



Inside·Out

March/April/May 2010

Worship

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25
Lenten Chapel Service, 12:30 p.m.
"Judge Not"
Luncheon, 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28
Second Sunday of Lent, 11:00 a.m.
"Crazy...or What?"
Children's Story
Chapel Communion, 12:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25
Lenten Chapel Service, 12:30 p.m.
"A Strange Glory"
Luncheon, 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7
Third Sunday of Lent, 11:00 a.m.
"A Little Discipline"

THURSDAY, MARCH 11
Lenten Chapel Service, 12:30 p.m.
"Dereliction"
Luncheon, 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14
Fourth Sunday of Lent, 11:00 a.m.
"A House of Joy"
Children's Story
University & CEGEP Student Lunch

THURSDAY, MARCH 18
Lenten Chapel Service, 12:30 p.m.
"Witnesses"
Luncheon, 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21
Fifth Sunday of Lent, 11:00 a.m.
"Fragrant Love"

THURSDAY, MARCH 25
Lenten Chapel Service, 12:30 p.m.
"The Sacrifice"

SUNDAY, MARCH 25
Palm/Passion Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
"Shouting Stones"
Children's Story
Reception of New Members

THURSDAY, APRIL 1
Maundy Thursday
Tenebrae Service, 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2
Seven Last Words of Jesus, 11:00 a.m.
B Minor Mass, J.S. Bach, 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4
Easter Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
Service of Holy Communion



On the heels of a successful CBC Christmas Sing-In, Jordan De Souza (shown conducting), Jonathan Oldengarm and the A&P choir are preparing for a moving and devotional Lenten SEASON. Photo: Allen McInnis, *The Gazette*

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A Word From Our Interim Moderator

Good News From the Search Committee



No doubt, as we move into the new year, many would like to have an update on where we are in the search process. I am happy to bring positive news of our progress. We have received a number of profiles that we believe could be potential candidates for the congregation of St. Andrew and St. Paul. As members are aware, the Church of

St. Andrew and St. Paul has a number of unique features. While we have had a number of applications, the Search Committee has worked diligently to discern which applicants might best meet the challenges and makeup of our congregation. We have begun meeting with potential candidates. One meeting took place in January and two others were scheduled for February.

As you will be aware, confidentiality at this stage of the process is essential for the sake of each applicant and their present congregations. It would be unfair at this point to go into any details. However, we believe the candidates we are considering have the potential to provide the leadership and pastoral oversight of the congregation. We are hoping that as we have initial interviews, we will gain clarity on the strengths of each candidate, and that they will also get a better sense of our congregation.

There are many challenges for someone considering a move to a new congregation in a new setting. There are often family concerns that weigh on the decision of making such a transition. The months of February, March and April will be very important months in our search process. I would encourage the congregation to pray for clarity of discernment for the Search Committee, the congregation as a whole and for each candidate.

Again, I would like to thank Rev. Ferguson and Rev. Armour for their work in leading in worship and in pastoral care. I would also like to thank all of the staff and the leadership team who have continued to work hard on behalf of the congregation.

Peace and grace to each one in this New Year.

Rev. Dr. Dale Woods
Interim Moderator

Silver Cross Pram

A generous member of the congregation gave us a beautiful Silver Cross pram to sell at the 2009 Fall Fair. Alas, there were no buyers at that time. We wondered if there was a reader of *InsideOut* who would be interested in its purchase? The price is \$350. The vintage pram is most elegant and is in excellent condition. To see the pram, please call 514-933-2934.

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.

...and From Our Interim Minister

Spring Is Coming



The best part about Lent is the name. Lent comes from an old English word for "spring." Usually, spring does arrive before Lent is over. This year Lent comes quite early and the groundhogs have told us to expect six more weeks of winter. So, perhaps it is appropriate that Lent not be too cheerful a season.

Lent is observed in the church as a *penitential* season. It is a time of reflection on our complicity in the general sin of the world and, therefore, on our complicity in the death of our Saviour. It is a season for repentance, hence the common practice of "giving up" something for Lent, in the hope that we will become a better, more disciplined and less indulgent person.

This year, we have a stark reminder of how needy the world is in certain places, especially following the earthquake in Haiti. We are, of course, constrained to respond in some way. It would make a good Lenten discipline to set something aside each of the six weeks for victims of the earthquake.

This year, the theme of the Thursday Lenten Chapel services is *Death on a Friday Afternoon*. The title is not original to me, but is the title of a book by Richard John Neuhaus, a distinguished Roman Catholic theologian and intellectual. Each service will be a meditation on the last words of Christ from the cross. I look forward to seeing many of you there, and at the luncheon following.

Rev. Rod Ferguson
Interim Preacher

A Thank You From Cuba

Brothers and Sisters in the Church Universal

Some may remember that in December the Mission and Outreach Committee kindly agreed to aid Presbyterian College in its endeavors to gather medications to take on its trip to Cuba. Each year, students in the final year take part in a 10-day trip to Cuba as part of their Mission and Global Awareness course. The purpose of the trip is to engage with other leaders in the church in Cuba to see how the church is at work in a different part of the world. It is often an inspiring and somewhat humbling experience to see how active the church is in the midst of difficult and challenging circumstances. We also seek to be in partnership with the various ministries we visit and we have done this primarily by bringing much-needed medications with us.

