



# Inside·Out

December 2010/January-February 2011

## Worship

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

1st Sunday of Advent 11:00 a.m.

(St. Andrew's Society)

Scripture: Luke 21:25-33

Sermon: "When It Is Dark Enough"

Church School Christmas Pageant  
4:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

Advent Chapel Service 5:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

2nd Sunday of Advent 11:00 a.m.

Holy Communion

Scripture: Romans 15:4-13,

Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon: "Getting To Bethlehem Through  
John the Baptist"

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

Advent Chapel Service 5:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

3rd Sunday of Advent 11:00 a.m.

(White Gift Sunday)

Scripture: James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon: "The Gift of Disillusionment"

CBC Sing-In 3:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Advent Chapel Communion Service

5:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

4th Sunday of Advent 11:00 a.m.

Scripture: Romans 1:1-7, Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: "Theotokos – the God-Bearer"

Carols by Candlelight 4:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Family Christmas Eve Service 4:00 p.m.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

11:00 p.m.

Photo: Sopranos Vanessa Harman (left) and Brianne Bond greet members of the congregation during "Meet the Choir Month" in October. The A&P Choir has a full Christmas season ahead. For details, see pages 6 and 7.



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# A Word From the Minister

## Christmas Is the Story of a Gift



As a religious holiday, Christmas has its share of detractors. So many people complain that with each passing year it becomes increasingly difficult to get into the spirit of the season. The usual culprits are mentioned: Our calendars get hijacked and we become such prisoners of our frenetic schedules that by the end of December we often feel

burned out and exhausted rather than refreshed and renewed. The other familiar criticism is that Christmas has become too commercial. We spend too much money purchasing gifts and other trappings, and a result we miss the real reason for the season. Especially in church circles we often hear the seasonal refrain, “Jesus is the reason for the season. We need to put him back into Christmas.” Frankly, I hadn’t heard that he had left!

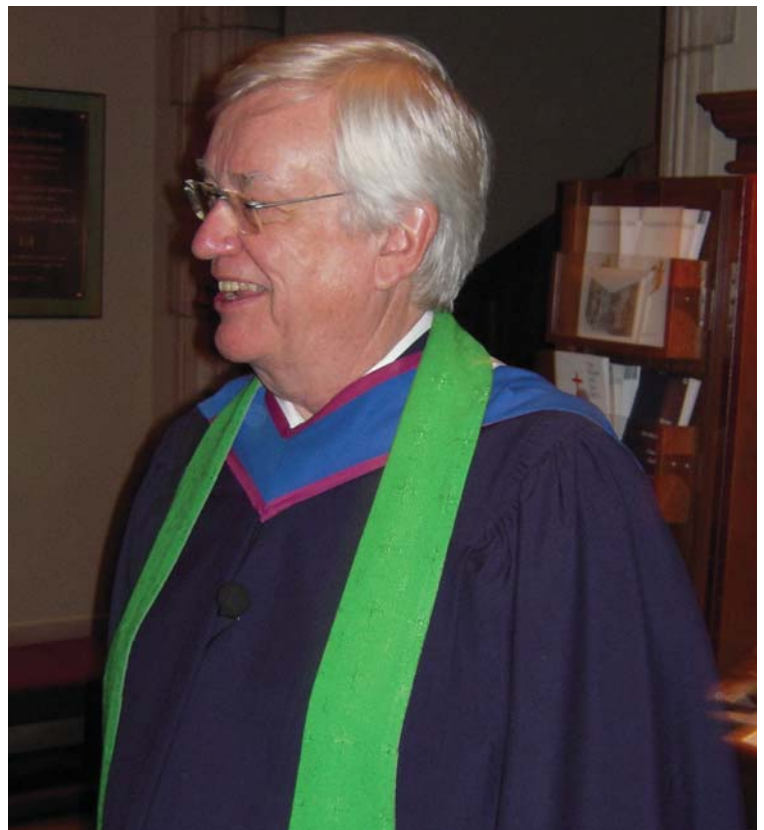
In fact, I love Christmas. I think the season is infused with mystery and wonder. I love the anticipation most everyone feels about the coming of Christmas Day; going for long walks and taking in the festive lights and decorated homes and stores; the seemingly increased sense of goodwill among friends and even strangers; witnessing the wonder in a child’s eyes on Christmas morning; and Christmas dinner surrounded by loved ones . . . and a well-cooked turkey with all the calorie-laden side dishes! These are just some of the things that make the season special for me, and I’m certain that many of you could make up your own list of what brings joy to your spirit at this festive time of the year.

However, what I love most about Christmas is the worship: the sacred music, the glow of candles, singing the familiar hymns and hearing again the story of the birth of our Saviour; a very pregnant Mary journeying with her husband, Joseph, to Bethlehem because Caesar Augustus had decreed that “all the world” should be registered; a group of bug-eyed shepherds startled out of their evening routine by the angelic announcement that “to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is the Messiah;” and, of course, the child, wrapped in bands of cloth, laid in a manger.

By any standard, this has been a difficult year. There was more war, more innocent suffering, more premature death and more of us asking, again, “Why?” Through it all, I kept thinking about Christmas. The absurd story that God came into this world of injustice, suffering and violence, not as a conquering hero, not as a powerful emperor, not even as a brilliant philosopher, but in the most humble, vulnerable manner possible – as an infant child. God, in Christ, chose to live our lives. To be born as we are born. To experience life as we must live it and even to die as we all must die.

It is a story of a gift. It is not necessarily the gift we most wanted, certainly not the gift we expected, but emphatically it is the gift we most need. The gift is a child whose name is Emmanuel –which means “God with us.” The gift is “God with us” in our joy, God with us in our trials, God with us in our health, God with us in our ailments, God with us in our days of sunshine, God with us in our darkest hour. The gift is Emmanuel, and the gift is for you.

