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Dear Members and Friends of the ACP,

March 1st is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. I hope that you will join us for a traditional service (19h in the sanctuary) with the imposition of ashes, that Tim will be leading. I love the season of Lent as it affords an opportunity to do some spiritual spring cleaning, a time to sort through some of the accumulated clutter of life and to let go of that which might be getting in the way of the new life to which God calls us as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Council in January voted to allow me the privilege of taking a three-month sabbatical beginning in May and ending in August, and I am deeply grateful. This year marks the 30th anniversary of my ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PCUSA, and I welcome the opportunity to take a rest and to reflect more deeply on where I am going in the journey of my life and vocation. Part of my sabbatical time will be spent walking the Camino Santiago. I’ve started reading a bit about how to prepare for that pilgrimage, and one of the obvious pieces of advice is to “travel light.” We in the international community have learned something about this, whether we have come because of an international work or study opportunity, or because we’ve come as refugees to avoid political or economic hardship. However we’ve come, we’ve learned to let go of a lot of stuff in order to make the journey.

Kim and I have done three international moves, and I’ll never forget moving to Fort Collins, Colorado from Zürich, Switzerland. We had one crate that was shipped from Zürich and it was mostly filled with books and clothes, with some personal effects. We moved into a large home and after nine years I couldn’t believe all of the paraphernalia we’d accumulated. Much of it was sold in a “lawn sale” (you put all your junk on the lawn and people buy it for a fraction of what you think it’s worth). Thinking we may return to the US after a few years, we put some of our effects in storage. I honestly could not tell you what items are in storage now, but I can tell you confidently we could live without them.

Phyllis Tickle famously said that every five hundred years or so the Church has a lawn sale (she called it a Rummage Sale). Every five hundred years there is a crisis in history that necessitates the Church going through its “stuff” and deciding what we’re keeping and what we’re letting go. Gregory the Great, the Great Schism, the Protestant Reformation... It’s about time for another Rummage Sale. What should we keep, and what should we let go? Every time the Church goes through a crisis, three things happen: 1) something dies; 2) something new is birthed; and 3) Christianity grows.

Lent is the opportunity for a corporate and personal spiritual lawn sale, if you will. It’s a 40-day journey of praying and fasting. We take this time to let some things die or go away so that something new can be born in us and our faith and life together can grow. The French author and aviator Antoine de Saint-Exupéry once wisely observed, “A designer knows he has achieved perfection not when there is nothing left to add, but when there is nothing left to take away.”

Part of our journey will involve a congregational meeting on Sunday, 26 March. We will have a combined service (11h30 in the sanctuary) and afterwards receive annual reports as usual, but we will also ask some questions and provide an opportunity for you, members of the congregation, to give honest feedback! What should we let go of and what should we hold onto? This Lent, let’s do a little spring cleaning together, have a spiritual lawn sale, and let go of anything that might be getting in the way of our fulfilling God’s call upon our lives and life together. Let’s enter into this season of Lent ready to pick up our crosses and follow Jesus anew, ready to let die anything that might be keeping us from experiencing faithful discipleship and the fullness of joy that is our promised Easter New Life.

In Christ,

[Signature]
But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

- Jeremiah 29:7

Bible readings for March

5 March   Ash Wednesday
Psalm 51:1-17
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

5 March   First Sunday in Lent
Psalm 32
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

12 March   Second Sunday in Lent
Psalm 146
Ruth 1:8-10, 16-18,
3:1-5, 4:13-17
Mark 12:38-44
1 Timothy 6:17-19

19 March   Third Sunday in Lent
Psalm 95
Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

25 March   Annunciation of the Lord
Psalm 45 or Psalm 40:5-10
Isaiah 7:10-14
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

25 March   Fourth Sunday in Lent
Psalm 23
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Search Committee:
Youth and Young Adult Pastor

The Council has asked the Nominating Committee to propose a search team for a new Youth and Young Adult Pastor. We are actively developing a strong team for this purpose to commence the pastor search.

For additional information, please contact Mark Primmer at mark.primmer@gmail.com, or Marie Grout at lafamillegrout@yahoo.com, or another member of the Nominating Committee.

Ash Wednesday service, ACP
1 March at 19h
A day in the life of an ACP intern
By Emily Chesley
Youth and Young Adult Intern

Multiple times since I arrived in Paris, I’ve been asked the question, “So what do you actually do?” What does the job of a Youth and Young Adult Intern actually entail? I will admit, it is an odd-sounding job. And most people only see me for 2.8 minutes on a Sunday when I’m reading prayers up front, and that seems to have nothing to do with youth or young adults.

