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Easter Sunday at ACP was glorious, whether you worshipped outside on the quay with the music of the birds, or inside with the choirs. Thanks to Paul Grayson for our cover photo, and to Pierre Francois for the photo at right.
Dear Members and Friends of the ACP,

I trust that if you were in Paris you enjoyed the glorious Easter services here at the ACP and the stunning sunshine we savored in the days of and following our celebration of the resurrection. I dare say that God smiled upon us after weeks of rather dreary rain and clouds. Seriously, I want to encourage you to remember that every Sunday is an Easter Sunday here at the ACP! And it is so important to continue to think through the implications of the resurrection event on your personal life and our life together.

To paraphrase what C.S. Lewis once said, “either the Resurrection is true, and therefore of infinite importance for all of creation and our lives, or if false, of no importance at all.”

A friend of mine who just lost his wife to a long battle with a brain tumor reminded me of how the good news really does change lives, and not just for those who are grieving the death of a loved one and hoping for the life hereafter, as important as that part of our faith is. He affirmed that the resurrection event changes how we live our lives today.

Chuck Colson, who died two years ago this April 21st, is a great example of this. Former marine captain, distinguished lawyer and special counsel to President Richard Nixon, Colson became notorious for his role in the Watergate scandal. His rise and fall from power was meteoric, but in jail he experienced a conversion to Christian faith. I find his comparison of the Watergate cover up and the Resurrection event compelling...

“I know the Resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Every one was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren’t true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world—and they couldn’t keep a lie for three weeks. You’re telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible.”

The fact that we worship a crucified-risen Lord changes everything. The question is, how are we changing in a way that honors the vision that Jesus has for his followers? As we move through this Eastertide and continue to reflect more deeply on what it means for us to be a people who “do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God,” what does it look like for us to love God with all of our heart, soul, strength, and mind? What does it look like for us to love our neighbors as ourselves? What does it look like for us to show forgiveness and generosity, as we have been shown forgiveness and generosity? How are we loving one another, so that the world will know that we are his disciples?

As the days become more light and all of nature comes alive again, may we prayerfully reflect on the implications of the resurrection for us, and how God is calling us to new life. As C.S Lewis also wrote, “What are we to make of Christ?” There is no question of what we can make of Him; it is entirely a question of what He intends to make of us. You must accept or reject the story.” And that will make all the difference in the world...

In Christ,

[Signature]

Thoughts from
The Rev. Dr. Scott Herr
Senior Pastor
Missed out?
If you can't make it to Thurber Thursday, you can still enjoy our amazing speakers and discussions. The video is available on our website at http://acparis.org/thurber-thursdays-archives.

Thurber Thursday 19h30 on 9 April

**Philosophical approach to the theology-science dialogue and its possible implications for the 21st century**

Father Andrew Bigg

Father Bigg has Masters degrees in both Physics (through Oxford) and Theology (BA through Leeds and MA through Sheffield) and is currently in the second half of a PhD program on the subject of a particular philosophical take on the theology-science dialogue and its relevance for systematic theology. He has been an ordained Anglican minister for three and a half years and arrived as Assistant Chaplain at St George's in September 2014 having completed a 3-year curacy in a parish in Yorkshire in the UK.

Thurber Thursday 19h30 on 22 May

**Centering Prayer**

**Pastor Karla Halvorson**

Centering Prayer is a receptive method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship.

Come and hear what God is up to at San Marcos Lutheran Church through the practice of Centering Prayer. This lecture is both a case study and an opportunity to practice this method of prayer in your own life and community.

Our guest speaker will be Karla Halvorson, a pastor of San Marcos Lutheran Church, San Marcos CA, part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She is a board member of Churches Against (Human) Trafficking (CAT). She is here on sabbatical through a Lilly Foundation Clergy Renewal Grant. The grant proposal includes time for study and reflection on the Christian practices of contemplation and meditation and how these practices lead to more fruitful outreach, awareness, and action in all areas of social justice.
This month we celebrate the Resurrection! We praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose great mercy gave us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead! (1 Peter 1:3)

Lent ushers in Easter – the season of new life for each of us and for the Church. It’s a time of praise and deep joy that we are called to live into.

Last month, I had the privilege of laying my Grandmother to rest in New York. Strangely, there really is no time better to reflect on the promises of the resurrection than at times of grief, loss, or death. It was a joy for me to be able to proclaim the promises of life in Christ for my family as we celebrated my Grandmother’s life together.

One of the delights of having your grandparents into adulthood is the privilege of building a depth and breadth of memories (for ourselves and even our children and our children’s children), and to have the opportunity to go back and reflect on our childhood memories in new ways. As I began to reflect, I saw anew a whole series of moments that I had the joy of sharing with my Grandma.

My earliest memories revolve around her Endicott, NY apartment. I went during the week; Grandma cared for me. I remember that place as a hub – people coming and going... Aunts, Uncles, cousins, neighbors, friends... the place was like a community center. Grandma was a gracious hostess and there was laughter, fun, and love in that place. For all that the Endicott apartment was, it’s no surprise, then, that (even at a very young age) I grieved the thought of her moving to another apartment. It would all be different if she moved – not the same! And I feared, not as much action.

I remember Grandma telling me it would be “okay.” I don’t necessarily remember her exact words, but I remember the feeling. Things would change, but would, in fact, be “okay.” She was calm, strong, and loving in that moment. So from her Endicott apartment, along with her collection of bells, and the white ceramic cat that I adored, also moved her strength and love.