*Peace and Love,  
Jeff*



Welcome back, Rod! A familiar face returns to an active role in our congregation. Rev. Rod Ferguson, who so ably filled our pulpit as Interim Minister for a year, is back part-time to assist Rev. Jeff Veenstra.

## Lunch and Learn Series

The Lunch and Learn Series will continue in the New Year. On Sunday, February 13, 2011, Rev. John Vissers, Principal of The Presbyterian College and faculty lecturer in theology at McGill University, will speak to us on the topic “Presbyterians: What Do We Really Believe?” On March 20, 2011, Ruling Elder Moira Barclay-Fernie will address some of our questions with her topic “Presbyterians: How Does the System Work?” We hope you will continue to support this series and join us for lunch on these days.

*The Ministry Committee*

## For Upcoming News...

### Subscribe to A&P’s Monthly Newsletter

It’s free! All you have to do is enter your name and e-mail address in the Stay Connected! box on the A&P website home page (<http://www.standrewstpaul.com/>) and you’ll receive a newsletter with up-to-date news on the first of every month.

# Fall Fair 2010 Raises Over \$22,000

## Local Charities Supported by 150 Volunteers

A sunny morning, crisp and cool but inviting – that was the morning of November 6, Fall Fair Day at The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul.

Work on the Fair began months before as items arrived at the Church House door to be stored till the event day arrived. On Sunday, October 30, a wonderful group of about 15 young adults started setting up in Kildonan Hall. Their work made the sorting on the following Wednesday SO much simpler – we should ask them for their help every year. Thanks, Generation XYZ and the College and Careers Group!

On Wednesday, about 25 members of the congregation showed up to pull, push, sort and enjoy lots of hard work together. The tables began to look as if they would really have some great stuff to sell.

On Thursday and Friday (fortified by delicious lunches and coffee and muffins supplied by Genevieve Holding and Margot Kyle), the pricing, sorting, sharing and tossing went on till the tables, which have never looked better, were full of merchandise. A selection of fine items was delivered to the Kirk Session Room for the Wine & Cheese Preview Party. This happy event was attended by about 80 members and friends, and was enjoyed as a social gathering as well as a successful sales effort! There was not much left to carry back upstairs!

On Saturday morning, just before the doors were opened, there was a prayer from the Minister – for success, and with thanks for all the people who have contributed to days like this in the life of our church. Then everyone braced themselves for the first onslaught, and the Fair was in business! Lunches were served; there was a steady stream of folk purchasing and meeting friends. Baked goods and preserves disappeared like water off a duck's back. Ladies from the Treasury moved quietly through the crowds collecting money until 2:30, when it was time to close down. How did it all happen so quickly?!

The A&P Youth Group moved in to help load boxes for Tyndale St-Georges. We thank them! They also went down to Tyndale and had a chance to see what work is being done there. By 4:30 p.m., give or take a few minutes, Peter Sabourin and his team said the volunteers could go home. BRAVO EVERYONE! We believe that we have made over \$20,000 after all the bills have been paid. It is amazing what 150 volunteers can accomplish doing good things, raising money for charities. Thank you, thank you!

*Susan Stevenson & Penny Wilkie*



As usual, the line-up of those waiting for the doors to open stretched quite a way down Redpath St.

## A Christmas Pudding Story

Last week, I was shopping at Loblaws on St. Jacques St., asking for mince tarts. They are available in Ontario but not in Quebec.

"Never mind," said the manager, "Montreal has the best plum puddings downtown. Buy them instead."

"Oh," I said. "We sell them at the A&P."

"The A&P," he answered, "The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul?"

I answered in the affirmative and he proceeded to tell me that the (former) Minister's wife, Amy Topping, used to get them for him. I told him the date of our Fall Fair but, unfortunately, he wasn't able to attend.

But this just goes to show how popular our "Christmas puds" have become. Well done, Sandra Cameron and your committee! Bon appétit!

*Beverley Hutchison*

*Ed. Note: We found a pudding for the manager, and he gave a generous donation!*



Montrealers thronged to A&P's Fall Fair 2010 in Kildonan Hall. It's one of the highlights of the autumn season.



Approximately 80 members and friends attended a wine and cheese gathering on the night before the fair.

# A Trip to Kenya

## An Educational Visit to St. Andrews Nairobi

**W**ould you like to share an adventure in a country that few of us have had the privilege to visit? Would you like to learn what a thriving and very active Presbyterian community is doing on a daily basis to spread the spirit and the essence of the word of Christ? Would you like to see another way that Christianity moves from the “word” to action?

We are organizing an educational visit to the congregation of St. Andrews Nairobi and would love to have you join us. By the way, this is the home congregation of one of our members here at St. Andrew and St. Paul – Mrs. Rose Mureithi.

### Some important information:

**Dates:** April 19 through to April 29, 2011

### Planned Itinerary:

**Day 1** – Arrival in the evening; pickup from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. Your host families will be picking you up and you will be spending a few days with them.

**Day 2** – Morning: Drop-off at church by host families. Tour of St. Andrews Nairobi Church. Welcome and mid-morning meal with pastoral and mission leaders. Afternoon: Visit the National Museum. Visit the viewpoint of the Great Rift Valley. A drive through tea plantations (at the outskirts of the city). Pickup at church by host families.

**Day 3** – Visit of children’s homes run by St. Andrews Church. Hawa Children’s Home caters to the rehabilitation of street boys, while Tumaini Children’s Home caters to AIDS orphans.

