



Inside·Out

September/October/November 2010

Worship

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3
World Communion Sunday
11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10
Thanksgiving Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Rod Ferguson preaching

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17
Missionary Sunday 11:00 a.m.
WMS Thankoffering

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31
All Saints Sunday 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7
Remembrance/Peace Sunday
11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14
Stewardship Sunday 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21
Christ The King Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Reception of new members

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28
1st Sunday of Advent 11:00 a.m.
Holy Communion

Photo: Rev. Jeff Veenstra faces the congregation at his induction service Sept. 12 as Rev. Dr. Joseph Reed, Moderator of Montreal Presbytery, reads the preamble and induction questions. More inside on Page 3.



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A Final Word From Our Interim Moderator

“God Was Present in Our Midst”



In April of 2009, I was asked if I would be interested in being the Interim Moderator for St. Andrew and St. Paul. My first reaction was to say no because of the amount of work to do at the College. But I thought it would be an interesting challenge and it would be one way, as a newcomer to Montreal, to get to know one congregation a bit better.

As I look back over the year and a half, I am glad to have been able to serve in this way. I was blessed with a great Search Committee, and Don Walcot and Judy Mowat did an excellent job as co-chairs. There was always lots of discussion, opportunity for differences of opinion and, most of all, a prayerful attitude throughout. I would like to thank all the members of the Search Committee for a job well done. I'm sure the congregation would agree. I was also blessed by the excellent work that Rev. Rod Ferguson did on behalf of the congregation. I have had the opportunity to work with Rod in the past and enjoyed sharing that time together. Rod brought a great deal of experience and giftedness to the day-to-day operations of St. Andrew and St. Paul, as well as to leading Sunday worship. I know many in the congregation expressed gratitude for his contribution over the vacancy. In addition to Rod's work, Dr. Armour was always willing to assist, whether in worship or in pastoral care. This made the vacancy much less traumatic than it otherwise might have been. I am grateful for their contributions.

The leadership at St. Andrew and St. Paul is also a great gift. The talent of the leadership is matched by the commitment to the ministry of the congregation both within and outside of the church. People would appear at the Steering Committee full of ideas for the committee they were chairing, as well as being willing to receive feedback from other chairs. There would often be lively discussion, which in my opinion is a sign of life!

And then there is the congregation as a whole. It was my sense that people pulled together, not knowing how long the vacancy might last. I'm sure there were times when people wondered if we were making any progress at all, but overall, there was a sense that God was present in our midst and we could move ahead in faith. I am grateful for all of those who prayed regularly throughout the vacancy.

I am no expert on congregational life, but I do know that when you see a congregation that is working well together, leadership has something to do with it. I am also grateful for the work that Dr. Richard Topping did in preparation for his leaving, but also through his years as minister of St. Andrew and St. Paul. I know, through conversation with him, that he and Amy prayed regularly for us as we searched for a new minister.

In closing, I would like to quote from the Apostle Paul, who said to the congregation at Philippi: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ (Phil. 1:3-6)." In the end that is our ultimate confidence, that God is present amongst God's people, not simply for our sake, but for the sake of the world to which we have been called to witness. May God continue to bless the congregation of St. Andrew and St. Paul as you engage in a new chapter with Rev. Jeff Veenstra and his family.

Rev. Dr. Dale Woods, Interim Moderator



Rev. Dale Woods accepts a gift of thanks from Clerk of Session Judy Mowat for his role as Interim Moderator.

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

A Conversation with Rev. Jeff Veenstra

Getting to Know the New Minister

It is my conviction that a strong pulpit ministry is essential for the church as it strives to appropriate and live the gospel narrative in a world that has little Christian memory."

Jeff Veenstra loves to preach.

"One doesn't become a Christian by osmosis," he wrote to the St. Andrew and St. Paul Search Committee last spring. "The faith must be taught ... I love teaching the Christian faith in ways that make it come alive for people." On a recent Saturday morning, Jeff took a break from unpacking to prepare the sermon he would deliver on the day of his induction as minister of A&P. He also took the time to reflect on the journey that led him to the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and, ultimately, to our church.

Bright sunlight filled the Minister's Study that was otherwise empty – no books on the shelves, no papers on the desk, only a lonely laptop on which he was preparing the next day's sermon. But Jeff looked comfortable and at ease as he welcomed a guest with a warm smile and those almost-mischievous eyes, and began to tell his story.

In the late 1980s, Jeff Veenstra worked as a commercial insurance broker in Ontario. It was a time when he questioned his purpose in life.

"My uncle, a Presbyterian minister, had recommended I read Henri Nouwen, a Dutch priest," he recounted. He also read from the writings of Jean Vanier, philosopher and founder of the international movement of L'Arche communities.

"It was like a light went on in my brain. I became deeply interested in theology." Jeff continued to read and began to seriously listen to sermons. "It was not a Road to Damascus event," he said. "It was a long restlessness."

But doors would open with every step he took. Eventually, his uncle, whom he had never told of his inner struggle, "asked me when I was going to get off the pot."

It was 1991. The businessman, husband, and father of a growing family decided to answer a call to a greater service.

"When I decided to tell my wife, I thought

she'd laugh," he said. But Diana didn't laugh. Jeff spent the next three years earning a Bachelor of Arts degree at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont., and another three years at Knox College at the University of Toronto, where he was awarded a Master of Divinity degree. In June 1998, Jeff was ordained as a minister of Word and Sacrament.

Homiletics has always been a passion for him. While at Knox College, he won two prizes in homiletics. He has regularly attended festivals



Jeff Veenstra was comfortable and at ease as he began his ministry at A&P.

where he could hear and learn from preachers from around the world. "As a minister, you don't often get the chance to be on the other side of the pulpit," he said.

Jeff preaches without notes. "It's all about effective communication ... the proclaimed Word, not the written word." He begins to think about his sermon on Monday and it germinates all week. On Saturday he sits and writes. "I get up early on Sunday and read it through six or seven times," he said.

What did you mean when you wrote that the world had little Christian memory, he was asked.

