The Spire
The Beacon on the Seine

December 2012
Dear Members and Friends of the ACP,

As you receive this we already will be in the season of Advent, the “New Year” of the liturgical calendar. It’s perhaps my favorite season in the church year, as it is a poignant time of eager expectation and anticipation as well as a time for deeper repentance and faith.

Advent is a time when we remember and prepare ourselves to celebrate the historic “coming” of Christ some 2,000 years ago as a baby born in a manger. We also consider and reflect on how Christ comes to us and through us (both individually and corporately) into the world today. We imagine how Christ will come again to consummate his lordship over all creation “to judge the quick and the dead” as we say in the Apostles’ Creed. This year, we are going to use Enuma Okoro’s book, *Silence*, as a lens through which to read the Scriptures in anticipation and preparation of Christmas and the mystery of the incarnation. The main themes of Advent this year as we light a candle in worship will be Lament, Silence, Fire, and Dream. These are different from the more traditional themes of Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy, but in fact there is a connection which I hope will be clear as we go along. I encourage you to join a small group and to participate in the thoughtful daily devotions in Enuma’s book.

While many people will be eagerly expecting and anticipating Christmas in the coming weeks, many will struggle with sadness and depression around the holidays. It is a season that is physically the darkest time of the year (The Winter Solstice is 21 December, the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere). As a community we affirm and celebrate that “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it...” But we also remember that “He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.” We see in our world and even in the church that we are a people who live “between two worlds.”

We live in a fallen and broken world, the world we read about in the news that suffers the effects of sin in intrapersonal, interpersonal and social spheres of relationship. We see wars and violence, and know the pain caused by sickness and separation in mind, body and soul... But we also live knowing that we are ambassadors of the Kingdom of God, that we have one foot in heaven as beloved children of God, heirs of the Lord of the Universe.

I am encouraged by the opportunities that we have to give witness to the Good News as a community in Paris, and hope that each of you will consider participating in the Mitten Tree, the Candlelight Christmas concerts (15 December), the Christmas Pageant (16 December during the 11h00 service), the All Church Christmas Party (20 December), Caroling in the Streets of Paris (22 December), and of course simply worshipping together on Monday, Christmas Eve at one of the three services, and a special year-end service of healing and wholeness during our regular Sunday services (30 December).

As we pray for God to inspire us to shine in the darkness, to be the Beacon on the Seine, to serve this city with God’s love, I want to encourage you with words from the President of the American University, who wrote a note of appreciation after we opened the sanctuary for the AUP faculty and administration to serve 250 students Thanksgiving dinner. She wrote the day after the dinner, “A guest at my right last night said, ‘This church is a place of goodness and outreach and generosity.’ My thoughts exactly... You have been even more than neighbors, indeed, friends of the highest order.” I love it when our neighbors experience the church as “friends of the highest order!” That’s my prayer in this season, that we would continue to embody, to “incarnate” the friendship, the light and love of our Lord and Savior, that all may know that he has “come and dwell among us, full of grace and truth.”

Advent blessings to you, as we anticipate and prepare to be a Christmas blessing for all!

In Christ

*Diogenes Allen,  (New York: Seabury Classics, 2004).*
Luke 1:67-80

67 Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:
68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. 69 He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, 70 as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, 71 that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. 72 Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, 73 the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us 74 that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, 75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. 76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, 77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. 78 By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, 79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

80 The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Dear friends,
Zechariah’s blessing, traditionally called the Benedictus, recounts God’s promises through the retelling of salvation history. A reminder that the hand of God has rescued God’s people, Zechariah’s blessing speaks of God’s mercy and holy covenant through generations of the Lord’s servants.

Though God’s redemption comes about by no action of our own, God’s people are invited to participate in the covenant, that they might “serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness, all of [their] days.” Zechariah proclaims his own son’s role in this work – preparing the way for the heavenly king and deliverer.

Have we listened to the prophet and prepared room in our lives for a mighty savior this Advent season? Our answer comes by way of our response: grateful worship and serving the Lord, all of our days. During this season of Advent, I invite you to prayerfully consider your days; I encourage you to involve yourself in the richness that this community has to offer; I also encourage you to think about how you might be a blessing to others. There are so many ways to worship and serve the Lord; may we fully embrace the light that guides our feet, this Advent and always.

Bénédictions,
Michelle
Waiting with Anticipation

I love the Advent season. As a child I simply loved the festivities that accompanied the beginning of December. My family would decorate our house with lights, put up the family Christmas tree, and begin rehearsals for our church children's pageant. I remember also our Advent calendar, mostly because of the small chocolates one would discover upon opening the tiny windows. I must confess that one year I was apparently very anxious for the arrival of Christmas day and decided to open (and eat) the entire month of December!

As an adult I still love those holiday traditions. However, the season of Advent represents far more to me now than a daily calendar. As we read through Enuma Okoro’s book *Silence* and *Other Surprising Invitations of Advent*, I encourage us to fully enter into these first advent stories. I find myself in constant reflection during Advent. It provides an opportunity to look back on the year that was and bring everything before God. It also provides an opportunity to look ahead to what could be and bring to God our hopes and dreams.

What has been significant for Lauretta and me during our marriage is how we relate differently to each character based upon the season of our life. For the first five years of marriage, the story of Elizabeth has resonated deeply for us. We read in Luke 1 that Elizabeth and her husband Zechariah were childless and, I would imagine, constantly in prayer for God’s will for their future family. Though the years hurried along seemingly without an answer, they maintain their faithfulness towards each other and the service of the Lord.

I vividly remember one year ago while celebrating our first Advent season here at ACP, Lauretta and I lit the candle for Hope. It had been our prayer and hope to start a family and we entered into Advent waiting upon the Lord and anxious.