**Days 4, 5** – Drop-off at church by host families (with all bags packed because the next residence will be the Methodist Guest House). Trip to Mashuru: This is a mission area where St. Andrews participates in the development of the Maasai community through the construction of churches, sponsoring schools, and running a health clinic and borehole for the benefit of the community. It is a semi-arid area, 2 1/2



**A&P member Rose Mureithi is also a member of St. Andrews Nairobi.**

hours from the city. For this trip, bring along sleeping bags.

There will be hands-on work that involves construction of a church or a school – especially the making of bricks. There will be a technical person from the church to lead the task. There are also schools – primary and secondary – in the area, where we will visit and share a spiritual message as well as a presentation on

Canada’s culture for the inspiration of the students. On returning to Nairobi, the team will be checked into a guesthouse.

**Day 6** – Worship Day: Attend and bring greetings to the three services – 8:15, 9:30 and 11:45 a.m. We will be invited to make a presentation – examples: share a song or a testimony. Afternoon: Shopping.

**Days 7, 8** – Tour of Maasai Mara National Park. Two nights (approximately \$250 U.S./day). Includes transportation from Nairobi and back, full board and tour guide. This trip is approximately 2? hours from the city.

**Day 9** – Return to guesthouse.

**Day 10** – Farewell meal at St. Andrews. Departure.

*Note: The church will provide transportation to the mission areas.*

**Approximate Cost:** Trip estimate (based on economy travel) \$5,000.00

**Resources that you will find interesting:** Website for St. Andrews Nairobi: [www.pceastandrews.org/new/](http://www.pceastandrews.org/new/)

**Information:** Please contact Diane Ellison at [dianeellison1@yahoo.com](mailto:dianeellison1@yahoo.com)

# A Christmas Gift Idea From the Outreach Committee

## Share Christ’s Love With Those Who Need It Most

**T**he Christmas rush is upon us. In addition to all the bustle at church, there’s the shopping and wrapping and decorating and cooking and everything else that makes the season both a joy and often a trial. May we offer a simple idea? A gift to two of the most valuable resources of the Presbyterian Church in Canada might provide both the pleasure of giving and be the solution to some of those hard-to-buy-for people on your list.

Presbyterian World Service & Development is our official development and relief agency. It responds to emergency situa-

tions, does long-term community development with international partners working in health, education, agriculture and income-generation, and helps with refugee sponsorship by Canadian congregations. PWS&D supports people and communities in Africa, Asia, Central America and Eastern Europe according to their need and regardless of their faith.

Presbyterians Sharing is the national agency supporting the overall mission and ministry of our church, including mission work in Canada and around the world. Among its many projects, it assists three mis-

sions close to our hearts: Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre, Action Réfugié Montréal and the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry – as well as dozens of others.

If this modest proposal touches your heart, you might offer a cheque or a gift of cash with a note in the weekly offering envelope, or select your project online at [www.presbyterian.ca/donate/giftsofchange](http://www.presbyterian.ca/donate/giftsofchange). It’s an easy way to go Christmas shopping and an even better way to spread the gift of Christ’s love to those who need it most.



# 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](mailto:minister@standrewstpaul.com) or [sedgwickbrassard@videotron.ca](mailto:sedgwickbrassard@videotron.ca). Submissions should be no more than 500 words. Digital and scanned photos should be 1400X1000 pixels, or a 980kb jpg file.

## Loving Our Neighbour: How Are We Doing?

### Being in Conversation With the First Nations Community

This conference will be held on January 24 and 25 at Presbyterian College, McGill University, sponsored by the college and Jill Foster, Presbyterian Chaplain at McGill. It will take the form of a teach-in by First Nations leaders about the work of God in their communities and how the non-native community can improve its partnership. Subjects of this interactive conference include history, land-rights struggles, aboriginal theology, undoing racism and contextual worship, all from a First Nations perspective.

Confirmed participants represent My People International, KAIROS, Christian Peacemaker Teams and several others.

My People International is a non-denominational and cross-cultural Christian ministry with native North Americans. KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives is a web of people and partnerships dedicated to a faithful and decisive response to God's call for respect for the earth and justice for its people. Christian Peacemaker Teams offer an organized, nonviolent alternative to war and other forms of lethal inter-group conflict.

Among those taking part will be Rev. Stewart Folster of the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry and Lori Ransom, Healing and Reconciliation Animator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

If you would like to attend or get involved in organizing this conference, contact Jill Foster at 514-577-6847 or [jillf@magma.ca](mailto:jillf@magma.ca). The cost of \$50 (\$30 for students and the non-salaried) includes lunch and dinner both days.

## They Wait in Hope ... Do Not Disappoint Them!

### Give Generously to PWS&D on Christmas Eve

Christmas! In the bleak midwinter it comes – to lift our spirits and renew our faith. This time of anticipation and rejoicing is drawing ever closer. The events at our church that signal its arrival – the spiritually rewarding Advent Services in our chapel – are in progress. Soon Carols By Candlelight and Christmas Eve itself will be here.

In the world outside the church, wherever one looks the shops and their window displays are full of Christmas gifts.

However, as I look at these displays, another image flashes into my mind, one that has haunted me since I first saw it in *The Gazette* on August 11 this year.

The headline was “Heartbreak amid the tumult. There is a picture of a girl (a flood victim in Pakistan). The caption beneath says “Small morsel snatched away – a flood victim holding a baby sibling during a downpour and weeping, after having rice donated by passing vehicles stolen from her as she took refuge beside the road with thousands of others internally displaced in Pakistan’s Punjab province.”

