. Over one hundred volunteers come together to raise money for worthy charities in our community. These hardworking volunteers collect, set up and sell goods and treasures. Last year, this event raised over \$25,000 and we're aiming for even more this year, so please think about what you can donate to make this year's fair an even bigger success.

We don't sell clothing, but we are on the lookout for most other items, such as children's toys, games, knitted articles, linens, household and decorative items, electronics, musical instruments, china, crystal, silverware, vintage items, books, jewelry, home baking, jams and pickle, as well as Christmas decorations. What better way to declutter your home and help support our partner charities than donating your items to the Fall Fair.

Please leave your items at the church office or contact David Christiani, co-convenor, to make arrangements to collect them. His email is davidchristiani403@gmail.com.

On Saturday, November 2, doors open at 9:30 a.m. and close at 2:30 p.m. A soup, sandwich and dessert lunch will be served in the Iona room for \$10 per person. Tickets will be available for purchase on the day of the fair.

This year's co-conveners are Jeanette Kelly and David Christiani. Their contact information is available in the church directory or you can send them an email at fallfair@standrewstpaul.com. You can also make inquiries at the church office.

Fall Fair Wine and Cheese Party Thursday, October 31 from 5 to 7 p.m.

This gathering is a grand time to meet old friends and make new ones. Top items from the Fall Fair are there for purchase. The wine and cheese are DONATED. All funds go to the Fall Fair. Why not come and bring a friend and make some new church friends?

- Location: Kirk Session Room.
- Reservations: Susan Stevenson (514) 933-2934
- Cost: \$20.00
- <https://www.standrewstpaul.com/events/fall-fair-wine-and-cheese-party-2/>

Jeanette Kelly, Fall Fair Convenor

LIST OF TABLE CONVENERS

Trifles	Adrian Owens
Jewelry	Ann Owens
Treasures	Thea Calder and Judith Kashul
Children's Boutique	Jean Shettler
Books	Roberta Bolton
Christmas Boutique	Margarita Medina-Ibanez
Linens and Lace	Katie Kinnear
Asian Delights	Siska Chen
Bottle Shop	Janet Faith and Tara Wilkie
Plum Puddings	Betty-Jo Christiani
Jams, Jellies and Preserves	Joan Blair
Luncheon	Ian Lamont and Diane Aikens

Celebration of Taizé

Join us on the third Wednesday of the month, from October to June

A very simple reality - Taizé is a small community in the Burgundy region of France and it was there, in the 1940s, that Roger Schütz, popularly known as Brother Roger, a Swiss Protestant of Huguenot ancestry, studied Reformed (i.e. Presbyterian) theology until ill health forced him to abandon his studies. Settling in Taizé, Brother Roger, along with others of many Christian backgrounds, harboured Jewish refugees fleeing occupied Europe. The Taizé community is profoundly ecumenical and remains, to this day, committed to a ministry of reconciliation and peace.

Taizé has attracted thousands of worshipers, Protestants and Catholics alike, from many different denominations. Of those who visit Taizé, many are youth from their late teens to 30-somethings who find "...a calming, quieting, welcome respite...from societies that are drowning in excess."

"It is a time to rest in God, to let the words listened to and sung penetrate one's being."

- Brother John, a Taizé monk

The popularity of Taizé worship has spread to Christian communities around the globe and services follow the order established in France.

A time apart - In this simple, beautiful, candlelit service at The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, we step away from our busy lives to gather quietly in meditative common prayer. Our prayer and contemplation includes reading from Scripture, responsive prayers and the simple, beautiful songs of the Taizé Community in France. Serene and uplifting, the Taizé songs help us to deepen our sense of prayer and of God's presence. We are led by the magnificent voice of our cantor accompanied by the piano or the soft tones of a classical guitar.

Singing is one of the most essential elements of worship. Short songs, repeated again and again, give it a meditative character. Using just a few words, they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer and to remain together in attentive waiting on God. Nothing can replace the beauty of human voices united in song; a deeper meaning of life begins to blossom within us and in our inner being finds unity with God.