One year later we anxiously await the arrival of our twin boys and now appreciate even more Mary’s Advent story. Luke’s narrative continues with the startling news of Mary’s, rather unexpected, pregnancy. This divine plan radically changed her life and for 9 months I imagine Mary pondering what her life will be like. I am sure that any soon-to-be parents have similar thoughts such as these: Am I ready? Will I be a good parent? What will this child be like?

Lauretta and I find ourselves immersed in this Advent story as our waiting continues, but now with excitement, anticipation, and some anxiety! At least we know that next year the baby Jesus will have a suitable stand-in!

We feel incredibly blessed to experience Advent together with our ACP family and to celebrate the arrival of our children into this world.

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!” - Luke 1:47

In Christ,
Dan Haugh
At the end of December, Alba and I finish our six-months of volunteer service at ACP as Visiting Pastor and spouse in charge of wedding blessings and vow renewals. Time has passed so quickly, as it did for us here in the summer and autumn of 2011. Soon we will head back to our apartment in Southern California to rest and spend time with our children and grandchildren.

For these last two years ACP has been our "home away from home." It has been a joy to serve with Pastor Scott and the growing pastoral team. We welcomed Pastor Dan, Loretta, and Brady last year and Pastor Michelle, Kevin, Connor, and Marcello this year. We are looking forward to the birth of Jack and Blake, Pastor Dan’s and Loretta’s twins. Now, that’s Advent planning!

This has been an exceptionally busy six months for the wedding blessing and vow renewal ministries, with 226 ceremonies taking place. One week during August, I actually performed 13 weddings and a funeral. Gee, that might make a good screenplay title for a movie! Each marital couple is unique and always receives gracious hospitality and affirmation, yet two weddings in September stand out for me. So here is a "Tale of Two Weddings."

The wedding of Lars, our son, and Maureen, his fiancée, was very special for Alba and me. Lars and Maureen were engaged over Thanksgiving weekend in Paris last year. They met seven years ago in the nuclear program of the U.S. Navy and were transferred together to serve on the aircraft carrier USS George Washington based in Yokosuka, Japan. Three years ago Maureen teasingly gave Lars the gift of a ring in the form of a copper washer from the ship. Lars kept the washer in his pocket for those years and then presented it to her as her engagement ring at the top of Notre Dame Cathedral. He later agreed to an upgrade ring. They went from being shipmates on a tour of duty to soul-mates for life. The wedding took place in Saratoga Springs, New York where they were both instructing at the nuclear reactor prototype for the U.S. Navy. It was very far from their respective homes of California and Colorado, but close to all their Navy friends. It was great to share the day of celebration with all our children and grandchildren and to officiate in the wedding service of commitment. The rained-out garden wedding took place in the country inn of the wedding reception. Sailors are prepared for all kinds of weather, so it was a joyful wedding despite the conditions. Showers of blessings, I say.

The second memorable wedding took place at ACP in an English/Japanese language wedding blessing. Mayumi, the bride, and Nobuhito, the groom, were a young couple from Tokyo. There was a sizable contingent present from both of their families which piqued my curiosity. Mayumi’s father escorted her down the aisle. He was proud to share with me that he and his wife were married at ACP in 1980 by Pastor Tom Duggan, whom I know quite well. Mayumi was born at the American Hospital in Paris. Yukio, her father, was the attaché for Science and Technology at the Japanese Embassy in Paris. The Japanese Ambassador even escorted Yukio’s bride down the aisle in the absence of her ill father. It was wonderful to experience how ACP forges long-term relationships in the international community, with families even coming half-way around the world to keep a family tradition. By the way, Mayumi, the bride, has two younger sisters whom we may be seeing more of in the future!
Dear Members and Friends of ACP,

After counting our many blessings at Thanksgiving we can now fully focus on Christmas. As we enter into the season of Advent it brings to light the diversity of our congregation and the fact that many of us are living in a place that is not entirely “home” to us; even those of us who have been in France for many years. This is a time that it is especially wonderful to have our church home and family with which to celebrate the birth of Christ among believers from so many nations.

The ACP council members hope that each of you will find Advent activities that will help you feel the magic of the season, whether it be an Advent small group study, the Christmas pageant, caroling, the Christmas concerts or another of the many events leading up to Christmas day. As you make your plans to participate in these activities, we also hope that you will keep in mind the role of ACP in blessing the city and that you will feel moved to invite others to join you or otherwise share the blessings of ACP out into the city of Paris.

We wish each of you a truly blessed Advent season and a loving and meaningful Christmas, and we look prayerfully toward continued service among the ACP family in 2013.

Joyeux Noël à toutes et à tous,

Rad Laney and Pam Bohl
Nominating Committee
Ursula Perrier and Jonathan Wheeler

Are you interested in serving at ACP in some capacity, but aren’t sure who to contact, or how to find the right fit? Do you have a special skill or talent that you would like to share? Throughout the year the Nominating Committee connects people to serve on one of the ACP Committees, or participate in the various ACP projects and activities.

Get Connected! Let us help!
Contact us at nominating@acparis.org

Communications
John Newman and Alison Benney

The Communications Team helps ACP committees and groups get the word out about their activities and events.

If we as a congregation are called to bear witness to Christ’s love, let’s shine that light as clearly as possible. Good communications tools make this easier!

The communications committee produces and updates the ACP website, the Spire newsletter, the weekly Bulletin, the radio show Faith Talk in Paris, social media, a calendar of What’s On, the congregation database, and ministry brochures and materials for publicizing events.

So we need writers, editors, proof readers, photographers, tweeters, graphic artists and designers, audio-visual pros, and communications specialists in general.

If you’d like to help us get the message out, please contact John Newman and Alison Benney at communications@acparis.org.

Finance and Stewardship
Stan Marcello and Megan Staley
The Property and Development committee is pleased to submit its progress report on the following projects.

PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE PROPERTY BUDGET:

1- **Windows in classroom doors**
We have finished inserting circular glass portholes on the doors of all classrooms in the basement where possible. G1 and G2 are fire doors which cannot be touched. The other doors now comply with the church’s new security policy.

2- **Water leaks**
Regarding the water leaks in the first and second floor bathrooms we have identified the cause and begun repairs. We are working on doing preventive work in order to alleviate any further problems. We will be adding new flow valves and improving existing piping to hopefully avoid further problems. Work on valves and piping is to be done during the Christmas holidays.

**FAITH INTO ACTION CAMPAIGN PROJECTS BUDGET**

1 – **Tower and Drain Pipes**
We are working with a cost engineer to go over all the quotes we have concerning the tower repairs and the water drain pipes that go through the columns in the sanctuary and elsewhere. We will then identify the best bids and contractors.

2- **Attic**
Work in the attic is completed for the time being and all belongings and archives have been put back in place. It must be noted however that the floors have not been reinforced and therefore heavy objects must not be stored there.

**NON-BUDGETED PROJECTS**

1- **Sound system**
We have conducted two sound tests with two different companies during the Sunday services and most particularly the contemporary service. The two approaches were different and we are now gathering feedback from the tests.

2 – **Air evacuation in the kitchen**
We are studying a new air evacuation system for the stoves in the kitchen. We are getting quotes for new piping and a chimney.
The 2012 Candlelight Christmas Concerts
at The American Church in Paris 65 quai d’Orsay, Paris 75007
Saturday, December 15 at 5pm and 8pm

The Choirs and Handbell Choirs of the American Church
Voices Choeur International
Le Choeur d'Enfants “SOTTO VOCE”

Participating are the ACP Adult Choir, the Celebration Ringers, the ACP Bronze Ringers, the ACP Youth Choir (Shine), Voices Choeur International, and the French Children’s Choir “Sotto Voce”

The program includes Schubert’s “Magnificat” and many traditional carol settings. The concert finishes with everyone joining to sing carols in English and French.

Tickets are on sale during the coffee fellowship time after the 11h00 service, or at the reception desk during the week.
Numbered reserved seating in the front six rows is 20€,
regular seating is 12€ for adults and 7€ for children and students.

These concerts sell out so we recommend that you purchase your tickets in advance.
A Call to Live—Small Group Studies

To further the aim of widespread participation, and small groups can be organized throughout the city, different days and times at individual homes or at the church. The groups combine Bible study, community, and everyday application.

Our first group study, using *King’s Cross* by Timothy Keller, focuses on the Gospel of Mark, and connects to the sermon series.

Our newest group study features Enuma Okoro’s new book, *Silence*, as an Advent devotional, and will be used in worship through our Advent lighting and sermons. Okoro invites readers to pause during Advent and take a heartfelt look at the story of Elizabeth and Zechariah. This faithful couple receives astonishing news in their old age.

**How about joining one of the following already formed groups!**

**Wednesday Evening Supper Club** meets at an Indian Vegetarian Restaurant near Unesco with book discussion over dinner. We are continuing with *King’s Cross*. Led by Camilla Macfarlane (communitylife@acparis.org)

**Wednesday Evening Home Study** (in the 15th) led by Kimberley Hunt

**Couples Study**, twice a month, in Versailles with Angela and Dominique Grelet

**Saturday Morning Brunch Circle** led by Felicia Henderson (feliciainfrance@gmail.com)

**Sunday Afternoon Tea Study**, twice a month, led by Pamela and Jim Leavy

**Advent Sunday Morning Bible Study** meets at 10h00 in the church basement with Tom Johnson

**Women’s Ministries Advent Study**, meets on Thursdays at 19h30 at ACP (using Enuma Okoro’s book, *Silence*). Led by Kim Herr (woac_president@yahoo.com)

Both books are available for purchase at the book table after the 11h00 service for 10€.

**Would you consider being a Group Leader?**

If you would like to be a group leader, please contact Anne at christianeducation@acparis.org or Pastor Wahila at associatepastor@acparis.org. All group leaders will be given a short training by Pastor Wahila.
December Thurber Thursday Lectures
6 and 13 December
Thurber Thursday’s is an adult community gathering and growth time that is open to all. We share a meal at 18h30 and the evening program begins at 19h30.

December 6 ~ Rev. Michelle Wahila
*Images of Revelation - Eschatology, Advent & Popular Culture*
December 13 ~ Peter Bannister
*Mary is not just for Catholics*

ACP Writers Group Project

~ Journeys of Faith ~
Have you ever wondered how other members of the congregation came to be persons of faith or how they have maintained their faith over the years through ordinary times as well as extraordinary times?

The ACP Writers’ Group is collecting essays related to personal faith. A collection of essays will be printed and given to the congregation as part of the celebration of Pentecost Sunday, 19 May.

The theme for a faith essay can take many forms. Some people may choose to tell the story of how they came to faith. Others may tell of a time that their faith was deepened or tested. Some may tell of how their faith supported them in a time of illness or injury to their body or spirit.

The goal is to share insights into our spiritual journeys and our lives of faith.

Essays are to be one to two pages in length, single spaced, using Arial 11-point font. The ACP Writers’ Group will work with the authors to edit the essays in a mutually agreeable form within the spirit and tone of the publication. Don’t worry if your English isn’t perfect—we’re here to help! If you have any questions or would like to be a part of the proof-reading/editing team please email Laura Kerber at ApollinarisPatera@gmail.com

Please send your essays as an attachment to christianeducation@acparis.org.

Essays are due 15 January 2013. Happy writing!

