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Inside•Out

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COVID-19 Outbreak

A Message from Our Minister

Sadly and reluctantly, but to ensure your health and safety, we have closed our church services physically but are continuing to conduct our worship services online. Because of the nature of this pandemic we are uncertain as to when things might be able to return to normal, so we are revising our position every two weeks in accordance with government guidelines. We do hope however to keep you updated with our progress as best as we are able.

Please check your email inboxes and our website regularly for updates:
standrewstpaul.com

The Reverend Dr. Glenn Chestnutt, Lead Minister

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Greetings from the Minister

Reaching Out to Our Community



The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul has kept a faithful witness on Sherbrooke Street for decades. In that time, it has been a place of safety, support, and inspiration for those who have faced war, economic depression, and political upheaval as well as many personal issues. It continues to do so today. This church is a place where questions can be asked and where we can bring our feelings and concerns. It is a place of hope and a place where we find support to know that we do not face life's difficulties, despair and sorrows alone.

One event which I think exemplifies this ethos was the vigil we held on February 8th, 2020 as part of our suicide prevention week. 'And I Kept on Living' reached out to people in our city who are possibly journeying with suicide, mental illness and the stigma associated with both. At one point during the vigil, people were invited to come to the wall of our chapel and tie a yellow ribbon onto the iron fencing to symbolize possible grief, hope or memory. So many people came forward that we ran out of ribbons.

This edition of *Inside Out* considers the topic of reaching out to people in our city.

As we consider this, I am reminded of a story about a congregation's experience in Germany. During the Second World War the Church of St. Ludgeri, Münster suffered damage from bombing and the Jesus on the crucifix lost both arms. After the end of the war the church was repaired but the congregation decided to leave the crucifix without the arms. Instead they inscribed on the cross 'I have no other hands but yours'.

We are all called to become the hands of Christ. We are all called to get involved in Christ's ministry to our world. 'And I Kept on Living' illustrates how we as a Christian community are reaching out with Christ's hands to the people of our city. May this faithful witness continue as The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul moves into the third decade of the twenty-first century.

Your minister and friend,
Glenn

From the Church Registrar

Funerals and Memorials



Marjorie (Mardee) Cork
March 18, 2019

Florence Ahmed
December 13, 2019

Elizabeth Durnford
February 7, 2020

Grant Gehlsen
May 6, 2019

Paul Hutchison
January 25, 2020

Christine McIlreavy
February 21, 2020

Stephen Angus
May 24, 2019

Elizabeth Teryazos
January 28, 2020

Baptisms



Vivian Jennifer Carru
December 22, 2019

Nicolas Arthur Green
January 26, 2020

Marriages



**Walid Tohme and
Lydiane Lessard**
October 12, 2019

A&P's Search for an Associate Minister

Progress Update and Details Regarding Next Steps

At the conclusion of the comprehensive What's Next Appreciative Inquiry process, our Kirk Session accepted the final report and agreed to form a search committee to undertake the required efforts to find a new Associate Minister with the skills necessary to help us grow within our local community and minister to the needs of our congregation. A nominating committee suggested eight elders and eight other members of the congregation who were subsequently accepted by the Kirk Session. This newly formed committee selected Mandy Moreno and Sheila Jacob as its co-convenors and the following individuals were named ex officio members - The Reverend Ian Fraser, our Presbytery Representative and Interim Associate Minister; The Reverend Dr. Glenn Chestnutt, our Lead Minister; Jonathan Oldengarm, Director of Music; and Sharon Dworzak, Director of Church School, Youth Group and Young Adults Program. This very large group was formed in order to ensure that all of our congregation's needs are considered.

Much thought and care has gone into creating a job description and a congregational profile; two documents that will be provided to potential candidates interested in this position. Many hours were spent on finding the exact words to express our church's needs and the skills the committee felt would be required to meet the ongoing mission of our congregation. These documents were completed and accepted at the Kirk Session meeting at the beginning of March. These documents have been approved by the Presbytery of Montreal and the committee is currently promoting this position and interviewing potential candidates.

Certainly this call is one that must be approached, not only in accordance and respecting the protocols of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, but also requiring prayerful discernment and patience. The Search Committee is devoted and committed to finding the best possible candidate to fulfil this important role in our congregation.

*Mandy Moreno & Sheila Jacob
Co-convenors, Search Committee*



Mandy Moreno



Sheila Jacob

Bolstering Volunteerism at A&P

Enhancing Our Sense of Community through Volunteerism



Dear Fellow Members and Adherents. In the recently published book entitled *8 Virtues of Rapidly Growing Churches*, Matt Miofsky and Jason Byassee affirm that integrating new people quickly is essential for church growth.

As volunteer facilitator, I would like to encourage everyone in our congregation (especially those in charge of various activities and events) to be most welcoming, as well as alert to interest shown on the part of potential volunteers. It is so important to put them to work right away so they feel part of our church family. You can call them, include them in planning meetings as observers, or invite them to "shadow" your work. "Shadowing" is a suggestion that comes from Diana Aikens who meticulously pours wine into the tiny communion cups and then washes these little goblets after each communion service. This task takes skill and organization, and is best learned through show

and tell. So let us strike while the iron is hot, welcome our newcomers and involve them right away. If you find it is not a good fit, redirect them to another work group, and please let me know so I can follow it up. Together we can find a home for everyone in our church family! In sharing our missions with our new visitors and volunteers, we are "REACHing-IN" as well as "REACHing -OUT"!