To listen to a well-loved Taizé song "Jesus, Remember Me", visit this YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6tVReXsioM&feature=youtu.be>

An important part of our Taizé service is the prayerful lighting of candles. After the Christ candle is lit, we are invited to approach the altar during the singing to light our own candle using the flame of the Christ candle. Then, there is a time for silent contemplation. The voice of God is often heard in a whisper, in a



Taizé Candles

breath of silence, as we remain quietly in God's presence, open to the Holy Spirit.

Services take place at 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month, from October to June (except December). Free-will donations are always appreciated.

Step aside for a while. Come into the light. You are invited.

*Brian Merrett
Elder*

Young Adults Program

The Young Adults Group, which began in September 2018, enjoyed a wonderful first year of fellowship and learning together.

We added some new individuals to the group, two of whom have since become members of the church - **Welcome Aaron Law and Caroline Leamon to our congregation!**

I will once again be participating in **Faith Fairs** at both McGill University in September and Concordia University in October, which will provide me with the unique opportunity of meeting students face to face, and sharing information about our Ministry at the A&P.

This year at the **Discover Spiritual McGill Faith Fair**, I have also been asked to participate in panel discussions on 2 specific areas:

- 1) Self-care: **Sacredness of Self** – a discussion on the intersection of faith-based rituals and practices with the tenets of self-care; and
- 2) Social Justice: **Faith in Action** – a discussion addressing the diverse areas of social justice movements within faith communities and

the unique perspectives they can contribute to equality-based movements.

At both Faith Fairs, invitations will be extended to students to attend our Spaghetti & Beer event (date to be determined). This was a great success last year, so we hope it will once again give us an opportunity to welcome and introduce additional young adults to the A&P.

The **Dinner and Faith Discussion** evenings were a favourite initiative of our group. We held two separate dinners in a private section of the Shanghai Grill Restaurant. This quiet and comfortable setting allowed us to listen to guest speakers, as well as to give the members of the group a chance to share their own thoughts, concerns and views.

Michael Cristofaro was the guest speaker at our first Dinner and Faith Discussion. His presentation was on **Forgiveness** where he shared some very inspirational stories on the power of forgiveness, as well as his own perspective as a Christian.

Patricia and Jay Hewlin were guest speakers at our second Dinner and Faith

Discussion. They shared their **Journeys of Faith** as individuals, as a couple and as parents. Patricia shared her use and tips on using the Bible Concordance in our search for guidance and help. If you are looking for an app to read the bible on your mobile devices, Patricia suggest the following:

<https://www.youversion.com/the-bible-app/>

We thank God for these wonderful Christian role models who came to share their faith with our young adults, and we are planning more of the same in the coming months, with other guest speakers already reserved.

We have a number of other initiatives in the works, such as working in collaboration with Young Adult groups from other congregations and denominations in and around Montreal.

We are kicking off our 2019-2020 program with a dinner/brainstorming meeting at Weinstein & Gavinos, on Friday, September 27.

*Sharon Dworzak, Director
Church School, Youth Group & Young Adults Programs*



Dinner and Faith Discussion

By Land, Sea and Air

A Tribute to 27 Young Men of Our Congregation Who Fought in WWII

Last year, to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, our church published and distributed *Lest We Forget* – a remembrance of lives lost in this tragic war. This year, on Remembrance Day Sunday, November 10, we plan to publish and distribute *By Land, Sea and Air* – a tribute to the 27 men of our congregation who died in World War II. The title underlines the fact that this war was fought not so much by soldiers “in the trenches” but by all three armed services. This book is a collection of stories about the young men of our congregation who died in tanks, on corvettes and in planes. By words and images, we have attempted to bring these brave men to life again – to share not only what they accomplished before and during the war, but their hopes for the future when the world would again be at peace.