Spring Retreat

Sue Orsoni will again organize the spring retreat at St. Benoît sur Loire the first weekend in June 2013. Cynthia Bourgeault will be leading the retreat. Some of Cynthia Bourgeault’s books are available for purchase at the book table.
Keeping up with Patti!
At Rafiki Village in Uganda

In September 2011, Patti Lafage flew to Uganda to join the Rafiki Village. Rafiki, built in 2003, is home and school to orphans and local children. On these pages, Patti shares stories of “how God has been working to help (her) contribute to His transforming love in Africa.”

Are We Raising Daniels?

“Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the skies above” (Daniel 12:3).

We figure that Daniel and his three friends of fiery furnace fame were only young teenagers of 15 or so when they were hand-picked by the Babylonians from among Israel’s best and brightest. They were exiled into a life of privilege in the King’s palace to become assimilated and trained to take part in leadership of the Babylonian kingdom. But the young Israelites did not go along with that plan. Daniel in the lead, they refused the fancy food offered by the King and remained faithful to their own culture. Above all, they remained faithful to God. Even at that young age, their characters were already forged and already strong. They knew what was right in the sight of God and they acted accordingly, eventually persuading even the king that ours was indeed the Most High God. Those young men were early examples of Third Culture Kids, growing up in a different world from their parents and their roots. They wanted and got the best of both worlds. Daniel lived a long life of service to his new country and to God.

Our prayer for our Rafiki children is that they will be Daniels. Most of them came to us as babies with only a few memories of relatives or of Babies’ Homes where they had been taken by grandparents, extended family members or neighbors, unable to care for them, after their biological parents’ deaths. At Rafiki they benefit from daily Bible study (yes, we have all just finished the Book of Daniel...), nurturing by African Christian “Mamas” (and one Dad), and teachers who are dedicated and trained to develop their minds, bodies, and souls according to Biblical principles. They are exposed to both United States culture and a special brand of Ugandan culture brought by our conscientious and godly staff members.

We know that, like Daniel, our children will leave us one day to enter a very different world. The catch-all term for the ills of this country is “corruption.” Accusations of fraud, bribery, land grabbing, embezzlement, and even murder are the daily stuff of every newspaper. “The key to landing a good job is not what you can do, but who you know,” stated one of our teachers. The others solemnly agreed. Traffic police routinely ask, in a covert but easily understood manner, if you can “help them” to forget about your wrong U-turn. Officials treat applications of all sorts in the order of the highest bidder. It is rarely stated but well-known: a few hundred thousand shillings will get the stamp you need. Honest people say they have “given up” hoping that things will improve.

Will our children be able to say, “Enough!” Will their characters be strong enough to make their way honestly and faithfully as they have been taught? We pray that they will. That is why we are here.
The month of December, in my opinion, is one of the greatest months of the calendar. First and foremost it’s the birthday month of our mighty Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God! Secondly, it's the time of my yearly trip to Chicago to see my mother and grandma. They have accepted me living abroad for such a long time and I think it’s like that because I am there, without hesitation, every December. But now I have an additional pleasure to add to this tiny but powerful list – visiting Paris! Yay!

Our ECTC students are full speed ahead with the help of Abraham (teacher) and Grace (teaching assistant). At least half of each class has more than exceeded my expectations. I can count on one hand how many of my students have touched a computer before we arrived, so to see them typing quickly without looking at the keyboard was more than a blessing.

There is one boy, Isaac, in the 6th grade that completes each level with at least 98% on the first try. Oh, he is smart, a quick learner, and I pray that I will be able to help him make it to senior high school, then enroll into a great college in the future. Needless to say, he would be the first one in his immediate family, such as me within my family, to make it to college. His desire to learn needs to be fed by someone, and I am up to the job.

We are currently in the fifth week of classes and the students are starting to use the Shift keys and numeric pad. This weekend Abraham and I are going to create an exam for each level just to make sure they are retaining the keyboarding lessons and are not just in their seats playing. I am excited to see their progress at this level in an exam format. Afterwards, Abraham will be able to see if a student or two should come by the computer center during the off-peak times to practice.

Afrangua Primary and Junior High School teachers have joined us for a computer technology class once a week taught by me. I would love to offer them a second one but at the moment they are busy. A few senior high school level students have asked multiple times for computer classes, so I created a separate class for them. They are so motivated that our classes meet Monday to Friday for 90 minutes each. The senior high school students are a delight, awesome listeners, excellent thinkers, and they soak in all the computer knowledge that I give them. They are my shining stars.

My prayer on the first week of December is to have a small Christmas vacation party for the students. I will provide food, drinks and small boy/girl presents for them to take home. If possible, I will make a beautiful 1st Term Completion Certificate for them also. I am blessed by their presence, spirit and energy, and I want them to feel it. When I was little my favorite teacher did the same for me. Pay it forward, right!
Special Christmas Services

Christmas Pageant
Sunday, 16 December at the 11h00 service
Join us in worship for a special retelling of the nativity story.
(This service is just not for kids!)

Christmas Eve
Monday, 24 December

16h00 Family Christmas Eve Service
This service is especially for those with young children
19h00 Musical Prelude
19h30 Candlelight Service of Worship with Choir, Handbells and Soloists
21h30 Musical Prelude
22h00 Candlelight Service of Worship with Choir, Handbells and Soloists
23h15 Fellowship Cookie Reception in Thurber Room

Please note the church will be closed on Monday, 24 Dec from 12h00 to 15h30 and all day on Tuesday, 25 December.

If you are able to help at set up and serve at the reception, please contact Alison Benney at communications@acparis.org

A Service of Shalom
Sunday, 30 December
A service more traditionally thought of as a service of healing and wholeness.
All-Church Christmas Party

Thursday, 20 December

Dinner, Singing, and Fellowship

....AND a White Elephant Gift Exchange*!

**Dinner at 18h30 and Party at 19h30**

An RSVP would be much appreciated for this special event to ensure enough food!

Please make your reservation at

communitylife@acparis.org by 15 December!

