



Inside·Out

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Worship

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

11:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Dale Woods, Interim Moderator, will preach

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

11:00 a.m.

World Wide Communion Sunday

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

11:00 a.m.

Theme: The Servant-Leader

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

11:00 a.m.

Theme: The Way

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

11:00 a.m.

Reformation Sunday

Rev. Dr. Randall Zachman will preach

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

11:00 a.m.

Remembrance Sunday

Theme: Tears

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

11:00 a.m.

Christ the King Sunday

Photo: The Topping family thoroughly enjoyed their last service at A&P. More photos and stories on pages 11 and 12.

Farewell to the Toppings



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A Word from Our Interim Moderator

Update on the Search Process



As you receive this copy of the Church newsletter, many of you will be moving into “fall” mode. For some, that will mean ending holidays and returning to work. For others, it will mean getting the children ready for another school year. For those in the retirement stage, it may mean getting things lined up for the many new volunteer activities in which you are engaged. It also means a busy time of year for the Congregation as committees make plans for the various ministries.

One of the first tasks of Session in September will be to renew the appointment of Rev. Ferguson as stated supply. As you may remember, our initial request of Presbytery was that Rev. Ferguson be appointed for a three-month term. However, Rev. Ferguson’s work among us has proven to be very beneficial and his continued assistance would ensure stability throughout the vacancy.

Many of you will want to know what is happening in the search process. Perhaps the first thing to say is that, while the timeline for a search process varies, it typically takes a year. A reasonable timeline to have a new minister in place would be next June. Our first ad will appear in the September edition of *The Presbyterian Record*. We have already received a few applications but it is very early in the process. In consultation with others across the Church various names were suggested to me, and I have forwarded profiles to those people. The Search Committee will be meeting in September and will be reviewing all the information to date and setting plans for moving ahead.

In the meantime, it is important to keep the bigger picture in mind. It may seem strange to say it, but our main task is not primarily to get a new minister; it is to be the Church. The reason we are looking for a new minister is so that we might find someone who will help us to be the Church. With or without a minister, the goal does not change. When Paul wrote to the congregation at Philippi, he reminded them that even in the absence of a minister (Paul was in prison), the congregation was to fulfill its calling to “live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.” (Phil. 1:27).

I encourage you to take time to pray for the new minister who will lead this congregation. I also encourage you during this vacancy to keep the bigger picture in mind – that is, our calling to grow in the love of Christ, to care for one another, and to share the grace of God with the world. If at any time you have concerns or questions, you can email me at dswoods2@gmail.com or pass on your concerns to Rev. Ferguson or any of the elders. It is a pleasure to serve you in this way and I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that will be ours in this new calendar year.

Rev. Dr. Dale Woods

We Want to Hear From You

Send Us Your Ideas for *InsideOut*

If you have ideas for future issues, please submit them for consideration. If you have a question about your Church and how it works, or if you have a question or comment about the Christian faith, we want to hear about it. Submit your ideas, articles, photos or comments to minister@standrewstpaul.com

or
rbrassard@thegazette.canwest.com

Submissions should be no more than 500 words. Digital and scanned photos should be 1400X1000 pixels, or a 980kb jpg file.

In the Steps of the Patriarchs

Thursday Bible Study Tradition Continues



I am writing this piece in the midst of the August heat wave. My flesh seems to be turning to liquid. I trust that by the time you read this, the September air will be drier and altogether more comfortable. I have enjoyed my summer of preaching immensely, though I am looking forward to a week in Maine at the end of August. Thanks to Jim

Armour for stepping in. To misquote St. Paul in Ephesians 6, it’s always good to put on the full Jim Armour of God.

I am often told that the fall will be very busy, and I am sure other articles in *InsideOut* will attest to this. I want to inform you that the Thursday morning Bible Study tradition will continue in the Session Room at 10:30 a.m. This fall’s study I am calling “In the Steps of the Patriarchs.” We will look at Genesis 12-50. There, we will read of the first patriarch, Abraham, and his great covenant with God, which appeared to be stymied by his wife’s infertility and his own “old age.” His are adventures in religious education, the meaning of marriage and faithfulness. Isaac, “the Son of Laughter” (Sarah’s laughter) takes a while to get married, sees but does not “climb” a ladder, loses a wrestling match and reclaims a covenant promise. Jacob has many sons, one of whom, Joseph, gets the gift of a “long-sleeved” (not “many-coloured”) coat, is left for dead by his older brothers, is sexually harassed by Potiphar’s wife, and saves two nations after being sold into Egyptian slavery.

