



# RAPPORT

## Mountainside United Church

4000 The Boulevard, Westmount, Quebec



February 17, 2013

### From Epiphany to Easter

This Epiphany season we have been radiant in the faith. The *gifts of the Spirit* and becoming *one body in Christ* have been quite evident in our life together. The glow of compassion and the radiance of love have lightened up our worship and community celebrations. Although the season of Epiphany is quite short this year, I have enjoyed Epiphany 2013 at Mountainside like never before. I give thanks to God for our fellowship.

Transfiguration Sunday at the end of Epiphany marks the turn toward Jerusalem and Holy week. In Luke's account Moses and Elijah, all radiant with Jesus on the mountain, discuss his exit/execution in Jerusalem. The end of the story is revealed in the middle, at the turning point. Jesus willingly chooses to travel on to Jerusalem because he trusts and remains loyal to God's redeeming power.

The glow of compassion and the radiance of love are active in us when we willingly make the journey with Jesus toward the crucifixions in life, trusting in

the resurrection power of Easter. We know that crucifixions come first, and still our hearts open wide in faith and we gain access to a greater reality, a deeper meaning and a grounding purpose. We



experience a connectedness with God and Jesus and all creation. In a flash of insight we see that life is so much more than just about us. In an instant we connect to God and all whom God loves. In the glow of glory and the radiance of rejoicing we want to share God's compassion and love with others.

This is the journey from Epiphany to Easter. The journey we accept as we enter Lent and anticipate Holy Week: a journey that we can only undertake as we are rooted in God's purpose and radiant in God's love. I have been so blessed by all of you this Epiphany that I can hardly wait to travel together to Easter. All the information and activities reported in this issue of *Rapport* will help us on our way.

Rev. John

#### Dates to Remember

Sunday, March 24	Palm Sunday Palm Procession 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, March 28	Maundy Thursday Communion Service/ Tenebrae, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 29	Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, March 31	Easter communion Service 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, April 13	Kids 4 Kids Concert 7 p.m.

## KIDS 4 KIDS

Remember the Kids 4 Kids concert that Mountainside hosted last spring? The performers were five children's choirs, a children's orchestra and the Mountainside choir. We raised \$4500 for Sun Youth. What did they do with this money? It was used to support two of their many programs for children.



1) *Children's Help Program* — Sun Youth works with organizations whose social workers provide psychological and social support to children and their families. Sun Youth offers material assistance (food, new clothing), financial help (paying essential bills, gift cards, medication, medical equipment, public transit vouchers), and they offer moral support and follow ups.

Children's hospitals make referrals for families in financial crisis because the parents have had to leave their jobs temporarily due to their child's illness. Also, families living outside the metropolitan area have to temporarily move into town to stay close to their sick child, resulting in extra costs that the families cannot afford.

2) *School Programs on Conflict Resolution* — There are Sun Youth workers integrated into the staff of certain designated Montreal schools. These workers are responsible for mediation and conflict resolution between students as well as preventing teasing and bullying. The interventions come in varied forms:

Be sure to mark  
**Saturday, April 13, 2013**  
on your agenda for the  
next **KIDS 4 KIDS**  
concert!

- There are group workshops in areas such as leadership, peer mediation, conflict resolution, and socialization.
- There are recreational activities in groups outside of school hours to promote team work (sports in co-ed teams, collecting food for the destitute, creating a school newspaper, etc.).
- There are also individual interventions, such as homework assistance and mediation.

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## Bread Tags and Noordoek, Cape Town, South Africa

In 2012 our congregation and friends collected many, many plastic bread tags. Previously, these had been passed on to local contacts for programs purchasing wheelchairs. But our contacts stopped taking the tags. What should we do?

Last November, on behalf of the Outreach Committee, I sent the bread tags to Mrs Honeybun in Noordoek, Capetown, South Africa. These were sent to help purchase a wheelchair for the disabled.

Last January, I got a call from her stating that she had received the parcel. She was very interested in knowing about our church and



asked how we found out about the program. We shared information and concluded that our church should explore finding a way to send the bread tags in a more economical way. She suggested we might be able to send them to a U.S. contact

who might bring them when she travels to see a relative in South Africa.

Lastly, she sends her great appreciation and thanks to Mountainside United Church for our concern and contribution.

