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Dear Members and Friends of the ACP,

This is a banner year for English-speaking congregations in Paris. 2014 marks the bicentennial year of English-speaking worship in France! Along with other worshipping communities the ACP is planning to celebrate with some exciting worship, music, arts, and mission events. George Santayana once said, "Those who are unaware of history are destined to repeat it." But I prefer the more benign rendering of the same idea: “You can’t know where you’re going until you understand where you’ve been!”

Thanks to the Rev. Joseph Wilson Cochran, the ACP pastor who oversaw the construction of our current sanctuary and Church House buildings back in the late 1920s, we have some idea where we’ve been and by God’s grace, some idea how we arrived where we are! Along with the Rev. Dr. Jacques Pannier, curator of the Bibliothèque de Protestantisme Français, and Mr. Stoddard Dewey, dean of American journalists in Paris at the time, Rev. Cochran researched the roots of the ACP and wrote a book called, Friendly Adventurers: A Chronicle of the American Church of Paris.

In the registry of the Protestant Temple of the Oratoire they found an account of the burial on 30 October 1729, of “Henry Lich of Plymouth, New England, a sailor with Captain Moore on the ship ‘Les Amis Adventuriers.’” He was apparently the first American buried in France. The name of his ship inspired the title of Rev. Cochran’s history of the ACP, Friendly Adventurers.

Rev. Cochran traces the English-speaking worshipping community back to 1814, when, “the first recorded public worship in the English language in France” took place at the Temple of the Oratoire. You can walk by the Oratoire, just north of the Louvre, and easily recognize it by the imposing sculpture of Admiral Gaspard de Coligny, the 16th century military and political leader of the Huguenots.

As this is the bicentennial anniversary of public English-speaking worship in France, the ACP Council and worship leaders are praying that this will be a year of celebration, inspiration and collaboration. A number of events are planned throughout the year, including special art, music, service, and worship opportunities throughout the year, culminating in an all English-speaking church worship service at the Madeleine on October 11th. We pray that it will be a wonderful year of blessing for all!

The prophet Isaiah records the promise of God, “Behold, I am doing a new thing. Now it springs forth. Do you not see it?” (Isaiah 43:19) I love this passage because it reminds us no matter what our past may be, God is doing a new thing - and that means hope and joy for our future. What a privilege to know God’s grace revealed in Jesus, and what a source of joy and inspiration it is to believe and live into God’s grace! Grace is part of our history, and we pray grace upon grace will inspire our future!

As we move into this New Year together, I invite you to look at the list of events coming up and join us for as much or all of them as you can. We anticipate many other new things that God has in store for us, so let’s pray to be open and receptive to all that the Lord seeks to do in and through us! Of particular inspiration to me is the QU4RTETS event that will share the art and faith of Makoto Fujimora who, with some friends and colleagues, was inspired by T.S. Eliot’s poem “Four Quartets”, first published in Britain 70 years ago this year! Some of my favorite lines of Eliot’s poem are:

What we call the beginning is often the end
And to make an end is to make a beginning.
The end is where we start from...
...With the drawing of this Love and the voice of this Calling

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.

As friendly adventurers, may we in 2014 continue to open ourselves to God’s grace and love, and not cease from exploration (from beginning to end) all the wonderful ways to share the good news,

In Christ,

[Signature]

The historical information in this article is taken from the Rev. Joseph Wilson Cochran’s Friendly Adventurers: A Chronicle of the American Church of Paris (Brentano’s: Paris, 1931). Of particular interest are pages 30-32.

Running Devotional
The Rev. Michelle Wahila
Associate Pastor

Week One

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfection of faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2a

Whether it is your very first running race or you are a seasoned pro, it is exciting to enter into training with the completion of a race as your goal. You may have personal goals (simply trying to finish, beating your previous time, striving toward health and fitness). Whatever your goals, you enter into training knowing that in the end you will be participating in a community event with hundreds, maybe thousands, of runners. Some runners will be completing their first official race, some runners will be elite athletes from various parts of the world, some runners are seasoned recreational runners, but no matter their background, level of racing, or goals, they run the race together and all cross the same finish line.

I remember the feeling of exhilaration I experienced at the starting line of my first marathon! As the gun sounded and all the runners departed (I was in the WAY back), I was excited and encouraged to be starting the race with thousands of other runners. Some would finish well before me, others would finish after me, but that didn't make a difference. We could all see the goal ahead; we could count the miles down; we were in it together.

Isn't that the way of the community of faith? The writer of the Hebrews passage reminds us that a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us. Through believers from every time and place the story of faith is proclaimed; we too are a part of that narrative and proclamation. We are connected to those saints who have gone before us and we pave the way for those who come after us. We are united by the story of Jesus who encourages us, comforts us, and who is the pioneer and perfection of our faith. Therefore, as we fix our eyes on Him, we are more deeply connected to the saints around us who also claim and proclaim His story. After all, we are the Body of Christ, not merely His feet running isolated and alone.