There were other moves, too, and through them Grandma remained fiercely independent. Somehow, change seemed easy for her. But there were hard moments as well. When our family laid my cousin Glen to rest, it was unfathomable. Even though a grandparent should never have to bury a grandchild, she spent time comforting me. She knew I had lost someone special too – my buddy, my playmate, the guy who could break dance and push me around in a shopping cart (popping wheelies!), and the best fort builder there ever was. So in her strong, loving way, with pillows, sheets, and the perfect leaf in her kitchen table, Grandma became the fort builder... That is, until Patrick came along – the first of the “great grands,” when Grandma passed the all important fort builder job to me.

Maybe it was because she had been a widow for so long that she was able to live into change so well. Maybe it was because she served as the family’s matriarch that she had such strength. But as I grew up and knew her as an adult, it was like she could never be shaken. And, in fact, it seemed like she never changed: strong, fierce, loving, beautiful.

For everything, there is a season... My Grandma offered to me a picture of the hope that God makes everything beautiful, even perfect, in its own time... In its own moment. I’m quite certain that if everyone present at her memorial reflected on their moments with her, they would see the strength of heart with which she led us through many seasons. It’s with those moments that her family and friends must move forward. In fact, I think it...
is their witness to her life.

Giving witness to the Resurrection at a memorial service is a moment for family and friends to mourn, yes, to cry, but also to laugh, to love, to build one another up, and maybe even to seek peace, and to heal. Our family could be encouraged that living into such a moment is possible because we have the witness of my Grandma’s life. We know that we will walk through many seasons... What is our toil through those seasons? What greater human work is there than to seize the opportunity to make exceptional moments in every season?

Our hope is in the One who is with us through every moment of every season, the same One who has set eternity on our hearts. My prayer for us this Easter season is that we will trust in what He is doing from beginning to end, even if we cannot fathom it. My prayer for us is that as we grasp the gift of His life that we can have the courage and the strength to live into every exceptional moment that we have been given.

Benedictions,
Michelle

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**Bible readings for April**

**5 April** Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Day
Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

**12 April** 2nd Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

**19 April** 3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

**26 April** 4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18
On 17 March this year I had the unique privilege of celebrating Saint Patrick’s Day in Dublin, Ireland. This “bucket list” trip was special and memorable for many reasons. I was fortunately able to spend time in Northern Ireland, following the Saint Patrick trail and learning more about the man and missionary called Patrick. Much information and inspiring was discovered at the brand new Saint Patrick Center, the only museum in the world dedicated to the history and story of Saint Patrick (www.saintpatrickcentre.com).

During my travels I visited a number of historic sites included Saint Patrick’s Cathedral, where it is said Patrick baptized converts in a well in AD 450, Saul Church, the site where Saint Patrick built the first Christian Church in Ireland in 432 AD and also his burial site in Downpatrick.

Once kidnapped into slavery at age 16 and brought from his home in England to the land of savages in Ireland, Patrick had visions from God that gave him strength and led to his escape. So inspired and moved by God once home, he felt compelled to return as a missionary to preach the gospel to a land that had never heard the message of Christ before. The story continues and his writings are full of profound insights, theology, prayers, and confessions that challenge and inspire me deeply. I have included a brief portion of a hymn attributed to Patrick from around 430 AD.

It should also be noted that Patrick was not recognized as a “Saint” until decades later, did not drive out snakes since there were none in Ireland at the time, probably did not use the 3-leaf clover to describe the Trinity, and was basically kicked out of the priesthood for failure to submit to authority. He was, however, a great contextual theologian and missionary who reached an entire people for the Kingdom of God!

We have much to learn and celebrate from the rich and diverse history of our faith. The traditions of past and present, while different from our own, provide a wonderful opportunity for our faith to increase.

During this national “holiday,” my time and travels in Ireland provided me an opportunity and invitation to expand the horizons of the Christian faith as well as sounds, sights and spirits of this great culture. During my remaining few months living in Europe, I hope to experience a few other new countries and cultures, as so much can be learned that help broaden and expand our minds, hearts and lives.

I leave you with these words from Patrick that serve well for us all as we enter into the Eastertide season celebrating Christ’s resurrection and presence with us!

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me.

In Christ, 
Dan Haugh

Saul (from Irish Sabhail Phadraig, meaning “Patrick’s barn”) is the name of a townland and civil parish in County Down, Northern Ireland. The townland lies to the east of Downpatrick and has strong links with Saint Patrick. It is claimed that when Saint Patrick came to Ireland in 432 AD, strong currents swept his boat through the Strangford Lough tidal narrows, and he landed where the Slaney River flows into the lough. The local chieftain, Dichu, was quickly converted and gave him a barn for holding services. 

 Allegedly, Saint Patrick died in Saul on 17 March 461 and is buried in nearby Downpatrick. The modern “Saint Patrick’s Memorial Church” is built on the reputed spot of this building and includes a replica round tower. - from Wikipedia
The concert features Mendelssohn’s Symphony No. 2 in B-flat major, Op. 52, commonly known as Lobgesang (Hymn of Praise). It was composed in 1840 to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the invention of the printing press. Mendelssohn’s description of the work was “A Symphony-Cantata on Words of the Holy Bible, for Soloists, Chorus and Orchestra”.