*With joy,
Dr. Jacqueline McClaran
Volunteer Facilitator
514-512-6280 or 514-750-0280*

Ministry Committee Initiatives

Educating and Engaging on a Spiritual Level



Suicide Prevention Candlelight Vigil ribbons

A quick Google search defines “to minister” as “When you minister to someone, you take care of them”. This meaning of minister — both as a noun and as a verb — contains a grain of the original Latin meaning, “servant”. With this definition in mind, the Ministry Committee of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul looks to meet some of the needs of the congregation by developing initiatives that

educate and engage on a spiritual level. Although we embrace many of our traditions, we also seek out new and innovative ways to meet the needs of the congregation. Dialogue is an important part of this and we welcome suggestions and innovation from within our committee and from the congregation at large.

The Ministry Committee is made up of members of our congregation who have

come together to share their ideas and talents. We encourage and support each other as we work together to find ways to keep Christ’s teachings vibrant in our lives while also nourishing our own souls.

Over the last year, we have hosted several ‘Lunch and Learn’ events that have been of interest to different segments of our membership, as well as first-time visitors to our church. During these events we have invited members of our congregation who are specialists in their field, to address what we have identified as relevant issues such as stress, anxiety and depression in youth; substance abuse and how it affects the brain; and concrete and practical information on how to recognize when someone might be at risk for suicide and how to help them. Other examples include collaborations during city-wide initiatives such as “Projection Week”; an innovative way to help us consider how we would like our walk through life to finally unfold. We partnered with the Mount Royal Funeral Services to explore Christian funerals and other end-of-life rituals. Some of our more hands-on initiatives have included preparing for Christmas in our homes by inviting people to a workshop to make their own real balsam wreaths. All to say, the topics have varied a great deal!

We also collaborated with the A&P Music Department to organize the very beautiful and moving “And I Kept on Living” Candlelight Vigil, consulting with professionals on how to responsibly build awareness around suicide.

These initiatives have allowed us an opportunity to bond as a community of Christ. Often, newcomers and congregants walk into an event together. Throughout the afternoon or evening, they engage with each other and exchange information. Sometimes, they laugh or shed a tear. They pray together and more times than not leave spiritually enriched.

Please visit our website for news on upcoming events: standrewstpaul.com

*Bobbie Cristofaro,
Chair, Ministry Committee*

The Guild Supports Needs

Both Inside and Outside of Our Church



Guild executives

For the last 86 years, the Guild has been organizing the Fall Fair. This major annual fundraiser requires close to 100 volunteers and takes almost an entire year to collect items to sell, as well as organize and run the event. Funds raised are donated to various organizations, such as Elizabeth House, Generations Foundation, Montreal Diet Dispensary, the Montreal Children's Library, the Senior Support Group Program of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Homes Foundation and several other charities.

The Guild also works to foster a sense of community within the congregation by offering and organizing programs of fellowship including various receptions, lunches and dinners. In addition, for many years, the Guild has helped finance several church projects such as recovering the pew cushions, resurfacing the floor in Kildonan Hall and refurbishing the table and chairs in the Kirk Session Room. Funds were also given to support the Church School Christmas Pageant, the Flower Fund and the Ten Ministers Fund.

If you are a newcomer or someone who has been part of our congregation for a long time but never considered getting involved in the Guild's many activities, please do so. As so many of the volunteers that come every year to work at the Fall Fair confirm: "Not only will you have fun, but you will walk away knowing that you have helped some of Montreal's most dedicated organizations that are looking after those who are hungry, neglected, sick, abused, homeless and forgotten in our city."

*Joan Blair and Betty Christiani
The Guild*

An Extraordinary Event

What Heritage Sunday and Taste of the Nations Means to Me

When I think of Heritage Sunday, the following Bible verse comes to mind: "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1 (NIV). As I stand at the front of the sanctuary and watch so many church friends walk up the aisle, each carrying representative flags from their countries of origin, I think of my own background and homeland, and the happiness I feel here with these people who share my aspirations. I also recall joyfully the curious and enthusiastic faces of the children and adolescents that gathered in the Memorial Tower to watch our flag bearers prepare to carry their colourful flags into the sanctuary.

A second wave of emotion overtakes me when our prayers are said in multiple languages, communicating the powerful messages of unity and love that God

wishes for all his children. The opportunity to experience peace together in this large group is extraordinary.

The next highlight of this very special event occurs when I arrive in Kildonan Hall and see the amazing assortment of dishes lovingly prepared by members of our congregation to introduce us all to their countries' traditional cuisine. I have the impression of being in one of the most exclusive restaurants with the highest quality of food.

This once-a-year event reminds me of Jesus feeding the crowd in Matthew 15:35-37 (NIV): "He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. They all ate and were satisfied." I am so glad to be part of this celebration

and grateful to my team for helping me recreate what the crowd following Jesus that day must have felt – love and unity.

*Margarita Medina-Ibanez
Chair, Mission and Outreach Committee*



Margarita and a member of her flock, Gabriel Valenzuela, participating at the reception.