I have typically trained alone for marathons, and have experienced the collective nature of the race only on race day. This time around, I have the privilege of enjoying the company of several other ACP runners (all a part of our ACP running team). It's been quite a shift from training alone, to training with a group. However, it really solidifies what it means to persevere together. Those 6am morning runs come early, we don't always feel our best, and (believe me) we need the encouragement of one another. This time, I am delighted to be sharing the experience with a group of runners through training, and not just on race day. It simply illustrates the “us” of the Hebrews passage to me.

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us...

We know the race that is marked before us because in this case it is 26.2 miles. The privilege comes in seeing Jesus along the way — in and through one another. What a blessing it is to share life together!

If you want to find out more about the ACP running team, please contact: running@acparis.org.

Bénédictions,
Michelle
On 14 February a team from ACP will fly to Pune, India to embark on the first-ever ACP mission trip to India. In remarkable ways, God has opened the necessary doors for our church to explore a missions partner in this most important and influential country.

Officially the Republic of India, it is the seventh-largest country by area, the second-most populous country with over 1.2 billion people, and the most populous democracy in the world. Bounded by the Indian Ocean on the south, the Arabian Sea on the southwest, and the Bay of Bengal on the southeast, it shares land borders with Pakistan to the west China, Nepal, and Bhutan to the northeast; and Burma and Bangladesh to the east.

Four world religions — Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism — originated here, whereas Judaism, Christianity, and Islam arrived in the 1st millennium CE and also helped shape the region’s diverse culture. Gradually annexed by and brought under the administration of the British East India Company from the early 18th century and administered directly by the UK from the mid-19th century, India became an independent nation in 1947 after a struggle for independence that was marked by non-violent resistance led by Mahatma Gandhi.

ACP will be partnering with the Deep Griha Society (DGS, http://deepgriha.org). Deep Griha Society is an independent charitable organization working to better the lives of people living in the slums of Pune, India. Pune is the seventh largest city in India, situated about 160 km from Mumbai. Deep Griha has centers in three slum areas in Pune: Tadiwala Road, Ramtekdiand Bibwewadi and, additionally, runs two rural projects: City of Child (at Kasurdi village) and Vidyanagari (near Chaufula village).

Through a range of family welfare programs encompassing education, health, awareness building and self-help projects, DGS helps thousands of beneficiaries within Pune and several nearby villages.

DGS is officially a member of our Mission and Outreach program, and Pascale DeForge serves as our “missionary” to India. Her passion has greatly inspired many within our congregation to take an active role in learning about Indian culture and participating in God’s redemptive and healing work in Pune.

During the team’s two weeks, individuals will serve in numerous ways including tutoring, women empowerment, organizing an after-school program for teenagers, volunteering at a crèche, teaching English, serving the local church of St. Mary’s, leading a Bible School for children and ministering to HIV/AIDS patients. Through our time and experience we hope to learn more about the people of India as we hear their stories and enter into their lives with mutuality, respect, and love.

On Sunday 9 February, the India Mission team will be commissioned and blessed, and prayer cards made available so that you may join with us in India in heart and spirit!

We appreciate your faithful support and prayers during our time in India and look forward to sharing stories of transformation, hope, and healing when the team returns.
From Your ACP Council ~

What’s Going On

It seems like the Christmas season just flew by. We have now welcomed in the New Year 2014, and what a year it will be at ACP! With the 200th anniversary of English-speaking worship in Paris there are many wonderful activities and programs for members and friends of ACP to participate in. If you were not able to attend the Bonne Année Cocktails on 17 January to hear about some of these upcoming events, keep an eye out for announcements on the website and in the Spire, or just ask one of the council members.

It’s once again the time of year when the Council is busy working on the budget that will be voted on at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, 23 March. We are at work creating a budget of the financial resources we will require so we can provide all the activities and programs to meet the needs of our congregation and to truly be a welcoming church. It is important to remember that we are constrained not only by financial resources but also by human resources – volunteers with all kinds of special gifts – to carry out these activities and programs. If you have a talent you’d like to share or have some time available and would like to be a part of the 2014 events at ACP, we would love to hear from you. There are plenty of opportunities to use your time and talents in 2014.

The Council is happy to welcome new and returning members: Mark Primmer has joined as Vice-Moderator and Femi Abidoye has joined as the Vice-Chair of Worship and Music. On behalf of the entire Council, thank you for the opportunity to serve ACP.

In Christ,
Pam Bohl, ACP Council Moderator

ACP Parish Pastors

Welcome to our two new Parish Associates, Brent Anderson and Jean-Christophe Bieselaar. While not paid staff, the two ordained pastors will take active roles in the life of the ACP.