This year we took over \$1,400 worth of medications with us and were able to share them among several ministries. Since some of that help came from St. Andrew and St. Paul, I thought members of the congregation might like to know how they were used.

In the photo (top) the person on the left is Felipe, who oversees an orphanage in the city of Matanzas. On the right is Jared Miller, one of our students. The orphanage is home to approximately 10-12 children who enter at the age of six and remain there until their early adult life, at which time they are able to move out on their own. We were able to provide them with various vitamins as well as other medications, which are also shared with another orphanage that takes in children under the age of six.

The second picture (centre) is the presentation of medications to a pastor by the name of Carlos (on the left) who works in a small rural community called Cuantro Esquinas. This is a community church that provides various services to people of all ages. There is a senior's program that provides a meal for

the elderly each day of the week. The vitamins we were able to take with us were particularly appreciated since it is difficult for seniors to obtain them in Cuba. The church also hosts a local teen baseball team, has a sewing centre that sews clothes for children at very little cost, and is presently developing a farm program to employ people in the town, as well as to provide much-needed agricultural products.

The final picture is a presentation of medications to Dr. Reinerio Arce-Vanentin, the principal of the Matanzas Theological Seminary. This seminary has several local missions and works with local doctors in providing medications to various community groups within Matanzas.

I know there are those who believe we have enough problems in our own back yard that we do not need to focus on needs further afield. But we are part of the church universal. We have brothers and sisters all around the globe and it is one of the privileges that God extends to us that we can be in partnership with what God is also doing in their midst. Next year, we hope to work through a couple of health agencies that will multiply our gifts by ten, so that for \$500 we will receive \$5,000 worth of medication. It may be a program that will interest some at St. Andrew and St. Paul.

Presbyterian College is grateful for its partnership with The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. You have provided a place to help train our students. You offer your space for our yearly convocation, and this year you have partnered with us in our trip to Cuba. On behalf of all those whose lives have been positively affected by your generosity, I would like to express my sincere thanks.

Rev. Dr. Dale Woods



Music at A&P

Making the Best of Talents Given



Like Advent, Lent is a season of preparation, a time for Christians to reflect on the miracle of Christ's ultimate sacrifice that secures our redemption. Well-chosen church music aids this spiritual journey by underlining our needs and by pointing us forward and upward.

The choral and organ selections set for our 2010 Lenten services emphasize the Psalms, models of penitential prayer: Psalm 42, which expresses our longing for God (March 7 and 21); Psalms 22, 51 and 130, with their more passionate cries for God's help (February 21 and March 14); and Psalm 23, with its reassurance of God's constant care and provision (February 21 and March 7). No matter how dark the beginning of a Psalm, its end nearly always turns to the hope and joy of God's love and mercy. We will preview Good Friday's *B Minor Mass* Choral Service on March 14 with two movements from that work, *Crucifixus* (which vividly paints the crucifixion in music), and *Dona nobis pacem* ("Grant us Thy peace"), the closing chorus of one of the mightiest pieces in Western music.

On Sunday, March 7, we welcome the Women's Chorus of Acadia University as our guest choir. They will sing two beautiful yet rarely-heard Psalm settings for women's voices by Franz Schubert (Psalm 23) and Johannes Brahms (Psalm 13). The guest choir's presence will give our own choir a Sunday's breathing time in the intense lead-up to Good Friday's service.

At 8:00 p.m. on Good Friday, April 2, we look forward to an event that will be a milestone for the Choir, the Church, and the broader Montreal community. J. S. Bach's *Mass in B Minor* is an epic composition by one of the West's greatest composers, and we of the Choir and music staff are working to our limits to prepare a performance worthy of the piece. Once again, we intend to present the work within a worship service complete with prayers, a meditation, hymns and prelude and postlude. Although its genesis and scope suggest that Bach did not intend the Mass for liturgical use – it was never even performed in its entirety during Bach's lifetime – within our music program it is only fitting that we present it within a service. The Mass text is a journey through the Christian experience, encompassing confession, absolution, sacrifice, salvation and service, the elements of the Christian life; as a church we can place these words and music into their native context in a way that no choral society or concert hall can do.

In presenting this great music, we are enriching the broader community with an important piece of Christian and Western musical heritage, we are making a profound theological statement, we are fostering Christian discipleship in our congregation and beyond, we are giving great solo opportunities to our excellent choristers (almost all of the soloists are regular members of the Choir), and we are making the most of the exceptional vision and resources this congregation has to support church music of the highest calibre. In the parable of the talents, Christ teaches that the most was demanded of the servant who had been entrusted with the most talents; here at The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, we are that gifted servant, and only the best is worthy of the gifts we have been given.

