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Inside·Out

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Worship

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. J.S.S. Armour – Heritage Sunday

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Ash Wednesday
Taizé Service in the Chapel, 6.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Lenten Chapel Service, 12:30 p.m.
The Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney
Light lunch in Kildonan Hall, 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Holy Communion, 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Lenten Chapel Service, 12:30 p.m.
The Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney
Light lunch in Kildonan Hall, 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney
Chapel Communion, 12:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Lenten Chapel Service, 12:30 p.m.
Kosta Theodorou
Light lunch in Kildonan Hall, 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Dr. Victor Gavino

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Lenten Chapel Service, 12:30 p.m.
The Rev. Dr. Victor Gavino
Light lunch in Kildonan Hall, 1:00 p.m.

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The Rev. J.S.S. Armour

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A quiet Taizé Service in the Chapel. PHOTO BY BRIAN MERRETT

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Light lunch in Kildonan Hall, 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29
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The Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney

THURSDAY, APRIL 2
Maundy Thursday, 6:00 p.m.
The Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney
Tenebrae and Holy Communion

FRIDAY, APRIL 3
Good Friday, 11:00 a.m.
Passion narrative according to Matthew with reflections

FRIDAY, APRIL 3
Evening Choral Service
Mass in B minor by J.S. Bach
7.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5
Easter Sunday Service, 11:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Holy Communion
The Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney &
The Rev. Dr. Victor Gavino

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Pastoral Letter

A message concerning our Minister

Dear Friends,

About a month ago, we spoke to you during Morning Worship about The Reverend Veenstra's health, and the unexpected circumstance of his prolonged illness, outlining as well how as a congregation we might continue to carry out our mission. By this letter we update you as best we can about The Reverend Veenstra's situation, in keeping with the comments we presented to the congregation on Sunday January 18.

A Word from the Associate Minister. Since early December, when Rev. Veenstra was diagnosed with cancer of the gallbladder, the people of our church fellowship have been holding him and his family in our thoughts, in our hearts, and in our prayers. While the intervening weeks of continuing recovery and medical evaluation have brought many challenges, throughout this difficult time Jeff has benefited from the attention and skill of a talented medical team. We take comfort in knowing that he continues to receive the care and treatment that he needs, and that he recently began to receive chemotherapy.

In my visits with him, Jeff has told me how meaningful the support he has received from the people of the church has been for him: appreciated — indeed cherished — and also necessary. It is his ardent wish to be back among us, leading us in worship, mission, and the communion of Christ. And he continues to crave the prayers of our people, which are of great and sustaining value to him.

My own desire is to be of service to Jeff, his family, and this congregation in whatever way I can be through this challenging period. I do so taking heart from the loveliness of the people of this community, and keeping close to the hope offered to us in Jesus Christ, that “The eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms” (Deut. 33: 27 [AV]).

A Word from the Clerk of Session. For my part, as your Clerk of Session, I understand that Jeff is building up his strength preparatory to having chemotherapy treatment. As a non-medical person, I cannot, and should not, give you the details, a diagnosis, or a prognosis of what is to come. We are truly blessed with individuals in the congregation who have stepped forward to ensure that he has excellent doctors, in some of the best medical facilities in Montreal, and that he is receiving quality and much appreciated care.

Concerning the Congregation, The Rev. Dr. Diviney very ably provided a recent Session meeting with an update on how we are adjusting to this unexpected situation. The church will continue its operations and activities with the same philosophy and enthusiasm as when The Reverend Veenstra was both in his office, and out and about. Therefore, the worship services, chapel services, Bible Study and Taizé will continue as planned — a schedule has been prepared through April, indicating which ministers will preach and readers identified. Committees will continue operating normally. The Reverend Diviney will be present at as many meetings as she can attend, in whole or in part. Receptions and community events will also go ahead as planned. In working with the Presbytery, Presbyterian College, and Dr. Armour who has generously and willingly stepped forward to help, I believe Dr. Diviney has strong ministerial support. It is important that in turn each and every one of us provide her with equivalent support.