*Ester Nuguid-Vicente*  
*Outreach Committee*

## News from Liturgy and Learning

We are happy to have recruited Miriam Sherwin as replacement leader for MYG. Miriam is a Concordia student in Women's studies. She grew up in Ottawa attending a United Church where her father, David Sherwin, was a minister. She has been very active in the United Church as a Youth Coordinator for the Ottawa Presbytery, counselor at Camp Awesome (Ottawa Presbytery) and as a commissioner to General Council in August 2012. She is also the Premier of the Ottawa Youth Parliament Association. We are lucky to have her with us.

*Lynne Dawson*

THE OLD BREWERY MISSION



## Old Brewery Mission

Autumn 2012 was a busy time at Mountainside, so the Outreach Committee decided to postpone our visit to the Old Brewery Mission's Webster Pavillion until the new year. A date has been set for Sunday, February 17, 2013. A number of our young people from MYG will also participate as servers: Sandi Haentjens, Emily and Matthew Brady, Elizabeth Farquhar and Bethany Mount. Donations have been generously contributed to cover the \$1000 cheque that the congregational team of servers will take with them. The OBM provides more than 400 meals daily to those in need.

*Nancy Walkling  
Outreach Committee*

## Christmas Eve Pageant and Family Service



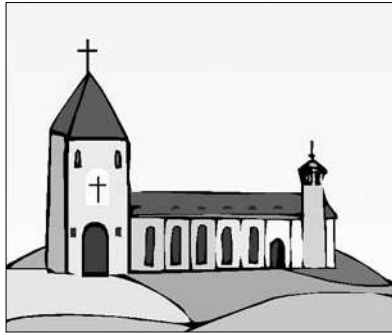
Christmas eve pageant and family service was well attended by our own members and many new

faces from the community. Participating in the pageant were Jeffrey Smith and Sandi Haentjens as Mary and Joseph, and Barbara, Michael and Emilia Dawson as angels.



## Mountainside and the Montreal Korean Methodist Church

It has been more than one year since the Montreal Korean Methodist Church (MKMC) began renting our premises in June 2011. Now may be a good time to reflect on how this association is working out thus far.



The MKMC is a largely immigrant congregation. Such congregations are often characterized by the following features:

- a gradual but often continued growth in members due to the arrival of new individuals from the “home country”;
- a fairly dynamic congregational life — weekday activities, social events (meals together, hymn singing, Bible study, etc.);
- a considerable contingent of families with children of varying ages.

Immigrant churches often function as social safety networks, as their members learn how to establish themselves in an unfamiliar society in a new country.

The MKMC rents space in our building for a number of different activities. Of special importance is their Sunday service which, as most of us already know, takes place during the afternoon and is often combined with a communal meal.

In addition, the MKMC uses our building during the week — for example, early morning prayers Monday to Friday, as well as meetings Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. Their use of the building could be described as “intensive”.

On the whole, your Executive Committee feels that our arrangements have worked out with very little friction. It is true that more intensive building use leads to somewhat more “wear and tear” on the facilities. This and other questions were discussed at a meeting this November with representatives of the MKMC. We reviewed the duties and

responsibilities of both parties and are hopeful that the problems we identified will be corrected.

One change we have made to our congregational life has been the decision to move our Sunday meeting time from 11:00 a.m. to 10:30. The motivation for this change came primarily from our own congregation. Most Montreal United

Church congregations already meet at 10:30. The earlier meeting time also frees up more time before lunch, an advantage for people with a noon-time lunch commitment.

It is also true that the earlier meeting time allows a bigger “cushion” between our morning worship and the arrival of the MKMC, especially on “birthday Sundays” when our celebrations involve a somewhat longer presence in the building.

Our relationship with the MKMC has been mostly positive. The increased use of our building for church activities can be seen as desirable use of facilities which would otherwise “lie dormant” for much of the week. Mountainside United Church has agreed to a renewal of our rental agreement for another year, and we are hopeful that our “life together” will continue in a spirit of mutual respect and co-operation.

*Richard Neufeld*  
*Chair of Session*

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## Mountainside Funeral Policy

In 2006 the session approved the funeral policy for our congregation. This policy states that members in good standing would be required to pay honoraria to staff members whose efforts are required for the funeral service. The current fee schedule is as follows.

minister	(payable directly to our minister)	250 \$
organist	(payable directly to our organist)	175 \$
soloist or instrumentalist	(upon request)	100 \$
administrative fees	(payable directly to the church administrator)	75 \$
sexton fees	(payable directly to the sexton)	75 \$
<b>Total charges</b>		<b>675 \$</b>

There would be no charge for the use of the sanctuary or any other rooms (should the family desire to hold a reception after the service).

Funeral charges for families with no current connection to Mountainside United Church would include an additional fee of 750 \$ for the use of the sanctuary.