Each story is, in its own way, relevant to the acquisition of wisdom for living and encountering God in today’s world. See you there.

Rod Ferguson
Interim Preacher

A Life to Rebuild

Our Newest Brother Says Thank You



Kiza Joey meets members of his new family at Coffee and Conversation.

About three moons have passed since the day we reunited here in Montreal with all who have been working so hard on this first experience of sponsoring a refugee.

As most of those who walked with me have experienced, this has been a perilous and steep climb, and when we reached the end, we were all emotionally exhausted. Although 16 years of weariness still weighs heavy on me, the strong ray of sheer joy we felt at the airport cannot be hidden in any way.

Whether I let my feet stroll in the wet grass of rainy July mornings trying to ease the dryness of desert's heat, or chase a soccer ball with friends, or let thoughts wander off with the movement of a candlelight at a dinner table, or join along the pew in a prayer hoping to catch peace of mind, the supportive "How are you?" I hear every now and then from everyone leaves me with a strong sense that here I can rebuild a torn-down home.

Thank you so much, everyone.

Kiza Joey

Visit to a Mosque

Insights Into the Muslim Faith

Dressed in the traditional abayas and hijabs, Isabel Barnett, former adherent of the congregation, member Ann Owens and ruling elder Moira Barclay-Fernie met in Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates, last March to visit the Grand Mosque.

This mosque was completed in 2008 and has become one of the principal tourist destinations for those visiting the UAE.

All three from A&P found visiting this place of worship helped them to have a better understanding of the Muslim faith. The visit was of particular interest to Moira, who serves as a Presbyterian representative on the Canadian Council of Churches Interfaith Resource Group.

On the same day, a visit was paid to St. Andrew's Episcopalian Church, Abu Dhabi, where Ann and her husband, Adrian, have worshipped. Services are planned to be ecumenical and inclusive. This church is in a complex along with a Roman Catholic church and a mosque. The land on which the churches and the mosque are built was a gift from the local sheik in order to create a special place of worship. A similar arrangement is in place in Dubai.



From left: Isabel Barnett, Ann Owens and Moira Barclay-Fernie in front of Abu Dhabi's Grand Mosque.

It's Back to Classes for the Stewardship Committee

New Ideas, New Attitude

The Stewardship Committee began its work early in September. The twelve members have set goals for the next two years.

Our first goal is to learn more about Stewardship. Our learning is centred on a book by Kennon Callahan: *Giving and Stewardship in an Effective Church*. Rev. Ferguson is leading us in our learning. In exploring Chapter One with us, we have learned that living is giving, that money follows mission, and that people give to people, not things. Throughout our next year, as we learn from our book and are led by Rev. Ferguson, we will continue to grow our understanding of stewardship for the committee and for the congregation.

We will again have a Fall Stewardship Campaign that you can expect in the mail. We will also be working to build a culture of gratitude at A&P. That will be one theme of our November 15 Stewardship

Sunday. Following the service, there will be a congregational fellowship lunch. This will also be a fundraiser for our congregation to send four members to Stewards by Design, a four-day conference to be held in Ontario in May 2010. The conference is supported by Presbyterians Sharing, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and nominal fees of \$1,500 that cover travel, lodging and food.

Our Stewardship Saturday, when we spend our time and talent in cleaning the Church, the kitchen and so on, will take place next spring. Look for notices next year about Stewardship Spring Saturday.

Stewardship is indeed learning new ideas, new attitudes and new culture.

Judith Kashul



Han Mi Kang will serve as choir music librarian.

Music at A&P

New Season, New Organ Scholar



The Music Department is set to launch another exciting season. The organ and choral music list included in this issue details the repertoire we will present during regular services; our 2009 special events include a Hymn Sing (September 27, see below); the annual benefit concert for the Maison du Parc, together with members of the

Montreal Symphony Orchestra Players' Association (November 27), the 30th annual CBC Radio Sing-In (December 13) and Carols by Candlelight (December 20). Most of last year's choir members are returning, and we are delighted to welcome 16 new singers as well, for a net growth of four and a total membership of 57.