Jonathan Oldengarm
Director of Music

The Church of St. Andrew & St. Paul Music List: Lent 2010



February 21, 2010
(Lent I: Spoken
Communion)
Prelude: Erbarm dich
mein (Sweelinck)
Anthem: Salvator
mundi (Tallis)
Motets: Domine, non

sum dignus (Victoria); Brother James' Air
(arr. Jacob)

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

February 28, 2010 (Lent II)
Prelude: Adagio and Cantabile, from
Symphonie VI (Widor)

Introit: Lord, for Thy tender mercy's sake
(Farrant/Hilton)

Anthem: Christus factus est (Bruckner)

Postlude: Toccata in D minor, BuxWV 155
(Buxtehude)

March 7, 2010 (Lent III)
Visiting Women's Choir from Acadia
University
Prelude: Psalm 140 (Sweelinck)
Introit: Psalm 23 (Schubert)
Anthem: Psalm 13 (Brahms)
Postlude: Toccata in F minor (Grison)

March 14, 2010 (Lent IV)
Prelude: Ad te clamavi (Weitz)
Introit: Crucifixus, from *Mass in B Minor*,
BWV 232 (Bach)
Anthem: Dona nobis pacem, from *Mass in B*
Minor, BWV 232 (Bach)
Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in B Minor,
BWV 544 (Bach)

March 21, 2010 (Lent V)
Prelude: Psalm Prelude, Set 2 no. 1
(Howells)
Introit: O salutaris hostia (Rossini)
Anthem: Like as the Hart (Howells)
Postlude: Praeludium in G Minor, BuxWV
149 (Buxtehude)

March 28, 2010 (Palm Sunday)
Prelude: Excerpts from *Le Chemin de la Croix*,
op. 29 (Dupré)
Introit: Hosannah to the Son of David
(Gibbons)
Anthem: Turn back, O Man (Holst)
Postlude: Excerpts from *Le Chemin de la Croix*,
op. 29 (Dupré)

Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
(Tenebrae)
Christus factus est (Bruckner)
Ecce quomodo (Handl)
O salutaris hostia (Rossini)

Friday, April 2, 2010, at 8:00 p.m.
(Good Friday Choral Service)
The Baroque Orchestra and the Choir of the
Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul perform J.
S. Bach's *Mass in B Minor*, BWV 232.

Interview With Professor John Vissers

Principal of Presbyterian College

The Stewardship Committee begins a series about our Church and its relationships with other organizations in Montreal, an opportunity for the congregation to learn more about our place in the community. Just before Christmas, Donald Walcot met with John Vissers, Principal of Presbyterian College at McGill University, 3495 University St., Montreal.

DW: My questions are on three levels – denominational, community and our Church. What do you see as the most important links between the College and our Church (A&P)?

Principal John Vissers: Let me begin by saying that as Principal I am very grateful for the long and important connection between the Presbyterian College and The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. It was a particular privilege for me to serve as your interim moderator during the last search for an assistant minister. And I am pleased that our Director of Pastoral Studies, Rev. Dr. Dale Woods, is currently serving as your interim moderator in the search for a new lead minister. Your previous minister, Rev. Dr. Richard Topping, served as an Adjunct Lecturer in theology and preaching for the College, and our hope would be that your new minister, when he or she arrives, will also be involved in teaching and mentoring at the College.

Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm provides some classes on worship and church music. We have also been grateful that The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul has been able to serve as a congregational placement for our students. Most recently, Rev. David Clark completed his supervised ministry placement with you. Quite a number of our students regularly find their way to your Church for worship and fellowship. We have also been pleased to see that a number of candidates for ministry have been recommended to the Presbytery and the

College from your congregation, and we continue to look to your congregation to provide leadership on our board of governors.

One of your members, Dr. Shuling Chen, currently serves on staff as Chaplain and Director of Educational Programs. And a number of people from St. Andrew and St. Paul have been involved in our lay education program. Recent members of the board and College committees have included yourself (Donald Walcot), Mr. Ralph Loader, Ms. Judy Mowat and Mr. Mark Phillips. In addition, the financial support received regularly from The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul is vital for the work we do. Finally, I was so pleased that the College and the Church were able to co-sponsor the recent conference marking the 500th anniversary of John Calvin in October 2009. All of these links indicate a deep and abiding connection between the congregation and the College in the important work of preparing a new generation of Christian leadership.

DW: What do you see as the role for PCC in the secular, diverse Montreal community?

Principal John Vissers: It is important to recognize that The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul and the Presbyterian College constitute probably the two strongest institutional expressions of Presbyterianism in Montreal. Therefore, both individually and together, they have an important role to play in bearing witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ as that gospel has found expression in the Reformed Protestant tradition. It is true that we live in what Charles Taylor calls a secular age, with people of Christian faith, other religious faiths, and no faith at all. Montreal has also become a global city, with the world in its midst. In a very real sense this makes Montreal a perfect place to study theology and learn about church leadership. Montreal provides a wonderful urban context – a laboratory for learning about what it means to be a Christian minister and leader in today's world. We have the advantage of being

associated with one of Canada's leading universities, McGill, ensuring that the work we do is of the highest academic quality. We are privileged to be part of an ecumenical consortium and work with other churches. And we are committed to grounding our students in the depth of the biblical and Reformed tradition. All this as we work together with congregations like The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. And as we pursue the work of theological education, we are also called to fulfill our vocation of Christian witness in the university and the city.

DW: As we go through the search process for a new minister at A&P, we are very much aware of the importance of the teaching and training of a new generation of ministers/church leaders. What is PCC's role in this important work?

Principal John Vissers: As I visit congregations across Canada, I often remind them that ministers do not come out of nowhere – they don't just drop down from heaven! Ministers are women and men in congregations who have sensed a call to serve Jesus Christ in the ordained teaching eldership of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Once that call has been discerned and confirmed by the local congregation and the Presbytery, it is the College's responsibility to educate and equip them to fulfill that calling. Theological education focuses on three areas: (1) Christian scholarship grounded in rigorous academic study of the bible, church history, theology and philosophy; (2) deep spiritual formation and character development; and (3) training in the practical arts and skills of Christian ministry relevant to today's church. During the course of a three-year program, our goal is to prepare leaders who have been transformed by the grace of God in order to provide transformational leadership in the church.