The American Church Choir will be joined by the choir Lux Perpetua, and accompanied by the Association Symphonique de Paris under the direction of Franck Chastrusse. Tickets may be purchased at the door (Adults: €12 ; students/children: €5).
My first visit to Paris took place in early June of 1964. I had just completed my freshman year at Hope College in Holland, Michigan and came to Paris for a 10-week "grand tour" hitchhiking around Europe. I was outfitted with a backpack, sleeping bag and a copy of Arthur Frommer's classic guidebook, "Europe on $5 a Day." I actually did the trip on $3 a day by camping out or staying in youth hostels. I even slept one night in the bushes under the Eiffel Tower.

I first visited the American Church in Paris in April 1990. At the time I was serving as a pastor in Southern California. I enjoyed the worship service and the lunch in the Thurber Room afterwards with Pastor Tom Duggan, who shared his enthusiasm for ministry at ACP. He planted a seed in me for pastoral service someday at ACP.

In spring of 1999, Alba and I were serving the American Church in London, and we came to ACP to attend the Pastors and Spouses Conference sponsored by the Association of International Congregations in Europe and the Middle East (AICEME). We appreciated the wonderful hospitality of ACP and the chance to learn more about the congregation and its ministry. We offered to return to ACP three years later during a sabbatical break to serve as Visiting Pastor and Spouse with Pastor Larry Kalajainen, Pastor Tina Blair and Pastor Stephen Sours, from July to December 2002. Actually, we have served here for three autumns (2002, 2011, 2012), but never in the springtime until this year. 2015 will be a bonus year for us since we will be staying at ACP beyond springtime to continue to serve as a part/time interim associate pastor through the summer and autumn.

"Tout le monde" associates springtime in Paris with romance and weddings. I continue to enjoy my wedding blessing and vow-renewal ministry and will perform ceremonies through June this year, before turning it over to Rev. Jay McKell. There are more wedding blessings at ACP in summer and autumn (high season) than spring and winter (low season), and in 2012, October was the busiest. I performed 13 weddings and a funeral during one October week that year. Hey, maybe that would make a good movie.

If you were at the congregational meeting on 22 March you learned that the number of wedding blessings performed at ACP has fallen off dramatically, especially from the Japanese wedding agencies. The poor economy in Japan, a declining value of the Japanese yen, changing customs and travel safety advisories regarding France have all had a negative impact. This shortfall challenges everyone in the congregation to step up their giving in 2015 to offset the loss of income from wedding donations.

The good news is that we all need to grow spiritually by giving a greater portion of our household income to Christ's work through ACP, as God asks us to do. Keiko Matsushima, the ACP wedding coordinator, is also working hard to increase the promotion of the wonderful wedding blessings that ACP offers.

Despite the bad news regarding the decrease in Japanese wedding blessings, we still have bright stories to share. On 7 March I performed the wedding blessing for Takashi and Mariko. Normally, Japanese couples fly directly back to Japan after their ACP wedding blessing. I was delighted to talk to Takashi and Mariko during the coffee hour after their attendance at the 11h00 worship service on 15 March. When I found out that Takashi was working in Paris for a year I invited the couple to worship at ACP.

I rejoice how God can use Christ-followers in different countries to plant and nurture seeds of faith.
Mariko made a commitment to Christ in Japan and then grew in her faith in Dusseldorf, Germany where she and Takashi worked before their wedding. Seven members of the English-speaking Anglican church in Dusseldorf attended the wedding blessing to give the couple their blessing. The international contingent from their Dusseldorf church home group represented members from the UK, Dubai and Germany. I rejoice how God can use Christ-followers in different countries to plant and nurture seeds of faith. We ask God’s blessing on Takashi and Mariko during their sojourn at ACP.

In 2012 I performed the wedding blessing for a young Japanese couple. There was a small wedding party with both families present, unusual for couples from Japan. The bride’s father was delighted to escort his daughter down the aisle, and was surprisingly familiar with the ACP wedding blessing ceremony. Afterward, he and his wife shared with me that 27 years ago on that day he and his wife had their wedding blessed at the American Church in Paris. At that event his wife was escorted down the aisle by the Ambassador of Japan since her father was deceased and she worked for the Embassy of Japan. How privileged we are to play such an important part in the lives of families from around the world. While we always invite couples who receive wedding blessings or vow renewals to come back and see us, it is a joy when they do, along with their faded photographs and stories of their wedding ceremonies years ago at ACP.

In the joy of His Service,
Jeff

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Li-Kung Kuo violon
Guillaume SIGIER piano

Dimanche 26 avril 2015 à 17h

Bedřich Smetana - Z domoviny (De mon pays)
Franz Liszt / Nathan Milstein - Consolation N°3
Ernő Dohnányi - Ruralia Hungarica Op.32c
Erich Wolfgang Korngold - Suite "Much Ado About Nothing" Op.11
Robert Schumann - Fantaisie Op.131
The Resurrection Window

By Alison Benney

Is a picture really worth a thousand words? Our stained glass windows prove that there is a certain storytelling economy to be had. As a point of departure for teaching the Easter story, the ACP’s Resurrection Window provides a perfectly illuminating chapter.

The main figures of this window are, from left to right, Joseph of Arimathea, Mary Magdalene, Peter, and Thomas, while at top are Nicodemus, Salome, Cleophas and John. The bottom rectangles portray the removal of Jesus’ body from the cross, the meeting of Mary and Jesus in the garden, the Ascension with the 11 apostles kneeling, and the appearance of Jesus to the disciples, with doubting Thomas. The text below these rectangles are from Luke 24, verse 46: “It behoved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead.”