Free will offering to cover cost of the food is suggested.

Don’t know what a White Elephant Gift Exchange is?

It goes like this......

You bring an item from your home that you don’t want anymore. Something that you can’t use, or just don’t want! *(Something worth LESS than 10 or 15€)!*

Wrap it up and bring it! You will receive a ticket in exchange for your gift.

When it is time for the exchange, tickets will be drawn and the person called gets to choose one of the gifts. The gift is opened and shown to all who are participating. The next person called, can also choose a gift, OR take the gift that has already been opened! If the already opened gift is chosen, then the person who has his gift taken, gets to open a new gift, etc, etc, till all the gifts have been chosen.

It is very fun and VERY funny! Plan to join the fun!

Cookies and Caroling!

Saturday, 22 December

**14h00 – 17h00**

Christmas Cookie Decorating and Gingerbread House Making!

**17h00 – 18h30**

Sandwiches, cookies, hot chocolate, spiced cider
You will get the song book too!

**18h30 – 20h30**

Caroling!

We will be heading to the Metro and then Champs Elysees!
So bring a metro ticket or your Navigo pass!

**This ACP Event is for the whole family!**
Feel free to bring along friends too!

Need more information?
Contact Camilla Macfarlane at communitylife@acparis.org
Cookie Baking for Christmas
RSVP to communitylife@acparis.org if you would like to participate

14h00 to 20h00
on
Wednesday 19 December and Friday 21 December

Cookie decorating will be on Thursday 20 December
at the All-Church Christmas Party (especially for kids, but all are welcome
to help!) and on 22 December before Caroling.

Gingerbread House Kits for Decorating!
Kent Keatinge will be at the coffee hours after the 11h00 and 13h30 services
to take orders for Gingerbread houses.

These houses will be delivered to the church on Saturday, 22 December
for decorating starting at 14h00! All decorating supplies, not already in the kit will
be supplied! Gingerbread kits will be 25€ each for the small size and 50€ for the
large. If you would like a kit, but cannot join us for decorating, then no worries.
You may make arrangements to pick up your kit and take it home!

Can you help decorate the Mitten Tree?
All are invited to purchase a new pair of mittens or gloves to be placed on
the tree in the reception area through 23 December.
Items will be donated to our mission partners.

Give a gift that gives! A Beautiful Keepsake Ornament!
The American Church in Paris Keepsake Ornament was created for the purpose of
financially supporting Mission Outreach and the overall stewardship mission of the ACP,
by a former ACP congregant.
This beautifully designed ornament can be placed on a Christmas Tree or displayed on a desktop
stand, and comes with an information card that provides a brief history of the American Church
and the mission of the church. The ornament is on display at the Welcome Table,
where they can be purchased for 20€.

Also available are ACP 2013 Calendars! Pick yours up today for 10€!
From our 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.

James 5:13-16 (NIV)

13 Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.
The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

An Open Letter to the Congregation from the Wheeler Family

To our dear church family at ACP,

We cannot thank you enough for all of the ways that you have shown us love and support throughout the hospitalization of our baby girl, Josephine. From sending us notes expressing support, to bringing us delicious meals that made us the envy of the other families in the common room, to blanketeting our little family in prayer at a time when we were desperate for God’s grace, you have truly shown us why they call a congregation a “church family.” You have truly stepped in to be our family when our own family could not be here with us, and we will never forget your kindness.

From the bottom of our hearts,
Jonathan and Allison Wheeler

The ACP Lay Caregiver Ministry Team

LCG’ers are dedicated to demonstrating the love of Christ to the ACP community by making hospital visits, rejoicing with those who are celebrating, and calling or visiting those who are going through a loss or transition or needing a listening ear or a prayerful presence.

We are also working to set up a prayer time following each of the worship services to pray with people in the congregation.

We follow training to be equipped to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. We are always looking for more members and are happy to receive requests for visits or calls. All of our requests are confidential. If you know of anyone who could use a visit or call from us, or would like to become a member of our team, please contact Pastor Michelle or Yoshiko Okubo (laycaregivers@acparis.org)
Congratulations Steve!
Happy Retirement!

Steve Dharmasena, a former Sri Lankan journalist, is the receptionist who will welcome you every weekday from 9h30 until 17h.... Until 14 December, when he officially retires after 30 years on the job!

Steve came to France in 1978 to attend the Journalism School of Lille and then pursued a PhD at the Sorbonne. In order to finance his studies, Steve started to work at the American Church as a part-time receptionist, where one of the things Steve enjoys most about the job is being able to help those in need. In his free time, which he will now have plenty of, he enjoys traveling with Marie, his wife since 1982, and his three daughters. He also still writes for Sri Lankan newspapers and periodicals, composes music and plays several music instruments. Perhaps one day we will see him again as an Atelier Concert performer!

From all of us at ACP, we will miss you and hope you come to visit us occasionally! Best to you in this new chapter of your life! Congratulations!

“ACP Today, the American Church in Paris”

Have you tuned into ACP Today, the American Church in Paris’ radio show yet? The shows are broadcast the first and third Mondays of each month at 20h45. The 45-minute program is an exciting and inspiring mix of music, interviews, sermon highlights, and discussion on hot topics.

Tune to 100.7 FM on the radio dial, Radio Fréquence Protestante, ACP Today, Faith Talk from Paris! And please invite others to listen—friends who may be housebound or who would simply like more devotional time on a Monday evening. Past shows are available on the ACP website, too!

If you have any questions or comments, be sure to contact us at acptoday@acparis.org.