Prince Presents Black Watch With New Colours

A&P Will Receive the "Old" Colours in May

Once in a generation a regiment receives new colours. On November 10, 2009, the Colonel-in-Chief of The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, Prince Charles The Prince of Wales, came to the Bleury St. armoury to present new Queen's and Regimental Colours.

For the event, the Choir of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, the Regimental Church of The Black Watch, formed up on the staircase to the balcony, appearing as spectators, but angelically singing our National Anthem, to the delighted surprise of all assembled. Proud members of the Church were also there, on parade and as spectators.

On May 9, 2010, The Black Watch will march to The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul for its annual church parade. This year will be different from all those of the last decades. A request will be made by a Black Watch officer, after knocking on the door with his broadsword, for permission to deposit the old colours in the Church to hang in perpetuity. This is an essential aspect of gaining new colours – the old must be retired to a location that affords public viewing and remain there, unaltered, until they disintegrate.

When the old colours are newly hung, the congregation will note that the Queen's Colour is radically different from all those of the last 150 years, resembling not the Union Jack, but the Canadian Maple Leaf flag. The Black Watch cherishes its relationship with The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul and is delighted that the Church is so willing to secure that most revered feature or our regiment, the colours.

*Captain Derrick Farnham
Regimental Adjutant and member of the Church*



Prince Charles presents new Regimental Colours to Captain Farnham.

The Guild's Spring Luncheon

Guest Speaker:

Myriam Cloutier

Director of Heritage Programs

Mount Royal Commemorative Services,

who will present an

"Historical Tour of Mount Royal Cemetery"

DATE: Wednesday, April 21, 2010

TIME: 12:00 noon

PLACE: Kildonan Hall

RESERVATIONS: Edna Ralston, 514-288-9588

Please make your reservations early!

And You Thought You'd Heard the Last of the 2009 Fall Fair!

This note is just to give everyone the final result of the great efforts of so many of you. Your hard work ensures that the donations to local charities by The Guild can continue. And the final result when the Guild "books" closed on December 31 was a grand total of \$22,325.84! BRAVO everyone!

As you do your spring cleaning, checking though your linen cupboards, cleaning out boxes of 'stuff,' as you thin out your library, and replace the old coffee table books with new ones that you received at Christmas, please remember the 2010 Fall Fair, which this year will be on November 6.

There will be the familiar tables of Treasures and Trifles, Jewellery and Accessories, Children's Boutique, Linens and Laces, Christmas Corner and wonderful home baking and preserves, as well as our newer arrivals, the Asian Delights and the Bottle Shop. Coffee and Muffins will be there to sustain us all! Plum Puddings will supply Christmas dinner tables across the island and beyond!

Bring your donations to the Church Office any day between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Where There's a Will...

With Thanks for the Generosity of Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Without sacrificial giving, there would be no Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. Although the congregations grew to be the wealthiest in Montreal, their beginnings were humble, to say the least. The building of the first church on St. Peter St. in 1805 required two of the elders to mortgage their homes and would never have been realized without the generosity of missionary-minded Presbyterians in the United States. The building of the first St. Paul's in 1834 demanded equal sacrifice, this time on the part of the minister, Reverend Edward Black, who not only mortgaged his house but refused to accept any stipend until the final years of his ministry, sustaining himself and his family on tuition fees from his pupils.

There have been many spectacular benefactors down through the years. William Stavert has written of Donald Ross and his wife, whose estate made possible Trafalgar School. The realization of that dream was the work of another member of St. Paul's, Lord Strathcona, whose generosity provided his church with a splendid tower and magnificent pipe organ. Lord Strathcona's will, by the way, which bequeathed much of his considerable fortune to a multitude of charities, universities and churches, left nothing to St. Paul's. As chairman of the Board of Trustees, he must have known that St. Paul's, by now the wealthiest church in town, required no further encouragement from him.

His cousin, Lord Mount Stephen, was

also generous to his church – among other benevolences, gifting valuable securities to the minister on his retirement after 27 years of service. Mount Stephen's niece, Mrs. Robert Meighen, gave the individual chalices still used on Communion Sundays.

Perhaps the most significant contribution to The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul (at least in modern times) was the unexpected gift of Ruling Elder J. Clarke Reid. This unassuming man, always to be found in the narthex, left a million dollars to his church at a crucial point in its history. Until then, St. Andrew and St. Paul had depended for its maintenance and extensive outreach program on pew rents, Sunday offerings and year-end gifts from wealthy members. By the 1970s, this was no longer possible. Mr. Reid's gift, together with other large bequests at that time, established the Endowment Fund, thus insuring that the fabric and facilities of our costly "heritage" church remains as it was first envisaged by those who built it in the depths of the Great Depression. Mr. Reid, whose timely gift began all this, is remembered by the book stall, which stands where once he stood – in the narthex!