Donald Stalker, Lieutenant of the Royal Canadian Engineers

On June 6, 1944, at Juno Beach, Lieutenant Stalker of the Royal Canadian Engineers, was killed in action at age 31. He was the first man from Montreal to be reported as a casualty on the first day of the invasion of Western Europe. Donald was the son of the late Robert M. and Agnes Wilson Stalker of Montreal. He was educated at Montreal High School and employed by the Anglin–Norcross Corporation prior to his enlistment on February 11, 1941. Awarded his commission after training at Brockville and Petawawa, he went overseas in July 1942. The accompanying photo shows this handsome, confident young man, standing hands on hips, before a London landmark in 1943 or '44 (Digital Collection Canadian Virtual War Memorial). He was buried in the Beny-Sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery, France.

R. J. Berlis, Captain of the Black Watch Regiment and Minister of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul

After the horrific events of D-Day, costly battles were fought to free Normandy and open the way to Paris. The Black Watch of Canada (BWC) arrived in France early in July 1944 and was soon under fire. Less than ten days before the heroic but tragic Battle of Verrieres Ridge, the regimental padre, Captain R. J. Berlis, became the first Black Watch officer to be wounded in France. Struck down as he was burying the fallen, his hearing in one ear was perma-

nently damaged. Padre Berlis continued to serve throughout the war. R.J. Berlis was called to be minister of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul in 1946, succeeding The Reverend George Donald.

Stuart S.T. Cantile, Colonel of the Black Watch of Canada Regiment

On July 25, 1944, one of the bloodiest battles in the history of the Black Watch occurred at Verrieres Ridge. Of the approximately 325 men who advanced up the ridge that day, only 16 made it back. The regiment's Colonel, Stuart S.T. Cantile, was killed in the early morning just before the attack began. His name appears on our war memorial plaque.

While initial reports were filled with talk of victory, there was a growing dread at home that something terrible had happened to “our regiment”. Two months after the bitter sacrifice of that day, the regimental chaplain of the Black Watch gave an Address of Tribute at Percival Molson Stadium for all the men of the Black Watch who fell during the invasion of France.

John Samuel Bryson, Pilot Officer, R.A.F.

On September 24, 1940, Spitfire Ace John Samuel Bryson was last seen making a solo attack on a large formation of Messerschmitt 109s. A hero of the Battle of Britain, he was a nephew of John Henderson Samuel, a member of our congregation who had died 55 years earlier. John was also a young soldier who was accidentally shot while on duty with the Victoria Rifles, on

October 3, 1885. Like “Butch” Bryson, he was in his mid-twenties. A stained-glass window was erected in his memory at St. Paul's Church, on Dorchester Street and then transferred to our church in 1930. Our tour guides often point out this window to visitors, because to the left of Jesus stand two fully armed centurions. They are said to be the likeness of John Henderson Samuel and one of the window's donors, Alex McFee. Their luxurious moustaches (forbidden to Roman soldiers) give them away. At the base of the window there is a plaque which reads in part:

This tablet is erected in memory of Pilot Officer John Samuel Bryson, R.A.F., He was the nephew of John Henderson Samuel, whom this window commemorates Greater love hath no man than this

Learn more about the participation of members of our congregation in WWII by reading *By Land, Sea and Air*, planned for publication and distribution during our Remembrance Day Worship Service on November 10, 2019. An astonishing 248 of our members volunteered for active service, 25 of whom were women. The book recounts stories of the 27 who were fatally wounded and died during the fighting.