Joseph of Arimathea was the wealthy disciple of Jesus who asked Pilate for permission to carry away the body of Jesus, to provide a dignified interment of Jesus in Joseph’s own tomb. Nicodemus, seen in the small window above, helped transport the body, and brought and applied the myrrh and aloes.

Mary Magdalene was a witness to three key events: Jesus’ crucifixion, his burial, and the discovery that the tomb was empty. She was the first to see the Risen Lord, and to announce His Resurrection to the apostles. She was given the title “Apostle to the Apostles” by Augustine. Salome accompanied Mary and Jesus’ mother Mary to the tomb, and she is pictured in the window above, with the vase of sweet spices they had brought to anoint the body of Jesus.

Simon Peter was one of the disciples who came running to the tomb after Mary and Salome discovered it empty, and when Jesus appeared by the Sea of Galilee, he jumped into the sea to swim up to greet him. At dinner, Jesus asked Peter three times whether he loved him and charged him to “feed my sheep.” He was also crucified, but the story goes that he saw himself unworthy to be crucified in the same way as Jesus Christ, and was crucified upside down at his own request. Here he is shown with the keys to the Kingdom.

Above Peter is Cleophas, one of the disciples Christ met on the road to Emmaus on the day of his Resurrection.

The final window depicts doubting Thomas, who refused to believe in the Resurrection until he could see Jesus and his wounds with his own eyes. Eight days later, Jesus met and chided him, saying “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

The window above Thomas shows St. John, the “Beloved Apostle,” who ran to discover the opened tomb with Peter, was the only disciple to die a natural death, and is considered to be one of the first to truly believe that Christ had risen. He was also charged by Jesus to take his mother Mary into his care.

Known as the “poor man’s Bible,” stained glass windows and other religious art in the Middle Ages were intended to educate a largely illiterate people about Christianity. Today, they serve to enrich our knowledge and inspire our faith.

Thanks to Fred Gramann for his excellent archive of photos.
Creating space for authentic diversity
Sunday morning Women's Gathering
19 April, 12h30 - 13h30, 2nd floor Library

Felicia Henderson will lead a discussion on "Creating space for authentic diversity." Please join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and light snacks. The discussion will begin at 12:45 and be finished in time to attend the 13:30 Worship Service. Childcare is available in G1. All women are welcome to attend.

Keeping Easter time
By Amit Pieter

Longer days, warmer weather, new life: Easter equals springtime, thanks more to a lunar equation than Biblical timekeeping. Easter day always falls on the first Sunday following the full Moon (the Paschal Full Moon) after the 21st of March.

It’s a tale of two calendars, the Julian and Gregorian. Julius Caesar created the first, in 46 BC, based on the vernal equinox. Despite being better than any previous calendars, it still short-changed the year by almost 24 hours every four years. By the 16th century, Easter was springing up in February.

In order to keep Easter near the date celebrated at the Council of Nicea in 325 AD, Pope Gregory XIII came up with the idea for reform. Designed by the mathematician Christopher Clavius, the Gregorian calendar introduced the leap year to correct the slight error in the Julian calendar. Although dates “creep” over time, the only true difference in the calendars is 0.002 days per year, or an annual 10 minutes and 48 seconds.

Introduced in 1582, the Gregorian calendar has since been called the “Western calendar” or “Christian calendar.” Some Eastern Orthodox countries still use the Julian calendar, while the Chinese have their own, along with a separate New Year. The Jewish calendar dates back to the time of Genesis, again with a different New Year date, and is used predominantly for Jewish religious observances.

The Islamic calendar is lunar, but since 12 lunar months don’t add up to 365 ¼ days, the Islamic months occur a bit earlier every solar year. The common feature of all regional Hindu calendars is that the names of the 12 months are the same, as they are based in Sanskrit. The month which starts the year also varies from region to region.

The Chinese calendar is lunisolar, thus it arranges the year, month and day via the astronomical date. Used for traditional activities in China and overseas Chinese communities, it determines dates for Chinese traditional holidays, and instructs Chinese people in selecting the lucky day of a wedding or funeral, for opening a venture, or a relocation. In the Chinese calendar, the days begin at midnight and end at midnight of the next day. In Korea, the Gregorian calendar was officially adopted in 1896, but traditional holidays and age-reckoning for older generations are still based on the old calendar.

The Gregorian calendar is accepted by most countries as the international calendar of business, with Greece most recently switching to it in 1923. In today’s minute-and-second-run world, harmonizing dates and holidays are inevitable. Happily for our sunrise service out on the quai, we know that Easter morning always takes place after, and not before the first day of spring.
Soup, salad and sundaes
Cuisine de Thurber Thursday

Breaking bread, gathering for discussion, socializing with fellow seekers: Thurber Thursday is ACP’s weekly adult-oriented event for which speakers are invited to lecture on a variety of topics, followed by a Q&A.

Before the lecture, those who come at 18h30 can enjoy a dinner prepared and served by a team of ACP volunteers. This year the dinner has taken the form of “Soup, Salad and Sundaes.” The menu alternates between vegetarian and meat-based soups. The salad is in the form of a salad bar, allowing each person to customize their meal according to their preferences. On vegetarian soup days, there is a meat choice in the salad bar.

After some uncertainty as to how the diners would respond, the ACP Kitchen Team has been pleasantly surprised by the enthusiasm that has built this season! Every week people comment on how much they enjoy the soups and how they are anticipating the next week’s offering.