Women of the American Church

Upcoming Sunday Morning Gatherings
16 December and 27 January at 12h30 - 13h30 ACP 2nd Floor Library

Advent Women’s Discussion and Prayer Group
Using Enuma Okoro’s new book Silence
Thursday evenings at 19h30 at ACP

2013 Annual Retreat
Saturday, 23 February 9h30 - 15h00
ACP Thurber Room

Guest Speaker: Renata Bultema
Young Adult Activities in December
by Lisa Prevett

Young Adult Events (18-30yrs)

Saturday, 1 December
TBA
15h30 to 18h00
Love in a Box American Cathedral
20h00 to ??
Christmas Tea Time Catacombs

Tuesday, 4 December
19h30 to 21h00
Bible study Catacombs

Tuesday, 11 December
18h00
Pizza Night preparation Thurber Kitchen
19h30 to 21h00
Meal and Discussion Thurber Room

Wednesday, 12 December
19h30 to 22h00
Young Professionals Discussion Catacombs

Friday, 14 December
20h00 to 22h00
Faith in Film Catacombs

Monday, 17 December
19h30 to 21h30
Pub Theology O'Briens' Pub Rue Saint Dominique

Tuesday, 18 December
19h30 to 21h00
Christmas Party at ACP with the YA group from the American Cathedral Thurber Room

*For Pizza Night come at 18h00 to help cook and from 19h30 for dinner and fellowship

You can also join us on Thursdays for Thurber Thursday with a meal (suggested donation 5€) at 18h30 and a presentation from 19h30 in the Thurber Room. Check Christian Education for speaker list and come early to help cook or set up! Volunteers are greatly appreciated!

For more information about who we are and what we do at ACP Young Adults, please visit our group page on the church website:
http://www.acparis.org/acp-groups/young-adult-ministry

We invite you to connect with us online for community and updates on all young adult activities and gatherings:
http://www.facebook.com/groups/ACPyoungadults/
You can also follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/danhaugh)
Youth Activities in December
by Lisa Prevett

Youth Events (13-18yrs)
Please feel free to bring friends along – they are always welcome at ACP events!

Sunday 2
15h00-17h00 Youth Group “Collège” Catacombs
15h00-17h30 Lycee Group “Advent Stations”

Sunday 9
11h00 Youth Group during the 11h00 worship service.
12h30 & 14h30 Parent Meet & Greet
   after the 11h service ~ the Youth Pastor Office
   after 13h30 service ~ the Chapel (next to Sanctuary)
15h00-17h30 Youth Group “Lycée” Catacombs
15h00-17h00 Youth Group “Collège” Gym & G2

Friday 14
19h00-22h00 Movie Event: The Hobbit

Sunday 16
15h00-18h00 Youth Group Christmas Party Catacombs

Friday 21
TBA Youth Group Ice Skating

Sunday 23
15h00-18h00 Youth and Young Adult Leaders Christmas Party

Sunday 30
No Youth Group

Youth Worship (11-13yrs)
We meet each Sunday during the 11h00 worship service in the Youth Catacombs.
Follow the cross during the service to gather in the theater.

For more information about who we are and what we do at ACP Youth, please visit our group page on the church website: http://www.acparis.org/acp-groups/youth-ministry, or contact Rev. Dan Haugh at youthpastor@acparis.org.
For students to stay connected with our online community please join our Facebook group: http://www.facebook.com/groups/acpyouthgroup/
Volunteering Opportunities

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Children's Worship Needs You!
Volunteers are asked to commit to serving approximately two Sundays every 6-8 weeks. For more information, please contact Jeanette at childrensworship@acparis.org.

GREETING AND USHERING: We are seeking new members for this group. If you are interested in participating during the services, please contact Anna Zweede at worshipandmusic@acparis.org.

THURBER THURSDAY: Like to cook? Bake? We need people for making cakes/cookies and delicious desserts in advance of our dinners on Thursday evenings, as well as helping with dinner preparations on Thursdays. Our cooking crew starts at 16h00 and set up crew sets the tables starting at 17h30. Please contact Camilla Macfarlane at communitylife@acparis.org if you would like to become part of this fun team! Clean up crew eats for free and earns special blessings!

ANNUAL FOYER CHRISTMAS DINNER "LE GRAND SOUPER": A once a year volunteer opportunity at the Foyer de Grenelle, where they organize on Christmas night, for those in need, a wonderful evening of community and celebration. Volunteers come to set up and cook a dinner to be shared with all. Singing and other entertainment continue on until late in the night around a bonfire in the courtyard of the Foyer. Volunteers are needed to help during hours between 4PM and midnight. Contact Ann at missionoutreach@acparis.org if you would like to help spread this Christmas cheer.

FRIDAY MISSION LUNCH at the American Church in Paris. Each Friday from 10h00 – 14h00, a hot, nutritious meal is prepared for the homeless and needy. Volunteers are needed each week for cooking, serving, and cleaning up. If you are interested and available, please contact Kristie Worrel at missionoutreach@acparis.org.

WELCOME TABLE ATTENDANTS and COFFEE HOUR GREETERS: Be a MEETER GREETER! We are looking for happy, cheerful people to help at the Welcome Table after every service, as well as roaming coffee hour greeters. This is a ministry that we can ALL share in, and if you can share 20 minutes of your time, once a month to participate in welcoming guests, you are sure to find more joy than you can give. A smile and a handshake is all that is needed! Teams are being formed so that each team serves one Sunday per month at each service. Please contact Camilla Macfarlane at communitylife@acparis.org if you can be counted on to spread some joy and welcome a newcomer!

SANDWICH MINISTRY come make sandwiches to hand out to the hungry and homeless. Contact Jurie Ane or Dan Haugh at youthpastor@acparis.org.
ACP Bible Studies and Other Discussion Groups

ACP SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY will be reading Ecclesiasticus or The Wisdom of Ben Sirach, not to be confused with Ecclesiastes, and not contained in our Protestant bibles. This text, 51 chapters long, written around 180 BC, can be downloaded at www.catholicdoors.com/bible/sirach.htm. The class, led by Tom Johnson and Kristie Worrel, meets in G2 between services at 10h15 – 11h00. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ACP SUNDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY meets at 12h30 in G7. All are welcome to join us in the study of the book of Daniel as it relates to a common situation: being foreigners in a foreign land and how to apply God's word in everyday life.