We are also happy to introduce our new Organ Scholar, Han Mi Kang. Born in South Korea, Han Mi studied with Prof. Tong-Soon Kwak at Yonsei University, Seoul, where she won the Jang-Cheun Organ Competition and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. Between 2005 and 2007, she attended the University of Texas at Austin, earning a Master of Music. After further study at the University of Iowa, she came to Montreal for continuing doctoral studies with Prof. William Porter at the Schulich School of Music of McGill University. Last summer, she was invited to compete at the International Organ Festival at St. Albans, UK. Here at the Church, Han Mi will serve as the main choir music librarian, assisted by our indefatigable Mebbie Aikens. She will also accompany hymns and anthems, and play voluntaries on the organ in the absence of either myself or Jordan.

A special word of thanks goes out to Mebbie Aikens, who has for the past few years worked tirelessly to sort, repair, distribute and re-file the large amount of music sung by the choir. To give some idea of the scope of her task, each Sunday our 57 choristers sing an introit, an anthem, two choral amens and at least one descant. This means that for every Sunday service, more than 250 separate items need to be handed out, collected, sorted and re-shelved in the correct order. In addition to this, extra music is always in circulation for the special choral services and concerts. Thank you, Mebbie, for your deep and ongoing commitment to this unglamorous but vital work!

Looking back over the summer, we can report that the 2009 *Organ Intermezzi* recital series was once again well-received. Although early July's rainy weather and the lack of tourists in the city affected attendance for the first few recitals, in August we drew several audiences in the respectable 90 to 100 range, for a total series attendance of around 600. This year's artists came from Quebec, Ontario and Germany. We look forward to another great season next year, when another good cross-section of local, national and international artists will preside at our magnificent Casavant organ.

The first Music Department event of the season will be a Hymn Sing, scheduled for Sunday, September 27, at 4:00 p.m., and led by myself and Jordan de Souza. There will be lots of hymns to sing, some commentary on the history of those hymns, and maybe an extra feature or two... We look forward to seeing you there in numbers!

Jonathan Oldengarm
Director of Music

Busy Summer for Our Musical Team

A Degree Completed, Concerts and Recitals Performed

Both Jordan de Souza and Jonathan Oldengarm had full agendas this summer. In April, Jordan completed his Bachelor of Music in organ performance at McGill. For seven weeks he worked as Assistant Conductor, chorumaster and vocal coach in productions of *Les Contes d'Hoffmann*, *Hello, Dolly!*, *Suor Angelica*, and *Gianni Schicchi* at the Janiec Opera Company of the Brevard Music Center in North Carolina.

Jonathan played recitals in Ontario and Quebec, including two at the centennial National Convention of the Royal Canadian College of Organists in Toronto. He also served as a juror for the RCCO's National Organ-Playing Competition, and was named co-ordinator of the RCCO (Montreal Centre)'s annual Lynnwood Farnam Organ Competition. He is about to compete in the Jordan International Organ Competition in Georgia (USA) on September 18-26, and is scheduled to perform a series of recitals and a recording in Germany in October of this year.

Congratulations

Honorary Fellowship for Wayne Riddell

Mr. Wayne Riddell, C.M., our Director of Music Emeritus, has been nominated for an honorary fellowship, FRCCO (Hon), in the Royal Canadian College of Organists. He was awarded this distinction June 30 in Toronto at the convocation of the RCCO. Congratulations, Wayne.

The Church of St. Andrew & St. Paul Music List: Fall 2009



September 20
Prelude: Prélude sur le nom d'Alain, op. 7/1
Introit: Prayer of St. Francis (Cabena)
Anthem: Meditabor (Rheinberger)
Postlude: Fugue sur le nom d'Alain, op. 7/2

September 27

Prelude: Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 676, and Vater unser im Himmelreich, BWV 682 (Bach)
Introit: Cantique de Jean Racine (Faure?)
Anthem: They that go down to the sea in ships (Sumsion) Postlude: Fugue in C major, BWV 564/3 (Bach)

October 4 (Communion)

Prelude: Cathédrales, op. 55 no. 3 (Vierne)
Setting: Mass in F sharp (Widor)
Anthem: Awake the Harp, from The Creation (Haydn)
Motets: I sat down (Bairstow), Panis Angelicus (Franck)
Postlude: Allegro, from Symphonie VI (Widor)

October 11 (Thanksgiving)
Prelude: Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 720 (Bach)
Introit: The earth adorned (Ahlen)
Anthem: Nun danket alle Gott (Pachelbel)
Postlude: Nun danket alle Gott, op. 65 no. 59 (Karg-Elert)

October 18

Prelude: Benedictus, from Sonata Britannica (Stanford)
Introit: Seek the Lord (Wachner)
Anthem: Thanks be to God, from Elijah (Mendelssohn)
Postlude: Finale, from Sonata Britannica (Stanford)