So what do I do? And more importantly, why do I do it?

Our church’s current unusual situation aside, the Youth & Young Adult Intern works with the Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries. Together, they run the church ministries for youth (ages 11-18) and young adults (ages 18-30). This includes everything from curriculum writing to event planning to snack buying to website management to mentoring.

On most work days you’ll find me in my office down by the courtyard. I tend to start my day by checking email, answering questions from parents about registering their kids for youth group and responding to inquiries about our Young Adults ministry from students newly arrived in Paris. At 10h I’m off to a coffee mentoring session with a young adult, an important part of relational ministry.

When I’m back to the office I fill out expense reimbursement forms for the beverages we buy for Youth Group—we need to stay in budget—and half an hour to make sure the “Upcoming Events” sections of our website are up-to-date. I might spend a few minutes preparing slides for Young Adults Night, after which I’ll grab a bite to eat (usually at my desk) while I write a lesson for collège on Sunday. Anyone who has ever taught anything knows just how much time goes into lesson-planning if you want it to be good.

At 14h30 I might attend a pastoral staff meeting, then draft our weekly “what’s coming up” email for the Young Adults listserv. I go back to working on my lesson for Sunday and usually pop into the church library to see what resources might be helpful. At the end of the afternoon if it’s nice outside, I try to step out for a short walk along the Seine.

I might end my day with a YA leader meeting over pizza at 20h. We touch base and pray, making sure everyone is doing well, and then go over the schedule for upcoming months. We plan lesson series, brainstorm events and assign point people for each of them, and start thinking about a potential retreat in a few months’ time.

Every day of ministry is different, but they tend to include these pieces, or pieces like them. You’ll notice I said nothing about writing the candle prayer for Sunday; that usually happens on Thursdays, which is when I prepare Sunday service materials. Those few minutes I’m up front on Sunday? They’re merely the tip of the iceberg.

While what I do might be interesting to curious onlookers, why I do it is more important. I, like the rest of the ACP staff and the other Princeton Seminary interns who will come after me, are here to serve. We’re here because we love Christ’s Church and see this as a way of blessing the nations. We try to die to self and make these jobs our act of worship. We don’t always succeed—everyone has moments of exhaustion and irritation—but that’s our goal. Love God and love others. Know God and make God known.

The Movie Discussion Group
19h30, Thursday 16 March, room G2

This month’s movies to see beforehand: Loving, Fences, Chez Nous, and Hidden Figures. See any or all at your leisure and join the group for discussion. Contact: movies@acparis.org
Welcome to Jodi and Doug Fondell
Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Jodi and Doug have been active in international church ministry since 1998. Their first call abroad was to Immanuel International in Stockholm, Sweden where a three-year call yielded 17 years of fruitful and meaningful ministry. Most recently they served as co-pastor interims at the American Church in London.

Prior to moving to Europe, Doug served as associate pastor in the Chicago area, where his responsibilities included ministry to youth and young adults, along with preaching, leading worship, working with the Christian Education board, teaching Sunday School, and directing Vacation Bible School programs. Jodi served as chaplain of North Park University, a Christian liberal arts college in Chicago, where she was engaged with college-age students through pastoral care, leading and planning chapel services, and building campus ministry teams. Both Jodi and Doug have extensive experience in leading mission trips both in the US and abroad.

After leaving Sweden, they returned to Jodi’s home state of California to establish their US base in the Palm Springs area. Golf, tennis, and water aerobics fill their free time. Doug has a passion for landscape and interior design, while Jodi spends more of her free time reading and writing.

Both are excited to return to Europe and join the incredible ministry of ACP; they look forward to being involved in ministry with a focus on young people, while participating in the varied and wonderful ministries of the entire church.

Sunday Women’s Fellowship
Sunday, 19 March

12h15-13h30, Thurber Room

ACP member Nicole Primmer will be talking about faith encounters of a new kind: surviving and thriving after breast cancer. Nicole will share some of the experiences she faced during her battle with breast cancer and how she embraced her faith, family and friends at that time of unexpected change. She will share how focusing on prayer, love and positivity has carried her through to thrive with a new perspective and happiness.

All women are welcome. Coffee and tea are provided, and free childcare is available on the basement level.