"Fifty years ago," he answered, "the average person had some basic knowledge of the Bible. There was a happy marriage between civic culture and the church." In the last half-century, he said, that marriage has gone away at a rapid pace. Fewer people take their children to church on a regular basis.

"The vocabulary, the story, isn't there any more," he said, hitting on a theme that was to be the focus of his sermon a week later. It's a theme

that resonates here in Quebec, where militant secularism makes the headlines every day. "The church needs to be intentional about teaching the story."

And the call to A&P?

As he read the A&P profile, he was attracted by the chance of serving in a multicultural community in an urban setting, he said. In April, he preached in our pulpit as one of the monthly guest preachers invited to relieve Rod Ferguson.

"That's when it became real for me," he said of the possibility of leaving St. Andrew's Hespeler (Ont.), where he had been ministering since 2001. Two months later, he was invited to preach for the call. That's when it became real for the family.

"At St. Andrew's, we were all living together. Now we're dispersed all over Quebec and Ontario." Son Justin, 25, is at the University of Windsor (Ont.); daughter Jacqueline, 21, is working with troubled teens through Pioneer Youth Services in Ontario; Melissa, 19, is at York University in Toronto. Rachael, 15, has come to Montreal with Jeff and Diana and is studying at Trafalgar School.

The Veenstras have friends to help them get accustomed to living in Montreal. Rev. Ian Fraser, pastor at St. Columba by the Lake in Pointe Claire, has been a close friend for many years. Rev. Fraser delivered the sermon at Jeff's induction service. "Most of my closest friends are clergy," Jeff said. "You can totally be yourself because they know what it is to be a minister." He laughed as he recounted how he is often paired with strangers on the golf course – men having a good time, drinking beer, using foul language.

"Inevitably, the discussion gets around to what do you do," he said. "When I tell them I'm a minister, the relationship changes immediately. They're apologetic. They don't feel they can be themselves."

Golf is not Jeff's only secular passion. He loves literature, classic rock (he's a big fan of the Moody Blues, the Eagles and the Beatles) and sports, the latter raising troublesome notes on the hockey front. The minister is a Leafs fan. That promises to be a more delicate challenge than any language issue he might face in the near future. We have but one thing to say: 1967.

Welcome home Jeff, Diana, Rachael – and from afar, Justin, Jacqueline and Melissa. May our journeys in the service of God be long and fruitful and filled with love.

Raymond Brassard

From the Writings of Rev. Veenstra



Jeff and Diana Veenstra bid farewell to the congregation at St. Andrew's Hespeler.

During the search process, there was much communication between the committee and Rev. Jeff Veenstra. Here are some excerpts from his letters.

On his role in the church: "The role of the minister is to wrestle with the scripture on behalf of the people of God ... to share with them the good news of the gospel. The Christian story is a formative one. It shapes who we are and how we live in and interact with the world."

On worship: "Worship is the central activity of the church. Through it we are formed, transformed, nurtured, sustained, and made conscious of the presence of God in the world and in our lives. Soren Kierkegaard once described worship as theatre. However, the congregation is not the audience, but are part of the performance cast. God is the audience."

On pastoral care: "To be able to be part of people's life journey is both a blessing and a sacred privilege ... I have discovered that to be an effective pastor and preacher, I need to know the story of the people who are part of the congregation."

On evangelism and outreach: "I believe that the church exists not only to worship, but to be in mission. Social justice issues, development projects and relief work are central to what the church should be about ... I am convinced that the strongest form of evangelism is the church caring for the world that God created and loves."

On Christian education: "We are called to teach the gospel. We are called to equip people to think theologically about their lives and the world they live in and are part of."

On priorities at A&P: "My own conviction is that the church that is vibrant today is one that understands that it exists for the sake of the world ... Then there is this: In an age of ever-increasing individualism, being and creating community must be a priority ..."

"Finally, faith development for all age groups in the church must be a main concern for the Christian community."

On our role in his ministry: "Sometimes churches have the notion that genuine ministry is done by the ordained minister and that the lay people exist to ... support the work of the clergy. However, ministry is always shared. It is what John Calvin referred to as the priesthood of all believers ..."

"A church that loves its minister is one that recognizes, celebrates and encourages the use of his or her gifts. It is one thing to recognize and cherish the traditions of the congregation; it is quite another to refuse innovation and different ideas on the basis of 'We have never done it this way before.'"

Finally: "We exist not to prop up an institution, but to share the love, compassion and mercy of the God we have encountered in Christ. An archbishop of the 19th century once said, 'It is a grave mistake to believe that God is chiefly interested in religion; God is not interested in religion, but in flesh and blood, in human beings.'"

Lunch and Learn Series

Come and Learn About Our Church and Our Faith

The Ministry Committee has decided to replace the October Series with lectures for the congregation called the Lunch and Learn Series. These sessions are aimed at providing our members with insights into our church and our faith. We will begin Oct. 17 with a visual presentation given by Dr. J.S.S. Armour called Let's Build a Cathedral. Dr. Armour will explore the cathedral idea as it developed in Montreal – Notre Dame, Christ Church, St. Andrew's, then St. Paul's, then a second Roman Catholic Cathedral and St. James Methodist, leading up to the building of the new St. Andrew and St. Paul in 1931. In particular, he will show how some American churches influenced the design of our church.

On Nov. 14, Bruce Bolton will continue the series with his lecture entitled *What's in Our "Cathedral"?* At this time, we will have an opportunity to see some of the wealth of artifacts in our archives and hear about the interesting people involved. There will be further presentations in February and March dealing with what it means to be a Presbyterian and how we differ from other denominations. Watch this publication, the newsletter and the bulletin for further information. These lectures will coincide with the Student Lunches to be held on Oct. 17 and Nov. 14, as well as in the months of February and March. Those interested in attending will be asked to RSVP to the Church Office and make a donation for their lunch. Students, of course, will continue to be provided lunch free of charge.

Penny Wilkie

Wanted (and Needed): Volunteers

Just Say Yes: It's So Rewarding!

Sometimes it is hard to persuade someone to take on a job around the church. Other times it isn't hard to encourage someone to take on a job around the church. What is it that makes the difference?