What else can you do? One of the things The Reverend Veenstra has mentioned is that he finds the cards and various messages of support he has received have really given a boost to his morale. Almost 500 messages have come from around the world. Please continue to let him know that you are thinking of him, praying for him and his family.

As a result of the Way Forward Committee, we have all agreed that our church be a truly welcoming one, reaching out into the community, providing tangible support to those in need. We propose to carry on with this goal. Your presence and active participation in worship services, special events, and community outreach activities would also be an excellent way to show your support for our Senior Minister. Be generous in your kindness to others, as he is.

Please continue to keep The Reverend Jeff Veenstra, his family, The Reverend Dr. Kay Diviney, the Session and this Congregation in your thoughts and prayers.

In shared ministry,

The Reverend Dr. Kay Diviney
Associate Minister

Donald Walcot
Clerk of Session

Special Services

St Andrew and St Paul provides many opportunities

Look at the list under the heading 'Worship' on page 1. Over the next weeks our opportunities to come together and be in this church for services are extraordinary.

Sunday by Sunday, we gather for our regular worship. Those dates are all there...

Then look at the special events around Easter. We have the Lenten services for six weeks on Thursdays, at lunch time, followed by an opportunity for fellowship over a simple meal.

On Maundy Thursday we recall how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples just before his capture and trial. The Tenebrae Service on April 2 is perhaps one of the most beautiful and memorable of the time leading up to Easter. It is a simple service, and yet complex, because of what it represents. Holy Communion is served. There are readings from the New Testament, and the combined words and the music from our choristers mean that this service is thoughtful and compelling. If you have never attended this service, perhaps this is the year for you to be part of it.

Good Friday morning finds us quietly remembering the agony of our Lord, leading to his crucifixion. In the evening, the choir lifts our spirits with the magnificent Mass in B minor by J.S. Bach. Then on Sunday morning the Easter Service of Worship acclaims our risen Christ.

And steadily, once a month, on a Wednesday evening, there is the Taizé Service. This has its origins in an ecumenical prayer service with song, designed to achieve a meditative prayerful state of mind. Taizé is in France and the ecumenical Community there has attracted many people over the years. The service is simple, with songs repeated, scripture read, and prayerful times of silence. Those who gather for these services come away refreshed by the time of contemplation and peace.

Whoever would have thought a Presbyterian congregation would have so many opportunities to worship God within the walls of our church building. Let us hope that we take the time to worship together, and reflect on our blessings.



In Memoriam

Easter Flowers

Every Sunday we have Memorial flowers in the Sanctuary, in the Chancel, or on the Narthex Tables. These flowers are donated by members of the Congregation in memory of loved ones. Then when it comes to Easter Sunday we have Memorial flowers decorating the Church on Easter Sunday morning.

To contribute to these Easter flowers, and to have the names of those you wish to have remembered on a List that will be included in the Bulletin on Easter Day, it is a simple process. During Lent, you can send a note to the Church Office marked 'Easter Flowers'. Enclose a list of the names you wish to have remembered, and a donation/cheque. Easter Flowers should be in the memo line.

The flowers and plants used on Easter Day to decorated the Church are delivered afterwards to shut-in members of the Congregation.

Edna Ralston, Flower Convenor

From the Church Registrar

Baptisms



November 23, 2014

Vanessa De La Barca Dominguez

Marriages



December 20, 2014

Michael Stoebe and Michelle McKeown

Memorials & Funerals



December 17, 2014

Kenneth Charles Mackay

January 3, 2015

Anne Hyde

January 21, 2015

Emma-Lou Walter

Church School News

Christmas Joys

One of my favorite times of the year is the Advent and Christmas season. Wonderful family traditions, special get-togethers with friends and a sense of goodwill all around us as we look forward to the Celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus. However, over the years Christmas has taken on an even more poignant and special meaning as I have shared in the excitement with the children, teachers and parents of our Church School in the Advent Candle lighting and of course the preparations for the Annual Christmas Pageant.