Do you know how many pipes there are in our organ? Or what piece of art used to be where the organ is now? Do you know which pope is portrayed on our pulpit? Find out about the ACP sanctuary by joining a 20-minute docent tour, every Sunday but communion Sunday, after the 11h service. Meet the docent at the altar, and make sure you ask where you can find portrayals of Martin Luther.
This year marks the 500th anniversary of the religious schism that many view as the beginning of modern history.

In 1516, Johann Tetzel, a German Dominican friar, began raising money on behalf of the Archbishop of Mainz, essentially by selling remissions from time in Purgatory. When word of his campaign reached Wittenberg in 1517, it proved the last straw for a theology professor at the university there, one Martin Luther.

The series of arguments he wrote against this selling of indulgences was completed in late October 1517. Comprising 95 theses, or propositions for academic debate, the document was sent to the archbishop on or around All Hallow’s Eve. (Whether Luther also posted it on a church door, as university custom dictated, remains a topic of academic debate to this day.)

This act, leading eventually to Luther’s excommunication and the consolidation of the Protestant Reformation, is commemorated by many Protestant churches on Reformation Day, 31 October.

The Reformation didn’t suddenly spring to life with Luther’s act of protest in 1517, of course. Reform had been in the air across Europe for a couple of centuries at least, from the time of the Avignon Papacy in the early 14th century through the Papal Schism of 1378-1417 – a period that also saw the English reformer John Wycliffe promoting a translation of the Bible into the common tongue and the Czech reformer Jan Hus being burned at the stake for heresy.

Civil authorities, for their part, had long been torn between disgust and envy at the wealth, temporal power, corruption and moral laxity that the church had come to represent.

Other economic, political and social changes – including the 15th-century invention of printing with movable metal type and the rising power of Islam on the eastern border of Europe – also prepared the ground for Luther in Germany.

France, despite its nominal Catholic majority, has close ties with the Reformation thanks to native son Jean Cauvin, known to history as John Calvin, who built on Luther’s ideas in France and later Switzerland. Others followed, including Thomas Cranmer in England, under the politically inspired Reformation of Henry VIII, and John Knox in Scotland.

In some German states, Reformation Day is a civic holiday. This year, to mark the 500th anniversary, all of Germany will observe a legal holiday on 31 October. French Protestant churches, under the umbrella of the Fédération Protestante de France, are focusing their 500th anniversary program on the classic French value of fraternity.

Over the next several months, the Spire will present a series discussing various elements of the Reformation, the main figures involved, and ramifications of the Reformation, including its influence in American culture.

We will also highlight the many Reformation-related features of the ACP sanctuary decor. Do you know, for example, where to find Martin Luther and John Calvin in wood and in stained glass? Have you ever wondered what the country seals are in the stained glass window on the sanctuary wall near the Tiffany windows? What is the relationship between the Huguenot plaque opposite that window and the location of the church? You’ll find the answers here in coming issues.
Originating in Left Bank studios in 1895, the Atelier Concert Series became part of the cultural activities at the American Church in Paris during the early 1930s. These concerts provide a performance opportunity in Paris for talented musicians of all nationalities.

A different program is offered each Sunday evening at 17h00, September through November and January through June. There is no admission fee, but a free-will offering is taken at the door to support the series. For the schedule of concerts, see http://acparis.org

Sunday 5 March 17h00
Matthew ODELL - piano

Bach/Busoni
Chaconne en ré mineur (Partita No. 2 pour violon, BWV 1004)
Michel Merlet
Sonatine (1965)
César Franck
Prelude, Choral et Fugue

Sunday 12 March 17h00
Elodie MEURET and Antoine MOURLAS
Piano
A. DVOŘÁK, Danses slaves op.46 et op.72 pour piano a quatre mains
C. DÉRUSSE, Petite suite
A. KHATCHATUROV, Valse extrait du ballet « Mascara »
F. SCHUBERT, Fantaisie en fa mineur D. 940
F. POULENÇ, Sonate (1918)
J. BRAHMS, Danses hongroises pour piano a quatre mains

Sunday 19 March 17h00
John MURIELLO – baritone and
Richard Pearson THOMAS – piano

Emmanuel Charrier, Francis Poullenc,
George et Ira Gershwin, Richard Rogers et Lorenz Hart,
Stephen Sondheim, Jacques Brel et Gérard Jouannest,
Richard Pearson Thomas

