

EASTER 2016

The SCRIPT



PAMELA'S PIECE: ...about our building....

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we approach the 50th anniversary of worship in this place (in June, 2016), it seems an appropriate time to review and reflect theologically on where we stand with our building. As you may remember, about 2 years ago, at a Special Vestry Meeting held in May 2014, an almost unanimous decision was taken not to make any further major repairs to this structure. The issue is not simply whether we have enough money for such repairs, but rather if it would be wise and faithful stewardship of our financial resources to invest further in such a flawed building. I don't think anyone *likes* the idea of losing this building. But, alas, this is the unhappy *consequence* of an inferior original building construction, and extensive damages (especially to the roof, now replaced, and the sanctuary walls, temporarily repaired) caused by years of deferred maintenance.

Further, I also don't think anyone *likes* the idea of demolishing a building that, to the untrained eye, now looks in good repair. But the structural engineers we consulted doubt the long-term viability of the Church portion of our structure—not to mention there are other worrying components of the rest of this building (e.g. the leaking skylight and sanctuary windows, the heating system). Again, the issue facing us is: what do we discern to be wise and faithful stewardship of our physical resources? Even if not one more brick falls in the next year or so, we know that this building does not have another 50 years to give us, and maybe not even another 5. Moreover, I would consider it wasteful of the considerable spiritual gifts and talents of the people of this congregation to expend our limited human resources on fundraising to maintain this current, virtually irreparable, structure. Surely all our energies are more fruitfully spent focusing not on architecture but on answering God's call to worship and service for the next 50 years.

I personally do not think it's a viable, never mind faithful, option to just remain here, fingers crossed, until we have no alternative left. By the grace of God, a developer has come forward who is willing to buy and redevelop part

of this property on condition that we retain ownership of a portion of the land on which he will build us a new church. This is the Redevelopment option currently being considered by the City of Pierrefonds, and already approved in principal by our Bishop. This is the only option available that will permit us to remain in this location over the long-term.

I do not equate small buildings with small visions of what God can accomplish. Let us humbly confess that a smaller, environmentally friendly, accessible, and low maintenance structure would more than adequately meet our needs for the foreseeable future, and is probably more appropriate for our multi-faith cultural context. I have absolute faith that God can continue to do amazing things with less expensive, and extensive, structures, and that the most important kind of growth is measured by the number of hearts changed rather than the number of attendees recorded in the Diocesan statistics. The current St. Barnabas Church was built on consecrated ground 50 years ago. That consecration remains, in the body of Christ, whatever structure is on top of the ground.

We have an opportunity this June to affirm and honour and rejoice in all of the positive things that have happened over our 50 years in this building. Now we listen prayerfully, and wait expectantly, and hopefully, to discern how God is calling St. Barnabas forward, for the next 50 years. To that end, I commend to you this prayer:

Holy God, whose presence is known in the structures we build, and also in their collapse; establish in us a community of hope, not to contain your mystery, but to lead beyond security into your sacred space, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Janet Morley, *All Desires Known*)

In His Service,

Pamela Yarrow
Incumbent

With special thanks to Editor Suiru Tunteng for yielding his front page position—just for this edition!

FAMILY BREAKFAST

Sat., April 9, 9 a.m. (Hall)

SOUP SUNDAY

Sun., April 17, noon (Hall)



FALL FAIR

Sat., November 3,
2016:

Watch this space for
further details.

News from FAMILY LIFE



Suitcases For Africa

The Family Life committee have joined the *Suitcases For Africa* (SFA) Education Support Program. We decided to sponsor a young student through his primary years of school and potentially through high school.

The cost for primary students is **\$145.00** for a year. This is not very much money, considering the cost for our children to attend school here in Canada. This amount of \$145.00 pays for school fees, all exams fees, school supplies and a daily meal.

Our student's name is Victor, and he is 9 years old. We will receive updates on Victor's development and keep in touch with him with our letters.

We look forward to this humane undertaking, as a group from St. Barnabas Church.