We are grateful and humbled that several requests have been made that the recipes be published in a booklet and sold. We have instead decided to disseminate the recipes in the Spire. We then wrestled with which version to publish: the 100-serving version or the 4-8 serving version. The 4-8 serving size won. Starting this month, we will publish one of the recipes for your cooking enjoyment.

Before we get to the recipe, we would like to thank the amazing team of chefs that prepare, serve and cleanup these meals: Raphaella Jean, Eric Taquet, Mary Hovind-Gay, Charlie Gay, Kent Keatinge, Fabian Rock, and Carol Brown.

Tomato Soup

This soup is a classic American soup, best served with grilled cheese sandwiches. Many people commented on how this recipe evoked memories of their childhood. Serves 8.

2 Tbs olive oil 700 ml vegetable or chicken broth 4 8 serving 1 Tbs butter (unsalted) 1 ½ tsp sugar salt and pepper 1 large onion, finely chopped 1 sprig fresh thyme fresh basil (garnish), thinly sliced 1 garlic clove, finely chopped 1 kg tomatoes (fresh with stems or canned - whole, peeled) crème fraiche (garnish) 2 Tbs flour 1 tsp salt pepper 2 tsp black pepper

Use a heavy pot (between 3 and 4 liters).
Over medium heat, cook the olive oil and butter until the butter melts. Add the onion and garlic. Cook, stirring until soft, but not brown. Add flour, stirring to coat the onion and garlic. Cook for a few minutes.

Add broth, tomatoes (fresh including vines or canned), sugar, thyme. Season with 1/4 tsp salt, ¼ tsp pepper. Bring to a simmer, stirring to make sure flour does not stick to bottom of pot. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 40 minutes. Discard tomato stems and thyme sprigs. Let the soup cool for a few minutes.

Puree the soup using 1 of 2 methods: With a stick blender in the pot; or with a counter-top blender, in small batches, return soup to cooking pot. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Reheat if necessary after blending.

Garnish with basil leaves and crème fraiche, and serve.

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A word from your ACP Council

Greetings to the members and friends of ACP!

The past few weeks have been busy for the ACP Council. We finalized the financial results of 2014 and all of the committee chairs worked together prayerfully to formulate the 2015 budget in preparation for the 22 March Annual Congregational Meeting. The finance committee was especially busy in this regard and we are thankful for Finance Chair Stan Marcello’s diligent work for ACP, while at the same time preparing for a move halfway around the world.

Chris Pruszko also played a very important role in the process, carefully tracking our stewardship statistics. At the March Council meeting we happily welcomed Mary Hovind Gay to fill the vacancy of Community Life Vice-Chair and Julia Kung agreed to fulfill the remainder of Stan’s term as Finance Committee chair. We are thankful to have these new members on Council.

At the end of March the search committee for the new Associate Pastor of Youth and Young Adult Ministries concluded their interview and discernment process and will present the candidate they believe the ACP should call to fill that role at the April Council meeting. Once Council approves the recommended candidate, we will invite the ACP congregation to participate in a brief but very important meeting to vote on the call of the next leader for our Youth and Young Adults. Watch the Sunday worship bulletin for the details. Please plan to attend or at least to give your voice of approval by submitting a member’s proxy form.

Holy Week was a marvelous week of meditation and anticipation that led up to the somber and contemplative Good Friday service and culminated with the glorious Easter Sunday services of celebration of Christ’s resurrection. Sincere thanks go out to all the many individuals who participated in the services and preparation for the week. We were blessed to have former ACP members and current AFCU Board members Don and Kathie Eppert with us that week and to have them serve communion on Easter Sunday.

Speaking of the AFCU, many of the Council members are currently preparing for the AFCU Development Committee and Board meetings on 17-18 April in Berlin. We are thankful for the AFCU’s continued support of the ACP, and these meetings are an important moment for us to communicate with their Board and to prepare for the future of both organizations. Please pray for those who are planning for and participating in these meetings.

With warm blessings, in Christ,

Pam Bohl

ONE BIG CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

By John Benson, Council Secretary

On Sunday, 22 March, over 100 members of the American Church in Paris joined the Council and pastoral team for the first of our two annual congregational meetings.

The meeting was called to order by the ACP Council Moderator, Pam Bohl, who led the congregation in a discussion and consideration of key events experienced at the ACP over the previous year. The meeting especially focused on the financial performance of the church over the previous 12 months, noting the need for ACP members to consider how we can best glorify God with our financial contributions, necessary to serve God in the local community.

Our Council Treasurer, Stan Marcello, presented the formal annual financial reports; resolutions were presented, approving the 2014 financial results, and the 2014 year-end deficit of €11,172.12. The congregation approved the results, while also approving the allocation of €22,139.05 from the General Reserve to compensate for the deficit. The congregation further agreed to transfer €10,966.93 (from the general reserve allocation) to the ACP 160 Capital Reserve.

Along with the support of the ACP pastoral team, the Council proposed to challenge the ACP members with a balanced budget for 2015. The congregation approved the proposed balanced budget, and acknowledged the fact that congregational giving must increase significantly over the next year to meet the ministry goals and programs of ACP. The Council and pastoral staff believe the next year presents an incredible opportunity for the future of ACP, and sincerely thank the congregation for their commitment to financial support over the next year.
Batting a thousand:  
**The Dan and Jim Show!** 

By Tendayi O. Chirawu 

Which MLB team made the best off-season moves? Does Derick Rose's recent injury seal the fate for the Bulls? Does Rondo fit in Dallas? Can anyone beat Kentucky this year?