Matching people to the task is one way. Knowing what interests them, and asking for their help in that area, can be very persuasive. But sometimes there are jobs to be done, volunteers are needed, and no one raises a hand. This is sad, and difficult for the "asker."

Please, next time you are invited to help with a task around the church and your first instinct is to say no, think again. Volunteering gives great satisfaction. You'll have taken your turn at doing the tasks that have to be done. On the positive side, you meet some other members of the church community – and it's never as bad or as difficult as you had expected.

We all belong to the church for different reasons. Sometimes it is for times of quiet and reflection, not for "joining in." But a little job well done can be very satisfying. Try saying yes the next time you are invited to help. You'll be amazed at the delight and pleasure!

Presbyterian Museum Launches Fundraising Effort

Recently, Session received a letter inviting our congregation to consider donations to the National Presbyterian Museum capital campaign. Below is an edited text of the letter.

Dear Session:

I am writing on behalf of the National Presbyterian Museum and the Rev. Dr. John A. Johnston Memorial Fund. We have received permission from The Presbyterian Church in Canada to begin a campaign to raise \$300,000 for our Museum.

We dream of seeking to have our doors open to the public more regularly, to increase the scope of our collection, to provide honoraria for those who give of their time to direct tours, and to hire a part-time curator. We look forward to the day when we can pay costs such as required by these dreams from a firm financial foundation.

We are appealing to friend of the Museum and friends of the late Rev. Dr. John A. Johnston to help us in this dream.

We invite gifts both large and small, bequests and contributions that may enable the continuation and expansion of this, a large part of Dr. Johnston's legacy to the church.

Your gift may be sent to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, 50 Wynford Drive, Toronto, Ontario M3C 1J7, marked "the Rev. Dr. John A. Johnston Fund," or simply, "National Presbyterian Museum." Donations may also be made securely online at: www.presbyterianmuseum.ca/donate.

We thank you for considering this request.

The National Presbyterian Museum opened in 2002 and is located in St. John's Presbyterian Church, 415 Broadview Avenue, Toronto. Included in the Museum's collection is a chapel with 1840s furnishings, 19th century minister's study and library, the largest public collection of Communion tokens in Canada and a Church Union ballot box.

For more information on the Museum, please visit its website at www.presbyterian-museum.ca.



The Veenstra family, from left: Melissa, Justin, Jeff, Diana, Jacqueline and Rachael. The family dog's name is Ted

Improvements to the Manse

Renovations Result in a Warm Welcome for Our Minister and His Family

Since the last *InsideOut* in June, trustees have experienced a busy summer. When the new minister and his family chose to live at our manse at 26 Richelieu Place, the Board decided that it needed to take the opportunity to renovate. The congregation was invited to see the manse on two tour dates before work began. Trustees were available to answer questions and a plan for the work was soon drafted.

Our manse was a gift to the church by a former member and it is located in excellent proximity to the church. The trustees know that we have an important asset in the manse and that its maintenance and upgrade are necessary to maintain its value, as well as to provide a comfortable home for our ministers. Although it was empty between ministers, the trustees waited until a minister was called to our church before undertaking the necessary work. There had not been complete renovation of the manse in decades. Three firms were invited to submit bids.

After reference checks and prayerful consideration, the Board chose a firm to do the renovations. Included in the work was sanding and refinishing floors throughout, painting throughout, some new lighting, cleaning, and replacing or repairing broken items. Several trustees worked tirelessly all summer overseeing, checking, inspecting, and making decisions on all aspects of the work. We can all be pleased that the efforts were made; the Veenstra family will be moving into a clean, refurbished home.

The congregation was given the opportunity to donate to the manse refurbishment in a special financial campaign that began mid-July and ended on Sept. 1. Thank you to the church family for its generosity in supporting the campaign.

The Manse Committee and the Stewardship Committee

Music at A&P

Old Favourites and New Discoveries in Fall Repertoire



The Music Department enjoyed another successful summer season in 2010. Our smaller summer choir sang each Sunday but three; on the last three July Sundays our soloists presented duets. While from the musicians' perspective singing and playing summer services without benefit of midweek rehearsals can give rise to some heart-stopping moments,

the intimacy of a smaller choral group also has its charms and allows us to explore repertoire not as feasible with a larger ensemble

The *Organ Intermezzi* recitals were again well-received. Average attendance was 64, down somewhat from previous years, but still respectable. The lack of American tourists in the city contributed to this year's lower net attendance, but happily our local audience is loyal and growing. Offerings were generous, as was the applause! This year's artists hailed from Canada, Germany, France, South Korea and the U.S.A.

The choir enters the 2010-2011 season in fine form. Considering the large student membership in the group, we have had very little turnover. Eight new members have joined us, and six have moved on to other opportunities, leaving us with a membership of 52. Our first rehearsal of the season, on Sept. 9, was a great success, culminating in an excellent stand-up reception catered by our master chef-in-residence, James Coward. This year's Choir Executive (chaired by Wendy Glaubitz) is a dynamic and effective group who contribute greatly to the *esprit de corps* that is a hallmark of the A&P choir.

We are bringing some new choral repertoire into our programming this fall. After studying our extensive library and collecting suggestions from choristers and the congregation, we are re-introducing old favourites that we haven't sung for a long time, and discovering some exciting new music, too. Some of the rediscovered "old favourites" include Howell's *St. Paul Service*, Widor's *Mass in F sharp minor*, Mathias'

Let the people praise thee, O God (commissioned for the wedding of H.R.H. Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer), and more. Exciting new discoveries include Eric Whitacre's *Lux Aurumque*, a fine example of recent American choral writing, and an arrangement of *What a friend we have in Jesus* by our Conductor, Jordan de Souza. Our busiest month will be in December, with the Maison du Parc Benefit concert on Dec. 5; the CBC Sing-In on Dec. 12; and Carols by Candlelight on Dec. 19. We would like to hold another Choral Getaway at some point in the fall, on a Thursday/Sunday pair to be determined.