Sunday 26 March 17h00
Claire FOISON – piano
Jean-Philippe KUZMA – violin
Emmanuel ANDRÉ – violin
Benoit MARIN – viola
Jérémie MAILLARD – cello
Renaud BARY – bass

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, 1787
Sérénade n°13 en sol majeur
« Petite musique de nuit »
Astor Piazzolla, 1960
« Ketch »
Naji Hakim, 2015
Concerto pour piano et quintette à cordes
On 13-16 February, ACP was privileged to host the annual Youth Pastors Conference for the AICEME churches. Sixteen youth pastors and youth workers from cities all around Europe gathered for a week of resourcing, refreshment, and rejuvenation.

The theme of the week was “Relationships in Ministry,” and together the youth pastors discussed all aspects of ministering to transient, international youth -- how to build significant relationships with third-culture kids, how to practice self-care, how to partner with parents and volunteers, how to faithfully respond to conflict. Along with teaching sessions and discussion times, the youth pastors enjoyed sharing stories of ministry, connecting with each other, and of course exploring the city and tasting Parisian treats!

ACP is a member of the Association of International Churches in Europe and the Middle East (AICEME). Each year, member churches take turns hosting a conference for the youth pastors. This year, cities from B to Z were represented: ACP welcomed youth workers from Berlin, Bonn, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, London, Paris, Stockholm, Vevey, and Zurich!

Salam: Islam and peace
Thurber Lecture with Dr. Tariq Ramadan

It was with a bit of trepidation that over 100 of us awaited the arrival of Dr. Tariq Ramadan, our Thurber Lecture speaker on 9 February. He has, after all, been banned from speaking in nine countries, and no French university has invited him to speak for over 10 years. In a 2003 debate with Nicolas Sarkozy he was criticized for not clearly repudiating violence against women, instead calling for dialogue, an evolution in Muslim mentalities.

In fact his talk at the church was only provocative in his challenge to the participants to courageously take up a stance for social justice, to be intellectually humble, and to be serious about achieving peace. “It’s about communication, interfaith dialogue,” he said. “The starting point of communication is respect, especially at that moment when you realize I’m just as complicated as you are.”

He explained that peace can only be found by doing more than simply sharing principles and tolerating differences. “I don’t like people who are open-minded in a closed room.”

About religion he said, “When it comes to social justice, sometimes issues are presented as religious issues, and we have to stand up and say it’s not about religion. For instance, what is happening in the suburbs is not about religion, it’s about joblessness and lack of education.”

Dr. Ramadan pointed out that “peace is not a notion that you can claim sitting down. It takes courage, energy, and commitment, and should be understood not as a natural state of being, but as one of the higher objectives of life.”

Dr. Ramadan has written over 30 books, including Western Muslims and the Future of Islam, Radical Reform, and What I Believe.
Prayer Chain Team

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

If you would like someone to pray with you after services, a Prayer Team member is available.
Meet in the chapel next to the theater.
On Sunday 26 March
Remember to do the math!

9h00 service + 11h00 service + 13h30 service =

One BIG Congregational Service at 11h30

11h00 - Coffee
11h30 - Combined Worship Service
12h30 - Congregational Meeting with Brunch Buffet
See you there!

New: Interactive format
By Mary Crass-Fenu, ACP Council Moderator

Each spring, the ACP Council leadership begins preparing to report to the congregation on the wide range of ministries and missions of the church that it leads, and how resources - financial and otherwise - are being deployed to support these activities.

ACP members are now invited to mark their calendars for two important semi-annual meetings of the ACP congregation -- the first, on 26 March at 12h30 in the ACP theater, during which Council members will report on the missions and activities of the ACP, and request input and ideas from the church family.

With a new interactive format, this meeting will bring ACP members together in small focus groups to exchange on a variety of church issues in facilitated discussions with Council representatives. Unlike in previous years, and due to the unforeseen accounting staff changes at ACP early in the year, the approval of the 2016 financial report and the 2017 budget by the congregation will be postponed until the second semi-annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, 21 May.

At the May meeting, Council will present the 2016 financial report and the 2017 budget for congregational approval, along with a new slate of Council members to be elected for the 2017-2018 Council year. More information will follow soon on these two important semi-annual gatherings of our ACP family. Please make sure you have reserved these dates to let your voice be heard and share in this essential church dialogue.
Body of Christ: What’s up in Paris
By MaryClaire King

A selection of interesting events for Christians in and around Paris. All events are in French unless otherwise stated.