As once again on Christmas Eve we take the familiar path, past the trees with their silvery lights dancing in the wind, and enter our church to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, we have much to be thankful for. Unfortunately, millions across the globe, innocent victims of floods, drought and famine, are not so blessed. They depend on the donations of others for the basics of life – food, water, shelter and warmth.

Therefore, I ask you to give generously in the offering on Christmas Eve, which is designated for Presbyterian World Service & Development.

God gave his son, our Lord Jesus, that we might be saved and have eternal life. Surely we can give of our God-given treasure here on earth to save lives and bring comfort to those in such desperate need.

May God bless and be with you.

Jane Wylie  
PWS&D - Congregational Advocate

## Gifts of Change



# Music at A&P

## Worshipping the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness



At The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, we often think of our activities as covering three areas: Ministry, Music and Outreach. While it is true that some of our activities fit tidily into one or other of those categories, upon further reflection we could also consider all of our activities as some mixture of the three. Consider the ushers, or vol-

unteers staffing the welcome table in the narthex: yes, they are greeting visitors at the door and providing information about the church (Outreach), but at the same time they are exercising their gifts of hospitality (Ministry). The Church School teaches children about the faith (Ministry); young families join the church in part because of our Church School staff's excellent efforts (Outreach); and the children sing as part of their learning (Music).

The church's music program covers all three areas comprehensively. The Music aspect of our activities is self-evident, and includes the 170-plus hours the choir rehearses and sings in services each year, the 15 to 20 organ recitals we host, the four or five annual choral/orchestral services and concerts, and incidental activities such as musical presentations to school and community groups, the musical interludes at the congregation's Annual General Meeting, the organ and vocal music at weddings and funerals, and more.

As to the Outreach component of our work, with the exception of weekly Sunday services, each year more people come to Music Department-sponsored events than to any other events the church presents. The February/March organ series typically attracts 400; the Good Friday choral service 1,000; the summer organ recitals 1,000; the Maison du Parc benefit concert 600, the CBC Sing-In 1,000 – for a total of around 4,000 visitors. Many are, of course, members of the congregation, but many are also unchurched members of the broader community. Excitingly, musical events transcend many linguistic, cultural and religious lines, and give us contact with a group of people who might never otherwise attend our church. We would welcome suggestions from the congregation as to how we might better offer a welcome to these valued visitors.

The choir has also been making efforts to meet the congregation: we have had excellent feedback from choristers and congregants alike about October's "Meet the Choir" month. Our 2010-2011 Choir Executive is a dynamic group filled with enthusiasm and ideas, and the energy to implement them.

As to the Ministry aspect of what we do, we can cite Martin Luther, who saw music as sung prayer, and preaching and music as opposite sides of the same coin. John Calvin felt there was no better way for a Christian to internalize doctrine and faith than by singing the prayers, creeds and psalms of the church. There is also an important pastoral-care aspect to the choir: Any member suffering from an illness or other misfortune is sure to receive a card signed by the whole group, as well as visits and phone calls from individual choristers. And most important, we pray that each Sunday we will help the congregation to "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

Jonathan Oldengarm,  
Director of Music

## The Church of St. Andrew & St. Paul

### Organ and Choral Music List: Advent and Christmas 2010



#### November 28: First Sunday in Advent

Prelude: Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 & 660 (Bach)  
Introit: Lux Aurumque (Whitacre)

Anthem: Gloria in Excelsis Deo (Rutter)  
Postlude: Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661 (Bach)

#### December 5: Second Sunday in Advent

Prelude: Pastorale, from *Fourth Sonata* (Yon)  
Communion Setting: Darke in E minor  
Anthem: Magnificat, from *Collegium Regale Service* (Howells)  
Motets: Rejoice in the Lord always (Redford); Adam lay ybounden (Ord)  
Postlude: Toccata, op. 27 no. 1 (Lucas)

#### December 12: Third Sunday in Advent

Prelude: Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ (Boehm)  
Introit: Bogoroditsye Dyevo (Rachmaninoff)  
Anthem: Es ist ein Ros entsprungen (Praetorius)

Postlude: Grand Choeur (Salomé)

#### December 19: Fourth Sunday in Advent

Prelude: Nun freut euch, lieben Christen gmein, BuxWV 210 (Buxtehude)  
Introit: And the glory of the Lord, from *Messiah* (Handel)  
Anthem: Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Bairstow)  
Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in C major, BWV 531 (Bach)

#### December 19 at 4:30 p.m.: Carols by Candlelight

Prelude: Pastorale (Franck)  
Christmas choral favourites from around the world, and congregational carols  
Postlude: Finale, from *Symphonie gothique*, op. 70 (Widor)

#### December 24 at 4:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Family Service

Prelude: Noël II & VI (Daquin)  
Christmas choral favourites sung by a quartet of our choir's soloists  
Postlude: Noël I (Daquin)

#### December 24 at 11:00 p.m.: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Prelude: Christmas Rhapsody (Weitz)  
Christmas choral and solo favourites, and congregational carols  
Postlude: Carillon de Westminster (Vierne)

#### December 26: Christmas I

Prelude: 18th-century German settings of *In dulci jubilo*  
Introit and Anthem sung by a soloist from our choir  
Postlude: Pasticcio, from *Organ Book* (Langlais)

# A&P's Choir Plans Busy and Exciting Month

## Concert Under Maestro Nagano Will Be a Highlight

The Choir of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul would like to thank the congregation for welcoming choristers so warmly after services during October's "Meet the Choir" month. We had a wonderful time meeting and greeting everyone, and were all touched by the smiles and supportive comments. We hope to make this an annual event!