A Dinner with Friends

Sharing a Meal at the Native Friendship Centre of Montreal



Maurene overseeing meal preparation



Kitchen prep team

On Wednesday, January 29, 2020, members of our Twinning Sub-Committee, which is part of our Mission and Outreach Committee, once again provided and shared dinner with our Indigenous friends at the Native Friendship Centre of Montreal (NFCM). This centre, located at the corner of St-Laurent and Ontario, is a non-profit organization that provides services to the urban Indigenous population of Montreal and to those passing through the city in relation to health, social services, legal, orientation, information, education, training, and employment referrals.

Under the guidance of Maurene White, a happy group of helpers prepared breaded fish, wild rice, salad, pickles and an apple crumble dessert with ice cream in our kitchen. This food was delivered to the NFCM and, with the assistance of the centre's staff, dinner was served to 60+ hungry friends.

Inspired by The Reverend Stewart Folster, retired director of the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry in Saskatchewan and a long-time friend of our congregation, A&P's Twinning Sub-Committee continues to reach out to Montreal's Indigenous population with plans for similar

activities. For more information about this mission, in support of Canada's renewed search for reconciliation, please contact Dr. Sheila Jacob, Chair the Twinning Sub-Committee, or any of its members.

*Keith Randall,
Member, Mission and Outreach Committee*

Music at A&P



A Retrospective

The first half of our 2019-20 season brought moments of joy, sorrow and beauty to our church family and

the broader community. The Sunday service music in September celebrated the rich contributions of LGBTQ+ people to sacred music: we chose this as an extra-musical theme for the month to observe the 50th anniversary of Canada's 1969 move to decriminalize homosexuality. As I write, we have just concluded our second themed month of the season (February), in which we have presented many works by composers of African descent, in honour of Black History Month.

Our first major special service of the Fall was on Saturday, October 27, when the choir scaled the Mount Everest of Russian Orthodox church music, singing Sergei Rachmaninoff's All-Night Vigil, popularly (but only partially correctly) known as the Vespers. Guests from a variety of denominational traditions joined us to read the scripture lessons, making for a grand ecumenical celebration of the many points that unite us.

Our second major musical event was the annual benefit concert for the Maison du Parc, one of Montreal's last remaining AIDS hospices. Members of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra Players' Association joined our choir and soloists in a memorable performance of a new completion of Mozart's Requiem, composed by the American Gregory Spears. Why complete a masterpiece by one of the greatest, you might ask? When Mozart died prematurely in 1791, he left his Requiem incomplete. However, his widow Constanze desperately needed the as-yet-unpaid commission fee, and could not risk having the deal with the patron fall through. She engaged the services of Süßmayr, an excellent student of Mozart's, to complete the composition anonymously, so as to preserve the market value of the piece. Süßmayr did his best, but he was no Mozart. The problems with that final version have

troubled the music world ever since, and many composers and musicologists over the years have attempted to improve on Süßmayr's work, with varying degrees of success. Most have aimed to copy the Mozart style as closely as possible, but Spears decided this was an impossible task, given the passage of time and Mozart's towering genius. Spears thus set out to compose brand new versions, in a modern musical language, of those passages left incomplete by Mozart. (A good architectural analogy would be a glass-and-steel extension on a Georgian mansion.) A large and appreciative audience welcomed this, the first Canadian performance, with open minds and ears.

On the second Sunday of December we hosted the 40th edition of the CBC Christmas Sing-In, an annual landmark in Montreal's cultural scene. An over-capacity audience filled both the church and Bourgie Hall, with a record amount (nearly \$9,000.00) raised for the Montreal Children's Library. In addition to the usual warm Christmas musical fare, we also included a social justice theme around the refugee crisis. Our performance of Causton's "The Flight", and the surprise participation of the EMSB (English Montreal School Board) Choir, left few dry eyes in the church.

The 47th edition of Carols by Candlelight, and both Christmas Eve services, were further resounding successes both musically and in terms of attendance.

At the beginning of February, we presented a deeply moving vigil to raise awareness around the theme of suicide prevention. The church's choir and music staff were joined by many of the congregation's young adults, who read scripture and original texts around this difficult topic. Counsellors from Suicide Action Montreal were on hand to lend a listening ear to anyone who felt the need to talk.

In addition to our own "in-house" services and concerts, our church also hosted concerts and events presented by many other organizations, including Les amis de l'orgue de Montréal, McGill University's organ studio and historical brass studio, Medici, and the Montreal Bach Festival.

Despite the increasing secularism of our society, it is clear that our church's beautiful music, liturgy, building, and warmly welcoming community are still relevant to thousands of people. We have a unique and privileged ministry that reaches across boundaries of language, creed and age. With the support of saints past and present, may we continue to reach out and make a difference in our community, for the glory of God and the edification of all people.

Jonathan Oldengarm
Director of Music

A Remarkable Work of Collaboration

A Behind the Scenes Look at Producing our Online Sunday Services



Stratsi's Home-Based Production Studio

The process starts with a worship and music planning meeting early in the week to coordinate all of the participants and their content. Jonathan Oldengarm, Organist and Director of Music, records the music planned for the service and then sends the audio and video accompaniment to the individual singers and other musicians for their contributions, and to Jean-Sébastien Vallée, Conductor, who, for larger virtual choir numbers, provides a silent “conducting” track. William Duffy helps compiling and editing the many files that are produced and then sent for further processing. It is incredible to think that the musicians, conductor and choir members often have no rehearsal time together and are still able to produce the beautiful music that we hear each Sunday morning and throughout the week as Songs of Hope.