How to talk about sin in 2017
The Institute of Higher Ecumenical Studies examines the question of sin in modern society during its annual three-day conference, which will bring together more than 30 theologians, pastors, researchers and academics from a variety of Christian denominations, from France and abroad.

Notable speakers include Bishop Vincent Jordy, President of the Council of Bishops for Christian Unity and Relations with Judaism; François Clavairoly, President of the Protestant Federation of France; and Corinne Lanoir, Dean of the Faculty of Protestant Theology of Paris.

14-16 March, Institut Catholique de Paris, 21 rue de Assas, 75006 Paris. For tickets and further information: www.icp.fr (see Vie du campus).

Revelations and totalitarianism
The Book of Revelation confronts us with a daunting choice: wear the sign of the cross or the beast. It forces us to choose our place in society. Do we accept unworthy laws or do we, in fidelity to the lamb, put our lives at stake to remain faithful to Christ? The last book of Scripture describes, with the help of symbols and sometimes terrifying images, the struggle against evil and unveils the hope of the Good News.


Humanity and the genome
Between myths, hoped-for benefits, and ethics, discussing genetic manipulation is growing ever more challenging, particularly in light of new techniques, such as the CRISPR-Cas9. The Department of Biomedical Ethics, in partnership with the Association of Scientific Christians, takes stock of recent advances in genetics and challenges visions that would reduce the individual to their genome.


Lytta Basset
Swiss theologian Lytta Basset will present her new book The Source I’m Looking For. She explores a quest for God that is accessible to all and free of dogmatism.

Monday, 13 March, 20h. L’Oratoire du Louvre, 4 rue de l’Oratoire or 145 rue Saint Honoré, Paris 75001. Free.
**What’s up in**

**Dutch treat**
The Louvre's Vermeer show sets out to prove that the 17th-century Dutch master, long regarded as an enigmatic recluse, in fact shared many themes and inspirations with his contemporaries. The real draw is that 12 Vermeers - fully one third of the master's known works - are on display. His buxom Milkmaid (instantly recognizable as the figure gracing many a French yogurt label), when seen up close and personal, reveals stunning brushwork and a fascinating play of light and shadow, while the tiny and perfectly composed Lacemaker's elaborate ringlets and delicately poised fingers are bathed in a homey but angelic glow. Magical. **Until 22 May, www.louvre.fr**

**Bear necessities**
The Jardin des Plantes’ Grande Galerie de l’Évolution looks at the eight distinct species of bears that currently inhabit the earth, from pandas and polar bears, to the sloth bear and the endangered sun bear. The five-part show explores the bears’ biological characteristics, their distinctive habits and habitats, and also the myriad ways bears have been depicted by humans throughout history: in myths, in art and of course in the endearingly fuzzy form of the domestic teddy bear. **Until 17 June, http://especesdours.grandegaleriedelevolution.fr**

**Artificially Swedened**
The goofy, faux-Scandinavian trio "Blønd and blönd and blönd" was the toast of the Avignon fringe festival. Imagine, if you dare, a brother and two sisters whose austere Swedish upbringing was somehow infused with a fanatical reverence for French pop music. Their deadpan "Hemaj a la chonson française" drips with icky innuendo and joyfully tone-deaf tackiness. And just when you thought it couldn't get any more out-there, there's a send-up of Serge Gainsbourg as an anti-smoking crusader. If you don't see how that could possibly be funny, this show is definitely not for you. But if you do, well, just say "Hemaj." **At L’Européen until 2 April, www.blondandblondandblond.com**

**XX marks the spot**
The "African Queens" weekend at La Philharmonie is a rollicking, rambunctious yet eloquent tribute to the continent's women. South African choreographer Robyn Orlin's "Beauty remained for just a moment then returned gently to her starting position..." blends dance and performance in a series of evocative and highly provocative sketches. And the famously feisty band of female musical warriors Les Amazones d'Afrique will use their powerful voices and traditional Malian instruments to ensure the XX-chromosome contingent is heard from in a big and beautiful way. **9-12 March, http://philharmoniedeparis.fr**

