

# Worship (con't)

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 12**  
18th Sunday after Pentecost  
Thanksgiving Sunday  
Texts TBC  
The Reverend Jeff Veenstra

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15**  
Taizé Service  
Chapel 6:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 19**  
19th Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 33: 12-23  
Matthew 22: 15-22  
The Reverend Jeff Veenstra

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 26TH**  
20th Sunday after Pentecost  
Reformation Sunday  
Deuteronomy 34: 1-12  
Matthew 22: 34-36  
The Reverend Jeff Veenstra

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2**  
21st Sunday after Pentecost  
All Saints Sunday  
Revelations 7: 9-17  
Matthew 5: 1-12  
The Reverend Dr. Kay Diviney

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9**  
22nd Sunday after Pentecost  
Remembrance Sunday  
Texts TBC  
The Reverend Jeff Veenstra

## On Par, with Giving

The first half of this year has seen a wonderful increase in members of our congregation donating through the P.A.R. (Pre-Approved Remittance) system. This momentum is something *The Stewardship Committee* will be building on this fall. Specifically, we have heard a concern from many members of what to give during the offering if they use P.A.R. for the donation. At the end of this year the PAR cards will be discontinued and beginning January of 2015, the offering envelopes will include a box, where a check mark can be placed, to show your offering has been provided through P.A.R. We hope this small change has a big impact with encouraging members to join P.A.R.

## A Word From the Minister



Dear Friends,

By the time you receive this newsletter summer will almost be behind us, students will have started back to school, there will be less daylight time and the end of the golf season will be drawing near. September is also the de facto beginning of the church year. The activities, programs, committees of the congregation all begin again for another year. Let me take this opportunity to highlight a few upcoming events this September.

**Sunday September 7th is Welcome Back Sunday.** This is one of the many wonderful traditions at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul: a welcoming back to the life of the church following a summer of (hopefully) some rest and relaxation. The Church School leaders will be commissioned during worship and a reception, hosted by the Guild, will be held in Kildonan Hall immediately following the service.

**Sunday September 7th at 3:00 p.m., Mr. Christopher Clarke,** a member of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul **will be ordained as Minister or Word and Sacraments** by the Presbytery of Montreal. Chris graduated this past spring from Presbyterian College and has received a call from St. Andrews, Duncan, Vancouver Island, British Columbia to be their minister. He and his wife Mary and their two sons, Oliver and Thomas, will be moving to Duncan on September 13th. Friends from the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul are most welcome to attend this special service and are encouraged to offer him and his family a word of congratulations and best wishes as they begin the next exciting chapter in their lives.

**Sunday September 14th** The first **Lunch and Learn** of the season will be held in Kildonan Hall following the worship service. The presenter will be Mr. Ken Kim, Director of Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D). Ken will speak to us about the relief and development work that PWS&D is involved with in cooperation with its global partners around the world to help eradicate extreme poverty in some of the most impoverished places around the globe.

The timing of this event is perfect because once again our congregation will again have a team that will be running in the Montreal half-marathon and 10 K on Sunday, September 28th, 2014 in support of the work of PWS&D. I have been privileged to witness firsthand the compassionate and efficacious work our denomination is doing for vulnerable people through PWS&D. Thus if you feel moved to sponsor the running team I can assure you that your money will be put to very good and life-changing work.

**On Tuesday September 16th at 6:30 p.m.** the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul will host a special Presbytery service to induct the Reverend Dr. Dale Woods as Principal of Presbyterian College. Dale is well known to the congregation, primarily because he twice served our church as Interim Moderator. First, during the vacancy when Reverend Richard Topping's left his position as Lead Minister of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul to join the faculty of the Vancouver School of Theology. Secondly, when the congregation resolved to begin search for an Associate Minister which, of course, led to Reverend Diviney's call to the church. We rejoice with Dale in his appointment as Principal and welcome all friends of the congregation to attend the service on the 16th, and the reception immediately thereafter.

**Sunday September 21st.** Following worship a brief (20-30 minutes) congregational meeting will be held in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is twofold: 1) to receive a concise update from the Board of Trustees of the congregation's givings vis-à-vis the 2014 budget to the end of August; 2) to launch our fall stewardship campaign.

The space limitations of this piece prevent me from commenting on all the activities happening in and through the congregation in the coming months. The ones I have mentioned are not more important than others, just more immediate. However, as I ponder of the life and ministry of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul it occurs to me afresh how blessed we are to have been invited by the living God to participate in what God is doing in the world to bring healing, hope and redemption to all creation.

In shared ministry,

*Jeff*