October 25

Prelude: Sonata V, BWV 529 (Bach)
Introit: Prayer to Jesus (Oldroyd)
Anthem: The heavens are telling (Haydn)
Postlude: Praeludium in C (Böhm)

November 1 (All Saints)

Prelude: Wir glauben all an einem Gott, BWV 740, 680 & 681 (Bach)
Introit: Exultate justi (Viadana)
Anthem: Faire is the heaven (Harris)
Postlude: Te Deum Laudamus, BuxWV 218 (Buxtehude)

November 8: Remembrance (observed)
Prelude: Verdun, from Sonata Eroïca (Stanford)
Introit: In Remembrance (Daley)
Anthem: Introit and Kyrie, from Requiem (Duruflé)
Postlude: Paean (Harwood)

November 15

Prelude and Fugue in G major, op. 37 no. 2 (Mendelssohn)
Introit: Psalm 43 (Mendelssohn)
Anthem: Zadok the Priest (Handel)
Postlude: Fête (Langlais)

November 22: Christ the King

Prelude: Organ Piece (Adams)
Introit: O Thou the central Orb (Wood)
Anthem: I was glad (Parry)
Postlude: Te Deum, from Trois Paraphrases Grégoriennes (Langlais)

Serve the Squares and Serve the Lord

Guild Seeks Volunteers for Its Important Work

I should make it clear that the squares referred to in the title are those delicious edible morsels of chocolate or lemon that the Guild serves at receptions.

First, some basic information re the Guild. If you are a member of The Church of St. Andrew & St. Paul, you are automatically a member of the Guild. All the activities of the Guild, as well as the donations it makes both to Church-related projects and programs and to outside charities, are funded from the proceeds of the Fall Fair, its only fundraising event.

The Social Committee of the Guild is responsible for the organization of many of the events at the Church. These include the after-service receptions on Sunday, the post-convocation reception for Presbyterian College, the annual congregational dinner, the Joint Session and Board dinner and the Guild annual luncheon. These events require many hours of planning, preparation and hard work by the committee members and their helpers to ensure that everything runs smoothly on the actual day.

However, it is becoming harder for the Guild (like many other volunteer organizations) to find new and/or additional volunteers to supplement those presently doing the work. If this continues, we could find ourselves some time in the not-so-distant future with no one to organize and carry out the activities of the Guild or the Fall Fair.

Which brings me back to "Serve the Squares and Serve the Lord."

If you are volunteering for the first or the forty-first time, I would ask you to keep in mind that you are not just serving squares but in doing this you are serving the Lord and doing His work. As I said in the previous paragraph, you are, by volunteering, helping to ensure that the work of the Guild and Fall Fair will continue. Your efforts will ensure that funds are available to donate to the charities we support. These include shelters for battered women, school breakfast programs for children who would otherwise go hungry, and a once-a-month sandwich lunch program for our twinning partners and the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. This Saskatoon ministry provides, on a daily basis, food, warmth and understanding, bringing the troubled and lost souls who come to the ministry into the acceptance of God's grace.

I would like to conclude by saying that those of us who are members of this congregation are very blessed. Not only have we been brought into and accepted God's grace, but we are part of a growing and vibrant Church family. As much has been given to us, so much is expected of us. Therefore, I would ask that the next time you receive a phone call from our telephone convenor asking you to volunteer your services for the Guild, to respond, with gladness in your voice and joy in your heart, "Yes, I'll be happy to serve the squares and serve the Lord." This will really gladden and boost the morale of the person making the call.

May God bless and be with you.

Jane Wylie
President, The Guild

2009 Fall Fair

Mark the Date: November 7

The Fall Fair has been a fixture on the calendar of The Church of St. Andrew & St. Paul for many years. It is held in Kildonan Hall, in the Iona Room, on the stage – in fact, in every nook and cranny of Church House. Famed in particular for its Trifles and Treasures and its Plum Puddings, this event is the only fundraising activity of the Guild in any year. The money raised goes to support the needs of different charities throughout the city.

The convenors of the stalls have already started work on the planning stages for this year's event. Days before November 7, items that have been delivered to the Church – and stored away under the building in spaces that most of us can only imagine – are brought out and sorted. Gradually, the stalls fill up with all the wonderful donations the congregation has been bringing to the Church over the past months. You can bring items to Church House between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday to Friday, and on Sunday mornings. Jim Evans is glad to pick up items you would like to send to the Fall Fair. His phone number is 514-287-0181.

