

**PENTECOST
2015**

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EDITORIAL: by Suiru Tunteng

It is very important to note that on the first Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples, they were gathered together in a crowded area filled with many visitors who spoke various languages. However, they were amazed to know that they were able to understand each other. This was the beginning of *the church*, and these circumstances are important because they show that the Holy Spirit is accessible to all and that the church is an important part of the community.

The church is a gathering of Christians, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, interacting with each other and spreading the *good news* of God's love throughout the community. Of course, it is important to pray and wor-

ship in private in the presence of the Holy Spirit, but we also have a responsibility to be active in our churches and work with each other as the early Christians did.

Surely God created us with free will, and although we are all Christians, we may interpret events differently. However, we should never allow our differences to destroy the church. We recognize the Scriptures and teachings of the Bible, as these form the basis of our salvation. Even though Christians may differ over the importance of the Sacraments, we agree that two of them, Baptism and Holy Communion, are essential aspects of our Christian lives.

More importantly, it is the love of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit that unites us. We must remember that

Jesus died for all of us. He did not just die for those who obeyed the rules. Of course, it is hoped that once we get to know God, through Jesus, we will grow and follow His teachings.

So we must remember to follow Jesus' example of selfless love. This can be found in two of His most important commandments: *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you*, and *Love one another as I have loved you*. Love is always the main message and it supersedes all of the social issues that lead to divisions in the church. Whether we are at odds on same-sex marriage or abortion, our main concern should be the love of humanity for each other. Perhaps we should ask the question: *What would Jesus do?*

STEWARDS of St. Barnabas Church

After the Annual Vestry Meeting in February, the Corporation formed an ongoing **Stewardship Team**, with the goal of building up both the spiritual and financial health of the parish. The team now includes: the Incumbent, Pamela Yarrow, the Wardens Jacques Diotte and Victor Marshall, Treasurer St. Clair Codrington, and members George Griffith, Annabee Latreille, Mark Oudabachian, Hazel Sandiford, and Joan Stephens.

We decided to designate the third Sunday of every month for an intentional stewardship focus. These Stewardship Sundays will feature bulletin inserts with updates (financial and oth-

erwise), special prayers, and resources. The service might include a member speaking for a *Few Minutes about Mission*, or a guest speaker, or a focus on the topic of stewardship in the sermon. Please feel free to contact any member of the Stewardship Team with your questions and comments.

We believe that God is at work here at St. Barnabas. Thank you for choosing St. Barnabas Church as the community of faith where you give back to God—through your presence, prayers, participation, & financial support—a portion of what He has given you.

Next Stewardship Sunday: June 21, 2015



POETRY

St. Barnabas

Feast Day, June 11

APOSTLE and convert

EVANGELIST who preached the word

DEFENDER of the Gentile converts

TEACHER to the Jews and the Gentiles

FRIEND and colleague and companion to Paul

PREACHER to the pagans and the poor

LIFE CHANGER, who sold his lands and buildings for the cause

CYPRriot JEW who became a Christian

JOSEPH his Jewish name changed as he became a Christian to

ST. BARNABAS meaning son of encouragement

MARTYR who died for the faith

ST. BARNABAS THE ENCOURAGER

*By Paulette Armony
Joseph, June 2015*

REDEVELOPMENT @ St. Barnabas Church

As you may recall from our last communication, a proposal to advance with our discussion of the potential sale of the St-Barnabas property to E. Khoury Construction was made. This proposal does not constitute an offer to sell any portion of the Church property, but rather serves as the basis upon which the parties will continue to advance in certain discussions and analysis of the potential purchase of a portion of the St. Barnabas Parish property by E. Khoury Construction. The portion sold would be used for a development project designed by E. Khoury; the portion retained by St-Barnabas Church would be used for the construction of a smaller church facility by E. Khoury, since their redevelopment of our site would require demolition of the existing Church structure.

The parties agreed that this pre-assessment period be set at four (4) months, which ends at around August. At any time during this pre-assessment period, either E. Khoury or the Church may elect to withdraw from the process and, in such a case, neither party shall have any further obligation to the other.