We invite you to help us fulfill our commitment by contributing every second Sunday of the month, at coffee time after the 10:30 a.m. service. That way, we will all be a part of this worthy cause.

Updates and information received about Victor will be passed on to St. Barnabas. We hope that Victor has a chance in this world to be able to learn and grow, as we are all God's children.

Thank you & God Bless.

Submitted by
Darlene Diotte, Sylvia Jones
& Members of Parish Family Life

Lay Person's 10 COMMANDMENTS

1 Prayer is not a *spare wheel* that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a *steering wheel* that directs the right path throughout our journey.

2 So why is a car's WIND-SHIELD so large and the Rear View Mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.

3 Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes a few minutes to burn, but it takes years to write.

4 All things in life are temporary. If they're going well, enjoy them... they will not last forever. If they're going wrong, don't worry... they can't last long either.

5 Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!

6 Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, friend, it's just a bend, not the end!"

7 When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.

8 A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision!"

9 When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

10 WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES... it takes away today's PEACE.

Live simply, Love generously, Care deeply, Speak kindly, and Leave the rest to God.

AMEN!

Submitted by
Jeannette Barr

50th ANNIVERSARY Celebration



Hello St. Barnabas,

group ministry of St. Barnabas.

On Sunday, June 12, 2016 we will mark the end of an era at St. Barnabas Church as we celebrate 50 years in this building, and look forward to a fresh start in the next 50! As with any home, this building contains many wonderful memories: Christmases, Easters, Confirmations, weddings, Baptisms, the list goes on and on.

In the weeks leading up to June 12, and during the reception on that day, we will celebrate our past with displays, articles and presentations. But we need your help to make this celebration special.

Do you have pictures to share?

Please send us pictures of weddings, Baptisms, Confirmations, or any other special family events that took place here at St. Barnabas.

Do you have pictures from our special social events from past years: Sunday School picnics, New Year's Eve parties, International Dinners, dances, fashion shows, anything else: we'd like them all.

Group pictures from today and yesteryear: altar guild, choir, acolytes, Bible study groups, Family Life and any other

We know that pictures are special keepsakes. Please scan or photograph your pictures and send the reproduction so that there is no danger of a special picture going missing.

Write up your "Remember when..." moments.

Please share funny anecdotes, special remembrances and anything else that captures the good times that we have all shared over the past 50 years.

Here's an example: Were you at the very first Company of Friends musical, *South Pacific*, when our handsome Lieutenant Cable, dressed in his dress white navy uniform, came out on stage and into the spotlight? As he stood center stage and sang a poignant song, the bright light let us all see that he was wearing black polka dot underwear which was shining brightly through the white uniform!

Can you help us remember?

We would like to commemorate special people and events, but memories can be faulty and we don't want to accidentally miss out anyone. If you have any information about the following, please share it with us:

Names and dates of people Baptised, Confirmed, married or renewing their vows at St Barnabas.

Names of former parishioners who have become priests.

Names of former organists and choir directors.

Names of former secretaries.

Please help us make this a special celebration of things past and an inspiration for moving forward. Send us your thoughts, ideas and contributions, and let's call to mind some special memories as we move on to make new ones.

Please drop your contributions in any one of our mailboxes at the church:

- Jeannette Barr
- Kathleen Davies
- Sandra Everitt
- Debbie Shane

Or email suggestions and input to:

St.Barnabas.50thanniv@gmail.com

MINDFUL @ St. Barnabas

MINDFULNESS Workshops—

featuring relaxation exercises, auto massage, meditation techniques, and much more—

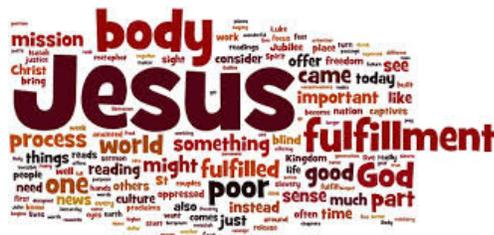
RESUME Wednesdays,

April 13 & 27, 2016

10:30—11:30 a.m.
(in the Lounge).