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Below: Royal Canadian Engineers Crest

Right: Donald Stalker, Lieutenant of the Royal Canadian Engineers



Bryson Memorial Stained-Glass Window



Above: R. J. Berlis, Captain of the Black Watch Regiment and Minister of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul

Right: Black Watch Crest



Above: Stuart S.T. Cantile, Colonel of the Black Watch of Canada Regiment

Right: Black Watch Crest



Gloria Vheremu, Our New Archivist

Organizing over 200 Years of Documents

If you haven't as yet met Gloria, it is not surprising! Weekdays, she is tucked away in our church basement classifying our large collection of church archives. Gloria was born and raised in Zimbabwe – a landlocked country south of the Sahara, in southern Africa. She arrived in Canada two years ago. In June this year, she graduated from McGill University where she completed a Master of Information Science degree with a focus in Data Analytics.

Her job, as our church archivist, involves sorting through church documents and determining what needs to be preserved. Next, she creates files, entering the inventory in an electronic database. Then she stores away the physical files in cabinets. This might sound fairly simple, but actually, it is not! The information in the archives dates back to the 1800s and contains hundreds of copies of minutes, charities, sermons, order of services, newspaper articles, weddings, funerals, memorial services, special events, and much more.

After working in the church archives for only three weeks, she had already sorted through a vast amount of information. This left her with a heightened level of curiosity about the plethora of documents still waiting to be classified.

For those unfamiliar with the contents of our church's archives, Gloria prepared the following list of her favorites:

Black Watch: On her first day at work, Don Kelly provided a tour of the church to explain its history and relationship with the Royal Highland Regiment of Canada, known as the Black Watch. Later, Gloria was amazed to find so much information in the archives about the regiment and, in particular, documents and photos in regard to the two visits to of Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, commander-in-chief of the Black Watch, to our church, as well as articles written about the Star of David in the Black Watch Window honouring Lieutenant "Mac" Cohen.

Amalgamation of the churches: The archives also contain the history of both St. Andrew's and St. Paul's churches before they united in 1919, the legal documents for the union and how the assets, including stained-glass windows, church furnishings, even cemetery plots, were consolidated into one congregation.

Church Procedures: There is a vast amount of information in regard to church protocol – election of officials, calling a minister, etc. – together with the reports of search committees. The archives also contain past minutes, resumes, biographies and other information that should prove invaluable to future committees.

Memorial Windows: The fascinating history of our stained-glass windows is to be found in the archives. The raising



of money as well as the raising of the Clerestory windows in the 1960s, together with correspondence between the artist, Lawrence Lee, Dr. Berlis, the minister, and Justice Miller Hyde, the convenor, as well as decisions as to the placement of and architectural restrictions on the older windows from the Dorchester Street church.

Other archives include accounts of the work of the Women's Missionary Society, Fall Fair, Guild, Church School, Quiet Garden; the original Registers, Minutes of Kirk Session and Trustees; and recordings of church services back to Dr. Donald's day.

Please welcome Gloria as she travels through the past putting order to our historical documents.

Heritage Committee

Seeing Our History through Art – Continued from our Spring 2019 Issue

One of the Finest Paintings in Kildonan Hall

I would like to introduce you to a portrait of the Reverend James Barclay, who served as minister of St. Paul's Church for seventeen years, from 1883 to 1910. After retiring, he stayed on as minister emeritus of that congregation and also became minister of the newly formed Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul until 1920.

Born in Paisley, Scotland in 1844 and educated in Edinburgh and Glasgow, Barclay was especially noted for his fine preaching, which filled the pews to bursting each Sunday. Among his claims to fame was the request from Queen Victoria to preach at Balmoral in Scotland on three occasions, while he was serving in Montreal. In 1903, on the twentieth anniversary of Reverend

Barclay's induction into St. Paul's Church, the congregation commissioned this portrait of their beloved minister from artist J. Colin Forbes.