The Reverend Brent Anderson most recently served as the senior pastor of Steel Lake Presbyterian Church in Federal Way, Washington, near Seattle, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Since then he has followed his wife around the world: first to Sweden, where Valérie was a post-doctoral fellow in New Testament at the University of Uppsala, and then to Paris, where Valérie is the new Professor of the New Testament at the Institute Protestant de Théologie. Brent leads the Bible study here at ACP each Sunday between the 9h and 11 services, discussing the following Sunday’s Gospel lesson.

The Reverend Jean-Christophe Bieselaar currently serves as a full-time chaplain at 5 hospitals of Assistance Publique des Hôpitaux de Paris. He is also currently a PhD candidate at King’s College - University of London, writing a thesis on “Developing a Christian Theology for Ministering to Intercultural Couples.” Born and raised in France, he has been married to Keiko, a Japanese national, for 20 years. Jean-Christophe studied at Alliance Theological Seminary and Westminster Theological Seminary and served as an assistant pastor for three years at Queens Christian Alliance Church. He actually ministered to New Yorkers during 9/11. He served for 10 years as the senior pastor at Eglise Protestante Évangélique de La Défense in the business district of Paris and still regularly preaches in French churches on Sunday. He offers premarital counseling at ACP each weekend and occasionally helps the senior and visiting pastors with weddings, funerals and other ceremonies at ACP.

Don’t miss this special day: you may well meet people you didn’t know were fellow worshippers.

We are blessed to have these two dedicated and gifted pastors volunteer their time and talents to the ACP. Please show them a warm welcome.
In this season of New Year’s wishes and resolutions, the question inevitably arises – whither 2014? For us as individuals, the Church, the world? Predictions abound, but whom if anyone should we believe? As the French say, *on entend tout et le contraire…* Some pundits see a basically rosy future, while others are forecasting anything from global financial collapse and a conflagration in the Middle East to the Zombie Apocalypse.

Surely extreme nervousness has taken hold when the normally sober British *Independent* newspaper runs headlines such as “Is it 1914 all over again?” or “Risk of supervolcano eruption big enough to affect the world far greater than thought, scientists say”. The feeling is inescapable that something is in the air at present, but what?

This short ‘thought piece’ obviously cannot answer that question; my recommendation to anyone trying to read the signs of the times would be to undertake the painstaking but indispensable work of discernment in prayer, fasting, and other spiritual disciplines.

I would however caution against two opposed dangers: i) placing unconditional trust in mainstream media as if they were uninfluenced by governmental and other powerful interest groups; ii) uncritical acceptance of the wilder conspiracy theories of a plethora of “alternative” websites voicing highly debatable end-of-the-world speculations.

This said, my own recent research into theology’s interface with hard-boiled economic analysis suggests that this is a time for extreme vigilance. Even someone with my sketchy knowledge of finance can smell something rotten in the house of international banking. Whereas until recently calls for its reform were largely confined to professional economists, Occupy Wall Street and readers of fringe websites, a series of high-profile investigations/prosecutions by regulatory bodies have now alerted the general public to chronic patterns of systemic malpractice and market manipulation involving “too big to fail” banks (I say this shortly after JP Morgan agreed to pay out $2.7 billion in connection with Bernie Madoff).

Given the ongoing international sovereign debt crisis, currency collapse in various emerging economies, and growing unease at the long-term consequences of the US Federal Reserve’s “quantitative easing” money creation package (reduced in December to “only” $75 billion per month), increasingly vociferous commentators predicting stormy waters ahead have much objective evidence to support them.

This is nothing new, you may say: economic crises come and go. I would nonetheless like to argue that there is indeed something unusual and new here. I am not merely speaking of the serious possibility that, if a number of convergent insider leaks are credible, we are facing an imminent “Global Currency Reset” (Google that if interested), as in 1944 with the installation of the Bretton Woods exchange rate system or in 1971 with its termination.

Something different haunts me theologically; for some reason, as if from nowhere, secular economic analysts speaking through outlets such as www.kingworldnews.com and www.gata.org (the “Gold Anti-Trust Action Committee” a sort of banking Greenpeace) have lately begun couching their criticism of global financial institutions in Biblical language of judgment. Scriptural metaphors are being appropriated to describe the current grim endgame to the industrialized nations’ love affair with debt, as our increasingly desperate attempts over several decades to finance our unaffordable lifestyle through borrowing finally reap a bitter harvest of collective insolvency. .../...
.../... Furthermore, for anyone prepared to acknowledge the existence of contemporary prophecy in the Biblical sense, what makes these secular economists’ warnings doubly uncanny is their strange convergence with multiple Christian voices across denominational boundaries who boldly claim to have heard the same thing directly from on high.

What I find genuinely new (albeit with strong Scriptural precedents) and thought-provoking is this current fusion of the economic and the prophetic, whether on the part of Christians sensing theological overtones in economics or economists employing religious vocabulary to illustrate their number-crunching.