Welcome to ALL.

For more information, contact Madeleine Simpson.





Ensemble Kô FUNDRAISER @ St. Barnabas

Mark your CALENDAR

April 2 Fundraising Concert featuring Kô Ensemble, 8 p.m. (Church)

April 3 Easter 2: Morning Prayer, 8 & 10:30 a.m., E. Callender, Officiant

May 5 Ascension Day Holy Communion (trans.), 9:30 a.m. (Lounge)

May 7 Spring Maintenance Day, 9 a.m.

May 15 PENTECOST Sunday: Holy Baptism, 10:30 a.m.

June 4 Garage Sale

June 12 St. Barnabas Patronal Festival, followed by 50th Building Anniversary Luncheon

June 15 Ministry Heads meeting, 7:30 p.m. (Lounge)

July 3 4th annual Joint Summer Worship service & Picnic, with Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church

See *St. Barnabas parish website* for most recent updates, info.:

www.st-barnabas.qc.ca

Please see also the *Sunday School newsletter*, **attached** with this newsletter.

A Springtime Kôral Journey

The chamber choir Ensemble Kô, under the direction of Tiphaine Legrand, will visit St. Barnabas on **April 2 at 8 pm** to share their eclectic repertoire of classical and new music, alongside the St. Barnabas Bell Choir. This small choir with a big a capella sound has produced two CDs under the Montreal label LeLab, and is currently in residence at the Canadian Music Centre in downtown Montreal. They are actively rehearsing a new opera with Chants Libres about Argentina's military dictatorship.

This concert, the first presentation of *Espace Mouvant* (Space in Motion), will truly be at home in St. Barnabas. Video projections will illuminate the sanctuary, and the Bell Choir will join the choir for two pieces from a song cycle by Brahms, as well as presenting two of their own pieces. Additionally the choir will sing a set of works by the German composer Paul Hindemith to texts by Rainer Maria Rilke celebrating the changing of seasons. Finally the choir will première two new choral works, including *Magnificat* by François-Hugues

Leclair, professor of composition at Université de Montréal, and *Vinst and Förlust* by Matthew Lane, on a Swedish text. Matthew will also première a new organ work called *Mutations II* on St. Barnabas' organ.

Leclair's *Magnificat*, a Latin setting of the Cantic of Mary, takes its cues from early monotone chant, yet flows to eight independent lines of vocal polyphony. The set of Brahms songs, on the other hand, represents the height of German romantic art song. This work, in part on the mortality of humanity, began life 130 years ago, and is considered one of Brahms' most mature works.

There are no tickets, but a free-will offering will be accepted. Proceeds from the concert will be shared equally between St. Barnabas and the choir. A reception will follow in the Hall.

*Submitted by
Matthew Lane*



Goodies await, at the Fall Fair, November 14, 2015.

*Photo:
D. Shane*

**PROFILE in MINISTRY:
Monday ADULT Bible Study**



*Interview with Ernest Callender, Adult Bible Study
By Pamela Yarrow*

1. What's the distinctive feature of this ministry?

This is a seed-planting group. People who have a basic knowledge of the Bible come to think about what Jesus is doing, or has done, in their lives, and to discuss what we can learn from the Bible. The most important question we focus on is: *how are you in your relationship with God?* The participants ask questions, and we talk about topics they raise. The group discussion is tailored to the people who are there on a given night. We always include prayer—both for individuals, and for the community.

2. Who participates in this ministry?

There are some who come regularly (including a handful of parishioners from St. Barnabas congregation), but mostly it's a group of people who come as they feel the need to. The door is always open, and people are free to drop in and out. We welcome people with no church affiliation, and people who don't even call themselves Christians. I "advertize" by word-of-mouth to people who come by my work, people I meet golfing or even at funerals—wherever, whenever people start talking to me about God. The group initially met in the basement of my home, but as we grew in size, we moved to meet at the church.