Simultaneously, our ministers, scripture readers, and other contributors are busy preparing and recording their portions of the service. Each week, our ministers, the Reverend Dr. Glenn Chestnutt and the Reverend Ian Fraser, create heartfelt sermons and prayers that speak directly to our concerns and fears as we continue to be self-isolated and at risk of contracting the Covid-19 virus. Scripture readers of all ages record their readings using their smart phones or tablets and send these video clips off to our production team. Special recordings are created or reused from previous videos of familiar components of our Order of Service. Careful thought is given to providing a familiar Sunday worship service to offer a small dose of normality during the week as we all miss gathering together in the church building. Special consideration is also given to the many new YouTube viewers who return each week to join us online. More French is included in the service and viewers from around the world are welcomed. Committees submit their weekly announcements to Susan Knell, Church Secretary, and Sandy Steadman, Church Office Manager

by Tuesday so that Jean-Sébastien can record the announcements portion of the service.

Thursday is the deadline for all video submissions. Stratsi Dimitrov, Video Producer, then starts the complicated technical process of assembling the service following the Order of Service. With Jean-Sébastien’s artistic direction, they add photos and video clips of the church building, the choir, our congregation, the city of Montreal, and other relevant photos and video clips to enhance the message. Once everything is aligned and tested, the video is uploaded to YouTube, which generally takes place about mid-day on Saturday. To reach the level of excellence that our congregation has come to expect takes many hours to align the music and the voices to blend perfectly. The virtual Hallelujah Chorus sung by 34 choristers and accompanied by 3 musicians required more than 50 hours of production time!

The final step of the process is completed by Johnty Wang, Communications Coordinator, and yours truly, Gwen Tracy, Chair, Communications Committee. The A&P website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts are updated and an email notification (known as either an eBlast or eNews) is created and sent to our congregation and friends of the church. All of these communication tools provide a direct link to the video for all those who wish to attend the service on Sunday at 11 a.m. or view it at a later time.

It has been amazing to see how easily our entire congregation transitioned so quickly to meeting online for our worship services and church meetings and how grateful we are to have the technology that makes this all possible.

Gwen Tracy
Chair, Communications Committee

The Attack of the EAB Beetle

An Opportunity to Renew Our Quiet Garden

In 2008, the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) beetle started to infect several varieties of ash trees in Quebec. Over the last seven years, the ash trees in our own Quiet Garden began showing signs of this disease such as crown dieback, bark deformities and the loss of branches. Experts told us that unfortunately these signs and symptoms are not obvious until populations of the beetle are well established when it is too late to save the trees. Therefore, in the summer of 2019, the church hired a firm to cut down our ash trees, which has significantly changed the amount of light that reaches our flower beds and left several large tree stumps in the garden. This new environment has prompted our team of volunteer gardeners to rise to the challenge and start planning to include new annual and perennial flowers and bushes that grow well in partial and full sunshine. If you would like to participate in this renewal of our Quiet Garden, please contact Don Kelly to arrange to donate plants or bulbs once the spring season is underway. Donations of time and money are also gratefully accepted.

Don Kelly
Leader, Quiet Garden Group



Gardening team hard at work



**Clockwise from left:
north view, west view
and south view of the
garden**





Church Interior - view with side lights

Behind Closed “Church” Doors

A Look at What is Happening In and Around Our Church During the Lockdown

Have you ever wondered what it must be like to wander the hallways of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul when no one is there but you? I recently spoke by telephone with Mr. Peter Sabourin, Church Officer, responsible for the security and maintenance of our church building and grounds as well as our Beadle* who brings the Bible to the lectern before the service to remind us that our worship is centred on the Word of God. We started our conversation with a discussion about the church bell. On April 24th, Peter climbed 100 steps up

to the bell tower with his heavy duty hearing protectors to record the ringing of our bell in remembrance of the 22 victims of the Nova Scotia shooting rampage. A&P's bell is powered by electricity, so with the help of a remote controller, Peter activated the bell. He was astounded by the experience - the sound was overwhelming! He recorded a 5 minute video which you now see at the end of each of our Sunday services.

As Peter does his rounds each day to ensure that the church systems are in good working order, he brings his camera along

and takes some of the most amazing photos inside and outside the church. One of his favorites was taken one evening when he had turned the lights on along the edges of the sanctuary to check the back of the church. The view from the gallery was extraordinary. Peter forwards these photos to Stratsi Dimitrov, Video Producer, who includes them in our Sunday service videos.

You will be happy to know that necessary repairs are continuing during this lockdown including an issue that was resolved on the roof. Peter mentioned that



Church Bell



Church Roof Maintenance

the view of the city of Montreal from the roof is also incredible.

In addition, our neighbours are keeping watch over our church, as was the case on April 19th at 8 p.m. when our heating system turned on. The exhaust pipe exits through the bell tower, and someone from the Port Royal mistook the smoke to be a fire in the church. On the church's internal surveillance system, Peter noticed 11 fire-trucks from 3 different stations lined up on the street and a dozen firemen ready to break down the door to enter the building. Luckily Peter arrived to open the doors

just in time and the church was thoroughly inspected before everyone left.