The times spent with the children, Bobbie and Michael Cristofaro, Pageant Directors for many years, along with the McIlreavys, Peter Sabourin, Naima and so many of our volunteers, as well as Jonathan, Jordan and Andy has brought so much joy. Pageant preparations can be described as stressful, but it's "joyful stress"!!

Preparations begin in October with choir practices, casting, costume fittings, dragging out all the props from the basement, sending out invitations for the Family Dinner, etc. etc. etc. With only one day for dress rehearsal it all seems somewhat overwhelming as excited children fill the entire church building on Saturday afternoon and we wonder "How is this going to work out?" And by the grace of God, (Divine Intervention) it always does!!

We had children as young as 4 years old participating, as well as our senior class who helped with the readings, lighting, costumes and supervision of the younger children. It was a real team effort.

We had a wonderful turnout for the Pageant and it was delightful to have so many visiting children participate at the end of the Pageant by bringing up gifts to the Baby Jesus.

After the Pageant, we welcomed approximately 200 to the Family Christmas dinner which continues to be a wonderful time of fellowship for all. Throughout the evening everyone was treated to a slide show of Pageants throughout the years and of course the highlight was the arrival of our wonderful bagpipe-playing Santa!!

Another special service that I have come to look forward to each year is the 4:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service. The Service was led entirely by the Church School children, with The Rev. Jim Armour assisting with the opening prayer as well as the Benediction. All the readings are done by the children, ranging in age from 6 to 18. Participation of all visiting children is encouraged and we had a huge number of children come up to join us decorate the tree – each

ornament being symbolic of the Christmas story. The Service was concluded with an invitation from The Rev. Armour to sing 'Happy Birthday to Jesus' and then share in some delicious birthday cake. This Service is becoming more and more popular each year. Praise God!

After a very busy Christmas, we had a few weeks to rest up but shortly after the New Year, preparations for the Annual Youth Retreat for our Senior Classes were under way. There were 33 of us in total, including counselors and young people returning once again to Villa St. Martin from January 16-18 to spend a wonderful weekend together. We invited the St. Columba Youth Group to join us and six of their students and three counsellors attended. A special thanks is extended to their minister Ian Fraser who led our worship service on Friday night, Our theme this year was "Caring Christians – Christian Role Models" with a focus on Biblical Christian Role Models, Christian Role Models in the Entertainment and Sports Fields as well as Christian Role Models in our personal lives. Our guest speaker was Alyssa Sklar who focused on cyber bullying and responsible use of i-phones, Internet, Facebook, etc. being mindful of the feelings of others.

We discussed the many ways we can "carry it forward" and remembered our Christian Role Model, Shuling Chen. It was decided to carry on Shuling's legacy with a Memorial Fund set up in her name in support of the Annual Youth Retreat which she pioneered. In that regard the Youth Group will be holding a Coffee House on February 20 which is detailed in the Youth Group Report.

A number of upcoming events to note in your calendars: Palm Sunday, when the children will be singing in church, as well as the Family Cabane a Sucre which is slated for mid-April – date to be confirmed. Looking way ahead, don't forget the Mother's Day breakfast, complete with wonderful entertainment provided by the Church School children.

As promised in the last InsideOut – total funds raised by the Church School and Youth Group at the November "Bowl-A-Thon" for PWS&D was \$1,379.00 Thank you once again for your support.

If you have any questions about our programs or would like to join our team, please contact me at the grammy.shani@sympatico.ca or phone 450-689-4379.

Sharon Dworzak, Church School Coordinator

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 sue.m.stevenson@gmail.com. Submissions should be no more than 500 words. Digital and scanned photos should be about a 1MB jpg file.



Top left: Christmas tree delights!
Top right: Now how does this work?
Above: The Hewlin Family's turn to light a candle.
Left: Brother and sister team plus lamb.

Music at A&P

What is Lent?



As Western Christians who worship in a liturgically-oriented church, we live according to three interrelated calendars. One is the normal twelve-month Gregorian calendar that is second nature to all of us, another is the solar calendar that underlies much of our natural life, and the third is the church or liturgical calendar. How

do they align, and what does the liturgical calendar mean?