At the request of the Chair of Session, the Finance Committee recently carried out a review of our funeral policy. The Finance Committee presented its report at a meeting of Session on November 22, 2012, with the recommendation to maintain the present funeral policy with no changes. After some discussion, this recommendation was adopted by Session.

Perhaps worth mentioning is the existence of the Memorial Fund of the congregation. Donations to this fund may be earmarked as to their use. Earmarked funds are used for the purpose specified by the donor, for example, purchase of hymn books, support for youth work, etc. Funds not earmarked for a specific purpose become a part of the general operating fund of the congregation. An acknowledgement is sent to donors contributing to this fund.

*Richard Neufeld*  
*Chair of Session*



### ~ Music Report ~



All areas of the music program are busy preparing for upcoming events in the late winter and spring. ATM2 is practicing to sing for Pancake Supper guests on February 12<sup>th</sup> and will also take part in the intergenerational service planned for Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. The PreK Music and Crafts program continues to be a great success and the youngsters who participate each week will be joining TM2 in the Palm Parade on Palm Sunday. Arline Fraser has volunteered to set up a crafts program for the group that is based on the lessons and readings of the church year as set out in the lectionary.

Mountainside United Church Choir is beginning to prepare music for the second annual Kids 4 Kids Concert to benefit Sun Youth. The concert will be held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and work is well under way to enlist sponsorship support from the congregation and from businesses in the Westmount area.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margaret de Castro*  
*Director of Music*



## MYG News from Susan Salvati

The winter thaw has sent me home in time to update *Rapport* on our autumn activities of MYG.

After Rally Day MYG and the congregation was privileged to hear Dr Rudolph Roden speak in church about his love story with his wife, Eva. This was an extraordinary story because both Eva and Ruda (as his family calls him) were teens in Prague, Czechoslovakia during the Nazi regime. Both lovers were sent to different concentration camps. Dr Roden spoke of the perils both he and Eva lived through and how they survived. This gave MYG quite a self-realization since Ruda and Eva were about the same age as our teens when they were taken away to the camps.

Other discussions we had were: Are world current events focusing on the middle east, and How what happens around the world effects us in Canada and how it effects Christ's Church. Closer to home, I bravely focused on dating, which I think was a successful discussion since MYG wanted to talk about dating for three consecutive Sundays.

It is not always so serious at our MYG meetings, as we do sometimes play games,

have challenges and munch on fabulous junk food or delicious cupcakes.

So if you are a teen between 13 and 18 years and want to meet a great bunch of teens (they really are terrific), come down to Tees Hall at 11:15 a.m. (we split from the church service right after the opening prayers).



*Left to right:  
Jhayzle Aravelo,  
Bethany Mount,  
Katie Haentjens,  
MYG leader Susan  
Salvati, Emily Brady,  
Elizabeth Farquhar,  
Sandi Haentjens,  
and Paul Farquhar*

## Baptism



On November 18, 2012 Mountainside welcomed into our family by baptism baby Tyler Hudson Savard. Tyler is the son of Kimberly Jackson and Thomas Savard.

## Congregational Meetings

Mountainside has adopted the practice of two meetings a year. The first is held in November to adopt the budget and accept the slate of officers for the following year, and the second is the Annual Congregational Meeting in the early spring to accept the financial statements of the previous year and to receive annual reports from the various committees.

The congregation met on Sunday November 25, 2012, and adopted the budget for 2013 and voted in the following slate for 2013.

## Mountainside United Church — Nominations 2013

### *Elders of Session*

<b>1 Year Term</b>	<b>2 Year Term</b>	<b>3 Year Term</b>
Coffey, Edwin	Dawson, Lynne	Gibbons, Heather
Crawford, Elva	Fraser, Donna	Johnston, Judy
Dawson, Julie	Neufeld, Richard	Johnston, Philip
Greig, Alan	Sault, Frances	MacKinnon, Neil
Hamilton, Anne	Salvati, Susan	McLeod, Donald
Harper, Bruce	Salvati, Vincent	Walsh-Dawson, Carolyn
Harper, Diane	Vicente, Ester	Thomas Zukow
Zukow, Betsy	Vicente, Ramon	

### *Slate of Officers and Committee Chairs*

Chair of Session	Rich Neufeld
Vice-Chair of Session	Ramon Vicente
Treasurer	Julie Dawson
Clerk of Session	Heather Gibbons
Communications	Betsy Zukow
Finance	Vincent Salvati
Liturgy & Learning	Lynne Dawson
Outreach	Ester Vicente
Membership & Pastoral Care	Donna Fraser
Ministry & Personnel	Julie Dawson
Nominating	Vincent Salvati
Presbytery Representatives	Carolyn Walsh-Dawson
Property	Alan Greig
Trustees	Don McLeod