I leave you to discern what is going on here, but I would suggest that we urgently need to engage in substantive, Biblically-based reflection on the roots of the current situation and the repentance that God may require from us both individually and communally. Whatever 2014 may bring, this is no time for “ostrich theology”.

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. (Revelation 2:7)

Peter Bannister discusses these issues in greater detail at http://wp.me/p2KEd-Zk and peterjohnbannister.com/Economiccrisisandchristianprophecy.doc.

A flood relief thank you from Greeley, Colorado

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks, I would like to thank you for your generous donation to our Flood Relief Fund. The many rivers throughout the Presbytery cut a wide swath of devastation through our communities. Your donation has gone to churches which either were directly impacted by the flood waters or to help those in the church community who were affected.

While the initial cleanup is mostly complete, the hard work is yet to come in long term recovery efforts. Our Colorado communities are in first steps in that process. We finally have access to our mountain towns with the opening of roads up Boulder Canyon and US 36 to Pinewood Springs and Estes Park.

And just last week the final two roads, US 34 and Hwy 7 were opened. I made the loop from my home in Longmont, Colorado to Estes Park on US 36 and returned via Hwy 7 through Lyons this past weekend. The destruction is still very evident and will take a long time for the communities to recover.

We still have much to be grateful for especially your support during this time of need!

Yours in Christ,

Lynn Smit Stated Clerk
Presbytery of Plains and Peaks
Ever wonder why the American Church in Paris is located where it is on rue Jean Nicot? The ACP stands on a part of the site occupied throughout the 19th century by the Gros-Caillou State Tobacco Factory.

On Thursday, 6 February at 19h30, historian Dr. Paul Smith, who works at the French Ministry of Culture heritage service, will give an overview of the history of the factory from its creation in 1793 to its demolition in 1905.

The Gros-Caillou factory was one of the largest industrial establishments in Paris, employing nearly 2,000 workers during the 1880s. One of 20 in France, the factory produced all the different varieties of tobacco consumed at the time: snuff, chewing tobacco, smoking tobacco and cigars.

With the introduction of the steam engine, production was mechanized from the 1820s on, except for cigars. They were still hand-rolled by women workers, whose fingers were supposedly more nimble than those of men, and whose salaries were considerably lower.

Towards the end of the 19th century, the Ministry of Finance, under whose authority the factory was run, decided that the property was no longer appropriate for industrial use, and the factory was moved to the suburb of Issy-les-Moulineaux. The factory site was divided into separate lots and luxury apartment blocks replaced the workshops.

The lecture promises to be an interesting one, especially within the context of the 200th anniversary of English-language worship in France. And you will discover what Jean Nicot has to do with the American Church.

The Thurber Thursday events are an adult community gathering and growth time that is open to all. A reception will follow the lecture.

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Events to celebrate the 200th anniversary

**Saturday 29 March**
Haydn's Mass in Time of War, performed by the ACP Adult Choir

**8, 10, 15 April**
Lenten Lecture Series with Dr. Ron Tappy, archaeologist, professor and museum director at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary speaking on Jerusalem: City of Passion

**Friday 11 April**
Habitat for Humanity Benefit Concert (with French Rotary Clubs)

**Sunday 25 April**
Gospel Worship Service

**Thursday 29 May and Sunday 1 June**
Dr. Neal Presa, Moderator of the PCUSA, lectures and preaches at ACP

**Tuesday 10 June 10**
Makoto Fujimura, public opening of QU4TETS: “An exhibit of art and music reflecting on T.S. Eliot's Four Quartets”

**Saturday 6 September**
Garrison Keillor and Prairie Home Companion host live show, ACP Sanctuary

**Saturday 11 October**
Commemoration Service for all English-speaking churches with Dr. Mark Labberton, President of Fuller Theological Seminary, at the église de la Madeleine

**24 – 25 October**
Open Paris International Youth Workers Conference

**28 – 30 October**
ACP hosts City to City Europe pastors’ conference, featuring Dr. Tim Keller, Senior Pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church of New York
A tale of two Napoleons

Why was the first American church overseas established in Paris? Wouldn't it have been easier in London, where at least we shared a similar language and religion? The 200-year history of English-language worship in Paris is a tale of politics, of commerce, and of idealism, but it is driven by spiritual evangelism and passion.

French Protestants

There had always been tension between Protestants, Roman Catholics and dissenters in France, from the pre-Reformation Waldensians in the 12th century, right down to the Huguenots in 1685 when Louis XIV declared Protestantism to be illegal. In between, the St. Bartholomew Day Massacre in 1572 saw over 25,000 Huguenots killed in Paris alone over a period of five weeks (many of their bodies were thrown into the Seine, ending up on an islet that stretched from the Champ de Mars to just in front of the American Church).