For those readers who have not been to a Fall Fair, you need to know that it is FUN!

On the evening of Friday, November 6, there is a Wine and Cheese Party to start the whole event on a cheerful note. Tickets for the party will be available at the end of September. They cost \$20, and there are

only 75 spaces available, so book early! Watch the Sunday bulletins in September for more details. Special items from the various stalls are available for sale at this event, which gives it an extra element of excitement. Unsold items are taken back to their original stalls for sale to the crowds on Saturday.

A delicious lunch is served at the Fall Fair. There are three sittings – 11:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – and you can buy lunch tickets on the day. Plan to come and meet your friends and enjoy the fellowship over lunch!

Over 100 volunteers work to bring you the most attractive items! There are Asian Delights, Linens and Laces, Jewellery, Children's Gifts, Books, Trifles and Treasures, Christmas Decorations, Home Baking, Jams and Jellies and Pickles, and, of course, Plum Puddings. We also have a new stall, which promises to be most exciting! More soon in the Sunday bulletin! The Fair runs from 9:30 a.m. until about 2:30 p.m. There is no entry fee for the Fall Fair, but you are invited to bring something for the food cupboard at Tyndale St. George.

We would hope that everyone in the congregation has some part in this big event. Whether you are working behind a stall, or serving lunch, or coming to buy, every contribution goes toward the charitable work of the Guild.

PLEASE, COME TO THE FALL FAIR! NOVEMBER 7, 2009

Susan Stevenson 514-933-2934

Penny Wilkie 514-934-3305

Co-convenors



Crowds thronged to last year's Fair.

News from St. Andrew's Home

Events Offer Opportunity to Visit with Residents

The Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Home is gearing up for another year of activities, all designed for the enjoyment of the residents. Some of our activities, such as Bingo, continued throughout the summer months, much to the delight of the residents. Also during the summer, auxiliary members helped at barbecues and on field trips.

Our annual Strawberry Social in June was again this year a very happy affair. The strawberries were some of the best of this rainy season, the ice cream was creamy, and the sauce, made by the kitchen staff, was delicious.

Again this year, the gardens surrounding the patio were glorious thanks to the hard work of Patrick Maxham, Presbyterian Chaplain at the Home. A new awning covering the patio meant that residents and friends could sit outside in the shade on hot, sunny days and even in a warm rain.

Our first meeting this fall will be Saturday, October 3, when there will be a Wine and Cheese Reception. On November 23, there will be a musical concert followed by tea for residents, their friends and families. Both these events provide excellent opportunities for members of our congregation to meet and interact with the residents. You will be very welcome.

*Linda Mavriplis,
Congregational representative to St. Andrew's Home*

College & Careers – A Renewed Focus

Student Lunches, Film Nights Resume This Month

College & Careers is a group intended for students in CEGEP and university, as well as for recent graduates who are launching into a career. It provides a gathering place and forum for young adults who have grown up in the congregation, as well as those making The Church of St. Andrew & St. Paul a home away from home while studying and/or working in Montreal.

During the summer, a number of young people who were in the city travelled to the Eastern Townships to volunteer at the Presbyterian Camp d'Action Biblique, serving both campers and staff. Others joined with Welcome Hall Mission in Montreal (on the hottest day of the year!) during the annual Back to School event to help distribute school supplies and refreshments to families in need.

Monthly student lunches following Sunday services resume in September for this age group, and monthly Video Devina (film and discussion evenings) will also return. Friday evenings will provide a chance to discuss the basics of Christianity, using A Catechism for Today as our launching point. This resource uses a question-and-answer format and scriptural references to explore the main beliefs of Christianity. Organized service opportunities, such as Welcome Hall's Toy Day on the second Saturday of December, will be available throughout the fall semester and we look forward to the always popular Fall Retreat! If you know someone in this life stage, please invite him or her to contact Dara Thompson Goulet at youthco@st-andrewstpaul.com for further details.

Knitters for Neechewagon

Parcels Will Be Ready for Christmas Celebrations

Most church groups take a break during the summer, but not so the Knitters for Neechewagon. They just keep on knitting!

Because of this devotion to their task, the group is sure that it will meet the Reverend Stewart Folster's request for 50 parcels with two knitted items in each, to be given out at the Saskatoon Native Circle Mission Christmas celebrations.

The congregation will be able to see what approximately 150 knitted articles look like when they are displayed in the Narthex on Mission Sunday in October.