Advent is traditionally considered a penitential season, during which we prepare ourselves for the birth of the baby Jesus at Christmas. The Sundays highlight themes of God as Judge, John the Baptist, Mary and so forth. At Christmas we of course celebrate the birth of Christ in Bethlehem, and on Epiphany we celebrate the visit of the Magi to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During the subsequent season of Epiphany we delight in Jesus' manifestation as a man who lived among us, the Light of the World. The culmination of the season is Transfiguration Sunday, when we remember Jesus' ascent of a mountain with three of his disciples, the appearance of Moses and Elijah alongside him, and Jesus' shining with divine radiance.

Lent is a solemn season of prayer, preparation and penance. It begins on Ash Wednesday, forty days prior to Easter (this year on February 17). The forty days mirror the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tempted by the devil. The culmination of Lent is Holy Week, in which we commemorate the Passion, crucifixion, death and burial of Jesus.

Easter is the celebration of Jesus' rising from the dead, which symbolizes His eternal triumph over death and His perfect atonement for all of our sins.

On the Feast of the Ascension, we remember Jesus' miraculous ascension into heaven; on Pentecost, we celebrate the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to His disciples that he would send them "another Comforter", the Holy Spirit.

Trinity Sunday is a celebration of one of church doctrine's deepest mysteries, the existence of God as three persons in one: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In the Presbyterian tradition we formally acknowledge very few saints' days, but we do observe the feast of All Saints, which honours the example of the many faithful who have gone before us.

Christ the King (or "Reign of Christ") Sunday is the close of the church year, and celebrates Christ's divine and complete Lordship.

Our observance of the liturgical calendar is by no means a spiritual end in itself, nor does the calendar take precedence over scripture in our faith. Rather, it provides a structure for exploring our faith in a systematic and cyclical way that also associates specific facets of the faith with specific times of the year through its relationships to both the Gregorian and solar calendars.

*Jonathan Oldengarm,
Director of Music*

Key Dates		
Gregorian Calendar	Solar Calendar	Liturgical Calendar
Begins Jan. 1, and is divided into 12 months of 28 to 31 days' duration	March 20 (spring equinox - daylight vs. darkness of equal duration)	Begins on the First Sunday of Advent (four Sundays before Christmas Day)
	June 21 (summer solstice - most daylight)	Christmas Day (Dec. 25)
	September 23 (autumn equinox, when day vs. night are again equal)	Epiphany (begins Jan. 6)
	December 21 or 22 (winter solstice, when daylight is at its lowest ebb)	Lent (begins six Sundays before Easter)
		Easter (begins on the Sunday after the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox)
		Ascension (40 days after Easter)
		Pentecost (50 days after Easter)
		Trinity Sunday (one week after Pentecost)
		All Saints (Nov. 1)
		Christ the King (Reign of Christ - the last Sunday before Advent I)

From the Choir

A wonderful busy Christmas!

This autumn, the Choir of the Church of St Andrew and St Paul had such a busy rehearsal and performance schedule! Our wonderful music staff - Jonathan Oldengarm, Jordan DeSouza, and Andrew Gray - had programmed a very ambitious but exciting series of special performances in addition to Sunday services. The choir season began with the preparation for the CIOC concert on October 18th during which time the choir performed Vaughan Williams' "Serenade to Music" and "Dona Nobis Pacem". This concert was a commemoration of the beginning of the First World War. As attendees listened to the poetry and music of "Dona Nobis Pacem", the message of the futility and ravages of war and the hope for a better world was meaningfully expressed. The singers (many of whom sang solos in the "Serenade") were deeply moved by the lyrics and beauty of both compositions. This concert was followed on November 23 by the annual Maison du Parc concert featuring the A&P choir and the MSO players in a performance of Mozart's "Great Mass in C minor" – another beloved masterpiece.