Protestants were subject to persecution in France until 1787, when Louis XVI signed the Edict of Versailles, with encouragement by prominent French philosophers and literary personalities of the day, including Benjamin Franklin. The edict gave non-Catholics the right to openly practice their religion, including the right to get married without converting to Catholicism.

A few years later, in the middle of the revolution, the Declaration of the Rights of Man guaranteed freedom of religion and free exercise of worship, “provided it did not contradict public order". The French Reformed Church was even granted a place of worship in 1791, at the church of St. Louis du Louvre.

But it was Napoleon, working with Talleyrand and Pope Pius VII on the Concordat of 1801, who also expanded religious rights to the Jewish population, and officially defined Catholicism not as the “state religion”, but the “religion of the majority of the French”. In 1804, there were about 480,000 Calvinists and 200,000 Lutherans living in France, and Napoleon’s decree made the State responsible for paying the salaries of both Catholic priests and Protestant pastors.

History in context

1798: The US was at quasi-war with France.
1801: New York passed the Emancipation Act. At this point in US history, its population was 5.3 million, with 1 million residents of African descent.
1803: Louisiana Purchase bought from Napoleon for $15 million.
1811: Construction of the Cumberland Road, a highway across America, whose crushed-stone surface helped settlers to travel into the frontier west.
1811: The Battle of Tippecanoe, when Tecumseh, a Shawnee leader, fought against the US expansion into the Midwest.
1812: James Madison recommended a national day of prayer as the nation faced the prospect of war with Great Britain.
1812: War with Britain, the so-called “second war of independence”, and The "Star-spangled Banner" is written by Francis Scott Key.
1814: Baptists formed a national denomination, using their collective strength and wealth to finance foreign evangelism.
1815: The major Protestant denominations staked out positions on the issue of slavery.
1818: Convention of 1818 fixed the 49th parallel to divide the US and Canadian boundary.
1819: Purchase of Florida from Spain for $5 million.
1823: Monroe Doctrine, designed to signify a clear break between the New World and the autocratic realm of Europe.
1830: America sent Protestant missionaries to China.
1833: Quakers, free blacks and evangelical Protestants founded the American Anti-Slavery Society.
1835: The Trail of Tears, in which 16,000 Cherokees were forced to migrate west and 2,000 to 4,000 died.
Napoleon is cited as saying in 1807: “Les protestants ont toujours été de bons citoyens, dites-leur que je les mets au rang de mes plus chers.” So in 1811, when he demolished the church of St Louis du Louvre, he moved the French Protestants to the Oratoire du Louvre, at 145 Rue Saint Honoré, in today’s 1st arrondissement.

American Protestants
Meanwhile, Americans had been traveling between Paris and Washington on diplomatic and commercial missions, and when the war of 1812 with Great Britain broke out, the French became our natural allies once again. Plus, as Reverend Cochran describes in Friendly Adventurers:

“At the beginning of the 19th century America began seriously to seek European markets. Therefore trading had been on a small scale but at the close of the 18th century the prosperous merchants of New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore began to send their representatives abroad in larger numbers for the purpose of building up the growing international trade.”

Many of these diplomats and merchants, needing a place to worship, were welcomed by an influential American businessman, Sampson Vryling Stoddard Wilder, who hosted devotional meetings for Americans in his apartment at 18 rue des Petits-Carreaux. In 1814 a pastor from the Church of England was accorded space at the Oratoire du Louvre to hold Sunday afternoon services, and this was the very first record of public worship in the English language in France.

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Joseph Suk
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Joaquin Turina
Trio N°2 op. 76 en si mineur
The American Church in Paris
2014 Women’s Retreat

“GOD SPA”
God’s treat to bring transformation

Sit.
Pray.
Act.

Saturday 8 February, 2014 9h30 – 16h00
Enjoy a gift of time. Join us for this day of equipping in personal prayer and an opportunity to meet and connect with women across our ACP community.

For more info or to register visit: www.acparis.org/godspa or the Sunday Welcome table

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...” Romans 12:2a

with Caroline Corda-Razat
Book Review: Crazy Love by Francis Chan
By Andrea Chaumont

I started one of my lessons this past year asking the kids in Youth Group a question: “Is God love or is love God?” There were mixed responses, quizzical brows, and lots of stares. I repeated my question, “Is God love or is love, God?” Some timid responses came, “Is God love? Love is God?”