Outside of our church activities, both Director of Music Jonathan Oldengarm and Conductor Jordan de Souza lead busy professional lives. Jonathan's recital calendar includes performances at Bishop's University, Lennoxville, on Oct. 14; Toronto's Roy Thomson Hall on Nov. 8 and St. James Cathedral on Nov. 9; St. Paul's Cathedral in Burlington, Vt., on Nov. 12; and Église St-Jean-Baptiste, Sherbrooke, on Nov. 21. In addition, he will be accompanying McGill University's Schulich Singers (directed by our Director of Music Emeritus Wayne Riddell) in a performance of Duruflé's *Requiem* and Vaughan Williams' *Dona nobis pacem* on Oct. 22, to be held here at the church.

In addition to his full academic load at the Schulich School of Music (McGill University), Conductor Jordan de Souza will be guest-conducting at Trinity Church, Wall Street, New York City, and will be guest-conducting the McGill Symphony Orchestra at the International Hall of Fame Awards Gala. In 2011, he will be assistant conductor and coach of Opera McGill's production of *La bohème*, and he will guest-conduct the McGill Sinfonietta.

We are blessed to be working with Rev. Jeff Veenstra, who in his short time at the church has already become a delightful and cherished colleague. Like his distinguished predecessors, Jeff understands the need for the unity of the Word and music in worship, and is committed to excellence in every aspect of ministry. We wish him God's blessing in his new calling among us, and look forward to many happy and productive years together.

Jonathan Oldengarm,
Director of Music

A&P Fall Fair Trucking Service

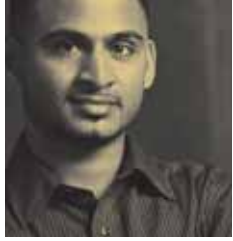
Fall cleaning? Remember the Fall Fair when you are sorting through your things. Books, treasures, vases, lamps, small pieces of furniture.

Silverware, brass, curios, linens, laces, jewellery (particularly any estate jewellery), and trifles of all kinds. We would gladly pick up your donations.

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The Church of St. Andrew & St. Paul Organ and Choral Music List, Fall 2010



. World
Communion
Sunday: October 3
Prelude: Évocation à
la Chapelle Sixtine
(Liszt)
Setting: Mass in F
sharp (Widor)
Anthem: Magnificat,

from St. Paul Service (Howells) Motets:
O taste and see (Vaughan Williams);
Factum est silentium (Dering)
Postlude: Finale, from Symphonie VII
(Widor)

Thanksgiving Sunday: October 10

Prelude: Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 720
(Bach)

Introit: Jubilate in C major, op. 115
(Stanford)

Anthem: Let the people praise Thee, O God
(Matthias)

Postlude: Dankpsalm, op. 145 no. 2 (Reger)

October 17

Prelude: Psalm Prelude, Set 2 no. 1
(Howells)

Introit: Ich aber bin elend, op. 110 no. 1
(Brahms)

Anthem: What a friend we have in Jesus (arr.
de Souza)

Postlude: Praeludium in D minor, op. 65. no.
7 (Reger)

October 24

Prelude: Excerpts from Organ Mass (de
Grigny)

Introit: They that go down to the sea in ships
(Sumsion)

Anthem: Schaffe in mir Gott, op. 29 no. 2
(Brahms)

Postlude: Offertoire sur les grands jeux (de
Grigny)

All Saints: October 31

Prelude: Apparition de l'Église éternelle
(Messiaen)

Introit: Give us the wings of faith (Bullock)

Anthem: Selig sind die Toten (Schütz)

Postlude: Saiya, from Flores del Desierto
(Decker)(Howells)

Remembrance Sunday: November 7

Prelude: Trauerode, op. 145 no. 1 (Reger)

Introit: They are at rest (Elgar)

Anthem: TBD

Postlude: Pièce Héroïque (Franck)

November 14

Prelude: Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott
(Sweelinck)

Introit: Behold O God our defender
(Howells)

Anthem: For lo I raise up (Stanford)

Postlude: Allegro, from Sonata I in F minor
(Mendelssohn)

Christ the King: November 21

Prelude: Improvisation (de Souza)

Introit: Tantum ergo (de Séverac)

Anthem: Most glorious Lord of life (Harris)

Postlude: Finale Jubilante (Willan)

Upcoming Concert

Friday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m

Schulich School Singers, conducted
by Wayne Riddell, C.M., with
Jonathan Oldengarm, organist.

Program: *Requiem*, op. 9 (Maurice
Durufle) and *Dona nobis pacem*
(Ralph Vaughan Williams). For infor-
mation and tickets call the McGill
Box Office at 514-398-4547.

Say Hello to the Choir!

Members Will Greet Parishioners After Services in October

On Sept. 9, with a sense of excitement and anticipation, the choir began its 2010-2011 season. New and returning choristers were met at the door of Kildonan Hall with friendly greeters and envelopes full of music, including new selections and old favorites. When Jordan gave us the first downbeat, there was a thrill of inner delight at the full and beautiful sound coming forth. For the next two hours, we explored at least 12 anthems, seeing how well we could sight read them on the first runthrough. Kudos from Jordan and Jonathan indicated that we were going to be a responsive group, ready for the challenges of the coming year.

This year the choir will be involved in ways to support the music program and the church even more. Ideas include a "Say Hello to the Choir" month in October, when choir members will greet parishioners in the Narthex following services, and a "Stars Out to Play Cabaret" to be scheduled near Valentine's Day. Stay tuned for updates!

Wendy Glaubitz, Choir President



From the Archives

Clerestory Windows, Part Two

In the previous article in this series we examined six clerestory windows, the first three on each of the west and east sides of the sanctuary. There remain four windows that we will examine in this article.

My interpretation of the next two windows is that they both relate to teaching. The fourth window on the west side of the sanctuary is “Our Lord and the Children,” which corresponds with the one opposite it on the east side, “St. Columba of Iona.” The first window portrays the story of Jesus’ blessing of the children as recorded in Matthew 19 and the following incident of the young man who approached Jesus with hard questions that had been vexing him. The inscription is taken from Matthew 19:13-14 – “Then there were brought unto him little children ... For of such is the kingdom of heaven.” The children all have happy faces full of light and joy, and they are playing a game. The young man is splendidly attired. In one hand he bears a scroll symbolic of learning, and his other hand is outstretched. Jesus has answered his questions, but the man has partially turned away, indicating that he is not yet ready to accept the teaching. Jesus’ face is turned toward him, and his eyes are following him. The suggestion is that the man will continue to yearn and there is hope that he may return. The faces of Moses and Elijah in the rosette are suggestive of the Transfiguration.