In the painting, Reverend Barclay is seated, the volume of his black robe filling the chair. One hand is casually resting on the chair arm and the other holds a book, as befits a learned preacher, his finger

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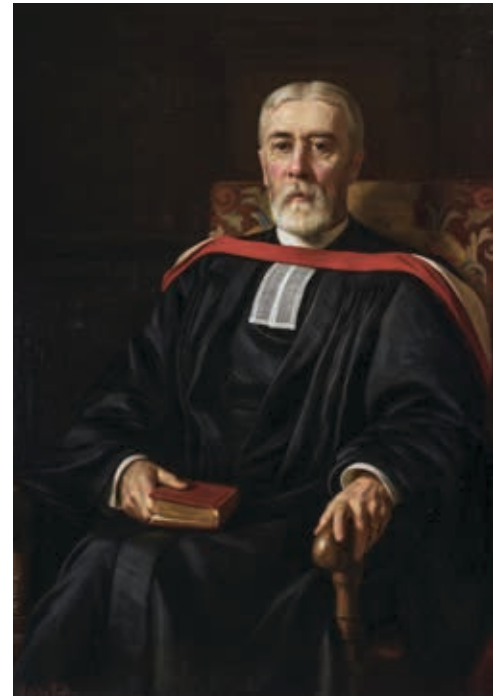
inserted at a page so as not to lose his place while reading—a gesture we also see in the more relaxed photograph of the clergyman, displayed in our church corridor.

J. Colin Forbes (1846-1925), a well-known Toronto society portraitist, was perhaps an odd choice when Montreal had its own group of accomplished portrait artists. But Forbes was renowned for his paintings of British and Canadian politicians, including Canada's prime minister Sir John A. MacDonald (c.1890) and Sir Wilfrid Laurier (1893). (These portraits are in the National Gallery of Canada collection). An accomplished member of the Royal Canadian Academy, Forbes carefully painted every detail in Barclay's portrait, from the sparkle

of his spectacles and gold wedding ring to each hair of the clergyman's distinctive beard and mustache. A recent cleaning of this painting brought out the reverend's ruddy complexion, the vibrant dash of red from his doctoral cape, and the decorative leaf scrolls of the chair upholstery.

The members of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul were saddened when Barclay returned to Scotland shortly before his death in 1920, and a large stained-glass window by the Ballantyne firm in Edinburgh was commissioned in his memory.

Rosalind Pepall
Photograph by Brian Merrett



A Message from Our New Volunteer Facilitator - Jacqueline McClaran MD

Enhancing Our Sense of Community through Volunteerism



To My Dear Family of St. Andrew and St. Paul - It is such a pleasure to be part of our fellowship, my spiritual home since 1972. This is particularly true now, as I retire from 47 years of clinical practice, and enter the home stretch toward a Theology degree at McGill.

It is a great privilege to have been invited by our Minister to serve as facilitator for volunteers, and to provide support for participation in our church. In these first weeks of work, I am finding the learn-

ing curve very steep! First of all, I had no idea how many wonderful activities and initiatives are being undertaken every day, to support our own church family, to reach out and help others, and simply to have a lot of fun! I am also amazed at how many talented and dedicated brothers and sisters I have!

My first efforts are aimed at meeting with every church group and committee or chairperson, to learn more about their goals and objectives, and the results they hope to achieve. The array of mission statements in and of themselves is proving to be so inspiring! I am also learning about the many uplifting and inspiring opportunities we, as mere mortals, are offered within our community - to participate, contribute, and to enhance the work of the church!

I will be in church most Wednesday mornings, and available by phone and email for most of the week. I am happy to meet with all of our church groups and volunteers to learn more, and to consider what contributions I personally can make.

But most all, I want to meet as many members and adherents of our congregation as possible, in addition to the occasional attendees, in order to help steer people towards an area where their skills, interests and joy can be integrated into the work of our church family. Many people will find opportunities to serve for just a few hours each year; others will choose a one-time opportunity to participate in a particular event; and yet others will commit to a specific area such as serving on a committee for a 3-5 year period, with the notion of participating in succession planning to ensure continuity, which will allow the work initiated to be burnished and carried forward in new directions by the next person!

Please feel free to educate and guide me. I look forward to meeting everyone!