Then we read 1 John 4:7-10 together:

Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been fathered by God and knows God. The person who does not love does not know God, because God is love. By this the love of God is revealed in us: that God has sent his one and only Son into the world so that we may live through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

God is Love! And Francis Chan affirms this in his book Crazy Love. We’ve determined that the love part is God, but what is the crazy part about? The “crazy” in Crazy Love begins with the fact that God is God. What do I mean by this? In the opening pages of his book Chan quotes R.C. Sproul who writes, “Men are never duly touched and impressed with a conviction of their insignificance, until they have contrasted themselves with the majesty of God.” Chan does just that in Crazy Love, contrasting ourselves with the majesty of God. He says,

“Did you know that a caterpillar has 228 separate and distinct muscles in its head? The average elm tree has approximately 6 million leaves on it. And your own heart generates enough pressure as it pumps blood throughout your body that it could squirt blood up to 30 feet…He (God) didn’t have to put 3,000 different species of trees within one square mile in the Amazon jungle, but He did. God didn’t have to create so many kinds of laughter…” (p. 27)

The God who created all this complexity and diversity is the one who loves us, that is crazy! Chan says, “To those of us who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money,’ James writes, ‘Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes’ (James 4:13-14)” p. 40.

In our Young Adults Bible Study this past semester we studied the book of James and this passage. I used Francis Chan’s book to illustrate James’ point that sometimes our perspective is out of whack. We think that we are at the center, or if we can’t admit that, we act like it. But the Crazy Love that Francis Chan describes is the freedom of knowing the Love of the Creator.

God is God and we are Not. And the Crazy Love described by this book is how this awesome, creative, completely “other” God has sent his son Jesus into the world so that we may live through him. The great, awe-inspiring God stooped down and loved us first! And so our natural response is to be wildly in love with Him! And of course, that changes everything.
ACP Youth Group (13-18yrs)

Alpha is a practical introduction to the Christian faith and is running in over 163 countries worldwide, in homes, prisons, universities, schools, and churches of every Christian denomination. Youth Alpha is specifically designed to give young people the opportunity to explore life and faith. It's run all around the world by young people for young people and allows kids to ask the big questions about the Christian Faith. From 19 January to 30 March the ACP "collège" group will be doing the 8-week Youth Alpha course, with sessions covering topics like:

Who is Jesus?
Why Did Jesus Die?
How Can We Have Faith?
Why and How do I Pray?
Why and How Should I Read the Bible?
How Does God guide Us?
How Can I Live Free?
What about the Church and Telling Others?

For more information please contact youthintern@acparis.org and don't forget that you are welcome to invite your friends!

For more information about Youth and Young Adults events at ACP, please contact youthpastoracparis.org for more information and connect with us on Facebook and Twitter.

Black History Month

Black History Month: We celebrate 50 years of civil rights legislation and LBJ's declared War on Poverty, with special guest Ellen Kountz. Keep an eye on the ACP website for the February date.
Greetings to you all in Paris!! I pray that you all are well and staying warm this winter. If you are not warm, then you are very welcome to join me in Ghana where it's always summer. Last year we were blessed to have six visitors to our village and I think it would be wonderful if that quantity doubled for 2014. Even if it's mainly for you to escape the winter blues; we can always use you in the classroom, during after school free time or just to create a more international spirit within our small world.

We started the term with a school supplies drive, which in my opinion should happen more often. The parents are more hands-off when it comes to their child's education. Usually the student is given pocket change to buy a pencil or notebook paper from the local sellers near the school at an inflated price. The parents don’t take the time to shop for school supplies while at the market picking up groceries, like I assumed they would. With God's grace, we organized 486 school gift bags that included a pencil, ink pen, sharpener, eraser and a couple of biscuits. The kids were very surprised, happy and thankful!

Last month during one of our class breaks, Grace made a comment about having an ECTF uniform to wear during the weekly lessons—in particular, a beautiful dress in pink and white (my favorite colors), tie-dye print with the ECTF logo stamped around the cloth. In Elmina, I knew the perfect artisan to create her vision - Monica. She can turn a plain white piece of cloth into amazing, colorful artwork. She has started to design the stamp and we are looking forward to seeing the final product shortly.

This year we are going to organize ten students who really love working with computers to participate in an computer club. I taught a seminar a couple of months back about a user-friendly programming software created for junior and senior high school students called Scratch. With Scratch, they can put on their computer thinking cash! There will be two ICT Clubs where they will design, code, and implement programs and animation to share, display and upload to our website. The teams will be filled with serious minded students who really want to dive deeper into computer science education!

God has placed it in my heart to allow our students to really get more involved in the computer science world. Lessons are taught during school time, free time is given when practice is desired but now it's learning how to take another step out of their comfort zone. And I yell: 'Glory be to God for the opportunity!'
JoAnn Neal has been working with the Rafiki Foundation in Africa for more than a decade and has been supported throughout this time by ACP. JoAnn will be writing regularly for the Spire and keeping us updated with life as a missionary in Tanzania.