Other benefactors? Ruling Elders Melvyn G. Angus and G. Miller Hyde, whose vision and tireless efforts made possible the clerestory windows; the family of Ruler Elder Audrey Amsden and our former light and sound technologist John Bradley, whose gifts enriched our Archives; not forgetting a beloved former minister, whose bequest to his church instigated the Berlis Fund, which has done so much good, both within and outside the confines of our congregation.

Many of the benefactors were in fact benefactresses. Without Brenda Allan, Lady Meredith, there would be no chapel – the ornamental gates (an architectural treasure) the pews and the Burne-Jones tapestry were all from her. Then there were the Gilman sis-

ters – Mrs. Cottingham and Mrs. Williams. Mrs. Cottingham is remembered for her gifts of the red carpet down the central aisle, the present manse in Richelieu Place and the restoration of the St. Andrew's bell. Mrs. Williams left a substantial sum to the Endowment Fund.

My personal favourite is Helen Hutchison, co-founder of the Ladies Auxiliary at the Montreal General Hospital. She specified that her bequest (which was to be used for the manse) was to be spent, not at the direction of the Board of Trustees, but the minister's wife!

The worship and witness of St. Andrew and St. Paul happens because of the continuing generosity of its members through weekly offerings. But these gifts alone, however generous, cannot maintain the building nor our outreach programs. That depends on the Endowment Fund and other related funds of the Church – the Fairy Fund for missions, the Memorial Fund for our fabric, the Window Fund, the Music Fund, and of course, the Berlis Fund.

Bequests, large and small, down through the years, have made wonderful things happen at St. Andrew and St. Paul (and beyond). And today, there are so many imaginative schemes available to make it possible. May I add... In my day, the Trustees were encouraged to publish the names of all those who left money to the Church by means of a will or a special gift. This was not always done, which I thought "a missed opportunity." Their inclusion in the Annual Report reinforced the importance of such givings, and the fact that they were often 'ordinary' (in reality extra-ordinary) members like themselves, prompted the response... "Why shouldn't I do the same thing?"

*Reverend Dr. JSS Armour
Minister Emeritus*

PAR Helps Say Thank You to God

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Do you know about the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) Plan at A&P? You can join PAR whenever you wish. Just let the Church Office know that you wish to join a growing number of members who have chosen PAR. Being a member of PAR means that monthly the Church receives your designated givings whether you are at the service, the cottage, away or for any reason unable to attend on Sundays. If you are a PAR donor, you may also increase your givings by letting the Church Office know your intentions. Choosing PAR helps everyone give consistently, proportionately...intentionally and helps to say thank you to God.

Mission and Outreach – a Look Ahead

A&P Committed to Maintaining Various Missions

The Mission & Outreach Committee has started 2010 committed to maintaining its active role in our lively congregation. We'll begin revitalizing a long relationship with Tyndale-St. Georges Community Centre when its Executive Director Patricia Murphy visits the Church on Sunday, March 14, with a presentation to a Student Lunch. Non-students will be invited to join what should be a tummy-and-soul-filling meal in Kildonan Hall. Our commitment to Tyndale focuses on the time and talent elements of stewardship, and the call will go out to fill many volunteer opportunities.

By the time this edition of *InsideOut* appears, we will have decided, along with those who have expressed interest, about the proposed exchange of visits with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Nairobi, Kenya. It's an ambitious exploration of our

mission in the world, and more than dozen enthusiastic members attended the first information session in early February.

A keen group is hard at work to make the ReachOut for Outreach Auction and Taste of the Nations Buffet on Saturday, April 10, an enjoyable and successful event in support of the work of our Church in the community. While there is some debate about just how



such dedicated events should fit into our overall stewardship and financial program, we committed ourselves in the 2010 budget to maintaining St. Andrew and St. Paul's generous support of local, national and international missions in this time of universal restraint. A celebration of our growing inter-cultural congregation will be marked by Flag Day on Sunday, April 11.

Kiza Joey, quickly becoming a popular figure in our congregation, continues to master his Secondary 5 subjects in a grueling school schedule, and has expressed strong interest in pursuing Health Sciences in CEGEP and university with the goal of becoming a doctor. With that in mind, he's hoping to find a summer job in a local hospital.

The Rev. Stewart Folster continues to shepherd his flock at the 20th Street centre of the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. "150 people came out to our Christmas service and turkey dinner on December 20," Stewart reports. "Youth from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and our Board members really did a great job in providing and serving food and setting up tables for a very successful day. They even brought some gifts to add to the knitted and wrapped gifts from our Twinning partners of St. Andrew and St. Paul in Montreal. Everyone from the street who dropped in received a gift that day."

Coffee & Conversation volunteers have stepped up with some special after-service treats to mark Robbie Burns Day and Valentine's Day, with more in the future. Come and join us!

Leading With Care

A Program of Compassion and Safety

It is now almost three years since our congregation took up the challenge of a program of the Presbyterian Church in Canada called LEADING WITH CARE. While perhaps we had always thought that we were careful and thoughtful of all our members, the focus of this program on our church life showed ways in which we could improve...there's always room for that!

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

The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul subscribes to this policy and maintains it throughout the various programs and ministries of the congregation. Leading With Care has been instituted and will continue to be monitored through a series of church committees and by the Leading With Care Committee, which has duties of oversight.