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Youth Group



SonRise Service

Our Youth Group continues to be an integral part of the life of our church. They prepared and participated in our beautiful Easter morning **SonRise Service** with the encouragement of our minister and Music Department. For many members of our congregation, attending this service has become part of their Easter traditions. Our Youth Group also prepared the service, composed the prayers, shared in the readings and included a dramatization of the Easter story. After the service, they hosted a Pancake Breakfast for everyone, once again prepared by Iain Lamont. These young people spent a good part of their Saturday preparing for this service and were back at the church at 7:30am Easter Sunday – I consider that immensely commendable for a group of teens!!!

In May, our group enjoyed a visit to an **Escape** venue where they had to work together in solving a mystery and ultimately free themselves from captivity. This activity



Solving a Mystery in the Quest Room

involved teamwork, ingenuity, cooperation, patience and creativity. It was great fun, and although we did not successfully “escape”, we did a pretty good job in figuring out most of the puzzle, making our way through a few levels!

On June 14 and 15, our Youth Group participated once again in the **Canadian Cancer Relay for Life** raising money for cancer research. We gathered for dinner in the Old Port to set up our camp on Friday at 5pm, commenced the Relay at 7pm, and walked throughout the night until 7am Saturday morning. We were blessed with a lovely evening – a little chilly, but gratefully dry!! We walked, laughed, munched on snacks, played Bingo, watched a movie, and napped, as we took turns walking, making certain at least 2 members of the team were on the track. Our young people have participated and cherished this event for many years, and plan to do it again in 2020. Thank you all for your tremendous support and generosity in providing donations!

In May and early June our Youth Group began preparations for **Vacation Bible School**. They organized teams, chose leaders for particular groups and responsibilities, planned the decor, crafts, science projects, games and theme days. All of their advance preparations resulted in another successful and amazing VBS program!!

Our team of 24 counsellors welcomed over 60 campers during the 2 weeks of VBS in July!! We welcomed back children who had attended VBS in previous years, as well as many new children joining us for the first time. These amazing counsel-



Vacation Bible School

lors made everyone immediately feel welcome, which was the feedback I continually received from parents. One parent, in particular, told me that it was the perfect transition and preparation for her son who was heading from Day Care to Kindergarten in September.

This year's program was **To Mars and Beyond** where we explored God's power. Along the journey, the children discovered a new realm of possibilities as they encountered God's limitless power and love. Through lessons, songs, themed crafts and science, we focused on five particular Bible stories and how they could help the children in their daily lives and faith journey. Each session included Bible stories to illustrate the word of the day. They learned about Daniel (**Faith**), Queen Esther (**Boldness**), The Good Samaritan (**Kindness**), Jesus Healing 10 Lepers (**Thankfulness**) and Jesus Comforting Friends on the way to Emmaus (**Hope**).

It was a delightful and successful two weeks thanks to the collaboration, hard work, cooperation, patience and love of children from so many!! I would like to extend my tremendous gratitude to our incredible counsellors, my husband Art, Cindy, Peter, Jason, Sue, Sandy, Jonathan, our Ministers, Session and the congregation for your constant enthusiasm and support. May God bless you all!

Exciting Follow-Up!!

You may remember in the spring issue of Inside Out, we highlighted the amazing accomplishment of one of our Youth Group

Church School

members, **Adelka Felcarek-Hope**. She had won an astounding number of awards for her science project in which she created a cellulose-based biodegradable plastic made out of Phaeophyceae algae. A grade 10 student at the time, she had placed first and won Gold at the Montreal Regional Science & Technology Fair, beating out CEGEP & University students, and was selected to compete in Quebec's Provincial Science Fair representing Montreal. She carried on to qualify in representing the Province of Quebec in the National Science Fair, known as the Canada-wide Science Fair. Qualifying for this competition was remarkable in itself, since only the top 0.1% of all Canadian science projects qualify to compete each year...**Adelka won the silver medal!** Congratulations Adelka, we are so proud of you!

