

Mission and Outreach

Music Forges Links of Friendship

ReachOut with Music's mission is to bring music to the most vulnerable regardless of age, race or religion within the framework of Christian values demonstrated by example. In a nutshell we wish to enrich lives through Grace and music.

The second ReachOut with Music Arts and Music Camp will be held during the weeks of August 11-15 and 18-22 at Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre, with a closing concert on the 22nd.

Participants will include 45 youths between four and 12 years of age from A&P and Tyndale's Saturday ReachOut program under the guidance of counsellors professionally trained by Tyndale. Every effort will be made to forge links of friendship between A&P and Tyndale kids, and in addition to artistic creativity, there will be a strong focus on spirituality to share and learn from the multicultural mosaic of each participant. The fundamental goal of the camp is to lay foundations for participants to taste success through personal involvement in an artistic production.

For any additional information please contact Mrs. Francoise Morin-Lyons at francoise.morin.lyons@gmail.com or by phone at (514) 481-1614.

Another ReachOut with Music Chapter

The enthusiastic Hymn Singers completed another season with a joyous Easter service led by Rev. Veenstra at Manoir Westmount –“old friends, new friends and lots of chocolate,” in the words of Jacqueline McClaran. The Singers may do a few informal sessions over the summer with Yellow Door, Father Dowd, St. Margaret's and St. Andrew's Homes, and perhaps again at the Grand Bergère, but look forward to starting again formally at the Manoir in September, with our outreach worship service! And a few basses and tenors will be warmly welcomed to fill out their four part harmonies! If you like to sing, contact Jacqueline McClaran at jacqueline.mcclaran@videotron.ca or (514) 750-0280.

Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry

Sue McDougall and Margarita Medina-Ibanez journeyed to Saskatoon in February to visit Rev. Stewart Folster and his flock at the Ministry on 20th Street. It was a busy week, touched by the grace of God. They returned with some ideas we'll put into practice to help our twinning partner through difficult times, and with these words from Stewart:

“The Native people who walk the streets of 20th Street every day are the ones who are now living through the generational effects of the era of residential schools and 300 years of colonialism. The men who walk the streets were once fishermen and trappers who lived off the land and who were self-sufficient and proud of their culture and their way of life. Now, they find themselves homeless and uneducated in a changing world and begging on the streets and digging through dumpsters to find bottles and cans they can sell to feed their addictions.”

On Sunday, June 1, we'll celebrate not only our friendship with the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry, but mark Healing & Reconciliation Sunday and the 20th anniversary of the PCC residential schools Confession. Guests will include Mohawk elder John Cree and the drum from the Montreal Native Friendship Centre.



Rev. Jeff Veenstra and the Hymn Singers at Manoir Westmount.

Coming soon

Our 20-plus partner social agencies in Montreal have a wide variety of needs – food, clothing and, most of all, people willing to lend a hand. And our congregation has many generous members seeking opportunities to give back in return for God's blessings upon us. By September, we intend to offer a wide range of choices to serve those who serve the hungry, the lost and the forgotten in our city.

Breaking News!

The Open Door, a drop-in centre providing services to homeless and low-income people in downtown Montreal and one of our social-agency partners, will hold its annual Softball Tournament at Westmount Park on Saturday, July 12. We'll be recruiting players for the A&P team for a day of competitive fun with other churches. Interested? Contact Keith Randall at krandall1@videotron.ca or 450-668-2553.

A word about our Outreach volunteers

As is often the case, the teams that deliver the programs within our congregation grow and change over time based on the availability of folks, their personal commitments and their particular interests.

This year is no exception as we bid farewell to a few absolutely wonderful Mission and Outreach volunteers.

We are very pleased that life is allowing all of us to grow in new directions, but very saddened to see them leave our group. On behalf of all of us, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to:

Mrs. Diane Gardner
Mrs. Patricia Hewlin
Mrs. Susan McDougall
Mr. Derek Foote
Mr. Keith Randall

On behalf of the Mission and Outreach team, we wish all of you a restful, energizing and blessed summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Diane M. Ellison & Keith Randall
Co-Chairs Mission and Outreach