



January 11th, 2018

HEADS UP! LEADERS FOR THIS COMING SUNDAY:

Counters: Bill Tetley & Jorge Delgado
PowerPoint: Keith Blizard
Prayers of the People: Wentworth Brookes
Refreshments: Voahangy Rajarison, Paul & Susi Cornett
Altar Guild: Nevilla Parris & Shirley Harvey

THIS WEEK'S READING:

First Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72: 1-7
Gospel Reading – Matthew 2: 1-12

THIS SUNDAY, Jan 14 - WHOLE CHURCH LISTENING ACTIVITY

After the 11 o'clock service Tim Keener and Sally Richmond will facilitate a listening activity so that we can hear from one another about our perspectives on the recent decisions and processes related to our church building, to get a sense as to how the community as a whole is doing, and reflect on the way forwards together. We encourage as many members of St Peter's to participate as possible. Lunch and child care will be available. If you have any questions about this activity please email Sally: richmond.sally@gmail.com.

Sun. Jan 14 – CROSSTALK PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Crosstalk Ministries invites you to kick off the new year with a prayer and praise gathering at St. Peter's on Sunday, January 14th from 2:30-4:30! If you are a regular camp attender, come! If you are curious about camp, come! It's for all ages! There will be yummy refreshments, as always! Hope to see you there!" Check us out on <https://www.facebook.com/events/1631850133542697???ti=ia>

Jan 18, 19 & 20 – BECOMING WHOLE CONFERENCE, ISAIAH 40

The ministry of healing and wholeness is at the heart of the life of the Church in the making of disciples. At this conference we look to Jesus for the practical application of his work on the cross to find more freedom for the work of the Gospel. It is an opportunity to reclaim and nurture these vital relationships and help us live healthier, more joy-filled and more effective lives. We will look at: our relationship with God and things that interfere with it; a Christian understanding of ourselves, made in the image of God, men and women; our relationships and interaction with others. Individual fee \$125, Student fee \$60. For more information and times of sessions, see <https://isaiah40foundation.org/events/becoming-whole/> or call 514-485-8540
The conference will take place at Westiew Bible Church, 16789 Pierrefonds Blvd.

Sat. Jan 27 – RIGHT SIDE OF 40

Ladies, the first Right Side of 40 is scheduled for 7pm. The theme is "Seasons of Change". Stayed tuned for further information regarding location.

Sun. Jan 28 - ANNUAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE

This year's service for the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" will be held at St Kevin's Catholic Church, 5600 Côte-des-Neiges at 3pm. Chris Barrigar will be participating, and all are welcome.

Sat. Feb 3 - PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Parents/Guardians you are invited to have a free evening! It could be an early Valentine's Day date or maybe grocery shopping sans enfants? Either way, enjoy your time away! Your kids will enjoy an evening filled with games, food and community with other kids! It's from 4:30-7:30.

Sat. Feb 10 - JYC WINTER CAMP DAY 11-4

@St. Peters in TMR- JYC winter camp day where we will enjoy reuniting with fellow campers from the summer and meeting new potential campers. There will be crafts, workshops, winter outdoor activities (please bring your skates), and a lunch served by Angie and Lydia (just like camp). It's a great day to invite friends, especially those curious about what camp might be like. It'll be too fun to miss!*Parents/Guardians are welcome for tea and coffee at drop-off. Come for afternoon snack and worship at 3:15.

2018 GIVINGS ENVELOPES

The official givings envelopes have arrived. Don't forget to take your box of 2018 envelopes from the back of the church.

ST. PETER'S FUTURE LOCATION

A new option for our future has recently opened up: St Mark's Anglican Church, Ville St Laurent, has invited us to enter exploratory discussions for us to move there in a merger with them. After a recent initial meeting with their leadership, our Corporation believes that this has some potential advantages over the option of Mount Royal United Church: we would be in our own building; we are told that St Mark's has no structural problems; it is just a 5-minute walk from a metro station (Côte-Vertu); and it is easier to access by car from the Décarie or Hwy 40 than MRUC. But their building is also smaller, would need considerable interior improvements, and they also have a more traditional worship-style, while we would not be able to give up those elements of our worship which have built St Peter's into who we are today. There is no rush for us to reach an agreement with them (and there is no guarantee we will be able to reach an agreement with them), but Corporation feels the advantages, along with the local mission possibilities, are attractive and worth pursuing. The discussion process will include lots of opportunity for participation and input by St Peter's members, and Corporation will have further information on this process in the new year.

LENT IS COMING!

Lent is coming, beginning Ash Sunday, February 18. This year for Lent we want to provide opportunities for 'Renewing our Faith.' We will be providing Lenten Readers this year to prepare our hearts for Easter. In addition, Tim Keener would like to gather a Catechism group who would meet weekly (before or after church) through February and March. This group will explore basics of our Christian faith and our individual faith engagement. It would be ideal for youth, young adults, or adults who want to reexamine their faith through open conversation and questions. For more info, contact Tim, or Shirley in the church office.

LEARNING THE BIBLE BY VIDEO

New video for this week, John Part 2 <https://thebibleproject.com/videos/john-13-21/>

PLEASE PRAY FOR

These members and friends of St. Peter's have significant health concerns. Please keep them in your prayers: Gérard Lavallée, Ave McDowell, Munroe and Judy Hammond, Gloria Graham, Donna Burne.

OUR CATECHISM GOES WEEKLY

To begin the new year in the church calendar, we are reproducing, in our weekly bulletin and Pulse, Stages 1 & 2 of the St. Peters' Catechism for use at home, individually or with family members.

4. Loving Others

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the languages of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. Love does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.... And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Again, the Greek word used here is agape. These verses are from the famous 'love chapter' of Paul's first letter to the Christians in the city of Corinth. This is often considered the most important description of love anywhere in the Bible.

Questions for review:

- Love makes us look outward, with concern for others. According to this chapter,
 - Love is...
 - Love is not...
 - Love always...
- This list of agape-qualities is not intended to be exhaustive. What other qualities do you think could be added?
- Another way to express the opening of this text could be: "You might have lots of virtues (good personal qualities), but if you do not have love, all your virtues are pointless!"
 - Which agape qualities could you make more effort to nurture in your relationships?

NEW BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY

Please sign books out in the black binder over in the back corner. Return books after 3 weeks.