Upcoming Events

- **September 29: Lunch; Presentation on Special Needs Camp "Trails of Summer Guest Speaker, Jaycie Dworzak, Student at McGill University**
- **October 20: Preparations for Pumpkin Ball**
- **October 25: Pumpkin Ball**

Sharon Dworzak

Director of Church School, Youth Group & Young Adults Programs



Pancake Breakfast



Annual Cabane à Sucre

Welcome back everyone, as we look forward to the year ahead!! There have been many wonderful Church School events and blessings to report on, that have taken place since the spring issue of Inside Out.

In April over 90 attended our **Annual Cabane à Sucre** at Sucrerie de la Montagne. We were blessed with a warm and beautiful sunny day and welcomed visitors from Maine, New York, Hawaii and Switzerland who joined us with their families from the A&P, most of whom had never been to a "Sugar Shack" before. It was a wonderful time of fun and fellowship for all ages – from little ones under a year old to a special lady in her nineties who celebrates her birthday with us every year at the Cabane à Sucre!!

Over the Easter season, the Church School children took part in a number of ways – the entire Church School, including teachers processed into the sanctuary at the beginning of the **Palm Sunday Service** waving palms to the delight of the congregation, and during the service, the younger children sang a lovely song under the direction of Alexandra Asher.

On Easter Sunday, the children participated in the **Spiritual Walk** set up in the Iona Room. Many members of the congregation also participated in this Easter activity before and after the service. It has become a tradition that many have

come to look forward to – a time to quietly reflect on the sacrifice Jesus made for us, that we may have eternal life.

In May, we enjoyed a delicious **Mother's Day Breakfast** thanks to the "ever faithful" Iain Lamont, who has been preparing our Mother's Day breakfast for well over 15 years!! God bless you Iain!! During the breakfast we were entertained by many of our talented children. Some of the older children also read poems dedicated to their mothers and the special women in their lives. In addition, mothers with their children participated in the service by ushering and reading the lessons.

We closed the 2018-2019 Church School Program on June 2nd, at our **Church School Celebration and Honouring Fathers Sunday**. A number of our teachers and students participated in the church service. Students ushered with their fathers, while the readings were shared by me and Michel Poitras, one of our Church School teachers. The younger children, once again under the direction of Alex, performed another wonderful song. After the service in Kildonan Hall, the Church School hosted lunch for the congregation where many of our children and youth promoted the upcoming Vacation Bible School by singing their favorite VBS songs. A great time was had by all!!

Thanks to the dedication of our teachers, Church School continued every Sunday

throughout the summer months with an open class for children ages 5 through 10.

The highlight of the summer, of course, was another exciting and successful **Vacation Bible School!!** We welcomed over 60 children this year and thanks to an awesome group of counsellors, most from our Youth Group, the children had a wonderful two weeks! Details of VBS can be found in the Youth Group Report.

Our 2019-2020 program is well under way, and we kicked off the year with a **Welcome Back Breakfast** for our dedicated teachers, without whom the Church School would not be able to function or flourish. I thank God for every one of them!!

Our first event of this year's program was a delightful visit to the Quinn Farm for apple and pumpkin picking!! Two busloads headed off for a **Day at the Farm** to enjoy wagon rides, an animal farm, music, delicious baked goods, a picnic and a special playground for the little ones. What was most exciting about this event for me, was that every demographic of the congregation was represented in the group of approximately 80 people!!! Church School, Youth Group, Young Adults, VBS campers, the Choir, Elders, members and non-members of our congregation joined together for a beautiful 'summer-like' day of fun and fellowship. We look forward to many more inclusive events!!

Please note these upcoming events:

- **October 25: Pumpkin Ball**
- **December 1: Annual Christmas Pageant and Family Christmas Dinner**

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Day at the Farm



Church School Celebration



Mother's Day Breakfast



Vacation Bible School



Honouring Fathers



Welcome Back Breakfast



Relay for Life