

Church in Action

Dinner with Friends



Maurene and Jack prepare for serving dinner

Wednesday, February 24th, was a very special evening at the Native Friendship Centre of Montreal when our Twinning Sub-committee offered dinner to seventy new friends. Directed by Maurene White's fine cooking skills, Wylma Cobb, Diane Aikens, Jill Foster, Frank Philpott and Keith Randall prepared roast pork with roast vegetables, along with cookies and ice cream for dessert. The delicious aromas filled the church hallways.

All was delivered and warmed in the NFC kitchen in time for their weekly Open House and served by Maurene and Frank, assisted by Margarita Medina-Ibanez, Derek Foote and Jack Archibald. The evening passed with much laughter and, later, the sound of the drum that has entertained us in the Quiet Garden the past two years.

"This ministry was the A&P being the Church in action," commented Rev. Archibald. "It was a matter of building bridges to a culture and community needing our love. It was an act of pure compassion 'with no strings attached.' We were welcomed and embraced. We were the A&P to these people. They may not have known of us at all, or they could well associate us with very painful experiences of the past, but on this evening we showed quite another side to how they view the Christian Church."

We were grateful for this opportunity to share with the people of the NFC, another step in a slowly developing relationship. The NFC. To be found at the corner of St-Laurent and Ontario, is a non-profit, non-sectarian, autonomous community development agency whose principal mission is to promote, develop, and enhance the quality of life in the urban Aboriginal community of Montreal. The NFCM, being a part of a national initiative that bridges the gap between two cultures, serves the Aboriginal population consisting of the ten First Nations of Quebec, as well as the Inuit and Métis of Montreal.

From the Board

Important updates

The January and February Givings have met the estimated amounts. The congregation's efforts to begin the year are sure to keep our financial ship steady throughout the year. Look for a complete first quarter breakdown of Givings in the April 3 Bulletin of Service.

I am pleased to announce that Ian Moodie has agreed to take the reins as Chair of Stewardship. The Stewardship Committee wishes him the best of success and all their support in the continuing effort to encourage the congregation in the fulfilling of our Church's Mission.

*Christopher Powell,
Board Chairman*

From the Church Registrar

Christening



February 28, 2016
Grace Alison Irene Lightfoot

The Guild Annual General Meeting and Spring Lunch

Date: April 20, 2016

Time: Meeting at 12:00, Lunch 12.30

Speaker: The Rev. Jack Archibald

Topic: "MASTERING A MASTERPIECE: How a Master Painter Portrays Jesus' Favourite Parable"

Reservations: Contact/Phone Edna Ralston – 514.288.9588
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Cost \$20.00 payable at the door. Reservations essential!
Come and bring a friend to this cheery and friendly event in Kildonan Hall!