A recent review of activities that have been enhanced by the practice of this program highlighted some interesting facts:

- There is a Leading With Care Policies and Procedures Binder available in the Church Office for members to refer to and use.
- In the Church School, during classes, 'shepherds' move through the building to ensure that all is going smoothly, to help teachers if necessary, and to gather up any little lambs that might stray.
- Procedures are in place to support the Church staff in their workplace.
- Through the installation and activity of security cameras, a thief was identified and reported to police.
- Fibrillators and trained operators are in the building when it is open.

There's always room for improvement, and one next step is the training of volunteers in CPR. Would you be interested in this experience? Jim Evans is gathering volunteers (no cost; first come, first on the list) for training in this skill. Call Jim at 514-287-0181 for more information.

As we keep Leading With Care in mind, we can all complete little deeds of kindness and generosity to others that can create a wonderful spirit in our congregation. Try it!

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From the Archives

An Introduction to the Clerestory Windows

When the new Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul was built at the corner of Sherbrooke and Redpath Streets in 1932, the spaces provided for stained glass windows in the sanctuary were considerably smaller than the big windows that were transferred from the old church on Dorchester St. These windows therefore all had to be reduced in size, except in the case of the Black Watch window and the St. Paul window. The latter two windows were the only windows from the old church that were installed in the new church without alteration. The window dedicated to Rev. Dr. James Barclay provides an example of what was done to the old church windows. In this case, the lower three panels of the window were completely removed and used to create a composite window on the east wall of the chapel, beside the window dedicated to the memory of Samuel Greenshields.

The windows from the old church were also decorated with quatrefoils and trefoils at the top and these were taken off as well when the windows were installed in the new church. Meanwhile, when the new church was opened, the clerestory windows above the lower windows on either side of the sanctuary were filled with plain glass, but some of the quatrefoils and trefoils that had been removed from the old windows were installed as decorative elements in these temporary clerestory windows. There are ten clerestory windows in the church, five on each side of the sanctuary, and two quatrefoils or trefoils were installed in each of the windows, making a total of twenty altogether.

Starting in 1962, a new series of clerestory windows were installed in the church to replace the clear glass of the temporary ones. These beautiful windows were designed by Mr. Lawrence Lee, who was at that time the Director of the Stained Glass Department of the Royal College of Art in London, England. He was selected because of his reputation, derived in part from his having designed and erected the windows of the new Anglican Cathedral at Coventry, England.

When the new series of clerestory windows were installed, the decorative elements of the former temporary clear glass ones were removed. Some of these were installed elsewhere in the church, given away or simply kept in storage. For example, the three trefoils of angels that originally formed the tracery lights at the apex of the Burne-Jones window dedicated to Mrs. Andrew Allan (Isabella Anne Smith) were transferred to the corridor between the sanctuary and the Minister's study, and they can be lit from the room behind so as to be clearly visible in the corridor. In the case of the Barclay window, the two quatrefoils were later donated to The Little Presbyterian Church at Metis, Quebec, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary, and the trefoil today is still in the Minister's study. The quatrefoil from the William Redpath window is also in the Minister's study. There were three trefoils in the window dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. John Hope, two of which were given to Leggatt's Point Presbyterian Church, Quebec, and one to the Douglas Hospital for its chapel. Trefoils from other windows were also given to McGill University, the Royal Victoria Hospital, Douglas Hospital and other institutions.

The five clerestory windows on the west side of the sanctuary contain scenes related to stories in the Gospel, while the five on the east side relate to stories in the Epistle (with one exception, as we shall see). Each window on the west side corresponds with the window opposite it on the east side. All of these

windows trace the progress of Jesus's life and teaching in the Gospel and the Epistle from his birth to his death. The first window to be installed was "The Calling of St. Andrew," in the middle of the west wall, which was unveiled by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother on June 10, 1962, when she was in Montreal on the occasion of the Centenary of the Black Watch Regiment. The last window to be installed was "The Church," at the front of the sanctuary on the east side, which was unveiled by the Honourable Mr. Justice G. Miller Hyde, an Elder of the church and the Convenor of the Window Committee, on October 3, 1965. All the other windows were installed and unveiled between those two dates in 1962 and 1965.

All the clerestory windows are dedicated to individuals or families as set out in a beautiful Memorial Book. This book is always open under glass at the chapter of the dedication of one of the windows in a stand in the Memorial Tower. This stand was designed by the architect Galt Durnford of the successor firm to Harold Featherstonhaugh, who drew the original plans for the building of the church in 1930. The Church Officer (wearing clean white cotton gloves) turns the pages of this book carefully to the chapters of the dedication of other windows according to a schedule. The book is entirely written in hand in the most precise calligraphy.

It is interesting to note the contrast between the clerestory windows and those beneath them in the sanctuary. The lower windows were designed by several different artists in the nineteenth century, whereas the higher windows were designed by a single artist in the twentieth century. The new windows are all made of modern glass, in contrast to the Victorian and Edwardian glass of the older windows. The new windows are also of quite a delicate pattern so as not to shut out too much light from the sanctuary, and the artist has used some of the same colours in each clerestory window as in the window below it. The focus of the new windows is, of course, the Black Watch Window, which is at the same level. The clerestory windows lead up to the victorious Prince of Glory in the centre of the latter window.

We will examine each of the clerestory windows in subsequent articles.

William Stavert

Come One! Come All!

The Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting
Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

Please plan to attend this important event in the life of our congregation. Even if you have not reserved by the February 21 date (\$20), you can still attend by paying \$25 on arrival at the dinner.