On May 21st, Rev. Pamela and I met with our Real Estate Advisor, Mr. Wayne Heuff to get a further update on where things were with the proposal. We learned the following:

E. Khoury Construction has

hired an architect, which means they are serious about this proposal. This architect will actually design both buildings, that is the new E. Khoury development project (they are currently considering a seniors residential facility), and the new St-Barnabas Church. E. Khoury has built churches in the past, and we will publish that list once it becomes available. The architect's primary evaluation will ultimately determine the viability of E. Khoury's intended project, and whether or not they will continue to next steps.

The cost of building the new Church still sits at approx. \$650,000.00, which includes a full basement. The good news is that, contrary to prior knowledge, this cost includes the actual exterior and interior design of the new Church. Furthermore, the demolition cost of the existing building is also assumed by Khoury. In short, the amount stated above will be the approximate total cost of the new Church. For the purpose of the current analysis, the land required to build the new Church will be somewhere in the range of 20,000 sq. ft., which implies a residual land area for sale and development of somewhere in the range of 32,000 sq. ft. The land \$\$\$ value at that time will determine the viability of this project.

According to Mr. Heuff, the Rogers Tower would remain on the south portion of the property, where the new

Church will be built, that is near Colin Street. Therefore St-Barnabas would still receive the revenue from Rogers.

Parking spaces remain an area of concern, and the Redevelop Task Force will be focusing on this in the coming weeks. Some parking spaces will be allocated by the city of Pierre-fonds as part of the new Church development project, and the strategy is to have these parking spaces reserved for handicapped people, plus one space for our Incumbent. However, additional arrangements will need to take place to ensure full coverage. The ideal location would be the parking lot in the commercial plaza on the west side of the Church. Mr. Heuff recommends that we take the initiative to contact these folks, and arrange a written agreement with them.

That's all for now....

*Submitted by
J. Diotte, Chair
Redevelop Task Force #2*



The LATEST from our LUTHERAN Neighbours:

We're invited to participate in the following events with our sisters & brothers at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church:

Sat., June 20: **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** 8:30—9:45 a.m. Anglican men are welcome! Includes brief Bible Study & discussion. Cooks begin at 7:45 a.m.

Sun. July 5: 3rd annual **JOINT WORSHIP** (Holy Communion) service, **10:00 a.m.** Picnic on the lawn to follow the service. All welcome!



POETRY

A Poem for PEACE
 Peace is seeing children
 of all colors living happily
 as one
 Peace is hearing children
 laughing, with no fears or
 worries
 Peace is treating people
 and being treated equally
 It's proper education no
 matter your skin type
 Peace is people not being
 stared at because of their
 religion
 It's being loved by whom
 you love
 Peace is pointing out
 good qualities, not bad
 ones
 It's feeling safe in your
 home when you sleep
 Peace is having a brighter
 side to look on
 Peace is having a
 shoulder to cry on
 It's having dreams
 instead of nightmares
 Peace is a sky of doves
 that connect as one
 Peace is trading weapons
 for hugs
*By Charlotte Ahern
 Grand-daughter of
 Bev & Wayne Jarvis*

PROFILE in Ministry: the GREETERS

Interview with Madeleine Fortin-Simpson, Coordinator of Greeters

What's the distinctive feature of this ministry?

Greeters are there to love all the people who walk through our church doors on a Sunday. We accept everyone as they present themselves, without judgment, & welcome them for worship in our church. We're the first people you notice when you arrive. We're not selling anything; we don't necessarily have to say anything special. Our job is to acknowledge people's presence, let them know we're happy they're here. Then let the Spirit do the rest!

During the service, we try to be very observant. We have an overview of the whole congregation. We keep track if people have special needs (e.g. large-print prayer books, *bench art* if young children get restless during the service). We know where the First Aid kit & spare wheelchair are kept, or what to do if someone faints during the service! We ensure members of the congregation present the Communion vessels at the time of the Offertory. We

work in collaboration with the Wardens & Incumbent.

Who is served by this ministry?

Everyone who walks in the doors—we don't just serve parishioners, we are not selective.