Thank you Peter for providing us with a virtual visit of the church building that we miss so much through your photos and videos.

*Gwen Tracy
Chair, Communications Committee*

**Beadle – definition, an official of a church who keeps order, makes reports, and assists in religious functions – Wikipedia*

Caring in Action

The Senior Support Program

Founded on a strong heritage of Presbyterian values and community support, the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Homes Foundation operates two distinct programs whose shared goal is to enrich the care, well-being, dignity and independence of seniors in the Montreal area.

Proudly rooted in its history of the construction and founding of the St. Andrew's Home on Cavendish Blvd. in NDG almost 60 years ago, the Foundation continues to provide important support to the now publicly operated long-term care residence. The St. Andrew's Home Program funds additional therapies at the residence and as well makes significant contributions to the recreation department. The Senior Support Program, in contrast, aims to enrich the quality of lives of seniors who remain in their own homes by connecting them with a wide variety of public and community health resources.

The Senior Support Program has a successful history of helping members of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, as well as seniors from other churches within the Presbytery. This has been made possible by the recognition and referrals offered by the ministers and elders of the church. The Senior Support Program has benefited more than 30 A&P members with 16 members currently receiving assistance in the last months alone. Through this program, the Foundation offers the expertise of Patricia Smith and Cindy Morneault. These trained and experienced individuals are available to meet with you to assess your needs so that together you can create an individualized strategic plan for healthy aging. To learn about how the program may be of assistance to you, please speak with your elder or minister for a referral and it will be our pleasure to meet and consult with you. Rest assured that we work in complete confidentiality. Listed below are some common examples of assistance provided through the program.

A plan for aging. Not sure what the future holds? We can help you establish a plan for healthy aging, either through obtaining services in your own home or



Senior Support Team: Cindy Morneault (left), Tracy Petzke, Executive Director (centre), Patricia Smith (right)

assisting you in looking at seniors' residences. You may also contact us on behalf of your aging parents or family member.

Recent diagnosis or surgery. We can help you access the care and support that you need during your treatment or rehabilitation, and follow you during recovery.

Support for caregivers. Are you a primary caregiver? We can help you evaluate day centres and options for respite. Caring for your loved one means also caring for yourself and avoiding burnout.

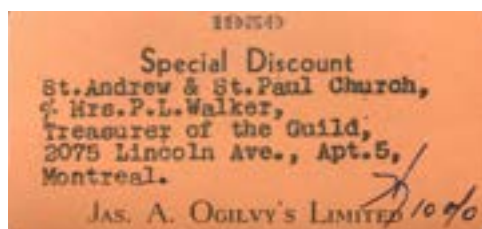
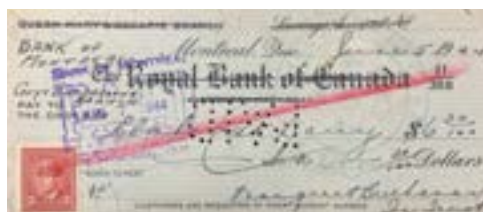
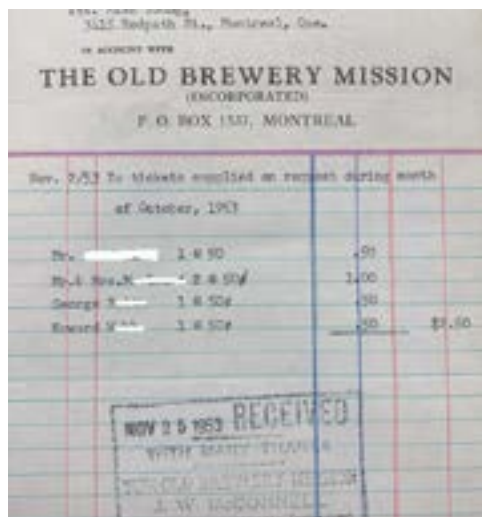
Medical appointments. Navigating the complexities of the healthcare system can be challenging. We can assist you in coordinating your appointments, keep out-of-town family updated and accompany you to your doctors when needed.

To learn more about the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Homes Foundation or to make a donation to support our programs please visit <https://standrewspresbyterianhomes.org>

*Tracy Petzke,
Executive Director, St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Homes Foundation*



**St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Homes Foundation**
CARING IN ACTION



Community Involvement

Butter Box Stories

When visiting the Archives of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, you are in for a lot of surprises – treasures of history waiting to be discovered. The “butter box” files are one. They are called this because the folders, cheque stubs, bank statements, invoices and reports of our church’s welfare program in the 1930s and 1940s were found stored in a wooden box designed to transport of all things butter! It may well have been because the largest beneficiary of our “Poor Funds” was the Elmhurst Dairy which delivered milk weekly to many recipients. There are also invoices showing payments to doctors, pharmacists, the Old Brewery Mission, Tyndale Camp, the Royal Victoria Hospital and the Murray Bay Convalescent Home in Pointe-au-Pic.

There were two social workers employed by the Women’s Guild during this period – Mrs. Dorothy Lawrence and Miss Mary Jane Young. They had their hands full making sure those who applied to us received help with their rent, room and board, fuel, shoes, mattresses, meals and a myriad of pressing matters. As one might suspect, there were frauds (some amusing) but almost all of the nearly 100 individuals experienced appalling need.