Stewards by Design

Four to Attend Conference in May



Stewards by Design is a conference for congregations wanting to nurture faithful giving and strengthen their congregation's mission and ministry. The congregation will learn how to:

- Encourage people to invest more generously in the mission to which God calls us
- Move from budget-driven to mission-driven congregation
- Move beyond a survival mentality that focuses on conserving, holding, protecting and preserving, and discover ways to nurture faithful giving and abundant living
- Unlock the twelve keys to an effective church
- Make generous giving an ongoing, joyful congregational experience

The team will leave with a concrete plan that they have designed for their unique congregation.

When the Stewardship Committee read this introduction to Stewards by Design, we felt that our congregation needed to apply. We were notified in December that we have been accepted as one of the 20 congregations from across Canada to attend the event on May 6-9 at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, run by the Carmelites, whose ministry is to help people recognize the real presence and love of God in their lives. The congregations will engage in an intentional process of stewardship education and ministry development. Dr. Kennon Callahan and other resource people will work with congregational teams as we begin to design a stewardship strategy tailored to their congregation's unique situation and needs.

Dr. Callahan has been the keynote speaker at the last six Stewards by Design events. An internationally respected pastor, theologian, seminar leader, researcher and teacher, he has worked with thousands of congregations of all sizes for nearly 40 years. Author of many books, he is best known for *Twelve Keys to an Effective Church*, which has provided many congregations with new and energizing ways to look at mission and stewardship issues. Dr. Callahan's energy, enthusiasm and wonderful stories make the presentations come alive. He gives of him-

self tirelessly, both through his keynote presentations and by meeting each congregational team for 30 minutes of individual consultation.

"The congregations that do the best in church finances have a rich, full, abiding compassion for mission. They are motivated by a theology of service, not a theology of survival. Their compelling, driving spirit is one of giving, serving, loving mission." - Kennon Callahan, *Effective Church Finances*

The team from A&P is Madonna Bailey, Chair, Board of Trustees and Elder; Bruce Bolton, Vice-Clerk of Session, Elder and Chair of the Worship & Music Committee; Bruce Gill, Treasurer, Trustee and Elder; and Judith Kashul, Trustee and Chair of the Stewardship Committee. Before the conference, the team is expected to meet and prepare for the conference. When they return home, it is the team's responsibility to bring to fruition the planning that took place at the conference.

The investment of \$1,500 from our congregation provides for the attendance and full participation of four of our congregation's leaders. How are we paying for A&P's attendance? The Stewardship Committee chose to self-finance our team. Funds are coming from several sources: the funds raised at a luncheon on Stewardship Day in November, a generous contribution from The Guild, \$100 from each of the participants and one anonymous donor. A portion of the cost of this conference is also being funded by Presbyterians Sharing.

The fees include:

- accommodation and meals at the conference centre
- transportation costs (air travel, or car travel for those within the vicinity)
- resource materials sent to the congregation prior to the conference
- 30-minute consultation with Dr. Callahan
- tools to design a stewardship strategy to meet the unique needs and circumstances of our congregation

It is important that the Design Team senses the expectations, the prayer and the support of the congregation. The success of Stewards by Design depends on the participation of the entire congregation. Your involvement in fund raising at our November lunch gives every member ownership of the work at Stewards by Design.

What does the *InsideOut* mean to you?

InsideOut is printed quarterly and plays a very important role in communicating the activities of the Church to the congregation. It keeps the congregation up to date on the different committees, their aims and where they are focusing their energies.

Is it not uplifting to see pictures of the young Sunday School children having fun picking apples or enjoying themselves at a Halloween party? Is it not inspiring to see pictures of members of the congregation working at the Fall Fair, smiling and laughing as they strive toward a successful outcome?

Because of its importance, the Communications Committee has decided to continue to mail and email *InsideOut* to the

members of the congregation of St. Andrew and St. Paul.

We do however, need your help. Before the next *InsideOut* is published, we would appreciate anyone interested in receiving a copy by email to go to the Church's website and sign up. Please note that there will be some copies in the Narthex for those who have signed up for the email version but who would like to have a hard copy in colour. In order to help with limiting the cost of mailing numerous copies, we would also request that members pick up their copies in the Narthex. We will, in future, notify the congregation in advance of the date that the publication will be placed in the Narthex

ready for pick-up. If you are unable to pick it up that week, you could perhaps ask a friend to pick it up for you. Thank you so much.

*Christine Russell, chair
Communications Committee*



How it Works

An A&P Primer on the Kirk Session and the Elders

Does that sound exciting? Do you ever wonder what those words imply? If you are an Elder reading this, you will know it means commitment, and a place in a very special fellowship. But to many people who come through the doors of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul each Sunday, members and visitors alike, these words are either meaningless, or at best the title of some unknown organization within the congregation.

The government of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is a system of four ascending courts, composed of people called Elders. The Kirk Session is the lowest court and is responsible for the spiritual life of the congregation. Above it is the Presbytery (in our case, the Presbytery of Montreal) and then the Synod (the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario) and, at the top, the General Assembly. Each court has a Moderator and a Clerk, and except for the Kirk Session, is made up of an equal number of Elders and Ministers. In other words, the Elders, elected by you the congregation, determine as much as do the Ministers the duties and direction of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. A highly democratic organization!