The opposite window depicts one of the great saints of the north, St. Columba of Iona, the son of a noble Irish family who established himself with twelve companions on the rocky island of Iona. (Iona is an old Celtic word meaning “island of saints.”)

There he lived for 34 years, making missionary journeys to the Scottish mainland and transforming Iona into a centre of learning for all northern Europe. The Saint appears as a venerable figure, holding in his hands a replica of the Iona Abbey, a medieval construction built on the site of St. Columba’s Church. A Celtic cross dominates both the saint and the island. In the rosette is a dove, the attribute of St. Columba.

This window does not really belong in the series because it does not depict a scene from any of the stories in the Epistles, although it is entirely fitting that there is in our church a window with a strong Scottish flavour. The only theme that appears to connect this window with the previous one is that of teaching: in the former window is the teaching of Jesus, and in the latter window is the teaching of St. Columba. There is also a link between the window of “St. Paul’s Missionary Journey” and “St. Columba of Iona,” because St. Columba followed the practice of St. Paul in carrying the gospel to the west. The inscription is taken from Psalm 34:1 – “I will bless the Lord at all times – His praise shall continually be in my mouth.”

Embedded in the wall of the chapel directly beneath the window of “Saint Columba of Iona” is a piece of stone taken from the Iona Abbey that was presented to our church by the Rev. George Duncan at its opening in 1932. Mr. and Mrs. William Arbuckle also gave the church a picture of the abbey that hangs appropriately in the Iona Room.

The fifth window on the west side of the sanctuary is “The Passion of Our Lord.” The scene in this window is the Garden of Gethsemane. This is as close as the artist comes to dealing with the death of Jesus. Here He is depicted in prayer, seeking guidance and garnering His strength for the fearful time ahead as He approached the supreme crisis of His life. In the rosette, an angel proffers the cup, a symbol of Holy Communion. The inscription is taken from Matthew 26:42 – “If this cup may not pass (from me), except I drink it, Thy will be done.” In this window the disciples are shown as being asleep. This indicates that they do not appreciate the significance of

the crisis of the moment. The last time we saw sleeping figures was the in “The Resurrection of Our Lord” – in that case they were soldiers asleep unaware of the significance of the Resurrection.

The last window is “The Church,” the fifth one on the east side of the sanctuary. This window depicts the Triumphant Christ, wearing an imperial mantle and standing within the Kingdom of God, surrounded by the faces of children. These faces provide a link between “The Church” and “Our Lord and the Children,” which also has a background of children’s faces, suggesting that human beings must enter heaven with the innocence of childhood. The inscription is taken from Ephesians 2:19 – “Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.” This window corresponds with the previous one by underlining the contrast between the suffering of Jesus in “The Passion of Our Lord” and the exalted Christ and the Church Triumphant in “The Church.”

We have now reviewed all ten clerestory windows in the church. We have seen that they trace the story of the life of Jesus in the Gospel on the west side of the sanctuary from his birth to his death, and in between his career of ministry, from his baptism to his leadership and teaching. Similarly, on the east side of the sanctuary we have seen the progress of the Epistles from Jesus’ Resurrection to the teaching of the Gospel in Europe by the saints, and in particular by St. Paul and St. Columba, to the final triumph of Christ in the Kingdom of God.

William Stavert



Volunteers set up the Books stall during last year's Fair preparations.

Here Comes FALL FAIR 2010!

Hard Work, Great Buys, and Lots of Fun

The date: Nov. 6, 2010.

The time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The place: Kildonan Hall and everywhere else in the Church House.

What happens: More members of our congregation than you would imagine possible get together to raise money for local charities. And they have fun doing it! It begins on the Tuesday of the week of the Fall Fair. That's when we pull out all the donations that you have contributed over the past months from your cupboards, garages, and kitchens. For the rest of the week, we sort and press and clean all sorts of wonderful things to prepare for the Saturday event. Friends come in with pies and cookies and jams and pickles they have made. Everything is donated, so if things seem to be bargains when you come around the stalls to support the event, that's because everything we have for sale will make money, and we want to sell everything.

By Friday night, everything has been "sorted," to use a good Scottish expression. We've priced everything, we've made our stalls look inviting, we've advertised the event in all sorts of places. The lunch is prepared, the muffins and coffee are ready to roll, and the baked goods and plum puddings have never looked more enticing. There's the Bottle Shop (our newest special feature) all set up, ready to give people wonderful surprises for \$5. Trifles and Treasures offer something for everyone.

The Book Stall has just what you need for an evening curled up with a good read. The Children's Stall has some perfect knitted goods, and toys for your grandchildren – or your children for that matter! Jewellery and Fashion Accessories has some real treasures, and Linens and Laces never disappoints – tablecloths, cushions, curtains and special materials are all there. The Asian Treasures has some of the loveliest items in fabrics and china, and the Christmas Stall has something for everyone as that season approaches. Lunches are served in three sittings, and tickets are purchased on the day. The meal is delicious and the servers are often choir members – looking a little different

from when they are in their choir gowns! The kitchen is a busy spot. The Iona Room is also very busy till all the delicious baking and jams and preserves are sold. Need to get there early!

For those who work behind the stalls, in the kitchen and behind the scenes (there's a big team of money-counters busy all day quietly gathering up the cash – so quiet you'd barely notice them if you didn't know they were purposefully working away). There's much pleasure in the fun and activity of the Fall Fair. We all want to sell as much as we can, and not feel too exhausted at the end of the day. Those who know the ropes understand that there's a quiet room for them to retreat to for a cup of coffee on the day of the Fair. If you work during the week, there's a wonderful lady who makes biscuits and amazing soups to encourage us all. No wonder those who work at the Fair like the opportunity to have fun together as well as the hard work.