For two and a half years after moving to France, Pastor Dan Haugh really missed his sports shows. Then he and ACP member Jim Hobbs teamed up to host an ACP Today radio show, and they realized they could do the same thing for sports that our radio show was doing around Christianity. And that’s how they kicked off the only sports chat show in English in France, the Dan and Jim Show, Friday afternoons weekly on BlogTalkRadio.com.

Jim Hobbs has already been a sports host, working for several years in New York City for Fox Sports. So, as Dan explains, “On the show Jim is the professional and I am the sports enthusiast.” Being friends, the two have an infectious chemistry that is clearly transmitted on the air. They will talk about any sport, and generally cover whatever is popular here in France or in the US.

And the show has expanded to include listeners and their favourite sports. “Our tag names are Dan the Fan and Joyful Jim. We also have Mark the Shark and Even Steven,” says Dan. Guests always call in via telephone and Dan hopes that at some point they will get regularly scheduled professional guests on the show. They’ve already hosted Trent Michem, a French pro basketball player, as well as a professional sports anchor from Texas.

The show is a home run. It is entertaining, informative and inspiring, and what really sets apart the Dan and Jim Show is that they talk sports and faith, often including segments of athletes talking about their faith.

News of the show has spread quickly via word of mouth and the two hope that it will eventually broadcast on site to bars, for example, or broadcast live from a sporting event. Dan says, “We have an idea of doing the show from an event e.g. Roland Garros, a few times a year, so that people can stop by and meet us live.”

Dan admits to the show being a labour of love and a nice outlet for the two hosts to be able to have fun and put smiles on the faces of their listeners. Dan remembers their first recording with a smile: “The first time we hosted the show we had trouble calling in so I had to go out into the courtyard of the church to get a cell phone signal in order to call into the show. Another time we had just completed a show and realised that it hadn’t recorded.”

The future of the Dan and Jim show includes a Facebook page coming later this year, and eventually a blog. To listen to The Dan and Jim Show visit: www.blogtalkradio.com/thedanandjimshow. The show also gets podcast on iTunes. Email Dan and Jim at thedanandjimshow@gmail.com or tweet at @thedanandjimshow
We did Alpha!
By Lisa Prevett

After 11 weeks, 11 different delicious soups and 11 sessions of video talks and discussions, the Alpha Course came to an end just before Holy Week. Since we started in January, eight groups of Guests of all ages and backgrounds and their small group Leaders met every week and shared a meal, followed by honest and open discussions on topics ranging from “Christianity: Irrelevant, Boring and Untrue?” to “How does God guide us?”, “Does God heal today?” and “What about the Church?”

Over this time we saw God working in wonderful ways and changing lives through Alpha – whether it was the pure joy of a Guest who came to know Jesus for the first time or an existing believer experiencing a new depth to their faith and relationship with Christ.

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of the Leaders for faithfully loving and hosting their small group every week, to Carol Brown and her kitchen team for providing us with the delicious food that we all shared before each video talk, and also to all of you who supported Alpha with your prayers. We are currently planning an “Alpha reunion” evening for 23 April and look forward to carrying on meeting regularly as a group and continuing our journey together in Christ.

Find out more about the Alpha Course at www.alpha.org. Alpha runs all over the world, in homes, churches, prisons, cafes and many more places. To find your nearest course in France, please go to www.parcoursalpha.fr/.

“I have learnt to deeply trust in God”

“I learnt that to be a Christian is not easy but Jesus Christ makes your life a wonderful life”

“I have a deeper understanding of the workings of the Holy Spirit”

“I enjoyed the time to discuss Christianity in such a relaxed & open environment with such lovely people”

“I have learnt how powerful prayers are when you really trust in God”

“I have been impressed by the balance of Nicky Gumbel’s presentations, combining humour and spiritual intensity in a non-threatening way”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? - Micah 6:8
What’s up in Paris
April event listings

By Karen Albrecht

Suburban legend

The pioneering “Banlieues bleues” festival has been lighting up the neglected zones beyond the périphérique with world-class jazz, roots and reggae for 32 years now. Highlights this April include rappers from Senegal and American blues virtuoso Lucky Peterson.

Until 17 April, www.banlieuesbleues.org

Over the edge

The group show “Le Bord des Mondes” at the Palais de Tokyo pushes the boundaries between the art world and other creative realms. From the exuberant fashion statements of Congolese “sapeurs,” to the whimsical inventions of mad Japanese genius Kenji Kawakami, there’s plenty to spark the imagination and tickle the funny bone.

Until 17 May, www.palaisdetokyo.com

All in the family

Pieter Hugo shot his photo series “Kin” over the last eight years in his native South Africa. Landscapes, still lifes and uncannily powerful portraits evoke the complexities and contradictions of a country struggling to come to grips with twin legacies of beauty and violence.

Until 26 April, www.henricartierbresson.org

High-wired

Avant-garde circus festival “Hautes Tensions” offers thrills and chills far beyond those of the traditional big top. Check out the futuristic, high-octane tumblers of “Race Horse Company” or “Capilotractées,” in which two hard-headed women perform acrobatics and play the ukulele while hanging by their hair. Positively scalp-tingling.