## *Committee Membership*

### **Communications**

*Chair* Betsy Zukow

### **Finance**

*Chair* Vincent Salvati  
*Treasurer* Julie Dawson  
 Shirley Gutpell  
 Bruce Harper  
 Don McLeod

### **Liturgy & Learning**

*Chair +*  
*Children's Church* Lynne Dawson  
 Judy Johnston  
*Youth Group* Susan Salvati  
 Debbie Zemnickis  
*Communion Elder* Linda Mount  
*Communion Elder* Maria Dizon  
*Communion Elder* Santos Dizon  
*Readers* Anne Hamilton  
*Librarian* Edith Drummond  
 Margaret deCastro (ex officio)

### **Membership and Pastoral Care**

*Chair* Donna Fraser  
 Anita Carrier  
 Judy Clark  
 Arline Fraser  
 Catherine Robertson  
 Miriam Tees  
 Kiki Tremain  
*Christmas Dinner* Diane Harper  
*Historical Roll* Barbara Moore  
*Meals on Wheels* Susan Purcell

### **Ministry & Personnel**

*Chair* Julie Dawson  
 Sandra Baines  
 Gerry Burke

### **Nominating**

*Chair* Vincent Salvati  
 Elva Crawford  
 Miriam Tees

### **Presbytery**

### **Representatives**

Carolyn Walsh-Dawson  
 Elva Crawford (member of  
 E&A Trust Committee)

### **Property**

*Chair* Alan Greig  
 Don McLeod  
 Neil MacKinnon

### **Trustees**

*Chair* Don McLeod  
 Edwin Coffey  
 Shirley Gutpell  
 Philip Johnston  
 Vincent Salvati (ex officio)

## FEBRUARY – APRIL 2013

FEBRUARY		
<b>Feb. 17</b>	<b>1st in Lent</b>	<b>Communion service at 10:30am in the Sanctuary</b>
		February Birthday Celebration
Feb. 19		Meditation Group, 7:00pm
Feb. 21		Choir practice, 7:30pm
<b>Feb. 24</b>	<b>2nd in Lent</b>	<b>Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary</b>
		Guest Preacher
Feb. 26		Meditation Group, 7:00pm
MARCH		
<b>Mar. 3</b>	<b>3rd in Lent</b>	<b>Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary</b>
Mar. 5		Meditation Group, 7:00pm
<b>Mar. 10</b>	<b>4th in Lent</b>	<b>Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary</b>
Mar. 12		Meditation Group, 7:00pm
Mar. 14		Session Executive, 5:30pm
		Session, 7:30pm
		deadline for Annual Report submission
<b>Mar. 17</b>	<b>5th in Lent</b>	<b>Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary</b>
		<b>March Birthday Celebration</b>
Mar. 19		Meditation Group, 7:00pm
Mar. 21		Choir practice, 7:30pm
<b>Mar. 24</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>Palm Procession, service at 10:30am in the Sanctuary</b>
Mar. 26		Meditation Group, 7:00pm
<b>Mar. 28</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>Communion Service /Tenebrae, 7:30pm</b>
<b>Mar. 29</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Good Friday Service, 10:30am in the Sanctuary</b>
<b>Mar. 31</b>	<b>Easter</b>	<b>Communion service at 10:30am in the Sanctuary</b>
APRIL		
Apr. 1	Easter Monday	Church building closed
Apr. 2		Meditation Group, 7:00pm
Apr. 4		Choir practice, 7:30pm
<b>Apr. 7</b>	<b>2nd of Easter</b>	<b>Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary</b>
Apr. 9		Meditation Group, 7:00pm
Apr. 11		Session Executive Meeting, 5:30pm
		Choir practice, 7:30pm
Apr. 13		‘Kids 4 Kids’ Concert, 7:00pm
<b>Apr. 14</b>	<b>3rd of Easter</b>	<b>Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary</b>
		<b>Annual Congregational Meeting following worship</b>
Apr. 16		Meditation Group, 7:00pm
<b>Apr. 21</b>	<b>4th of Easter</b>	<b>Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary</b>
		<b>April Birthday Celebration</b>
Apr. 23		Meditation Group, 7:00pm
<b>Apr. 28</b>	<b>5th of Easter</b>	<b>Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary</b>
Apr. 30		Meditation Group, 7:00pm