Do not miss the Friday evening Wine and Cheese Party, Nov. 5, 5 to 7 p.m. This is where, for \$20, you can enjoy a splendid party with members of our fellowship that perhaps you've not had a chance to meet before. It is open to members of the congregation, and special items from the stalls are brought down to the Session Room and the Minister's Study. It is an opportunity to look at and buy some of the best of the Fall Fair items in a pleasant setting. You can add your name to the list of guests by paying the \$20 at a table in the Memorial Tower after church on the Sundays before the Fall Fair. This event, which has become increasingly popular as the years go by, is only for a limited number, so book your place early!

More than 120 volunteers work at our Fall Fair! What a wonderful job they do raising money for local charities. Through the Guild, which sponsors the Fall Fair, much good work is accomplished. If you feel like volunteering, please call Penny Wilkie at 514-934-3305 or Susan Stevenson at 514-933-2934. We'll find a job for you!

We welcome everyone to come and buy! Bringing a gift for the Food Pantry at Tyndale St-Georges is encouraged. Please tell your friends, bring your neighbours, and remember that everything we sell makes money that we can give to local charities. In these days, this is important outreach in a difficult world.

Please – support the Fall Fair in any way that you can.
See you there!

Susan Stevenson

News From Our Extended Family

A Visit With Our Former Assistant Minister

Heather Williams, a member of our congregation, recently visited family in Vancouver and attended Sunday worship at Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, where she was able to chat with Steve and Amy Filyk. She reports that all is well with Steve, Amy and Isobel Anne.



The Stewardship Committee Recommends PAR

Pre-Authorized Giving Benefits You and Your Church

Stewardship: What is PAR?

Answer: PAR stands for “pre-authorized remittance.” It is a system of pre-authorized deductions from a designated bank account, under which the church receives these deductions at the same time each month. The donor authorizes the deductions for a fixed or for an indefinite period. The donor is at liberty to stop the deductions at any time.

Stewardship: How are PAR deductions authorized?

Answer: By filling out a simple form available from the Church Office and signing it. The Church Office then forwards the completed form to the donor’s bank. Plans are to have the form on the church website soon. It will still be necessary to submit the signed form to the Church Office.

Stewardship: Why would someone use PAR rather than envelopes?

Answer: It is simple and predictable. You will know that your promised commitment to the church will be made regularly and on time throughout the year. You will know that the church can count on a steady income stream, which will not vary whether you are in church or not. From the perspective of many, it is an easy way to give; there is certainty that the church will receive your monthly gift. From the

perspective of the church, PAR constitutes an assurance that donations promised will be received regardless of the weather, holidays or illness of the member.

Stewardship: Does PAR constitute a legally binding gift?

Answer: No, it is a method of payment, not a legal commitment, and can be revoked at any time should the member be financially unable or unwilling to continue the monthly deductions.

Stewardship: Are PAR contributions confidential?

Answer: Yes, just like envelope contributions.

Stewardship: Can someone use PAR for giving to the church other than for regular giving?

Answer: Yes. This is a very interesting way to respond to a capital campaign or for giving to a special project. You can sign up for PAR to give monthly.

Stewardship: How do you increase the amount that you give after you are already using PAR?

Answer: You fill out a form at the Church Office and they will make all the appropriate arrangements.



VIDÉOTRON

A Partnership with Videotron

Bell Tower Doubles as Cell Tower – and the Church Benefits

There has been a lot of unusual activity over the past few months in and around the church – cranes and commercial vehicles coming and going, city repairs to the public sidewalk, a ditch dug, Memorial Tower restrooms closed, lights to be seen in the bell tower at night, groups of engineers, architects, contractors, electricians and painters in various parts of the church – all under the careful scrutiny of Church Officer Peter Sabourin and your Trustees Property Committee.

This is the result of our negotiating a five-year lease for use of space by Videotron, with possible subsequent renewals for 20 years. It involves installation of antennae and ancillary equipment to create a relay point for Videotron's new wireless cell-phone system. It links antennae and a small space in our bell tower with a sealed unit in the basement of the church. To avoid the unattractive long box-like antennae for this system seen pro-

truding from other church towers, particularly in areas outside of Montreal, or from walls of various commercial structures and apartments in the city, Videotron agreed that the antennae be painted black and placed behind black wire screening inside the open windows at the top of the bell tower – rendering them invisible from the outside. They also agreed to the possibility of a similar installation from a competitor should the opportunity arise.

This contract is financially very beneficial for The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. Installing the Videotron system provides other benefits, due to necessary structural interventions resulting in upgrades to the church building.

The two restrooms in the Memorial Tower have been completely redone (work on our “to-do” list anyway). Cables had to pass through one of them, necessitating some structural changes to one wall to hide the cables. Videotron agreed to redo both restrooms to maintain their aesthetic integrity.

The heavy access plug or ceiling-door to the bell tower “weighs a ton” and had to be manually moved. Vidéotron installed a mechanism to facilitate access and installed electric lighting in the bell-tower room.

Installation of an emergency generator

access cable, basement control centre, etc., necessitated upgrading or new installations at other points in the church building at no cost to the church.

A new sidewalk has been laid from Sherbrooke St. up to the path to the Quiet Garden. There are a few restoration details to be completed in that area.

Every detail of the project has been scrutinized by the Property Committee, our Church Officer, and our insurance company. Government health rules concerning short-wave transmission were consulted and legal advice sought before the contract was signed. Constant surveillance has been maintained to ensure the appearance, heritage and operational integrity of our own electronic systems and completion of all commitments by Videotron subcontractors. We maintain 24-hour controlled access to the building by Videotron as part of the deal.

Our relations with Videotron have been most positive so far; their management has exhibited sensitivity and responded positively to each of our concerns. If you should like more information about this project, please contact Robert Koffend, Chair of the Trustees Property Committee.

Congregation Offers Thanks to Rev. Rod Ferguson

Quiet Garden Overflows With Well-Wishers



Rev. Ferguson accepts gifts from Diane Ellison and Judy Mowat.