**Deus ex machina**
The title of the new group show at contemporary art space Palais de Tokyo, "All Watched Over by Machines of Loving Grace," comes from a seminal poem from beat-era San Francisco, the city that was once hippie heaven and is now the pulsing heart of high-tech. The poem itself is on display, and sets the tone for this cryptic but intriguing exhibit. Highly conceptual creations by artists from the US, Denmark, France, Hong Kong, and Portugal explore the vast and murky grey areas in the growing overlap between technology, consumerism and human emotion. **Until 8 May, http://www.palaisdetokyo.com**

**Two hundred percent**
For its second year, La Villette's "100% Afriques" festival packs in an unbelievably dense lineup of events sampling the liveliest arts from across Africa. In the last week of March alone, the program includes hip-hop and rap concerts, an evening showcasing the latest musical trends from Kinshasa, and a contest to elect West Africa's best contemporary dancers, as well as fashion, design, and African cuisine. The "Little 100 %" workshops (25 March-2 April), offer an initiation to African culture for kids (of all ages). **23 March-28 May, https://lavillette.com**

**March event listings**

By Karen Albrecht
The Festival of Cultures provides an opportunity to interact and connect with refugees; it is all about relationship. Sponsored by Every Child is a GEM, it is supported by the American Church in Paris and the AAWE Communitywide Refugee Task Force.

The Festival of Cultures offers a unique event in which to share a joyous moment of multi-cultural musical, gastronomical and artistic pleasures, representing the countries of the participants present, including refugees from the Association Pierre Claver. This means there will be entertainment, food, storytelling, and lots of time to mingle and enjoy enriching cross-cultural exchanges.

The event is free for refugees; suggested donation for participants: €22, Students and under 18: €12. If you’d like to sponsor a refugee: €12.

Places are limited. To reserve your place today go to their website, http://everychildisagem.com/wordpress/news-and-happenings/festival-of-cultures-april-8th-2017/ For any questions, or to reserve a space for a refugee, please write to: festival.paris@everychildisagem.com.

Festival of Cultures volunteers needed: 10 refugees from Germany would like to participate in this event. Would you like to host one of them on 7-8 April, providing lodging and meals? You can also help with the cooking, set-up, or clean-up for the event. Those interested should contact Ursula Perrier at ursulaperrier@gmail.com.

30 + Small Group: 1 and 14 March at 20h

If you are roughly 30 or older and want to grow spiritually, you are invited to join the new 30+ small group! We meet on Wednesdays, twice a month for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

Just come as you are! More information at thirtyplus@acparis.org.

Brief update: Renovations for the lift

The property committee has been working hard with the architect office of Baumschlager Eberle to clearly define the project, write the specifications and drawings. We are now in the process of consulting the possible suppliers to obtain their offers and delivery time. We hope to be able to make a proposal to the Executive Committee and to the Council by the end of the month.
By God’s grace, it has been five years since we started the Open Doors Ministry at ACP in January 2012. Our Open Doors Ministry means that I open our beautiful sanctuary for visitors during the week. I welcome all our visitors with open arms and open heart, reflecting our ACP community. I have welcomed guests from many different parts of the world. I have received visitors with faith and those with no faith, and people who are struggling in spirit or mind.

Since 2012, more than 5,000 visitors have visited our sanctuary. There have been moments when I have seen tears in their eyes, when people were touched by the peace, when moms instinctively asked their children to be quiet in the house of the Lord.

Of course, the terrorism incidents of the last two years have affected attendance, down by a few hundred people in 2016, although none of our visitors have ever expressed any fear.

We get many people who had once been part of ACP, some members and some not, who want to re-visit the sanctuary. Some have been married at the American Church, and some of them brought their children, some with grandchildren, expressing their desire to bring their children to the church where their parents got married.

Our Open Doors Ministry is a great opportunity to share God’s love with believers, non-believers and people belonging to other faiths. One time four Muslim girls visited from Sweden. It was their prayer time, and they asked me for a place where they could offer their prayers. Of course, I asked them to pray in the Chapel.

I want to thank you all for your prayers and appreciation for Open Doors. I also want to thank Pastor Scott Herr for guidance and support, and those who have helped as volunteers, who prayed for this ministry, and encouraged me. May Open Doors continue to serve the Lord which is to serve others with open arms and hearts! Please continually remember the Open Doors Ministry in your prayers.

Some comments from the guest book

I came to this beautiful church to see a window which was installed by my uncle Joseph Reynolds, from his Boston studio. This day has been made all the more special by Anjlo and Fred, who have been so wonderful in giving their time & sharing their knowledge of this wonderful church. My wife, Cheryl, her brother Scott, and my friend Winston will always be thankful for this fabulous memory of Paris, thank you! - Wilfred Kaises

A return to the church with my daughter and granddaughter, with memories of worshipping here from 1960-1965. A wonderful guide! - Cecile Shannon.