Why did you feel called to this ministry?

First: what I read in the gospels about the work of Jesus, the way He accepted each person He met, just as He found them. He greeted everybody, no matter whom. Also, my job (as a Social Worker) involved making lots of judgments about people. I'd rather help people see the divine light in others, recognizing that the Spirit lives in each of us in different ways. I don't want to limit my God. Greeting people reminds me that you never know if you're in the presence of a saint.

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

As Coordinator, I like to meet new Greeters & get to know them a bit beforehand. We have Guidelines for Greeters,

but mostly you just need an open heart. We rely on the dedication of the Greeters to be present when scheduled; it's easier to work in pairs. Greeters need to arrive early, to be on site as soon as people start coming into church. The Greeters' responsibilities may prevent them from participating fully in the service, since our job is to help others feel comfortable during worship. There are no special skills involved, no physical restrictions—Greeters don't have to be great conversationalists, sometimes quiet (even silence) is what the person needs.

What brings you the most joy in doing this ministry?

When I can see that people have been well-received, & they feel good—for example, when we help a parent who is embarrassed about a noisy child, we offer some crayons, & give that parent a few minutes of peace & quiet. I like to see people smiling, when you know they felt good because they felt welcomed.

*by Pamela Yarrow
 New Greeters are always needed.
 Contact Madeleine if you feel
 called to this ministry.*

MARK your CALENDARS

SUMMER Worship Schedule:

Regular Sunday worship services continue with Holy Communion at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. during July & August.

The Incumbent will be on vacation Aug. 3–31 inclusive. The Rev. Dorothy Samuels will be supply celebrant for both 8 & 10:30 a.m. services on Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30.

Join us for
WELCOME BACK to CHURCH Sunday:
September 27, 2015.

Bring someone to meet Jesus & maybe change their lives!
Invite a friend or neighbour to join us for worship at 8 or 10:30 a.m.

Stay for our super **SOUP Luncheon** at noon.



SAVE the DATE:

Family Life will hold a **FALL FAIR:**
 Sat., November 14, 2015.

Watch this space for more details in the next edition of *The Script*.

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

www.st-barnabas.qc.ca



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

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The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning--the first day. **Ge 1:5**

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



The Samaritan Woman meets Jesus at the well. **Jo 4:3-42**

Submitted by Suiru Tunteng



PAMELA'S PIECE

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.... (Eccl. 3: 1)

Collect for St. Barnabas Day:
Merciful God, help us to follow the example of your faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of your Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor and the spread of the gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(BAS p. 409)

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This familiar passage from Ecclesiastes reminds us of the natural cycles of our lives, the rhythms of birth and death, planting and harvesting, breaking down and building up, mourning and rejoicing. I always look forward to the summer season as a time for rejoicing, rest and refreshment, new growth and building up.

Especially on the steamy summer days that I love, I block out all memory of frigid January temperatures, and the natural processes of death and decay that are equally components of our earthly existence. Would that I could also block out experiences of darkness and dying in my daily life,

although Scripture reinforces for us how integral these are for our spiritual growth. We truly can't have one without the other.

We're now in the liturgical season of Pentecost, which I think of primarily as a season of *potential*: the potential of the Spirit of God to sweep in and empower and renew us in ways I can hardly imagine. Summer can be a self-indulgent season. We need the nudging of the Spirit, reminding us that the needs of the most vulnerable never take a vacation.

Yet in this Pentecost season, death, as well as resurrection and ascension, continues to be a factor. In fact, death is *required* if we are truly to be open to the work of the Spirit

in our lives. The death of all that keeps us from closeness to God (our relationships, occupations, recreation) is necessary if we are to be able to *let go and let God*.

May we bear in mind these basic truths of our faith. Let's take time to relax and play this summer. But also let us *make time* to worship and pray; to be open to the many ways the Holy Spirit can act in our lives, both disturbing and delightful; to be deeply refreshed and strengthened to take on all the joys and challenges that God has in store for each of us at St. Barnabas in the fall season and in the months ahead.

In His Service
Pamela Yarrow
Incumbent