3. Why did you feel called to this ministry?

After I was confirmed, with my son, as an adult, I still had lots of questions, so Confirmation was the springboard for me to get more Christian education. I knew I had to keep getting back to the Bible. I also wanted to reach out to people who were not yet in the church, people who are curious, like me, and want to grow closer to God and understand better how He is fulfilling His purposes in our lives. I wanted to offer people a place where they could come and search the Bible for answers together—we don't offer food or refreshments in this group!

4. How long have you been involved in this ministry?

Almost 30 years!

What kind of training or special preparation do you need to carry out this ministry?

Over the years, I've taken lots of courses, as well as read spiritual books, and been mentored by Christian teachers. But mostly I follow where the Spirit leads me, or what comes to me in prayer.

5. What brings you the most joy in doing this ministry?

Seeing someone, not previously "religious," come to Christ, and give their lives personally to Him. I like to see how the Spirit moves people to change their lives, sometimes at points of crisis, but not always. Having been at this for such a long time, sometimes I hear, years later, how someone's life has turned out, as a result of being part of this group. That's a special blessing!

Adult Bible Study meets in the Lounge on Mondays, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

**News from the
ANNUAL General
Meeting**

February 6, 2016

Elected Officers:

People's Warden:
Jacques Diotte

Deputy People's Warden:
Steve Callender

Synod Delegates:
Winston Griffith
Geoffrey Alleyne

Alternate Synod Delegates:
Christian Stephens
Victor Marshall

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Peter Vatcher
Victor Marshall

Appointed Officers:

Rector's Warden:
Faustina Hadaway

Deputy Rector's Warden:
Madeleine Fortin Simpson

Altar Guild Directress:
Debbie Shane

*Indeed, the body does not
consist of one member but
of many.*

I Cor. 12: 14



...to be of Christ, in Christ, and to proclaim Christ's love in this world.

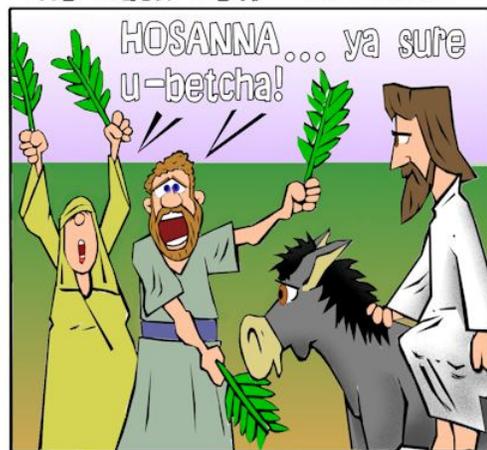
ON the LIGHTER SIDE: Submitted by Suiru Tunteng

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



After learning the cheers on that first Palm Sunday were for Jesus and not for him... Doug the Donkey was embarrassed. **Jo 12:12-16**

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Larry & Betty from Hibbing Mn, were fortunate to be visiting family in Jerusalem that first Palm Sunday.

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*Forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass
against us.*
(The Lord's Prayer)

Forgiveness is one of the themes of the Easter season. When we forgive our friends and neighbors for sins committed against us, we can have better relations with them. However, we tend to forget that there is another aspect to forgiveness which is forgiving ourselves. For some people, this is more difficult to do and our relationship with God suffers as a result.

Why do some people have trouble forgiving themselves? Most often, it is because we hold onto negative feelings such as regret, anger and shame. We hold onto feelings of regret that come from past mistakes of our own making. We get angry with ourselves when we don't take advice from friends and family and do things our way. Both of these can lead to feelings of shame because we get upset when our lives don't turn out as we planned.

God knows that we are human and not perfect like He is. He gave us consciences to make our

own decisions and distinguish the best course of action to map out our lives. When we make the wrong choices, we are under the impression that it's too late to change. We have to remember that God will give us a second chance to get it right.

Easter is a time of new beginnings and leaving past regrets and mistakes behind us. This will allow us to let go of all the negative feelings that keep us from having the relationship that we want with God.