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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19
Taizé Chapel Service (Evening Prayer
and Song), 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23
Choral Celebration Sunday, 11 a.m.
Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Scripture: Joel 2:23-32; Luke 18:9-14
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30
All Saints Sunday, 11 a.m.
Scripture: Ephesians 1: 11-23; Luke
6:20-31
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Glenn
Chestnutt

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Remembrance Sunday, 11 a.m.
Scripture: Micah 4:1-8; 2
Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Glenn
Chestnutt

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13
Stewardship Sunday, 11 a.m.
Scripture: Isaiah 65: 17-25; Luke 21:
5-19
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Glenn
Chestnutt

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Taizé Chapel Service (Evening Prayer
and Song), 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20
Christ the King Sunday, 11 a.m.
Bach Festival Service
Scripture: Colossians 1: 11-20; Luke
23: 33-43
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27
First Sunday of Advent
Sacrament of Holy Communion,
11 a.m.
Scripture: Isaiah 2: 1-5; Matthew 24:
36-44
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Glenn
Chestnutt

Letter from the Editor



Dear Friends,

This is a very exciting time in the life of our congregation. All the complicated pieces of the planning are completed as we welcome the Chestnutt family to Montreal and to our community of faith. Letters have been written over the last issues of *InsideOut* by our Interim Moderator, Principal Dale Woods. Pastoral epistles have come also from the Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney, and sometimes from our Session

Clerk Donald Walcot. I decided as the Editor of this newsletter for many years, that I would like to say a few words!

First of all, there is so much for which we must be grateful. The Chestnutt family has arrived safely! The shipping of a household of furniture and belongings across the Atlantic has been accomplished and the family is in residence at the Manse. All the work permit regulations went through smoothly for Dr. Glenn Chestnutt's employment at The Church of St Andrew and St Paul. The family arrived just in time for Rowan to start school on the first day – that had been a concern. Would they arrive before school began? Rowan was there with his parents Hannah and Glenn that first day! Now Glenn is in Quebec City absorbing French Canadian culture and language and hopefully some of the great food this Province has to offer! The Presbytery of Montreal requires ministers new to the Province to spend their first month in French immersion. Our Senior Minister will be back in Montreal at the end of September. And rumour has it that all three members of the family were in church on Sunday September 4! His Induction Service is set for October 16, at 3:00 pm.

None of this happens by chance, but by careful planning and thoughtful teamwork. Our Interim Moderator deserves our great appreciation. Dale Woods is a good friend of this congregation. His knowledge of the ways of Presbyterianism helped to make sure the choosing of a new minister went through as smoothly as possible. Timing was tricky. The Call, so well signed by 94% of this congregation, went from Montreal to the Presbytery responsible for the Gourcock congregation. Our thanks to Dale are profound.

The Search Committee, under the leadership of Ruling Elder Rhonda McClure, worked prayerfully and with great integrity. Their work was well done, and the congregation owes them a debt of gratitude. We have had wonderful support from other ministers – Jack Archibald, Rick Fee, and our own Minister Emeritus Jim Armour – our thanks go to them all. And Kay Diviney, who, since she arrived to be our Associate Minister, has been handed major and difficult challenges, is deserving of our immense appreciation and thanks.

And now I want to acknowledge that through all these testing times, you, the members of this congregation, have continued to support our church life. Programs have flourished. The Board of Trustees has made sure the Manse was readied for the Chestnutts, as well as making sure the day to day life of the church continued. Church staff have never faltered as they are asked to support our mission. The Music Programs have gone from strength to strength. The Church School and the Youth Group continue to delight us under the remarkable Dworzak leaders. Outreach to Syrians, food for the Yellow Door ministry, Coffee and Conversation offering fellowship after Sunday Worship — everyone has continued to hold the energy of our congregation in their hearts.

We can say to our new friends, the Chestnutt family, "Welcome". We are ready for the work that lies ahead, and can promise our support and affection as the mission of our church moves into a new chapter. We are thankful to see God's faithfulness at work. We have undertaken our work with prayer and we believe that in ways seen and unseen, God has answered those prayers.

Sincerely,
Susan Stevenson