Many thanks to the American Church for giving a warm welcome and some peace in this busy city. Thanks for being open, so that one can pray in the house of the Lord. Warm hello to Pastor Scott. - Iliana Kasarska.

We visited this church on our way to the Eiffel Tower; this was a very calm and relaxing beautiful church. The Tiffany windows are very nice & beautiful. We will remember this lovely house of the Lord our God. - the Stramondo’s from Jupiter, Florida.

Jérôme and I were flying to Spain last May. He was flipping through the in-flight magazine when he showed me a picture. “Do you recognize this?” It was a small photo of the ACP sanctuary! A Spanish reader had submitted it to the magazine along with a short article about his unexpected discovery of the ACP, where he had found a peaceful place and a “charming Pakistani guide”. He felt very welcomed and wanted to share his experience. What a great witness to visitors to Paris! - Kerry Lieury.

“I wanted to get in touch with you to say that meeting you that day at the American church was really such a blessing. I was very skeptical and can’t even remember now why I came into the church but meeting you and the wisdom you shared ultimately led me to become a Christian a few months after we met. I wanted to pass this on so that you knew that you helped to change my life.”
The Rafiki Foundation operates five programs in each of our ten African countries: Rafiki Bible Study, Childcare for orphans and vulnerable children, Education, Teacher training, and The Widows’ Program.

Of Uganda’s 36 million people, 48% are under the age of 15, and a majority of households are headed by women—single, married, or widowed—of all ages. It is clear that support for these women furthers Rafiki’s twin goals of helping Africans to know God and to raise their standard of living.

As Uganda coordinator of the Widows’ Program over the last five years, I have been able to serve by identifying groups of women within our partner churches who either produce quality handmade crafts or are ready to be trained. After approval of samples by Rafiki Home Office on the basis of quality, price, and potential success on the market, we order large quantities of specific handmade craft products. We purchase them directly from the church groups, benefiting about 40 craftswomen. Products are then shipped to the US and sold in our shop in Florida or online through the Rafiki Exchange, http://store.rafikifoundation.org.

Typically, the groups meet weekly, seated on mats in the shade in the church compounds. The women bring their craft materials and of course, their babies and young children, and work together while participating in Rafiki Bible Study. RBS lessons are led by designated women whom we have trained here at Rafiki.

Last year Rafiki Uganda purchased over $26,000 worth of products. Jane, a rag rug and “raggy basket” artisan, has been able to send her youngest son to a better school and add a small room to her house. Weaver Victoria installed electricity for light in her loom room. Lydia, first identified as a master craftswoman to train a new group at First Presbyterian Church, has not only shared her skill with five women but also joined the group and the church. Her testimony: “I no longer work alone at home all day. I enjoy the fellowship of my group and love learning about the Bible together.”

We at Rafiki thank God for enabling us to support these women so they can support themselves.

Contact Patti at plafage@gmail.com. Donations can be made to her at www.rafikifoundation.org. Patti is ROS #207.

Mindfulness Meditation Group

Saturdays - 12h00 to 13h15 - Room G7

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. Open to church members and to the larger community. Facilitator: Norma Jean Deak, a longtime practitioner and teacher of Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction. Questions? Contact Norma Jean: normajeandeak@gmail.com
Prison news
From the maximum security prison in Ghana
By Carolyn Bouazouni

Ask and you shall receive...

Last April Rev. Dr. Tina Blair (former ACP Associate Pastor) joined me in visiting the Ghana prisons with our missionary, Anna Cobbinah. At the Maximum Security Prison we met with inmates who have taken bible study classes led by Anna and her team of The Living Truth Foundation Ministries. The inmates were very grateful for ACP’s support and Anna’s dedication over the past five years at the prison.

When we asked what more can be done to help them continue growing in their faith, they immediately said “More Bible studies, please!” Secondly, they quoted Psalm 150: Praise the Lord ... with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre ... praise him with the clash of cymbals... and they asked if we could possibly give them some musical instruments to help them praise the Lord?

The answer is yes! Through a generous gift from an ACP friend, together with a contribution from the Mission Outreach Committee, in December a beautiful electronic keyboard was delivered to the prison, along with two speakers. The prisoners and prison staff send their deep gratitude for this gift.