Greetings from Tanzania

The new year has brought many blessings to the Rafiki village in Tanzania. Our mission is to help the vulnerable orphans in our area by giving them a loving, safe home environment and an excellent education in our private school. The construction of a new cottage to house ten children has finally been completed after many delays. This means we can once again begin to accept more children to live at our village. Three little boys ages 3 and 4 and one little 2 year old girl are our newest residents. Two of the boys and the little girl already had older siblings living at the Rafiki village, so it was a sweet reunion for all the children. What a joy it is to take a sad, sickly child out of their impoverished setting and see the quick transformation into a smiling, happy child within a day or two (sometimes in only a few hours!) after they arrive here.

One of the little boys, Gift, had congenital malformation of both of his legs but his extended family could not afford the operation. We worked with a local organization that helps children with club feet and other deformities to pay for the operations on both legs, and then to bring him here to live. Even though he has both legs in casts and has gone through a grueling time, he always has a big smile on his face. The first evening he was here, he told his “mother” (we call our live-in matrons “mothers”), “I like this house.” He’s never received such attention and loving care before in his short life.

God is truly at work here at our Rafiki village. It has been such a blessing for me to be able to serve God these last eleven years in Africa—first in Madagascar, then in Uganda, and now in Tanzania. Your loving support over this last decade is great appreciated.

This a picture of Gift when I first met Gift in December 2011. I went to his grandfather’s home where he was living. He spent most of his day sitting on a rock or an oil can. The special shoes were supposed to help straighten his feet, but his aunt and grandfather usually did not take the time or trouble to put the shoes on Gift or to care for him.

Gift is delighted with his “gari” (car, in Swahili) that helps him to get around until he can walk again. The other Rafiki children take great joy in pulling the wagon and playing with Gift.

Here is Gift on Christmas Day 2013 at Rafiki with Volunteer Jenna and his Rafiki mother, Yasinta. He had the operation on his legs on 19 Dec.2013 and came to the Rafiki village on 23 Dec.2013.
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. Patti shares stories of how God has been working to help her contribute to His transforming love in Africa.

In Uganda our new school year starts Monday. After a week of teacher training and preparation (counting pencils, computerizing rosters and grading sheets, hiring three new teachers...) we should be ready. A special privilege: enrolling Micheal, Alex, Joan, Angellah, Shanitah, Ronald, Joshua, Edwin, Enoch and Mubarrak, pictured here just after receiving their new Rafiki uniforms. You should have seen each one come proudly out attired as above, old clothes in a bundle and grins worth a million. These are the children who have recently been rescued from Kampala slums and whose words for Rafiki include “WOW!” We love them already.

Monday is also the day 18 new three-year-olds arrive from the tiny hamlets in the hills around our Village. We expect uneasy first-time-in-shoes steps and tears; a commando team of new teachers is ready to welcome them with hugs. God is good!

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.”

If you would like someone to pray WITH you after services, there will be a Prayer Team member available. Meet under the chandelier in the sanctuary.
Movie group roundup for 2013

By Rebecca Brite

Here are some of the ACP movie discussion group’s top films for 2013 – plus a few personal favorites. The group, which celebrates its 20th anniversary next year, sees up to 4 movies every month, ranking each on a scale from 1 to 10.


Ben Lewin’s “The Sessions,” about a quadriplegic and his sex therapist, took a potentially discomforting subject and made it very moving. “Le Passé” by Asghar Farhadi impressed us despite its convoluted plot. Sean Ellis’s “Metro Manila” offered a rare glimpse of the Philippine capital’s seamier side.

Toward year’s end, Woody Allen’s “Blue Jasmine,” Lee Daniels’ “The Butler” and Alfonso Cuaron’s “Gravity” featured outstanding central performances and, in the later case, revolutionary special effects. Ron Howard’s “Rush” turned a 1970s Formula 1 rivalry into surprisingly thrilling fare. Finally, a documentary about pop-music backup singers, “20 Feet from Stardom” by Morgan Neville, and what may be Disney’s greatest animated feature ever, “Frozen,” rounded off the year in style.

The movie group meets one Thursday evening per month, choosing films to see in the cinema and then discuss at the meeting. See the ACP calendar for details.

Saints and the City

By Alison Benney

Going somewhere romantic for Valentine’s Day? Try Dublin, where the patron saint of romance resides - at least, what’s left of him. Saint Valentine, the symbol of romantic love, was a priest in the third century and one of the many early Christian martyrs, and his relics can be visited at Whitefriar Street Church.

But are they authentic? The name was not uncommon; a bouquet of almost 40 other Saint Valentines are listed in the Biographical Dictionary of Saints, including three women, one 40-day pope, and a close competitor in Terni, Italy, who is the patron saint of epilepsy.

Most sources agree that Dublin’s Saint Valentine is probably the one about whom Roman Martyrology reports: “After performing many miraculous cures and giving much wise counsel, he was beaten and beheaded” on 14 February, 269 A.D. (note to baby-boomers: exactly 1700 years before the Summer of Love).