A magnificent cake was soon cut up and distributed.



Rod Ferguson speaks to the crowd at his farewell gathering in the Quiet Garden

Our Doors Are OPEN/Nos Portes Sont OUVERTES

Summer Visitors Enjoy A&P



Our doors are open to people from far and near.

Those words are on the sign that sits outside the church on Thursdays in the summer. The sign has been in use now for some 30 years. And this summer, visitors came pouring through the doors.

Sue Dakin and Robert Koffend set up the schedule for “welcomers” this year, and were often there themselves to make sure everyone was able to enjoy Thursdays at the church. Doors opened

at 10 a.m., and for those

of us who were on duty week by week, it was a fascinating process.

The visitors came from far and wide. One woman lives just up the street and knew women from the church who worked with her at one of the hospitals. But she’d never been inside “their” church, and so came in to admire the sanctuary. Sue Dakin reports: “There were folk from Holland, France, Japan, South America, and Russia. They all were interested in the building and in what goes on there.” Many thought that it was a Roman Catholic church, and it was good to be able to explain our Scottish heritage and our Protestant faith. The guest book, signed by many as they visited, really was well used. As well as pleasant messages, some left their email addresses. These visitors are all sent a friendly greeting by someone on the welcoming team.

One of the major attractions on the Thursdays is Organ Intermezzi at 12:15 p.m. Our Director of Music, Jonathan Oldengarm, arranges for ten stellar guest organists to play recitals through the months of July and August. “We would have over 100 people coming for the recitals, which are free of charge,” says Sue Dakin, “but we do have a basket for donations!” Enticing visitors up those front steps is no mean feat. With the inviting and lovely church gardens, the kindly welcoming smiles of the team in the Narthex, the wonderful music of the organ, and the cool lemonade supplied by Mebbie Aikens at the end of the recitals, a good welcome is given to all who come within our doors on summer Thursdays. As Peter Sabourin closes the doors at 4 p.m., we hope that many people go home happy!

Mission and Outreach Is Hard at Work

Co-Chairs Have a Full Agenda

The Mission and Outreach Committee has launched its church year with what may be a new approach: a Chairperson, Keith Randall, and a co-Chairperson, Diane Ellison. Diane brings substantial business experience to the table, and sharing responsibilities for the wide range of challenges ahead should permit us to make our outreach to the community and the world even more effective.

Madonna Bailey brings the excitement of Stewards by Design to Outreach meetings. Diane Janna heads up our work with Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre. Tyndale welcomes volunteers of all ages in a wide range of fulfilling tasks, from tutoring in the after-school program to applying retail experience in Tyndale Treasures. Keith and a dedicated sub-committee will work with Rev. Stewart Folster and our twinning with the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. Plans move forward for A&P Neechewagon, the group of friends interested in supporting the twinning relationship and learning more about native culture, history and spirituality. Lori Ransom, Healing and Reconciliation Program Animator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, is scheduled to speak in the Kirk Session Room after the service on Sunday, Nov. 14.

Brian Merrett and others who work with Kiza Joey are teamed up with Action Réfugiés Montréal to seek practical approaches for our church in understanding the trials faced by refugees and helping in any way we can.

Thea Calder and Hiroko Ota will continue to organize the increasingly popular Coffee & Conversation. Intercultural delights and summer Sundays in the Porte Cochère proved to be real crowd-pleasers. Speaking of our intercultural congregation, both Flag Day and A Taste of the Nations dinner will be back this church year. We also plan to work with the Guild in making the Welcome Table in the Narthex even more, well, welcoming.

By the time you read this, Diane Ellison will have firmed up plans for our mission to St. Andrew’s Church in Nairobi, Kenya. This will be an exciting and rewarding experience for those taking part in both sharing Presbyterian mission and worshipping with new friends in a far-off land.

Keith Randall



Loving Our Neighbour – How Are We Doing?

First Nations Conference at Presbyterian College

Presbyterian College, the Presbytery of Montreal, and Jill Foster, Presbyterian Chaplain at McGill, have planned a conference called “Loving our neighbour – How are we doing?” to be held at Presbyterian College on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 24 and 25. It is designed as a conversation with First Nations Christian organizations about how God is moving among First Nations communities and how the non-native church can improve its partnership. Among those expected to take part are Lori Ransom, Healing and Reconciliation Program Animator at the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Rev. Stewart Folster of the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry, and several speakers from My People International. There will be more details in the Christmas issue of *InsideOut*. Seating will be limited. Registration: \$50, \$30 for students. For more information, see Jill Foster or call Presbyterian College at 514-288-5256.



Moving Coffee and Conversation to the Porte Cochère for the summer was a great success. Rain or shine, the congregation was able to enjoy the outdoor gathering.

From the Church Registrar

Baptisms

June 13, 2010
Lukas Karl Voogesang Dancik, son of Robert J. Dancik and Carolyn J. Voogesang

Caleb Victor Phare, son of Christopher Phare and Camille Yip Hoi

July 30, 2010
Pierce Matthew Philip Stevenson and Colin David Pierce Stevenson, twin sons of Michael J.B. Stevenson and Nora E. Pierce

Weddings

June 19, 2010
Keith Bruce Pathington and Dahlia Marie Jasenovic

August 21, 2010
Bruno Cornellier and Jenny Wills

September 5, 2010
Jeremy E. Frankfurt and Margaret E. Redpath

Funerals

July 11, 2010
Laura L. Cornett, wife of Norman Cornett and mother of Paul Cornett

August 18, 2010 (Memorial)
Jeffrey R. Williams

April 23, 2010 (Memorial)
Claude Hamel, husband of Jocelyne St. Laurent

September 9, 2010 (Memorial)
Mavis Elizabeth Wrathall

How It Works

Leading With Care

Our nationwide church has instituted a new program for every congregation across Canada. It is called Leading with Care and, simply put, it requires us all to deliberately take care of the vulnerable in our congregation. Already, many steps in the required procedures have taken place in our church, and this article will bring you all up to date with the process. Leading with Care blends with the GAIN program.