Now our sights have turned toward the holiday season. During November, we received the music for the remainder of 2010. This includes all the music for the special services in addition to the Sunday-morning music – in particular, the CBC Sing-In, Carols by Candlelight, and the Christmas Eve service. Excitement starts rising about now and just continues to increase as the holidays draw nigh. For most of us, The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul becomes our "home away from home" as we spend close to 40 hours in rehearsals leading up to Christmas.

This year there is further excitement as we look to the December 4 Maison du Parc concert, under the baton of Maestro Kent Nagano and with players from the Montreal Symphony Orchestra. What an incredible opportunity to perform the Fauré Requiem under his direction and within the beautiful space of our church.

As we enter the very sacred time of Advent and Christmas, it is a deep joy for the choristers to serve the church in this way.

*Wendy Glaubitz, Choir President*



## Music Events

December 2010



**Saturday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m.**

Benefit Concert for the Maison du Parc AIDS Hospice, featuring Fauré's Requiem. Soloists; The Choir of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul; members of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra Players' Association; Jonathan Oldengarm, organ; conducted by Jordan de Souza and Maestro Kent Nagano. For tickets (\$50), call the Maison du Parc at 514-523-6467.

**Sunday, December 12 at 3:00 p.m.**

CBC Sing-In, featuring our Choir with organ, brass and percussion. Free admission, with proceeds of the freewill offering to support Dans la Rue. No tickets required.

**Sunday, December 19 at 4:30 p.m.**

Carols by Candlelight, featuring our Choir in the moving, traditional annual service of lessons and carols. No tickets required.

**Friday, December 24 at 11:00 p.m.**

Candlelight Christmas Eve service. No tickets required.



Right: Jonathan Oldengarm and Jordan de Souza lead the Choir in rehearsal.

Below and left: Choristers rehearse in the sanctuary on a recent Thursday night. Many hours of practice go into the holiday performances.



# From the Archives

## The Gavazzi Riot

The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul has a large burial plot at the Mount Royal Cemetery. This was originally two adjoining plots, one for each of the separate churches of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's. There were 28 bodies buried in the St. Andrew's plot between 1853 and 1914, 36 in the St. Paul's plot between 1853 and 1913, and five in the plot of the combined Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul between 1948 and 1967, for a total of 69. Only one burial was marked with a separate stone; all the others were unmarked, but identified in the records of the cemetery office. In 2006, three separate stones were erected in the church's plot with the names of the deceased members of each church who were buried there, together with their year of death. Since 2006, the cremated remains of three more members of the church have been interred in the plot, and about 40 present members of the church have purchased the right to have their cremated remains interred there when they die and to have their names inscribed on the church's stone.

The first person to be buried in the plot of St. Andrew's Church was James Mcrae, 17, who was shot during the Gavazzi Riot on June 9, 1853, and died of his wounds a week later. This riot was a most shameful incident in the history of Montreal. It occurred when Father Alessandro Gavazzi came to Montreal to preach in the Zion Congregational Church on Beaver Hall Hill. About 40 people altogether were either killed or wounded. Other members of St. Andrew's Church who were killed were the seven-year-old son of the builder William Hutchison, who was responsible for the stonework of the church, and his cousin James Hutchison, 21, who had just been married.

The riot happened on a hot and sultry day. Father Gavazzi was an apostate Italian priest who had been expelled from the Order of Barnabite monks. He claimed that he was still a Catholic priest, but he wanted the church to reject the papacy and return to its original simplicity. Montreal was prepared for trouble because there had occurred a fearsome riot in Quebec City the previous

week. Gavazzi had been giving a sermon in the Free Presbyterian Church on St. Ursula St. when he was attacked in the pulpit by rioting members of the congregation shouting, "It's a lie ... It's a lie."

It was thought that there would inevitably be another riot in Montreal, although no one envisaged that it might be even worse. The French-Canadian Catholics did not take much interest in Gavazzi, perhaps because he was speaking in English, but the Irish Catholics from St. Patrick's Basilica were furious that this priest had come to Montreal and was speaking such heretical rubbish in a Protestant church. Many of them were immigrants who had come from foreign lands where political and religious riots were not uncommon.

It is interesting to note the proximity of churches in 19th-century Montreal. There was a cluster of four churches on Beaver Hall Hill. St. Andrew's Church was on the west side between Belmont and la Gauchetière Streets, where the Bell building is now, and the Unitarian Church of the Messiah was opposite St. Andrew's on the northeast corner of Beaver Hall and la Gauchetière. Lower down Beaver Hall, just below la Gauchetière on the west side, was the First Baptist Church, and below that again on the west side was the Zion Congregational Church. Meanwhile, St. Patrick's Basilica was to the east between la Gauchetière and Dorchester Streets, as it is today (though Dorchester is now René Lévesque Boulevard). It is not hard to imagine that numerous people might easily have gathered out in the street in the vicinity of all these churches on this fateful day.

In June 1853, the British garrison in the city had just been changed. The 20th Regiment of Foot, who had been in the city for three peaceful years, had been replaced by the Scottish 26th Regiment, the Cameronians, who had come from their last successful posting at Gibraltar. In fact, on this very same day of June 9, the 20th Regiment was departing by ship from the Montreal harbour amidst much celebration and expression of gratitude. Mayor Charles Wilson and the Superintendent of Police, Lt.-Col. William Ermatinger, arranged for 80 police officers to be stationed in the area of the Zion Church, and as additional protection, for 100 men from the 26th Regiment to wait out of sight in the fire-engine house at the corner of Craig Street (now St. Antoine) and the Hay

Market (now Victoria Square). The 26th Regiment, however, were not yet familiar with the city, and they hardly knew their way from their billets to the Hay Market.