According to legend, Valentinus’ martyrdom was due to sanctifying illegal weddings, flouting the edict of Emperor Claudius II who believed that bachelors made better soldiers and forbade young men from marrying. After other defiant acts of Christianity, including trying to convert the emperor himself, Valentine was arrested and thrown into a Roman jail. While there, he corresponded with and healed the blind daughter of a judge, to whom he signed his farewell letter “from your Valentine.”

Yet it wasn’t until the 14th century that Hallmark Cards got its future marketing break, when the medieval custom of exchanging love notes was first recorded by Chaucer in his "Parliament of Foules". And according to Wikipedia, the earliest surviving valentine is a 15th century rondeau written by Charles, Duke of Orléans, to his wife, which starts out:

"Je suis desja d’amour tanné
Ma tres douce Valentiniée…"

How did Saint Valentine get to Ireland? Thanks to a gesture of appreciation in 1836 from Pope Gregory XVI to an inspiring Irish priest, Father John Spratt, the remains of Saint Valentine were disinterred from the St. Hippolyte Cemetery on Tiburtine Way in Rome, and transferred in a reliquary to Father Spratt’s church in Dublin. .../...
But one could also do a romantic pilgrimage to Rome, as traces of St. Valentine remain; for instance, you can see the skull of St Valentine in the Chiesa di Santa Maria, after you’ve risked your hand in the Bocca della Verità; visit the Gate of St. Valentine, now called Porta del Popolo; pass by the ruins of the church of St. Valentine on Via Flaminia where he was beheaded; plus, if you’re lucky, the Capitoline museum will be displaying a sarcophagus and other artifacts inscribed with the saint’s name. Or watch an old movie with that unforgettable Hollywood heartthrob, Rodolfo Guglielmi di Valentina d'Antonguolla, better known as Rudolph Valentino.

So move over, St. Patrick, St. Brigid, St. Brendan - Saint Valentine has a touch of Irish, too. And with good reason: after all, aren’t all blushing hearts tinged with a bit of green?

Can’t afford to jig on over to Ireland to say “I love you” to your beloved like a leprechaun: “Tá grá agam duit” (pronounced: taw graw uh-gum ditch)? Not willing to observe the edict of Emperor Claudius II and elope like a dope?

Note: ACP can arrange an intimate ceremony with yours truly playing “My Funny Valentine” on the organ. Then you might have a basic bleeding-heart budget that requires assistance from someone who is usually, so to speak, in the red (the official color of Valentine’s Day).

Let’s follow St. Valentine’s example and begin with a card. No, no, no! No electronic cards for you! They might as well say, “To make you feel special I found this card free on-line and sent it to you... and to my entire address book.” Let’s settle for a card that can actually be held; that your beloved can fasten with a magnet to the fridge, or deposit in the nearest circular file. Don’t panic. You need not actually stand up and leave your computer screen to shop. Your friendly Bureau de Poste has come to deliver you, letting you select from a variety of cards that they will mail for you. http://www.merci-facteur.com/carte-saint-valentin-originale.html

There’s an expression of adoration just right for any valentinal relationship (real or imaginary). For the modest sum of €90 you can send a card that resembles a VISA Gold Card, “good for unlimited love”. (Expiration date: jamais!) Or perhaps a street sign card that indicates “Place des Bissous” (Kissing Square). Not sure how you actually stand with the object of your desire? The E.Q.A. card (an evaluation form for grading you as a lover) may clear up any mystery, for better or worse. (The Post Office declines all responsibility for love that is marked “refusé.”)

Does your love relationship need some fresh air? Then an outing is called for. Just duet! In time for Valentine’s Day the Musée Marmottan Monet will present an exhibition entitled Les Impressionnistes en privé, showing works only from private collections. Reserve your tickets on-line (10 and stroll hand-in-hand through the exhibit while trying to make (sorry) a good impression. http://www.offi.fr/expositions-musees/marmottan-monet-2747/les-impressionnistes-en-prive-51496.html

When only a restaurant will do, check out « La Fourchette » http://www.lafourchette.com where you can reserve a table for two (or more) and get 40% to 50% off the bill. Do read the conditions (ordering a croque monsieur and glass of water is not an option).

Flowers are always a fitting choice. Being a red rose in February is like being a turkey in late November. It’s destiny is sealed. Pick up a dozen (roses, not turkeys) and see your Valentine’s love for you blossom.

I hope my suggestions will aid cupid’s arrow to hit the mark. For good measure serenade your special one with a chorus of “Let Me Call You Sweetheart”:

Let me call you sweetheart, I’m in love with you.
Let me hear you whisper that you love me too.
Keep the lovelight glowing in your eyes so true.
Let me call you sweetheart, I’m in love with you.
# ACP Spire Diary – February events, meetings and concerts
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Visiting Pastor
Youth Intern
Dir. Children’s Ministry
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Contemporary Music Director
Youth Music Director
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