Until 12 April, http://lavillette.com

Masterpiece Theatre

“The Tudors” showcases the powerful dynasty that ruled England from 1485 to 1603 and transformed the island nation into a world power. The larger-than-life figures include serial monogamist Henry VIII and confirmed bachelorette Queen Elizabeth I, sumptuously depicted in all their regal splendor.

Until 19 July

Déjà vu all over again

“La Collection du scandale” revisits Yves Saint Laurent’s controversial 1971 “Libération” collection, inspired by wartime silhouettes of the 1940s. The sharp, man-style pantsuits, bright green fox fur jacket and a dress covered with bright-red sequin lips demonstrate that recycling can be a profoundly creative act.

Until 19 July
www.fondation-pb-ysl.net

Miracle Miles

A record 54,000 runners have signed up for the 38th annual Paris marathon. The landmark-studded 42km course starts at the Arc de Triomphe and winds through both Bois de Vincennes and Bois de Boulogne, by way of Notre Dame and the Eiffel Tower. Forget trying to get around by car or bus that day, and join the throngs of well-wishers lining the route.

Sunday 12 April,
www.schneiderelectricparismarathon.com

Race Horse Company

Beurre en stick, Kawakami Kenji. Courtesy Jean-Christophe Lecoq

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Beurre en stick, Kawakami Kenji. Courtesy Jean-Christophe Lecoq
Songs about Paris abound, but the top two classics are probably “April in Paris,” written by Vernon Duke in 1932, and “I love Paris (in the springtime),” written by Cole Porter in 1953. Both have been popularized by just about everybody. What is so special about the month of April in Paris? What else but a change in the weather? Winter in Paris can be pretty gloomy: gray skies, drizzle, and cold without the glimmer of snow. So any hint of warmer, drier weather comes as a Godsend, something we soak up with passion. Even if St. Valentine’s claims February as the month for love, April is the month of romance. And, of course, we all welcome the time change to “spring forward, fall back.”

What do you like about April in Paris? I asked some 12-year-olds about their views and, not surprisingly, it is school vacation. Attributed to Easter is the famous “Spring Break,” that in the US sends thousands of students to Florida to chill out.

Our pastors had their own ideas. Associate pastor Michelle Wahila said it is “Sunshine! And walking along the Berges de Seine and the Champ de Mars with the children. Also the wine, baguette and cheese at the park with my husband as the children play.”

Visiting Pastor Jeff Powell told me that Paris is a “quintessentially romantic place to experience the ‘charm of spring’. It’s especially true after the cold, overcast and rainy weather of winter. Hearts sing out and people reach out to embrace the one they love. The beauty of the blossoms and flowers enhance the already spectacular city. The feelings created are beyond words.”

Our Youth Intern, Anastassia Sharp, has a quirky view of April, with “sunglasses and pink lipstick,” but she also thought of the blossoming flowers near the Eiffel Tower. She said, “It’s the best time to visit the Tower.”

Senior Pastor Scott Herr said that April makes him think of Easter and, this year, he’s thinking of the AFCU meeting in Berlin. We wish him well.

The American Church’s resident artist, Monica Bassett, said that she loves the colors of the seasons. For April she thinks of yellow, green and blue, but the Paris colors of fall are her favorites, with orange, brown, red, yellow and violet.

Jim Hobbs, one of our producers of ACP radio, said that April makes him think of outdoor cafes on Boulevard St. Germain, and all outdoor seating in the Latin Quarter. He’s especially fond of one of the Starbuck’s cafes there.

So April in Paris can mean many different things - but it seems that all of them are positive. We’re ready for a new start in the year with the warmer sun on our shoulders. Isn’t that the best way to view April and the spring?

I love Paris

Every time I look down on this timeless town
Whether blue or gray be her skies
Whether loud be her cheers
or whether soft be her tears
More and more do I realize
That I love Paris in the spring time
I love Paris in the fall
I love Paris in the winter when it drizzles
I love Paris in the summer when it sizzles
I love Paris every moment
Every moment of the year
I love Paris, why oh, why do I love Paris?
Because my love is near

April in Paris

I never knew the charm of spring
I never met it face to face
I never knew my heart could sing
I never missed a warm embrace
Till April in Paris, chestnuts in blossom
Holiday tables under the trees
April in Paris, this is a feeling
That no one can ever reprise
I never knew the charm of spring
I never met it face to face
I never knew my heart could sing
I never missed a warm embrace
Till April in Paris
Whom can I run to
What have you done to my heart

Want to learn French? Seriously?

Then come along to the American Church on Saturdays at 16h00. We only ask that you be seriously motivated, be prepared to attend each Saturday, and work at home at least 2 hours a week in addition to the class. Sound like you?

On vous attend. For further information, email fkpierre@gmail.com
Imagine having to study the Bible only in a foreign language. That was the situation for Christians in Egypt until a century and a half ago. On 3 December 2014, Christians in Egypt gathered to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Arabic Van Dyke Bible, the first affordable personal Holy Bible in Arabic, and the most commonly used Bible by Arabic-speaking Christians worldwide.

Ramez Atallah, General Director of the Bible Society of Egypt, spoke to me about the establishment of the Bible Society of Egypt (Dar EL Ketab EL Mokadas).

He said it all started in the late 19th century, when his great-grandfather hosted a group of Scottish Presbyterian missionaries in his home for weekly Bible studies — and was booted out of the Coptic Church.