Sure enough, the Gavazzi Riot broke out when the priest was giving his lecture in the Zion Church on the "errors of popery." He was attacked in the pulpit by an irate and violent mob of protesters. He was hauled out of the church and beaten up. The trouble started with people trying to get into the church throwing stones at the police, and people coming out of the church firing pistols at the crowd. When the police fled before the mob, Mayor Charles Wilson was seen running down Beaver Hall Hill, waving his hat and calling out the soldiers.

The troops had been kept under cover at close quarters in the small engine house for more than an hour on this stiflingly hot evening. They were relieved at last to be fallen into two lines, one line facing up Beaver Hall Hill toward the Zion Church, the other lower down the hill about 50 paces away with their backs to the first line, facing the Hay Market. There was utter confusion. The mayor read the Riot Act, but he could hardly be heard above the clamour.

There were numerous problems of communication and contradictory orders relating to the manner in which the soldiers should act and whether they should be armed or expected to discharge their weapons. There was a dispute as to who may have given the order to fire. Some said it was the mayor (he denied it), and others said an officer though they did not know which one. It is thought that someone in the crowd may have told them to fire, or they may have simply started firing in their own self-defence.

The Gavazzi Riot was a disgraceful episode in the history of the city, and Mayor Wilson and the 26th Regiment received much opprobrium. A coroner's inquest commenced the day after the riot and lasted a month. Everyone connected in any way was questioned. The result was a divided jury, the majority of which decided that Mayor Wilson had given the order to fire and blamed the officers for deficiency of command and the troops for lack of discipline. Father Gavazzi soon left the city and the 26th Regiment was transferred to Bermuda. Everyone was glad it was over.

*William Stavert*

# 18 New Members Join the Family

The congregation welcomed XX new members on Sunday, November 21. Please extend warm and loving greetings to:

Elizabeth Ten-Hove

Thomas Park

Genesis Plancarte

David Pickup

Michael G. McMurray

Christopher Phare and Camille Yip Hoi

Andreas Indro

Philip L. Webster

Liza Beaulieu

Elizabeth Moubarak

Sung Hwa Choi

Jennifer Barr

Christopher Clarke

and Mary Clarke

Diana Veenstra

Vadim Kudryavtsev

and Elizabeth Lefebvre

# Let's Count the Blessings of Our Traditions



## Much-Loved Events Bring Meaning

*"Tradition: An inherited pattern of thought or action. A specific practice of long standing. To hand down."*

In the last few weeks I have been hearing, "You know, it's a tradition!" Here are some thoughts on traditions.

It starts with the Fall Fair: The wine and cheese party held the Friday night and then the Fair itself, with Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings, wonderful baked goods, jams, books, treasures, linens, jewelry, a tasty lunch and so much more. Thank you to all the volunteers who help put this great event together.

**Church School Pageant:** To all the little angels and shepherds, the dancing girls, the Three Kings, Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, the angel Gabriel, and to all the other actors and to volunteers who put on this magnificent production, a great big thank you.

**The Choir:** For the beautiful music and sounds that fill the air with Christmas carols and hymns, and for the CBC Sing-In and Carols by Candlelight. All should try to attend both concerts. They're not only beautiful but heartwarming and definitely a "tradition". Thank you to the Choir and to Jordan and Jonathan.

**Advent Services:** Thursday evenings at 5:30, leading up to Christmas.

**The Church:** At this time of year, the church is adorned with garlands, wreaths, flowers and a beautiful Christmas tree. Thank you, Peter and Patrick and all the volunteers who help with the decorating.

The exterior trees with white lights that can be seen for blocks, welcoming people to the church and the celebrations going on inside.

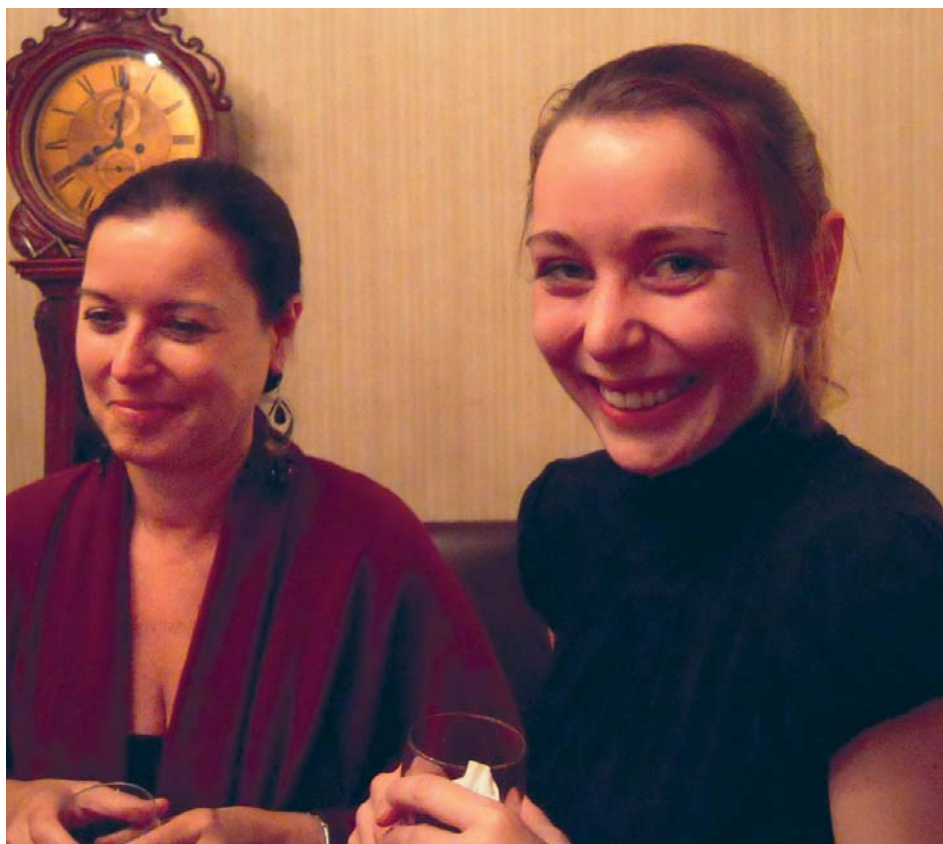
**The Christmas Eve service:** The sermon, the prayers, the hymns and the joyful congregation celebrating the birth of Christ. Tradition.