With the approach of Advent and Christmas in late November and December, the pace quickened for rehearsals - as it always does around this time. Often rehearsals were lengthened to three hours, and the numbers of rehearsals increased as singers struggled to master the music in time for the CBC Sing-In on December 7. But what fun it was to see the church overflowing with people during this event and to join with them on the carols. The energy within the choir is always very high for this occasion, as one can well imagine.

Two weeks later, the choir prepared a different kind of service – the "Carols by Candlelight" service held in the evening of December 21. Again the church was filled. Traditionally, this service is always more meditative than the CBC Sing-In. As the choir singers processed into the church with lighted candles in a darkened sanctuary, there was a sense of thankfulness within the choir to be part of this service of worship at such an important celebration in the church calendar. This same feeling of joy and gratitude was also present during the Christmas Eve services.

Now in January, the pace in rehearsals is more relaxed. At the same time, the choir is looking forward to three major events, the first being the choir cabaret entitled "A&P's Got Talent" on the evening of March 13. This should be a fun and inspiring concert followed by a reception in Kildonan Hall to meet the performers. The cabaret is also a special fundraising event in support of the next major performance held as part of the Good Friday evening service. At this time, the choir will join with the Ensemble Caprice in the performance of J.S. Bach's magnificent "Mass in B minor." And of course, on Easter Sunday morning, a brass quartet will join with the organ, the choir and congregation in joyful praise and thanksgiving for the Risen Christ.

Please be sure to mark these very special musical offerings on your calendar!

Wendy Glaubitz-Fugère

Choir President

Musical Highlights

ON FRIDAY, MARCH 13 our choir will once again perform a musical cabaret. The past two editions have been hugely popular, and allow you the congregation and the broader community to hear our choristers singing very non-church music! Tickets (\$25) will be on sale following Sunday services within the next few weeks. All proceeds go toward supporting the church's excellent music ministry.

ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3 at 7:30 p.m. we will present J. S. Bach's great masterpiece, the Mass in B minor. Our choir will join together with Ensemble Caprice, one of Montreal's great period-instrument orchestras, under the inspired direction of Jordan de Souza to present what is probably the most difficult and beautiful of Bach's treasure-trove of great choral works. Many mysteries surround the piece: did Bach intend it for performance? Was it ever performed in its entirety during Bach's lifetime? Why did Bach, a devout Lutheran who never held a Catholic church or court position, write a musical setting of the full Catholic Mass text as opposed to the shorter Lutheran missa brevis?

The Guild AGM and Spring Luncheon

April 22, 2015 at 12:00 noon

Speaker: Myriam Cloutier, Historian
Friends of Mount Royal Cemetery
Lunch reservations: 514.288.9588



Organ & Choral Music List for Lent and Easter 2015



February 15

Prelude: Chorale
Preludes (Tariverdiev)
Introit: Let Thy
Holy Presence
(Tchesnokoff)
Anthem: Hymn to the
Trinity (Tchaikovsky)

Postlude: Postlude (Glinka)

February 22

Prelude: An Wasserflüssen Babylon, BWV 653 &
653a (Bach)
Anthem: Super flumina Babylonis (Palestrina)
Motets: Domine, non dum dignus (Victoria);
Jesu, dulcis memoria (Victoria)
Postlude: Allegro Maestoso, from Sonata no. 1
(Guilmant)

March 1

Prelude: Excerpts from Chorale Preludes, op.
122 (Brahms)
Introit: Geistliches Lied (Brahms)
Anthem: Vater unser (Händl)
Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in G minor
(Brahms)

March 8

Prelude: Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, BWV
665 & 666 (Bach)
Introit: Psalm 121, from Requiem (Howells)
Anthem: Psalm 43 (Mendelssohn)
Postlude: Con moto maestoso, from Sonata III
(Mendelssohn)

March 15

Prelude: Fantasia on an Irish Air (Stanford)
Introit: Drop, drop, slow tears (Leighton)
Anthem: Draw us in the Spirit's tether (Friedell)
Postlude: St. Patrick's Breastplate, from Sonata
Celtica (Stanford)