Here is the Policy Statement that has been approved by the General Assembly of our church:

“It is the policy of The Presbyterian Church in Canada that all persons and in particular all children, youth and vulnerable adults, who participate in the denomination’s programs and ministries and/or use the denomination’s facilities, will be cared for with Christian compassion and will be safe.”

This policy is to be implemented in three phases: preparation, work with teachers and leaders, and evaluation and reporting.

Preparation has been undertaken with a committee formed to review the ministries we offer, evaluate the risk factors in all the ministries, determine how any risks can be reduced, and examine our safety precautions and accident-prevention procedures.

All the procedures that happen in our church community have been examined for the elements of risk and safety. So if you notice that something is a little different one day, perhaps notes on how to evacuate the sanctuary in an emergency printed in the Sunday Bulletin, you will know it is part of the Leading with Care program.

For those who teach children, who visit the elderly at home, who do counselling and other sensitive areas of ministry, there will be special instruction and a requirement to sign a Covenant of Care form. All these things and more have been developed and approved by the Kirk Session and the Board of Trustees.

Some examples of initiatives under this program:

- A number of members of the congregation and staff are now trained in CPR, and we have a defibrillator now available should we ever need it.
- Our building is up to code for safety and protection.
- Elders have all had police checks as required. (Anyone working with the young and the vulnerable in our society today follows this procedure.)
- In the Church School, there is a lovely process of shepherds who visit classes to make sure that everyone has what they need, and in case of any emergency, is there to find a parent of a distressed child.

A small committee continues to evaluate our care of our church community in a way that is unobtrusive, but thoughtful and thorough.

As members of the wider community as well as of the congregation, we are all sensitive to the issues of liability. With the program Leading with Care in place, we are assured that the best possible care is being taken of those for whom we are responsible in any way.

Church School Update

Apple-Picking, Pumpkin Ball and More This Fall



I do hope everyone enjoyed the glorious summer we were blessed with! A time to relax and enjoy family and friends and to appreciate God's beauty surrounding us. Our Church School Celebration and Honouring Fathers Sunday in June was a wonderful success, and once again we were blessed with beautiful weather and were able to host a

luncheon for the congregation and Church School families in the lovely Quiet Garden. There was a large turnout and a wonderful opportunity for the congregation to meet many of the children and their parents. It was a great time of fellowship for all.

Thanks to a number of dedicated teachers who volunteered their time over the summer so that many of our Church School children as well as a number of visitors were able to enjoy the summer program. A big thank you to all of you for helping out with the program and for volunteering in the Crèche!

Our new year began with Welcome Back to Church School on Sunday, Sept. 12, and in appreciation for all of their dedication there was a Thank You Breakfast for all teachers and volunteers at 9:30 a.m. Special activities were prepared for the children to welcome them all back and to introduce new friends and teachers.

All of the staff at Church School are very excited about the year ahead and welcome our new minister, Rev. Jeff Veenstra, and his family. We are looking forward to getting to know them and having them share in the fellowship of our Church School family.

A number of our very popular events will be taking place in the next few months, so jot these dates down in your calendar:

On Sunday, Oct. 3, after the service, we will be setting out for our annual apple-picking trip at La Magie de la Pomme in St. Eustache, and the congregation is invited to join us. Bus transportation will be provided. Details will follow in the church bulletins.

On Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m. we will be having our Pumpkin Ball, and all the congregation are invited to join us for supper and a fun evening of games and surprises. Admission: non-perishable food items to be donated to Tyndale St-Georges.

Our Youth Group will be having its first activity and planning session for the 2010-2011 year on Friday, Sept. 24. We are looking forward to a busy year with activities shared with other youth groups in Montreal. This group consists of young people from Grade 6 through high school and welcomes anyone who would like to join us. Contact Sharon or Art at 450-689-4379 if you would like to become involved.

We are always in need of volunteers to help with teaching, shepherding and caring for our babies in the Crèche. Even if you can only help out one Sunday every five weeks or so, that would be great and most appreciated! The Christian Education Department is a wonderful department to work in – it is a happy place, and it is very rewarding to be involved with our beautiful children. Please call me at 450-689-4379 or email me at grammy.shani@sympatico.ca if you have any questions or would like to offer some time – come share your talents!

As always, I would like to thank everyone for your continued support and prayers – our Church School is truly blessed.

Sharon Dworzak, Church School Co-ordinator

Accolades for the Presbyterian Record

Top Prize at Church Press Awards

Members of the congregation who do not presently subscribe to the Presbyterian Record will be interested to learn that our national magazine was voted the Best Denominational Magazine in North America at the 2010 Associated Church Press awards.

As well, the Record received five other awards given out by the Associated Church Press, as well as 15 awards by the Canadian Church Press this past May. It was an achievement we can all be proud of.

All the individual awards are listed on the back page of the June issue of the Record, copies of which were available at the Information Desk in the Narthex during the

summer. A limited number of copies of the Record are available free at the Information Desk each month.

The Record contains information about local congregations, national committees and articles of interest on many aspects of church life and faith. The magazine helps us to keep connected as a national denomination.

For those who do not subscribe to the Record (nominal fee) and would like to do so, phone 1-800-619-730, Extension 308, or contact the Record at presbyterianrecord.ca/subscribe.

Moirra Barclay-Fernie

"Look In - Shout Out"

National Presbyterian Women's Gathering
May 20-23, 2011

This gathering will be held at the Sheraton Parkway Convention Centre in Richmond Hill (Greater Toronto Area), Ontario. It is sponsored by several groups within the Presbyterian Church in Canada, including the Women's Missionary Society. Although it is called a women's gathering, men are also welcome. Registration fees for the conference are \$325 before Nov. 15, 2010, and \$425 before March 31, 2011. For more information, visit www.womensgathering.ca or telephone 1-800-619-7301 Extension 321.

Summertime Memories



Naomi Struik, Jonatha Oldengarm and daughter Christina at the Honouring Fathers celebration in the Quiet Garden.



Bobbie and Michael Cristofaro with sons Luca and Nico.



James Hiemigan with his children, who were honouring their father.



Rod Ferguson presides over a thank-you barbecue for teachers and volunteers