Funds came from the Guild, the Kirk Session, Board of Trustees, even the Assistant Minister and occasionally from Montreal’s St. Andrew’s Society.

The following are extracts from Mrs. Lawrence’s Report of 27 September 1940:

I believe you will find this report a little more cheerful than many in the past. Since May first there have been twelve new applications for assistance as compared with twenty-eight in the same period last year.

During the summer 40 individuals were sent to camp at a total cost of \$89, against the 54 that were sent last summer for \$123.75.

The fortunes of many of our families have improved. In some instances this is due to the fact that a husband or son is in the army, in other family cases children have grown up and are now employed and assisting their parents, and in a few cases the Old Age Pension has been secured. This has happened in sixteen cases where considerable relief and clothing have been necessary in the past few years.

In the A. family there are seven children and the father has a small income. They have been heavily in debt but are now nearly clear of it, so although some assistance will be needed it will not be so extensive.

Mr. & Mrs. B have been invalids for years, and their only daughter, an exceptionally fine looking and intelligent girl, has recently graduated from Business College, where her fees were paid by the Atholstan Education Fund.

In the E & F families, the wage earners are labourers and are unemployed. They have young family so that milk is being sent to them.

Today, the Guild’s “Fall Fair” is known for the help it gives social agencies which are hard at work in our community. It is well to remember that during the Depression and World War II, the Guild was also deeply involved. Just lift the lid of our Butter Box and see!

The Archives Committee

Celebrating Robbie Burns Day

An A&P Scottish Tradition



**Robbie Burns Statue -
Dorchester Square**

On January 26, the Mission & Outreach committee hosted its annual Burns Lunch to observe the Scottish heritage of our church by celebrating the birth of Scotland's national poet - Robert Burns. He was born on January 25, 1759 and wrote many poems and songs in both Scots and English, although most of his better-known works are in Scots. Poems like *Auld Lang Syne*, *To a Mouse*, *A Man's a Man*

for a' That, to name but a few, are known and recited all over the world. His influence inspired many succeeding generations of poets and writers. For example, John Steinbeck's novella, *Of Mice and Men* takes its title from a line in Burns' poem, *The best laid schemes of mice and men Gang aft a-gley*. At this time of the year, all over the world Scots, and people of Scottish heritage, celebrate by hosting Burns Suppers where the national

dish Haggis is consumed, whisky is drunk, and Burns' poems and songs are recited. Montreal hosts a few such events, such as the ones at The St. Andrews Society and The Black Watch. The A&P Burns Lunch is a mini version of one of these and owes much of its current format to our late departed friend, Kirwan Martin, who organized this event for a number of years.

Our proceedings kicked-off this year in fine style with the 'skirl o' the pipes' as Luca Cristofaro piped in the haggis to Kildonan Hall. Jane Wylie then made some opening remarks and explained a bit about the history of Burns' Suppers in fine style before introducing Brian Prentice who performed a wonderful rendition of Burns' Address to *a Haggis*, complete with some impressive knife wielding! The Minister then blessed the lunch with the traditional 'Selkirk Grace', (also written by Burns), and food service began. Once again this year the haggis was provided by Muir's bakery of Maxville, Ontario, and was complemented by the customary Tatties, Neeps, Clapshot, Kale and even a vegetarian haggis made by Maurene White. For dessert there was Sticky Toffee Pudding, shortbread and cookies. Many thanks to Jane Glen, Diana English, Dina Spigelski and Margaret Wallace for their food contributions.

All in all, Scots and non-Scots seemed to have a good time, and hopefully everyone departed well fed and buoyed by the music of some of Scotland's favourite singers and musicians from the past.

In addition to the people already mentioned, the organizers would like to thank the following for helping out: Wylma Cobb, Margarita Medina-Ibanez, Peter Sabourin, Iain Lamont and Stratsi Dimitrov. See youse all next year!

*Michael Neil
Member, Outreach Committee*

P.S. Montreal has its own statue of Robert Burns in Dorchester Square. It's a reproduction of one erected in Ayr, Scotland, near Burns' birthplace. Ours was unveiled on October 18, 1930, and is the work of George Anderson Lawson.