March 22

Prelude: Prélude et Fugue en fa mineur, op. 7
no. 2 (Dupré)
Introit: God so loved the world (Stainer)
Anthem: Benedicite, op. 34 no. 2 (Elgar)
Postlude: Toccata, from Pièces de Fantaisie
(Vierne)

March 29, Palm Sunday

Prelude: Sonata in E minor, BWV 528 (Bach)
Introit: Pueri Hebraeorum (Victoria)
Anthem: Solus ad victimam (Leighton)
Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in C minor, BWV
546 (Bach)

April 5, Easter

Prelude: Feierlicher Einzug (Strauss/Reger)
Setting: Communion Service in F (Darce)
Anthem: Ecce vicit Leo (Philips)
Motets: Surrexit Christus hodie (Scheidt);
Alleluia. In resurrectione tua Christe
(Gallus)
Postlude: Toccata, from Symphony V (Widor)

April 12

Prelude: Prélude, Fugue et Variation, op. 18
(Franck)
Introit: This joyful Eastertide (Wood)
Anthem: Ye Choirs of new Jerusalem (Stanford)
Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in D major, BWV
532 (Bach)

April 19

Prelude: Psalm Prelude, Set 1 no. 1 (Howells)
Introit: Haec dies (Byrd)
Anthem: Let all the World in every corner sing
(Leighton)
Postlude: Psalm Prelude, Set 1 no. 3 (Howells)

April 26

Prelude: Es ist das Heil uns kommen her
(Weckmann)
Introit: Rise up, my love (Willan)
Anthem: Most glorious Lord of Life (Harris)
Postlude: Toccata in G (Dubois)

May 3

Prelude: Adagio cantabile, from Symphony no.
2 (Lemare)
Introit: I heard a voice (Tomkins)
Anthem: I was glad (Parry)
Postlude: Allegro maestoso, from Sonata in G
major, op. 28 (Elgar)

May 10

Prelude: Fantaisie en do majeur (Franck)
Introit: And I saw a new heaven (Bainton)
Anthem: They that go down to the sea in ships
(Sumsion)
Postlude: Toccata en fa majeur (Grisson)

May 17

Prelude: Alléluias sereins, from L'Ascension
(Messiaen)
Introit: I was glad (Purcell)
Anthem: God is gone up (Finzi)
Postlude: Transports de joie, from L'Ascension
(Messiaen)

May 25

Prelude: Komm, heiliger Geist, BWV 652
(Bach)
Setting: Missa Brevis (Wills)
Anthem: The Day of Pentecost (Cabena)
Motets: If ye love me (Tallis); O sacrum
convivium (Messiaen)
Postlude: Komm, heiliger Geist, BWV 651
(Bach)



Furnishings

Pew cushions all renewed

The Guild is pleased to announce the completion of the project to recover the pew cushions throughout the church. This much needed improvement was carried out between August, 2014 and January, 2015.

Each week several cushions were removed on Monday and returned on Friday in time for the Sunday service. Special care was taken to ensure that all pews had cushions at all times, so that church members could worship from their usual places.

Bill Paisley provided expert guidance in the choice of fabric and the finishing details. The fabric selected is almost identical in color to that of the original coverings, blending in perfectly with the architectural features of oak and granite in the sanctuary.

Guild members Kirwan Martin, Phyllis Proppe, Bill Paisley and Anne Luckow coordinated the project in conjunction



with Robert Koffend from the Board. The work was expertly carried out by Mr. Adra of GLM Rembourrage who is to be commended for his professionalism and flexibility in respecting the scheduling needs of the congregation throughout the duration

of the project.

The successful completion of this project enhances our Sanctuary. The big question is – it was done so quietly and thoughtfully and the fabric is so complementary - did you notice the change?

Scottish Celebration

On Sunday January 25, there was a Scottish reception with haggis, neeps, and tatties, as well as shortbread. Michael Neal read the Ode to the Haggis by Robert Burns, and the pipes skirled, courtesy of Bruce Bolton.