The Kirk Session is made up of men and women who have been chosen by the congregation. They are seen as being fit to serve by virtue of their character and abilities. Few ever expected to be called to the Eldership of their church. Indeed, for most it is a daunting experience, particularly as in our congregation Eldership is a life-time responsibility. Besides taking vows before the congregation, an Elder is ordained by the “laying on of hands” – a practice which connects the Elder (by so-called apostolic succession) to the earliest days of the Christian Church. It is a venture not to be undertaken lightly.

A venture, yes, but also a highly rewarding adventure! All the Elders in this congregation are blessed with a good sense of humour

and serve on the various committees with imagination, cheerfulness and energy. The Session meets monthly under the chairmanship of the Minister (during the present vacancy, the Interim Moderator). A Moderator or chairman, however, has only a deciding vote, so it is the Elders who rule (thus the term Ruling Elder). At its meetings, the Kirk (Scottish word for “church”) Session hears reports from the various committees: Ministry, Outreach, Worship and Music, the Guild, Communications, and the Board of Trustees. If you serve on a church committee, please know that at Session, your ideas are heard and acted upon.

Elders are given a district – a group of members for whom they take special responsibility. This means keeping in touch, welcoming new babies, sharing joys and sadnesses, comforting in times of sickness and death. In olden times, the Elders of a church would decide which members were worthy to take Communion and to them alone was given a special metal token. This meant that they could take Communion. Nowadays, it is a card, delivered by the Elders, not to say “you are approved,” but rather “next Sunday is Communion and you are all welcome to participate in the celebration of the Lord’s Supper.”

The list of Elders in this church is long. Some Elders have moved away and some are now inactive after long years of service. Most Elders, however, remain in the thick of the action and continue to labour for the good of this church, which means so much to us all. To be part of a congregation of believers; to work alongside people who, but for this church, might never have the opportunity of meeting, of sharing in service, of worshipping our loving heavenly Father together; that is a powerful experience. Elders are willing helpers, there to support the Minister, our Teaching Elder, and there to be your representative in the good governance of our church.

Above all, know that it is an honour to serve you and that all of us on the Kirk Session feel that we receive far more from you, the congregation, than we could possibly give.

Ruling Elder Susan Stevenson

From the Church Registrar

Baptisms



December 6
Adult Baptism
Kiza Joey

December 13
Noah Jan Hieminga, son of James
Hieminga and Mariam Colbert

Funerals



December 9
Lorna Hobart

The Spring Dust Up!



Your Stewardship Committee is planning a church Spring Dust Up. We invite you to join for one shift or all day to clean and polish the sanctuary, the kitchen and Kildonan Hall. Come and be a volunteer for A&P. Come and do stewardship of our property. Come and give your time and talent on April 24. Shifts are 10 to 1 or 12 to 3. More details and sign-up to come, but mark your calendars now.

Volunteers Lift Church School Activities

From Pageant to Mother's Day, Hard Work Pays Off



The Christmas season is always a busy time for our Church School. Four of our families participated in the Advent Candle Lighting Sundays and, of course, preparations for the Pageant kept us all very busy for many weeks. The Church School Pageant, which took place on December 6, was declared a resounding success, thanks to our very enthusiastic children and hard-

working volunteers. Michael Cristofaro was the Director once again and he made it all look so easy, with his patience and calm demeanor. Thank you, Michael. We all know it takes a lot of hard work and is not as easy as you make it appear to be! A huge thank you to Betty Jo Christiani, who has devoted so much of her time teaching the children their Pageant songs year after year – your efforts certainly always pay off! And, of course, we could not handle this production without the wonderful help of so many who volunteered their time over the weekend, supervising the children as well as preparing costumes and make-up. Thank you so much!

In January, our senior class headed off to Villa St. Martin for their annual Winter Retreat. We studied the Gospel of John throughout the weekend and all came home feeling uplifted. The weekend was wonderful! We were blessed with devoted Christian counselors, young people eager to participate, lovely accommodations, and beautiful weather for cross-country skiing and tobogganing. In an effort to reach out and meet other Christian teens in our community, we invited young people from St. Columba by the Lake to join us and we were delighted to have two of their young girls participate in the Retreat. As a result, we have now been invited to a Sledding Party and dinner at their church in Pointe Claire.

On February 14, the Church School celebrates Bring a Friend Sunday and all the children and teachers are encouraged to bring a friend to Church School. Special activities are always enjoyed by the students and their visitors, and it is another way to introduce new families to Church School life.

A First Aid Course given by Formation Langevin for all Church School teachers and volunteers has been confirmed for February 20. This full-day course includes certification in CPR and Infant CPR.

On February 21, we will be holding a Pizza and Games Day at Trafalgar, and we have invited the young people from St. Columba by the Lake to join us.

In March, we will be holding our ever popular Cabane a Sucre (date to be confirmed) at Sucrerie l'Eau d'Erable in Mirabel. Bus transportation will be provided.

Finally, in the month of May, the Church School children will be involved in another Walk-A-Thon to help raise funds for this year's mission project – shared by PWS&D and World Vision. And, of course, the Annual Mother's Day Breakfast will take place before the service on Mother's Day

I would like to thank everyone for your continued support – our Church School is truly blessed.

Sharon Dworzak
Church School Co-ordinator



Lots of smiling faces: Church School children in Pageant costumes.