"To his dismay he was obliged to leave the Coptic church, along with his family," said Atallah. "But this was actually the beginning of establishing the first Evangelical Church in the city of Assiut in Upper Egypt. His passion was for the Bible to be read and taught and lived by its people."

This inspired the idea of publishing a complete Holy Bible (Old and New Testament) in an affordable copy for all Christian homes.

The Presbyterian Church in Egypt had only existed since the mid-1850s. “The local Presbyterian church in Assiut that my great-grandfather was involved in was established in 1870 in Assiut. In Upper Egypt people were more reluctant to embrace a new church, unlike cosmopolitan Cairo where a larger number of intellectuals were open to accept the Protestant church,” explained Atallah.

Before democratising the Bible and making it affordable; Christians in the Middle East used to either memorise parts of it or go to church to hear it read by priests. Some would make copies on separate sheets to be able to have parts of it at home if they were unable to memorise it properly. But only what was read in the daily liturgy was memorised.

The first version widely published and distributed in Arabic was the Van Dyke Bible in 1865. “Because this is the Bible they used, the Protestant Bible, it did not have the deuterocanonical books which they believe in as having a secondary canonical value. This is the same issue with the Catholics, who have slightly different deuterocanonical books."

Atallah said that the Van Dyck edition was translated from Greek and Hebrew. The only portions of the Bible that are in Aramaic are short portions of the Old Testament. Mathew was written originally in Greek, but because Jesus spoke Aramaic people say that what we have in Greek is a translation of the Aramaic; but there is no proof of that.

The Bible Society in Egypt produce anything that is related to the Bible that is non-doctrinal and not commentary. "At our website, www.darelketab.org, you will see about 700 to 800 products, most of which we produce from the Bible. A large portion of our publications are produced for children."

In spite of the rise of political Islam in the Middle East and particularly in Egypt, Christian activities are actually increasing each year, simply because there are more Christians and there are more youth groups. Atallah said that in general the church has never planned activities, Bible Societies or evangelism for Muslims: “99% of the churches who have evangelism outreach are among nominal Christians in Egypt, of which there are millions.”
The King’s Garden children’s home  
By Tess Roque

The King’s Garden Children’s Home (KGCH) was established in the Philippines over 20 years ago to provide a Christian home for children who are poor, orphaned, abandoned, abused and/or neglected, as well as for those who have experienced crisis situations in their families. Using principles and moral values from the Word of God, the staff attempts to break the cycle of poverty by providing their children with vocational educations and livelihood skills.

October is Children’s Month in the Philippines, and last year KGCH’s theme was “Jesus the Same – Yesterday, Today, and Forever.” The staff led retreats and outings to provide wholesome recreation for the children. KGCH provides for the health, safety, education, and development of each child, and the staff is launching an appeal to their international supporters for more help so they can carry on their work.

A year ago I went to the Philippines to visit the home and brought along gifts from the ACP’s Mission Outreach Committee. As always, I was blessed to be with them. The director told me that the government has given them the authority to allow children to be adopted. So far they have 12 infants waiting for families. It gives me great joy to be the Lay Leader for this precious ministry. For more information, or to contribute, contact missionoutreach@acparis.org.

What’s going on? Tune in: ACP Today

Have you tuned in to ACP Today, the American Church in Paris’ radio show yet? Join us on Mondays at 20h45 - this month on 6 and 20 April. The 45-minute program is an exciting and inspiring mix of music, interviews, sermon highlights, and discussion on hot topics.

We’re at 100.7 FM, Radio Fréquence Protestante, and we broadcast especially for friends who may be housebound or who would simply like more devotional time on a Monday evening. Don’t like the radio? Listen online at http://frequenceprotestante.com or tune in at your leisure via the ACP website.

What better way to keep in touch with the ACP family and learn about the latest ACP news? All our shows are downloaded within 48 hours to our website, at www.acparis.org/acptoday. Faith Talk from Paris - plug us in during your morning commutes.

If you have any questions, comments, ideas or would like to contribute to the show, be sure to contact us at acptoday@acparis.org.
Following our Destiny
From rural villages in Ghana to a visit in Paris

by Destiny Ansah

Excellence Computer Technology Foundation

Computer literacy is taking over the world piece by piece. I have accepted it, the developed world has accepted it, but the underdeveloped countries like Ghana have not. This is where we can step in to make a difference.

You may have seen me around Paris or the ACP since March, enjoying our wonderful services and amazing fellowship or Bible studies but there is much, much more on my agenda! I’m here to share the excitement and update you on what my ministry is doing with our computer literacy classes in two very rural villages in Ghana. Please feel free to stop me to learn more details about the project, to hear about the 300 students we teach, or just to drop a word of encouragement.

Prayer Chain Team

Do you have a prayer request for our Prayer Team?
If so, please forward your prayer by e-mail to prayerrequests@acparis.org. Your prayer request will remain strictly private and confidential. Prayer is powerful. We are here for you.

If you would like someone to pray with you after services, a Prayer Team member is available. Meet in the chapel next to the theater.
### ACP Spire Diary – April

**events, meetings and concerts**

(please check www.acparis.org for updates)

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<td><strong>Friday Mission Lunch (volunteers needed)</strong>&lt;br&gt;Every Friday a hot, nutritious meal is prepared for the homeless and needy. ACP is responsible for the meal on the second Friday of each month, but we are grateful for help with cooking, serving, and cleaning up every Friday. If you are interested and available, contact Kristie Worrel.</td>
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