



February 8th, 2018

HEADS UP! LEADERS FOR THIS COMING SUNDAY:

Counters: Bill Tetley & Jorge Delgado

PowerPoint: Keith Blizard

Prayers of the People: Wentworth Brookes

Sunday School: Catherine-Anne Miller (pre K-K), Di Keener (gr1-3) & Fiona Crossling (gr4-6)

Refreshments: Voahangy Rajarison, Paul & Susi Kunsch

Altar Guild: Nevilla Parris & Shirley Harvey

THIS WEEK'S READING:

First Reading – 1 Chronicles 16:1, 7-11

Psalm 150

Second Reading – Luke 17: 11-19

THIS SATURDAY!! Feb 10 – JUNIOUR YOUTH - WINTER CAMP DAY 11-4

Join us at St. Peter's for our 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.

Sat. Feb 10 - JOURNEY TO FREEDOM: EXPLORING THE HISTORY AND MUSIC OF AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUALS.

This multimedia lecture and performance is taking place at St. Barnabas Anglican Church, St. Lambert on Feb 10th at 4pm. For Info/tickets contact 438-935-0372

Tues. Feb 20 – SYRIAN REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

7 to 8:30 pm, at St Peter's Anglican Church. Our newcomers are arriving March 16! See the latest news from our Progress Report #6 on the bulletin board at the back of the church. There you will also find details of items needed to help clothe the family for our cold weather! The sponsorship team is still at work fine-tuning and organizing details. Please pray for Edwar, Fadia, Homam, Rita and Fedaa for their safety and well-being.

Wed. & Fri. Feb 21 & 23 - CONNECT THE DOTS BETWEEN YOUR WORK LIFE AND YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE.

Tim Keener is organizing a Faith & Work Cohort this spring through the Leadership Centre at Presbyterian College. The monthly learning experience prepares you to connect your everyday work with God's mission to renew culture and restore communities for the common good. Two "Preview Nights" are planned for February 21st and 23rd at 6-7pm at Presbyterian College in Montreal. Light refreshments will be provided. Please contact Tim for further information at tkeener@pcmtl.ca.

Sat. Feb. 24 – BISHOP'S "CELEBRATE YOUR FAITH" DAY

Youth interested in hanging out with our Bishop and with other youth, talking faith together, making new friends and prayer partners, doing activities such as drumming and art, and worshipping with a band led by Zack Ingles, then come along! 10am-1pm; Fulford Hall, 1444 Union Ave, Montreal, 2nd floor.

Sun. Feb. 25 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (VESTRY)

Our annual general meeting will be the last Sunday of February (Feb.25). This is an important part of our life together, so we ask as many members to be present as possible.

Thurs. March 8 – LOGIFEM FUNDRAISER

Logifem, a Montreal organization providing shelter and housing for women and children in difficulty is hosting a fundraiser on Thursday March 8th. "Create for a Cause" is an evening of guided painting, during which an artist will help participants create their own work of art. The event will take place at Resto Café Quoi d'un Oeuf, 2745 Notre Dame West from 7-9 pm. Tickets are \$60, which includes art supplies and instruction, a drink and canapés. For more information and tickets go to www.logifem.org/art or talk to Sally Richmond.

Sat. March 17 – EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S ENTRANCE EVALUATIONS

9am. Emmanuel Christian School offers a bilingual elementary and high school program. Certificates of eligibility are NOT required. Contact the school at 514-696-6430

Sat. April 7 - THE TALENT NIGHT IS BACK!

Last year's Talent Night that had to be cancelled is now rescheduled for here at St Peters. Prepare your acts, and book this date now! Angela and Zack will be co-ordinating this event.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

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

2017 TAX RECEIPTS

Please pick up your 2017 tax receipt from the back of the church.

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 and minds 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 re-examine their faith through open conversation and questions. For more info, contact Tim, or Shirley in the church office.

VISIT ST MARK'S

Our way forward with St Mark's will involve a third-party facilitator working with the two congregations in their discussion process together. We are presently waiting for the Bishop to arrange this person. In the meantime, as an initial step in getting to know each other, members of St Mark's and St Peter's are invited to visit each other on Sunday mornings as opportunity arises. (These visits will not be organized, just choose your own Sunday to visit them.) When there, please join them

for coffee in their hall after the service, introduce yourself to some of their people, and chat with their members, particularly about what they value in their community and what their hopes are for the future of their community. This sort of organic relationship-building will be an important part of the overall process. We hope parents will go with their children; however, St Mark's does not have a Sunday school and they are not set up well for children, so parents will need to take appropriate supplies along. On Sundays at St Peter's, if you see people you don't recognise, please proactively welcome them. If they are visiting from St Mark's, please try to chat with them about our community and theirs. Thank you!

LEARNING THE BIBLE BY VIDEO

New video for this week, Luke Part 1 <https://thebibleproject.com/videos/luke-1-9/>

PLEASE PRAY FOR

These members and friends of St. Peter's have significant health concerns. Please keep them in your prayers: Don Climo, 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. Peter's' Catechism for use at home, individually or with family members.

8. The Baptismal Promises

In the Early Church period, baptism candidates were asked three questions about God—as the Father, as the Son, and as the Holy Spirit. Thus arose the tradition of asking baptism candidates (or their parents/guardians and sponsors) questions of faith at the time of baptism. The following set of baptismal questions, and promises in response, is Anglican in origin, but many traditions use a very similar set of questions because the questions and answers are ancient.

The Baptismal Promises:

Question: *Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?*
Answer: I renounce them.

Question: *Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?*
Answer: I renounce them.

Question: *Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?*
Answer : I renounce them.

Question: *Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?*
Answer : I do.

Question: *Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?*
Answer: I do.

Question: *Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?*

Answer: I do.

Questions for review

The first three questions are all concerned with 'renouncing' wickedness, evil, and sin.

- Are you able to respond 'I renounce them'? If yes, then go ahead and do so—either privately to yourself and to God, or to others in your group.
- What possible implications will this have for how you live?
- If you are not able to respond 'I renounce them', which of the three causes you hesitation; and what are the reasons for your hesitation?

For the second set of three questions:

- Are you able to respond "I do"? If yes, then congratulations, for you are a disciple, a follower, of Jesus! The 'adventure of faith' has begun!
- If not, what is the reason(s) for your hesitation?