**Sunday Service at 11:00.**

Let our **Traditions** become your **Traditions**.

Merry Christmas to the Rev. Veenstra, Diana and the family, Rev. Rod Ferguson and his family, and to all the congregation from the Communications Committee.

*Christine Russell, Communications Chair*



New member Liza Beaulieu (left) and daughter Maude attended the Fall Fair's Wine and Cheese reception.

## From the Church Registrar

### Wedding



October 10, 2010

Quoc Viet Tran Nguyen and  
Veronique Forest

### Memorial



October 4, 2010

Doris Isabella Bourque

# Unsung Heroes

## Elspeth Angus Is Our Lady in the Archives



Elspeth Angus

Descending the dark, winding staircase from the Narthex, one has the impression of going down to a crypt. Then, as Elspeth Angus turns the key and swings open the door, one is surprised to enter a modern, brightly lit and spacious archives room.

It wasn't always this way, said Elspeth, who for several years has been devoting a couple of hours a week to sorting and cata-

loguing a rich array of our church's history.

She then invited her guests to descend yet another level to an unfinished sub-basement piled high with unsorted boxes, discarded frames, souvenirs and mementos of all kinds.

"We still have much work to do," she said.

Bruce Bolton, chair of the Heritage Committee, recalled that back in the 1990s, boxes of documents were stored in every nook and cranny of A&P – in closets, under stairwells, wherever space could be found.

All that changed in 2003, A&P's bicentennial year, when the present archives room was constructed.

"Jim (Rev. J.S.S.) Armour was very involved," said Elspeth while reaching for a copy of *Saints, Sinners and Scots*, Dr. Armour's history of the church, published in the bicentennial year.

A glance into the multitude of filing cabinets reveals a treasure-trove of material – everything from newspaper clippings to faded photos to letters received by whomever was minister at the time.



The archives room is spacious and comfortable.

Elspeth Angus is clearly proud of the church and, now in her 80s, is happy to be able to contribute to preserving its history.

Since retiring from her career as a research scientist in pathology at the Montreal General Hospital, she has taken volunteerism to heart. She can be spotted at virtually all church functions, and is also membership secretary at St. Andrew's Home.

An aficionado of opera and bridge, Elspeth is testament to a life lived fully. Her smile and good humour are infectious, her memories sharp and detailed.

"I was born in this church," she said as she displayed early records of St. Andrew's Church and St. Paul's Church, before the two were combined. She then launched into the story of St. Gabriel's, the first Presbyterian gathering in 1792 in Old Montreal.

Then it was on to a display of Music Department archives – sheet music, tapes, recordings – all neatly laid out in large drawers.

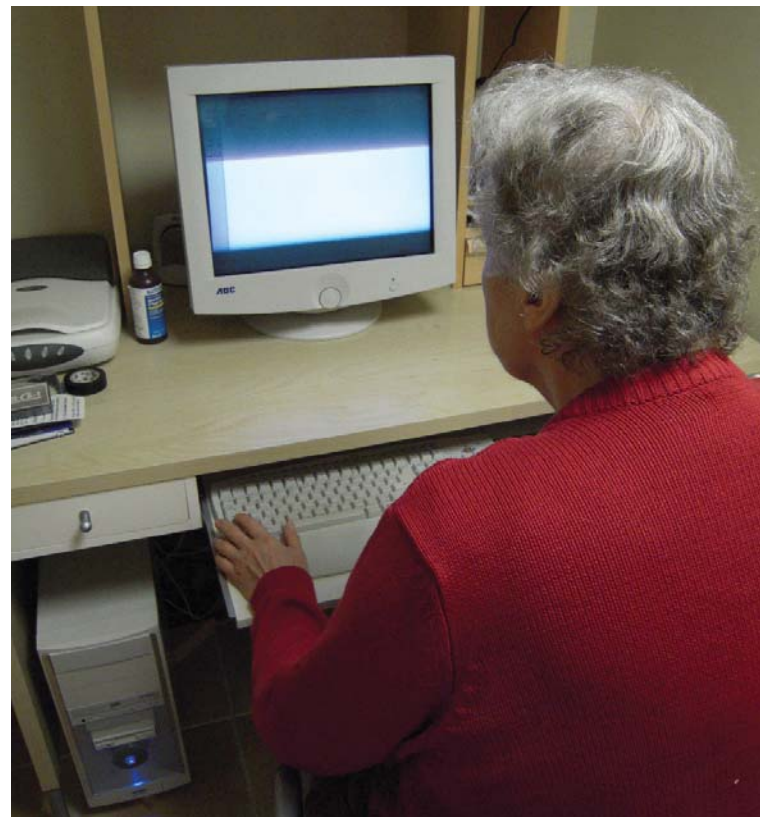
"Do you know what the 'butter box' is?" she asked.

"It's all the records of families helped by the church at a time when there were no social services." Elspeth explained that those records are kept strictly confidential because some recipients are still alive.