Soon after this service the hats, mitts and scarves will be shipped to Saskatoon. Each parcel will be wrapped in Christmas paper and decorated with ribbon and a Christmas card made by the children of the Church School. The group is grateful to the Church School pupils and staff for the cards, the choir members who donated so much wrapping paper and ribbon last year that we have more than enough to wrap the parcels this year, and all those who have donated wool over the last year. Many participate in what has now become a congregational project.

The group continues to need donations of wool. If you can make a contribution, please leave the wool at the Church Office with your name attached so that your gift can be acknowledged.

Knitters will meet at 2:30 p.m. in the Iona Room on September 9, October 7, November 4 and December 2. Any who wish to join us to knit or learn to knit are very welcome. Wool and knitting needles supplied.

Moir R. Barclay-Fernie

From the Archives

Mr. Donald Ross

There is a stained-glass window on the east aisle at the back of the sanctuary in memory of Donald Ross. This window, which was originally installed in St. Paul's Church, was made by J. Ballantine & Son of Edinburgh, Scotland. It illustrates the parable of the talents in which the master judges the resourcefulness of his slaves (Matthew 25:14-30). The window is comprised of three panels. The master sits in the middle at a stone table pointing to a scroll and listening to the slave on the left, who has just given in several bags of talents. On the right is a downcast slave shown with his shovel that he has used to bury his bag of talents.

There were originally three trefoils with angels above this window. They were removed when the window was installed in our present church, although they served as decorative elements in the plain glazing of the clerestory windows from 1932 until 1962 or later, when they were removed to make room for the new series of clerestory windows.

One of these was given to St. Luke's Chapel in the Verdun Protestant Hospital (now Douglas Hospital) and the others were kept in storage.

Donald Ross was a prosperous 19th-century resident of Montreal and a member of St. Paul's Church. He was also a member of the building committee of the church, together with Andrew Allan and George Stephen (later Lord Mount Stephen), when it moved from St. Helen Street to Dorchester Street in 1868 during the ministry of Dr. John Jenkins, the fourth minister of the church.

Mr. Ross is remembered particularly for his generosity and foresight in making the initial provisions for the creation of The Trafalgar School for Girls. He and his wife had no children but he was very interested in the education of young girls. At that time there was no private school in Montreal for the girls of families who were not of either the Catholic or Anglican persuasion. He accordingly left meticulous instructions to his

trustees, when he made his notarial will in 1867, to establish, after the death or remarriage of his wife, a school for the education of girls of Presbyterian families. The school was to be built on what was then known as the Trafalgar Property, which Mr. Ross had purchased outside the city boundaries on the southern slope of the mountain fronting on Cote des Neiges Road. The property had previously belonged to John Ogilvy and acquired its name from the fact that Mr. Ogilvy was a great admirer of Admiral Horatio Lord Nelson and had built a tower with a cannon



The Trafalgar School is still associated with our congregation.

on the property in tribute to the victor of the Battle of Trafalgar. The gun was ceremoniously fired each year on the October 21.

By his will, Donald Ross bequeathed his residuary estate, including the Trafalgar Property, to Trustees "to erect, establish and forever maintain ... a Seminary or Institute ... for the educational training of the middle and higher ranks of female society." The Trustees were to be the Governors of this Institute that was incorporated by private statute in 1871 as the Trafalgar Institute (now known as The Trafalgar School for Girls). The Governors were to include, *inter alia*, the Principals of McGill and Queen's Universities, the Archdeacon of Montreal and representatives of St. Andrew's Church and St. Paul's Church. By another statute adopted in 1919 after the amalgamation of The Church of St. Andrew & St. Paul, the representatives of our Church were to be the Minister, a member of the Board of Trustees and three members of the Kirk Session elected by the said Board

and Session. The school is still governed today by a Board of Governors comprised of the same individuals *ex officio* and by election.

The will is a long, rambling and somewhat repetitive document phrased in what today would be considered quite antique language. The testator declared that his "*intention is to do the greatest amount of good possible in educating the female sex, or young girls*" to qualify them "*for discharging in the best manner such duties as ordinarily devolve to the female sex.*" He went to great lengths to describe certain aspects of the school that he envisaged, including the religious and moral teaching he expected the girls to receive.

Unfortunately, there were not sufficient assets in Mr. Ross's estate to build the school where he wished. However, Donald Smith, Lord Strathcona, made a generous contribution to facilitate the construction of the school within the limits of the city – though he stipulated that although it would be Protestant, it should also be non-denominational and non-sectarian. Accordingly, a large house known as Chalderton Lodge was purchased at the top of Simpson Street and this is where the school still exists today.