Preserving History through Photographs

Brian Merrett, Photographer

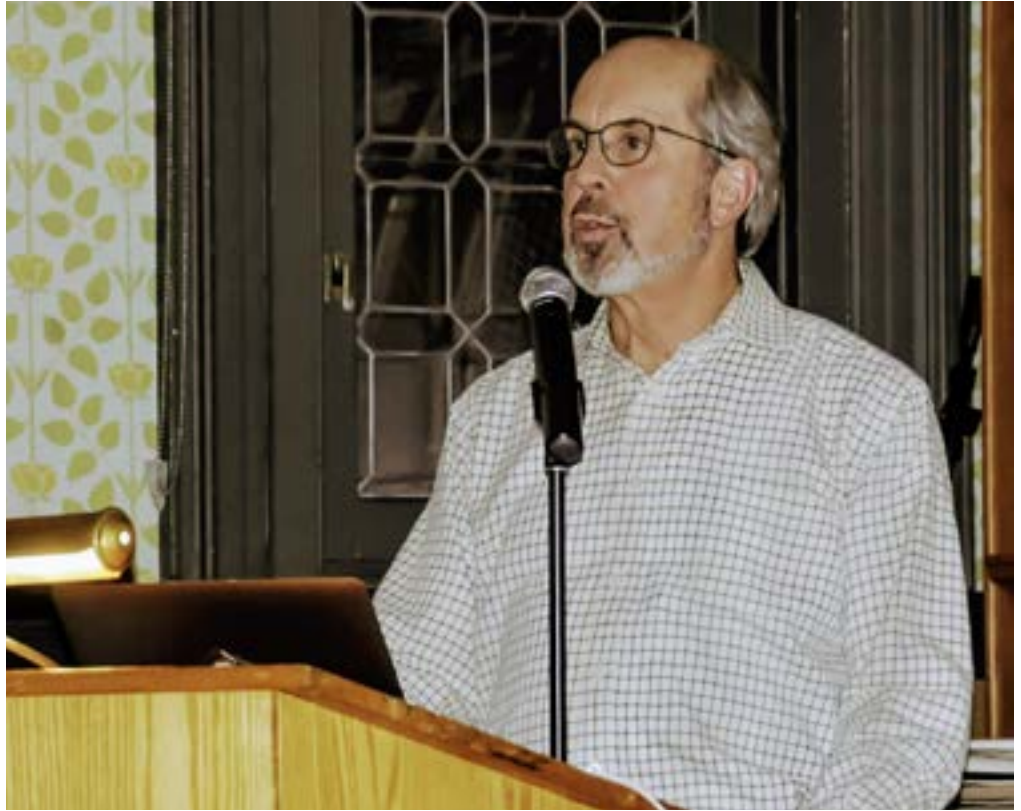
The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul is fortunate to have many very talented members; one of whom has been helping our church preserve our history through documentary photography and architectural preservation. Photographer Brian Merrett has photographed numerous aspects of our church, and in particular our beautiful stained glass windows. Many of these photos appear in *Windows of History, Service and Sacrifice*, a book written by William E. Stavert and available at the book stall in the Narthex.

In this book, Brian introduces the photos with the following paragraph: "Who, during a worship service at The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, has not been moved by some play of light filtering down from the magnificent stained glass windows? On a February day, as the winter winds whistle around the building, we are suddenly surprised by a rainbow of colours; sunlight projected through brilliant glass, beaming down on the pews, columns, heads and shoulders in front of us. At the end of a mystical and moving Carols by Candlelight service days before Christmas, Christ, in His glory, glows high above the Communion Table as the Black Watch Memorial window seems to light up from within."

Brian recently gave a lecture about his publications. The following are excerpts from an article written about this lecture by Heather Black dated January 28, 2020 and recently published in the *Westmount Independent* newspaper:

"Photographer Brian Merrett spoke to a rapt audience on January 16 at the Westmount Public Library on *"Montreal's Architecture: a Co-authoring Partnership."* A well-known photographer, Merrett co-created *Mansions of the Golden Square Mile* (1987), *Montreal Architecture: A Guide to Styles and Building* (1990/2007), and the recent *Belles demeures historiques de l'île de Montréal* (2016) with architectural historian François Rémillard.

A respected photographer – with work in the National Gallery of Canada, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and Musée



Brian Merrett - Photo
courtesy of Ann Pearson

d'art contemporain de Montréal – Merrett began his career documenting homes and neighbourhoods lost during the 1969 construction of the Ville Marie expressway. Mentored by his father – architect and urban planner John Campbell Merrett – his early work included images of the restoration of the ornate Bank of Montreal in Old Montreal.

He also described how his 1973 images of Shaughnessy House – presented to architect Phyllis Lambert – contributed to the building's restoration as the Canadian Centre for Architecture. A founding member of Heritage Montreal, his photographs drew attention – both at the time and today – to our community's lost as well as maintained architectural treasures. These included published images of Montreal cinemas and the stained-glass windows of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul."

As our congregation continues to document its activities, adding photos, articles, reports, books and videos to our

archives from our 217 years of history, we are blessed to have members such as Brian Merrett who volunteer their time and efforts. If you are interested in any of the following: history, architecture and photography or working with archives, please contact the Heritage Committee at heritage@standrewstpaul.com to find out how you can contribute to the work that is being done.

Gwen Tracy
Chair, Communications Committee



Coldest Night of the Year 2020 walk to raise funds for the St. James Drop-In Centre

Youth Group

Continuing to Fundraise for Those Less Fortunate

Since the last issue of *Inside Out*, the Youth Group has continued to be very active in community service, helping with congregational events as well as setting aside time for fun!

In September, they enjoyed a presentation by Jaycie Dworzak, a recent graduate student of McGill University, on the special needs camp "Trails of Summer". This led the group to embark on the fund raiser "Cookies for a Cause" and thanks to the generosity of the congregation, raised over \$1,000 to help with this wonderful camp. They plan to continue their association with the camp as some of our students volunteer this coming summer.

Our enthusiastic and creative young people always do a great job in preparing the Pumpkin Ball, making it a fun event for the younger children. This year, Islay McDonald prepared the most incredible and delicious cakes for the supper, while the rest of the group did a fantastic job welcoming the children, entertaining them, serving the dinner and cleaning up after!