ACP FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY: All are welcome to attend. Study begins Sundays at 14h00 in the Thurber Room. Contact Virginia Jacinto for more details at vjacinto76@gmail.com

ACP TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY is studying Ephesians. All are welcome! We will be using Warren Wiersbe's book: Be Rich: Gaining the Things That Money Can't Buy. Participants will be responsible for purchasing their own copy (available via internet or through WH Smith bookstore). Come along even if you don't yet have a copy of the book. We're good at sharing! The study runs from 10h30-12h30 every Tuesday morning except during school holidays in the catacombs of the church building. Childcare is available for a minimal fee. For more information please contact Jennifer Jourlait at jenniferourlait@mac.com.

ACP MEN’S GROUP: Come for coffee, conversation, prayer, and fellowship. Any men interested in further information, address, and door codes, or in being added to our e-mail list, should contact Ed Hyslip at gtmmsinc@gmail.com.

ACP WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPER CLUB: Discussing Timothy Keller’s book, King’s Cross, over dinner at a café, every Wednesday evening at 19h30. Anybody and everybody is welcome to join us for good discussion, good fellowship, and good food! For more information and café location, please contact Camilla Macfarlane at communitylife@acparis.org. Note: It is nice if you are up to date in the reading, but conversation is more conceptual regarding the chapter being discussed, so don’t be hesitant to come just because you haven’t read it!

(Please see page 10 for other small group study venues!)
ACP Groups and Additional Fun Activities

**ACP WRITER’S GROUP** meets the second Saturday of the month at 14h00 – 17h00 in room G2. Contact Laura Kerber.

**MULTICULTURAL COUPLES POTLUCK** meets in the Thurber Room on Friday, 7 December at 20h00 for a potluck of food and fun. Start the Christmas season off with good cheer! You are warmly invited to bring a dish to share and join the fun. There is always great fellowship and fascinating cross-cultural discussion. For more information contact Marie or Daniel Grout.

**THE KNITTING GROUP** will meet on Mondays at 17h00. We welcome all newcomers whether beginners or experts or somewhere in between. Some of us even crochet, quilt, and cross stitch. Bring your own project and find new friends. For more information contact Antoinette Wolfe or Nancy VerWest.

**THE QUILTING GROUP** meets on Tuesday afternoon at members’ houses and welcomes quilters of all levels. We have worked on a paper piecing project and now we are working on a pieced and appliqué basket project.

**MOVIE DISCUSSION GROUP**: At its next meeting the movie group will discuss David Ayer’s, *End of Watch*, Nikolaj Arcel’s *Royal Affair*, Andrew Dominick’s *Killing Them Softly* and Benh Zeitlin’s *Beasts of the Southern Wild (Les Bêtes du sud sauvage)*. See any or all movies in the cinema at your convenience, then join the group for discussion on 20 December, at 19h30pm in basement room G2.

Independent Christian Prayer Groups and Bible Study Activities

**MOMS IN PRAYER INTERNATIONAL** has come to Paris! Are you concerned about your kids? Would you like to join with other moms as we lift up our cares and concerns for our children and their schools to our loving Father? Experience the joy of replacing anxiety with peace and hope when we pray together. Contact Caroline at MomsInPrayerParis@gmail.com for information and join us Tuesday mornings at 9h30 in G2. See also MomsInPrayer.org.

**BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP (BSF INTERNATIONAL)**: What a great way to discover the gift of God’s Word through BSF’s interdenominational and international Bible studies! This Paris class brings together 50 or so women for in-depth Bible study every Monday evening from 19h00 to 20h50.

**MINDFUL MEDITATION**: This group is being offered on Saturdays from 12h00 to 13h15, in G2, for those who already have a meditation practice, as well as for those who are interested in beginning a practice. Mindfulness meditation is a way of learning to pay attention to our life as it unfolds moment by moment. It is open to church members as well as to the larger community. Norma Jean Deak, a clinical social worker, has taught Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction for 14 years.
Hanna Woodhead was born and raised near Paris and is a Franco-English dual citizen. She graduated from Sciences-Po Paris with a Master's Degree in Business Administration. During her year abroad, she got a diploma in American Studies from Smith College (Massachusetts), where she wrote a memoir about the Salem witchcraft trials of 1692.

In 2010, she enrolled in a dual bachelor’s degree in theology at the Protestant Institute of Theology (Paris) and the University of Geneva (Switzerland). Being a theology student, Hanna is currently serving the United Protestant Church of Paris-Plaisance, in the 14th arrondissement, as the assistant pastor.

Her main theological interests are history, psychology of religion, ethics and interfaith dialogue, which is why she is currently working part-time at the Collège des Bernardins (Paris), a major Catholic cultural center. She is the head of its continuing education online course on interfaith knowledge. Prior to that, she worked as a communications officer in a European engineering firm.

Hanna is engaged to Pierre, a French naval officer. In her spare time she enjoys reading, practicing sports, especially horse-riding and track and field, and taking long walks in Paris with Pierre, who is an avid athlete and outdoorsman.

Au Revoir, Nos Amis!

Sadly, we must be saying good-bye to some dear friends........

It is always hard to say good-bye to the people we become friends with over the many months and sometimes many years that they are with us, and sadly the ones that are here permanently must find a way to get used to it even though it isn’t easy.

During this merry month of December, we are sadly losing the company of several of our dear members and friends of our congregation. When we see them in the coming days, let them know just how much they will be missed and encourage them to keep in touch with us, through all the different means available! Our church family is strong and wide and covers a lot of real estate, so let’s not let distance come between us!