The fifth minister of St. Paul's Church, Dr. James Barclay, was a strong supporter of the school. He was President of the school and Chairman of its Board of Governors for practically the whole of the period from 1884 to 1917. He believed that girls should be educated in the same way as boys and not just taught how to cook, sew and run a household. His dedication and contribution to the school is such that he is usually credited with making it a reality and a success.

The school has of course evolved enormously in the more than 100 years of its existence. It is no longer a boarding school primarily for the daughters of Presbyterians, or even Christians, to teach them how to manage a house. It is now one of several independent girls' schools in Montreal, and seeks to give its pupils as broad an education as possible in the arts, sciences and technologies of today in order to equip them for the modern world, where many of them will have to work and compete with their peers.

William Stavert

From the Church Registrar

Baptisms



Meredith Donaldson with Hugh's proud parents, Ian and Barbara.

June 7, 2009

Zoë Christina Lagacé, daughter of Martin Lagacé and Catherina Scalzo

June 21, 2009

Mr. Yuzo Ota (adult baptism)

Hugh William Percival Edwards, son of Ian William Edwards and Barbara Eleanor Whiston

June 28, 2009

Mara Cookie Wiltshire, daughter of Robert Arthur Wiltshire and Chloe Mary Hutchison

Ethan Jackson St. George Carter, son of Theodore Lyman Carter and Amy Wesson Carter

Sana Lamy, daughter of Micheline Lamy

Weddings



May 29, 2009

Anthony Eric George Campbell and Abigail Mary Elspeth Skene

June 13, 2009

Paolo Mangalindan and Kerry Cregan

July 4, 2009

Jin Kyu Lee and Cheng-Ying (Grace) Lin

Funerals



March 11, 2009

Brenda Elizabeth Martin

March 27, 2009

Fernanda (Franca) Trochei Larwood

June 20, 2009

E. Thomas Patton

June 25, 2009

Victor James Goldthorp

Longtime member Prof. G. Robert (Bob) Curnew passed away July 23, 2009. A memorial service will be held sometime in October.

October Series 2009

Calvin and the Christian Faith Today

October 29-31, 2009

featuring

Professor Randall C. Zachman
University of Notre Dame

Thursday, October 29

The Presbyterian College
7:30 p.m. The 2009 W.L. Anderson Lecture,
Professor Randall C. Zachman

Let us contemplate God in this most beautiful image:
John Calvin on the Self-Manifestation of God

Friday, October 30

The Presbyterian College
8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
A series of lectures by various scholars
Lunch included

Saturday, October 31

The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul
10:00 a.m. Public Presentation by Professor R. Zachman
For how can Pastors teach others unless they themselves are able to learn?: John Calvin on Teachable Teachers in the School of Christ

Sunday, November 1

The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul
11:00 a.m. Professor Zachman will preach



A Busy Fall Planned for Church School

Apple-Picking Day and Pumpkin Ball Coming Up



Our Church School Celebration and Honouring Fathers event was held in June with a lovely lunch served in the Quiet Garden on

one of the few sunny days of early summer. Sadly, we also bid farewell to the Toppings, and the children presented Richard with a special album filled with photos and letters from the Church School children, teachers and parents. Amy, who had taken such great care of the garden, was presented with a decorative watering can and garden gloves.

Church School continued over the summer with a curriculum geared to elementary-school-age children. The theme was "The Two Great Commandments." The children enjoyed participating and were awarded prizes for their mission project on Welcome Back Sunday. A very big thank you to Caroline Maykut for doing such a great job!

On September 27, we will be heading off on our annual apple-picking visit. This year we will be going to La Magie de la Pomme in St-Eustache. Bus transportation is provided and once again the Church School has extended an invitation to the congregation.

On October 23, we will be having our annual Pumpkin Ball, which is enjoyed as much by the adults as by the children.

We are looking for additional teachers, so if anyone is interested in helping out, please contact me at 450-689-4379. Our teachers operate on a rotation, so you would not be required to teach more than once a month. Please consider joining our team as a teacher, team-teacher or shepherd. It's a great department to be involved in!

I look forward to the coming year and hope that the congregation will join us in our upcoming events. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Sharon Dworzak,
Church School Co-ordinator

A&P Highs – First Friday, Second Sunday, Service Saturday

Young People Gather for Food, Fun and Talk



James and Angela take a break at Camp d'Action Biblique workday.