They are a very willing group — eager to help the congregation. Once again, they assisted with the Fall Fair setup as well as the cleanup after which they enjoyed dinner together at L'Academie Restaurant.

Over the Christmas season, they were very involved in the Christmas Pageant preparations and the event itself, and helped serve at the Family Reception hosted by the Guild.

They also do enjoy some fun activities together such as Lazer Tag and, of course, the Youth Retreat.

The focus of the Youth Retreat this year was on "Service" — our responsibility as Christians to serve and care for our world and lo-

cal communities. We welcomed our minister Glenn, who visited and shared with us on Saturday morning.

Our guest speaker was the Executive Director of the St-James Drop-In Centre who spoke to the children about homelessness in Montreal. This was very appropriate and timely as they prepared for the annual "Coldest Night of the Year Walk" for the homeless, a cause they are very passionate about. As part of their mission for those in need, they prepared "Kindness Kits" for the homeless, mothers in need and their children. These kits will be distributed by the St-James Drop-In Centre and by Elizabeth House.

Along with singing, preparation for their Sunday Service, games and fellowship, due to the large snowfall, this year, they were also able to enjoy wonderful skiing and of course their favourite "Capture the Flag" night time outdoor game!

Once again, thanks to the generosity of the congregation our young people were able to support the St-James Drop-In Centre in participating in the "Coldest Night of the Year Walk"... To date, we do not have a final amount collected, and will include the total in the next issue of *Inside Out*. Thank you all so very, very much for your continued encouragement and support of our Youth!

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



Fall Fair 2019 clean up crew



Santa Claus visiting youth group

Best Job Ever

News from the Church School Director

Let me first begin this article by saying that I believe I have the best job anyone could possibly ask for. It is truly a blessing and a joy working with the parents, children and dedicated teachers of the Church School.

As you will see from the following list of activities, the Christian Education Department is indeed a busy one!

Our Church School helps with various celebrations and special holidays throughout the year, an important one being the Remembrance Day Service. This year Vivianne Choquette represented the Church School and laid a wreath at the communion table on our behalf.

Since the Fall issue of *Inside Out*, the children have enjoyed many events including another successful Pumpkin Ball hosted by our Youth Group which included a wonderful interactive presentation by Mad Science, games, delightful costumes and a delicious dinner! The entrance fee to the Ball was non-perishable food that was donated to food banks in Montreal. This year everyone's generosity was heartwarming.

After the Pumpkin Ball, preparations for the Annual Christmas Pageant were in full swing, with music rehearsals, casting and costume fittings. All the wonderful efforts and hard work paid off! Over 50 children participated this year and along with the help of our teachers, parents, Youth Group and Young Adults Group, the Pageant was magnificent!!

After the Pageant, everyone enjoyed fellowship together at the Family Christmas Dinner. Once again David Christiani led us in song as we awaited the appearance of our fabulous Piping Santa Claus. It was a joyous event for all.

During Advent Sundays, four of our families participated in lighting Advent candles.

Our Church School and Youth Group once again led the Family Christmas Eve Service. This has become a very popular service, and in fact, is one of my favourites. Our young people read the various scriptures as the children decorated the tree with ornaments symbolic of the Christmas story. At the end of the service, after singing Happy Birthday to Jesus, the children joyfully followed our piper, Luca Cristofaro, to the birthday cupcakes. The offering from the Pageant and Family Christmas Eve Service were donated to Elizabeth House – totally just over \$2,000.00

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Pumpkin Ball – mad scientist fun



Lighting Advent candles



Christmas Eve Family Service readers



Christmas pageant angels



Young Adults Group attending Carols by Candlelight



Dinner-discussion led by the Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt



Ushering at Candlelight Vigil for the Prevention of Suicide

Young Adults Program

A Fast Growing Group at A&P

The interest and participation in the Young Adults Program has grown substantially, with close to 30 CEGEP and University students participating in activities.

We kicked off our 2019-2020 program with a brainstorming session and dinner at Weinstein & Gavinos where we welcomed four new members to the group - one from Trinidad, another from Singapore, a third from China and one from Montreal. Each of the students listed topics they were interested in, which was very helpful in the planning of our program.

The Dinner / Discussion series has become a favourite activity of our group. Our minister led the first one in October, and we were delighted to have Jay & Patricia return to lead a very informative Faith Series. They completed their second one in February with plans for more to come. The response to this series has been extremely positive and enthusiastic!

We welcomed approximately 40 students from Dawson, McGill and Concordia to a pre-Carols By Candlelight dinner. Once again, Jonathan very graciously gave a talk about the music program and the organ before the concert to the delight of those attending. These student consider Carols by Candlelight one of their favorite events!

Over the Christmas break, we extended an invitation to students unable to return home during the holidays to a Dinner / Movie night, which was much appreciated by these young people, many away from home for the first time. We plan more dinner / movie nights in the coming months.

Our group is also very willing and happy to help in other church events, such as ushering and helping with the Children's Christmas Pageant. In addition, some are planning to act as counsellors at our Vacation Bible School this coming summer.

In February, six of our young adults helped with the Candlelight Vigil for Suicide Preventions Awareness, a remarkable and beautiful concert organized by the music department – four of our young adults ushered and two did readings. We are looking forward to having them participate in more services and events.

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