Roselyn McKeown, Paul and Judy Myers
Jeff and Alba Powell

We will miss you! Have a wonderful and Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year back at your “other” permanent residences, and know that you are always here in our hearts, and your adopted home town of Paris.
The American Church in Paris welcomes
Bruce and Nancy Morgan, arriving 28 December.

The Rev. Bruce W. Morgan, retired American Baptist pastor, of Kansas City, Missouri, has served four American Baptist congregations over his 40 years of active ministry. In retirement, he has also served as Interim Pastor of five ABC Congregations in Kansas and Missouri. Bruce was born in Salem, New Jersey and graduated from Topeka High School, Topeka, Kansas, where he met and began dating his future wife, Nancy. He graduated from William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri in 1963, and the American Baptist Seminary of the West in Berkeley, California in 1967. He was ordained at the Calvary Baptist Church of Denver, Colorado in 1967 and began his ministry in that church. He served churches in Colorado, Indiana, Ohio, and New Jersey, and retired in 2004 from full-time pastoral ministry.

Bruce and Nancy married on 29 December 1962, and will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on their second day in Paris! Nancy retired from her position as biostatistician with Johnson and Johnson Pharmaceutical Corp. in 2004. The Morgans have two adult children, David Morgan, Dayton, Ohio, and Elizabeth O’Rourke, Kansas City; and two grandchildren, Garrett Morgan, 13, and Morgan O’Rourke, 9.

In retirement, Nancy devotes her time to recorder playing and reading. Bruce is a tennis player and both he and Nancy play bridge regularly. Both enjoy theater, choral music, and travel. Bruce has volunteered for United Way, treatment programs for alcohol and drug abuse, the Board of Trustees of Central Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Ministers Council of his denomination. The Morgans were dear personal friends of Dr. Edwin Tuller, former pastor of ACP and highly respected American Baptist leader.

Merry Christmas

Blessings to all!

Your Spire Editor and the Communications Team!
Marché de Nöel, 17 November

A very fun and successful day for many visitors and shoppers, as well as our many ministries!

Artisan gifts were sold, joy was spread, and the café was full of sugary and lovely Christmas delights! The Filipino Fellowship served a delicious lunch and Santa came to visit!

ACP Members, Friends and Staff singing away....
(.....in a manger, maybe?)

AUP Thanksgiving at ACP!

What an honor to have the American University in Paris faculty and administration here at the American Church in Paris serving over 200 students a traditional Thanksgiving dinner! What a great celebration...

in our sanctuary!
An ACP Thanksgiving
by Camilla Macfarlane

We had a wonderful Thanksgiving Celebration on 24 November. The decorations were beautiful and the food was traditional and pretty darn good (if I do say so myself!). We served roughly 170 people 45 kg of turkey, 40 kg of potatoes and everyone got an individual pumpkin pie (my grandmother’s recipe!) But it wouldn’t have gone off so well if it hadn’t been for the excellent crew that worked tirelessly for many days to make it happen.

We want to give a big thank you to all who helped in making this such an enjoyable feast:

Judy Myers, Pascale Reschke, Wagih Megalli, JinLing Cinosi, Brigitte Gallay, Alex Holgrem, Kai-Marcel Grunert, Teth Atikpo, Miles Crowler, Jacqueline Cousineau, Zara Lahme, Susan Erem, Elodie Lasserre, Ali Folsom, An Tampere and her very nice friend, Diane Moriniere, Susan Horn, Marissa, Lisa Laney, Anna Zweede, Pam and Jim Leavy.

In fact, Pam and Jim made a big contribution by making and bringing some very special sweet potatoes for everyone at the dinner. They were the hit of the evening! Here is the story!

Aunt Helen's Sweet Potatoes

My late father’s sister, a Christian woman, lived in Plant City, Florida, where she cooked every Wednesday night for the pre-prayer meeting dinner at Plant City Baptist Church. Folks lined up for her southern home cooking at five dollars a plate. Suspicions arose over whether all stayed for prayer meeting, but no questions were asked. Aunt Helen’s cooking reputation spread, and soon people were calling for her to make their dinner - meat loaf, pot roast, roast chicken, macaroni and cheese, THE sweet potatoes and more. She would meet her customers at a rest stop on the interstate, and the dinner and money would exchange hands. Pitchers of iced tea, fried chicken, and THE sweet potatoes were on the menu.

Helen now lives near her family in Savannah, Georgia, and at age 81 she is still organizing dinners. Jim and I introduced Aunt Helen’s Sweet Potatoes and her dressing in 1985 when we were the head chefs for the ACP Thanksgiving dinner. From Plant City, to Paris, to Savannah, we are proud to prepare and serve Aunt Helen’s Sweet Potatoes. Here’s the recipe for those who would like to have them again!

**Soufflé Ingredients:**

Cooked/Mashed sweet potatoes (14 lb)
¾ qt or 750 mL whole milk
2 tsp vanilla extract
3 cups of granulated sugar
1 cup light brown sugar
1 lb or 500gm butter (melted)
2 tsp cinnamon
8 eggs (beaten)
1 tsp salt

Add milk, vanilla, granulated sugar, brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt to the mashed potatoes. Mix well. Add butter and mix well. FOLD the beaten eggs into mixture (do not beat or stir). Pour into large rectangle baking pans ( may use 2 pans, ingredients split)

Bake in 350F or 175C oven for 45 minutes. Remove from oven and cover (sprinkle) top with **Topping** (if using two pans increase topping ingredients by half) and put it back into the oven for 10 or 15 minutes watching that the topping does not burn!

**Topping:** 2 C light brown sugar, 2 C chopped pecans, 1 C flour and 2/3 C butter. Mix together and sprinkle on top of the soufflé!
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