A&P Highs is a group for youth aged 13 to 17 years. This past summer, these active young people travelled extensively, learned new skills, attended camp, worked at summer jobs and spent time with family and friends. As a group, the Highs volunteered, played and laughed, braved cool temperatures during a pool party, met for lunch, attended music practice and bid farewell to our friend Kevin, who moved from Montreal with his family. They grappled with the difference between public performance and leading worship, with what Sabbath-keeping looks like (especially when school is in

session!) and what it means as a teenager to live as a follower of Christ.

Starting in the fall, the Highs will meet regularly on the first Friday evening and the second Sunday afternoon of each month, and at least twice before Christmas for Service Saturdays. They will resume Dinner & Discussion on the first Friday of the month. This is a time to gather for a meal and exchange ideas with an invited guest from the congregation as he or she speaks about work, life and living out one's faith on a day-to-day basis.

The second Sunday afternoon of each month will be set aside for lunch and an activity, while Service Saturday is intended for serving others within the community – in both our own and in the greater Montreal community.

Please join us for worship in September as a trio of young people lead a portion of the worship service using their musical gifts. Please also attend to the baptismal vows made by our congregation to the young people in our midst – both seen and unseen – by keeping them in your prayers throughout the year. I encourage you to speak with them and find out how things are going!!

Dara Thompson Goulet
Youth Co-ordinator

Au Revoir to the Topping Family

Gifts and Laughter as Minister Heads West

Having accepted the position of Associate Professor of Reformation Studies at St. Andrew's Hall in Vancouver, Rev. Richard Topping delivered his final sermon as Minister of our Church on Sunday, June 28. Following the service, the congregation thanked the Topping family for their service and inspirational leadership.

Clerk of Session Judy Mowat emceed the presentations with minimum lament and maximum mirth, as Richard would have liked. Gifts included a professor's chair for Richard, a quilt made by Anne Gill for warmth on those "cold" Vancouver nights and, to a family of devoted

Toronto Maple Leafs fans, Montreal Canadiens T-shirts and caps. A brooch and earrings were presented to Amy by the Guild, a Swiss Army knife to Karl, who is pursuing studies in forestry, and a McGill jacket to Paul, who will return to study there. A selection of hats and mitts were presented from Knitters for Neechewagon, as was an umbrella and subscription to "Beautiful BC" from the choir.

Later, a reception in Kildonan Hall provided an occasion for members of the congregation to bid their personal farewells to a family that has played an important role in our Church life for the past 12 years.



Above: Bruce Gill honours the Toppings while wearing a dreaded Leafs cap.

Left: Jean Shettler, Christine McIlreavy and Patricia Hunter examine the A&P quilt offered to the Toppings.



The whole Thursday morning Bible Study group gathers to say goodbye to Richard.

Au Revoir to the Congregation

The Toppings Say Thank You and Send a Family Update

We want to say thank you once again for the many kindnesses of the congregation to us at our departure for Vancouver. Your well-wishes and your generosity to us was most wonderful and deeply appreciated. We are truly grateful for your gracious good-byes, your continuing contacts and your expressions of abiding friendship. We pray for the congregation and especially the search committee in these most important days in the life of The Church of St. Andrew & St. Paul. You are held in our hearts.

Our sons, Karl and Paul, worked here at the college of St. Andrew's, grounds-keeping and cleaning. Karl left at the beginning of September for Selkirk College in the interior of British Columbia for a course in Fishery and Wildlife Management. That will make him a good father some day. Paul started Grade 12 at a high school just walking distance away. Amy has found work at a local grocery store, while she figures out the transfer of credentials for work in health care, and I have been preparing for courses and lectures.

This fall I will be teaching Reformation History at the Vancouver School of Theology. In the winter, I will teach Reformed Theology of the 19th and 20th Century and Introduction to Theology to all incoming students (Anglican, United and Presbyterian, for the most part). I also teach just down the street at Regent College in the spring – a course on Theology and Preaching. I will be installed and give my inaugural lecture as St. Andrew's Professor of Studies in the Reformed Tradition on Friday, September 25. The title of the lecture is: "Does Biblical Interpretation Have A Prayer?"

We miss Montreal – it is a delightful and spirited city – but we miss you, our friends, most of all. We will eventually find a more permanent space to live, but please know we would love to hear from you, and would gladly welcome any one visiting the Left, I mean West, Coast. God bless.

The Toppings



The Toppings in Vancouver. Although the scenery is spectacular, they miss Montreal, especially their friends.



The cake says it all! God bless the Toppings.