No materials can be removed from the archives room but appointments can be scheduled for research purposes. On the day of this visit, one of the guests was seeking information on the Ten Ministers Fund, specifically letters to the church from past recipients. Elspeth went to the computer and was soon placing files on the spacious table in the centre of the archives room.

You couldn't tell who was more pleased!

*InsideOut will be doing an occasional series of profiles of A&P's "Unsung Heroes," those who give of their time and talent to help in our congregation and in our community. If you have names to suggest, please send them to [sedgwickbrassard@videotron.ca](mailto:sedgwickbrassard@videotron.ca)*



Elspeth searching on the archives room computer.

# Church School Preparing for Christmas

## After a Great Pumpkin Ball, It's Pageant Time

What an exciting year it has been for our Church School already – we have wonderful new teachers who have joined our team and so many in our congregation have shown interest in our activities and have also offered their time to help out. The enthusiasm of parents and teachers alike is so encouraging, and all of our Church School classes have been filled every Sunday with eager, happy children. We are so blessed! We have welcomed seven new families since September and we pray that this growth will continue.

The Church School families have enjoyed a number of events together with the congregation and we look forward to many more ahead

Two busloads transported 93 people on our annual apple-picking trip at La Magie de la Pomme in St-Eustache. It was a great day of fellowship. After a picnic lunch everyone climbed onto the wagons to head out to the orchards to pick very delicious apples. The children also enjoyed decorating pumpkins, visiting the animal farm and playing on the toy trains. A great time was had by all.

Our Pumpkin Ball, hosted by the Church School and the A&P Youth Group, was a resounding success. More than 120 people attended. Thanks to Connie and Carol for doing an incredible decorating job, and to the Youth Group, which organized activities and a haunted house for the children. Once again Iain Lamont and his kitchen team did an outstanding job, preparing and serving the meal and somehow always managing to have enough food for everyone. Well done! The admission to the Ball was non-perishable food items for Tyndale St-Georges, and the generosity of those attending was heartwarming. We delivered 20 overflowing bags of food; they were extremely pleased as they will be using the food for Christmas baskets to be delivered to needy families. (Photos of apple-picking and the Pumpkin Ball are on the next page.)

Our Christmas season is a busy one. Christmas Pageant preparations are in full swing with casting, costume fittings and song rehearsals. It is always an exciting event for the parents, teachers and children and we are all looking forward to the performance. The Pageant takes place on Sunday, November 28, at 4:30 p.m.

On Sunday, December 12, the Church School children will be visiting Place Kensington to sing Christmas carols and to bring along Christmas cards to all the residents. They are all very much looking forward to this visit!

A special Family Christmas Service geared specifically to children takes place December 24 at 4:00 p.m. The children participate in the service reminding them of the true significance of Christmas.

Looking ahead into the New Year, our Church School Youth Retreat will take place January 14 to 16 at Villa St. Martin. If you would like more information or know of any young people from Grade 6 through high school who would like to attend, please contact me at [grammy.shani@sympatico.ca](mailto:grammy.shani@sympatico.ca) or phone 450-689-4379. It is a weekend of Christian learning as well as outdoor fun, including cross-country skiing and outdoor games. Details of this event will be posted in the church bulletins shortly.

Finally, our Church School is growing so we need more volunteers. Even if you can only offer one Sunday every five weeks, that would be helpful. If you play piano or guitar and would like to help

out our Music Director, if you like looking after babies, or if you simply want to help out the teachers, there is always something that needs to be done. We all have gifts to share – the only requirements for joining our team are love of God and love of children. Please consider joining us.

As always, we thank you for your prayers and encouragement.

Sharon Dworzak  
Church School Co-ordinator



Afua Agyeiwaa-Boateng and Art Dworzak meet with the Youth Group in the Kirk Session room.

## Enthusiasm Runs High in Youth Group

### Focus Is on Fun Activities – and Stewardship

Our Youth Group, consisting of young people from Grade 6 through high school, is a very enthusiastic one with energy and wonderful ideas. We had a lunch/brainstorming meeting at California Pizza in September, and a long list of activities was discussed and planned.

Our first event was rock-wall climbing at Allez Up, after pizza at the church, which everyone really enjoyed. Hats off to Afua and Emmanuel, who managed to keep up very well with the teens!

Our second event was a dinner/movie night, which was also enjoyed by everyone.

The group will be attending the Youth Retreat at Villa St. Martin January 14 to 16, 2011.

Along with the fun and fellowship, an important part of our Youth Group is “giving back” – stewardship. In line with this, the group organized and participated in the Pumpkin Ball and helped with the Fall Fair cleanup, which they did willingly and enthusiastically. Members will also be forming a team to participate in the Canadian Cancer Relay for Life in May 2011.

If you would like more information about the Youth Group or know of any young people who might like to join us, please contact Sharon at [grammy.shani@sympatico.ca](mailto:grammy.shani@sympatico.ca) or Art at [Arthur.dworzak@vmx.qc.ca](mailto:Arthur.dworzak@vmx.qc.ca), or phone 450-689-4379

Sharon & Art Dworzak

# From Apples...

It was a festive mood as busloads headed out for a day of apple-picking.



Ian Malcolm and Nilay Ozen pose for the camera with daughter Emma.



Mark and Murial Phillips enjoyed the outing with daughter Emma-Maria.



Genesis, Bernice, Sonia and Amara enjoyed the beautiful weather.

# ...to Pumpkins



Lizbeth and Leora wore colourful costumes.



Above: Hand-made decorations graced tables at the annual Pumpkin Ball.

Left: Wee William had no trouble keeping himself occupied.