Congratulations!

Order of Canada for Dr. Bruce Williams

Our Ruling Elder Dr H. Bruce Williams was named in the most recent list of those honoured with the Order of Canada. His citation from the website of the Order reads "For his contributions to the practice of plastic surgery, particularly for helping burn victims as well as young people with congenital abnormalities."

In an interview with *InsideOut*, Dr. Williams sounded delighted with the honour. He commented that probably his training of plastic surgeons over the years also contributed to his being given the Order of Canada. Improving the lives of children with cleft palates and young burn victims has been a central part of his work. Dr. Williams is well known for his contributions with provincial, Canada-wide and international organizations related to the practice of plastic surgery. We are very proud that his important work has been recognized in this way. Bravo!

Youth Group

They are ready for everything

Our Youth Group is known for its willingness to help out and they certainly came through on numerous occasions before the year was done!

On November 23, the Youth Group hosted a Lunch and Learn event. Our guest speaker was Alyssa Sklar who gave a very interesting and informative presentation on "Raising Children in a Digital World."

Over the weekend of December 13-14 they were a great help in preparations for the Christmas Pageant with many of them also helping with lighting, assistant direction, and supervision of the children. After the Pageant they hosted the Christmas Family Dinner, cheerfully serving the meals, donning Santa hats.

Finally, on December 21st they hosted the Family Christmas Reception in Kildonan Hall.

The Youth Retreat was very much enjoyed by the Youth Group. It was not only a time of learning and sharing but also a opportunity for fellowship and welcoming new members to the group. We had group sessions, singing, a movie and of course time for fun – cross country skiing, tobogganing and a host of board games which was somewhat of a novelty for a digital generation.

Here is a sampling of the feedback from a number of the participants:

"I really enjoyed being able to bring a friend and showing him how great our Youth Group is. We did so many activities that helped teach us about God, and about being great role models. I also really liked the guest speaker on internet safety and citizenship – she was awesome! I can't wait for next year!" Kyle

"The aspect I enjoyed the most about the retreat was being able to talk about heroes and role models. I believe it's very important to look up to someone, especially someone who has changed people's lives like Shuling" Hannah

"The Youth Retreat has always been a great time filled with outdoor activities, singing, skits, and discovering new people. And this year was no less different. Sharon, Art and the councillors welcomed us and kept us going nonstop. My favorite activities were cross-country skiing and making ice cream. . It's the greatest time of the year!" Mathias

"I thought the retreat was really fun and I learned a lot about real life role models and role models that are in the Bible." Francis

"This Youth Retreat was one of the funniest ones I went to. The food is always way better than I'd expect, so that's good. The skits we prepared this year were some of the best we've had. There were a lot of fun

memories made this year and I recommend it to anyone. Can't wait for next year!" Luca

As outlined in the Church School Report, they decided to set up a Memorial Fund in Shuling Chen's name and their first event will be a Coffee House.

The Coffee House will take place on Friday, February 20 in Kildonan Hall. All are invited to come any time between 7:00 – 10:30 pm to enjoy coffee/tea, food, live music, raffle and an opportunity to meet Shuling's family. Suggested donation is \$5.

Finally, the Youth Group will be participating in the "Coldest Night of the Year" walk in support of the St. James Drop-in Center. They will be walking 5km on behalf of the many poor and homeless people of Montreal and if you would like to make a donation to the team or an individual, please go to their website coldestnightoftheyear.org and search for location: Montreal downtown and look for our team A&PYouth Group. If you prefer to donate in person, please call us at 450-689-4379 or come by the Christian Education office.

We welcome all young people in Grades 6 through 11, who might like to join this energetic and fun group - please contact us at 450-689-4379 or email grammy.shani@sympatico.ca

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Previous page: The skiing was awesome!

Top: Great food, great fun.

Above: Board games - not boring.

Left: Helping hands for church events, and smiles too!

Youth Group Retreat



Everyone had a great time – on to next year!



Left: Music maketh merry!

Above: Time for hot chocolate.