Music to praise the Lord now resounds through the entire prison as the men hold their Sunday worship services in the central courtyard. How better to draw others to the Gospel than to spread the joy of the Lord through beautiful music and men joyfully singing?

And at the smaller local prison, Anna was able to offer bars of soap and a home-cooked meal to each of the prisoners for Christmas, thanks to a generous gift from a former ACP member.

God is surely smiling down from above as He hears the joyful noise rising up from the Maximum Security Prison, and sees the happy faces of the men at the local prison as they received their presents.

Our missionary Anna and her team are doing a wonderful job. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of other instruments (a set of drums, guitar, other) or gifts to this ministry, please contact Carolyn at tltf-ghana@acparis.org.

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Paris Prison Ministry
A monthly prayer group will be forming this spring to pray for ACP’s prison ministries both in France and in Ghana. There are many subjects that need our prayers to spread the light of the Gospel. Would you like to join us? If so, please contact Carolyn at prisonministry@acparis.org

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Corporate Prayer Meeting: Saturdays at 15h
Meet to pray for the world on Saturdays from 15h-16h at ACP in room G7. Contact Selen Flores via the secretary at secretary@acparis.org. All are invited!
Women meet on Saturdays

Women's monthly Saturday Fellowship
Come and fellowship in the Spirit! One Saturday a month, all sisters in Christ are welcome to join this potluck gathering. All you need to do is show up -- no fee, no registration. We hope to see you! For more information, please contact Elodie Mbette at elodieruth@aol.com.

Saturday 11 March 14h-17h, room G1: The real me
Saturday 15 April 14h-17h, G1: The importance of compliments
Saturday 13 May 14h-17h, G2: The importance of love letters
Saturday 17 June 14h-17h, G2: Sisterhood and female friendship

Women's monthly Saturday Bible Study
Once a month Elodie Mbette will lead a Bible study with the theme “Love as a daily decision, action, and commitment: a reflection on love” based on 1 Corinthians 13. Come join us! For more information, please contact Elodie Mbette at elodieruth@aol.com.

Saturday 25 March 15h-17h, room G2
Saturday 29 April 15h-17h
Saturday 27 May 15h-17h
Saturday 24 June 15h-17h

And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together (...) but let us encourage one another - Hebrews 10: 24-25

French language classes
French classes are held on (most) Saturdays at ACP, from 17h to 18h30. They are taught by two native French speakers, Francois and Yasmina.

The class is intended for beginners who are committed to learning French. In addition to class attendance, personal effort and engagement are required. Attendance is limited to 20. The sign-up fee is €30, and a book purchase is necessary. There is no age or nationality restriction.

If you are here for several years, or if you want to obtain working papers, a knowledge of French will be required. Think of shopping, visits to City Hall or the Prefecture, hospitals, schooling for your children, employment.

We cannot stress too much that learning a new language requires significant work. There is no such thing as “French made easy.” Therefore, consider carefully if you are ready to make that commitment. Weekly attendance is a requirement and ongoing progress is expected.

If you are interested, send your personal data (name, address, phone, nationality) to fkpierre@gmail.com.

Would you like to propose articles, write, proofread, do layout or take photos? Contact Alison Benney at Spire@acparis.org. Note: Deadline for the April Spire is Wednesday 22 March.
He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and so you think giving up chocolate for 40 days is hard? As fasting traditions go, Christians have it pretty easy. Take a look at the practices of other faiths.

**Mormons**, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, are encouraged to fast - as in abstention from eating at all - on the first Sunday of every month. The money saved by not purchasing and preparing two consecutive meals is donated to the church as a fast offering, which is then used to help people in need.

Some **Buddhists** do a partial fast every single day, commonly avoiding any food after the noon meal, as a disciplined regimen to aid in meditation and good health, to purify the body and clarify thought. The Middle Way is about avoiding extremes, so simply removing indulgences from the diet on a regular basis is already a form of fasting, and brings merit to the one who fasts.

Fasting is the fourth of the Five Pillars of Islam and it is especially observed during the holy month of Ramadan, the month in which the Quran was revealed. It lasts from *fajr* (dawn), until *maghrib* (sunset). During this time, **Muslims** are prohibited from eating or drinking anything, including water, or engaging in sexual activity. They are also encouraged to temper negative emotions, like anger or addiction. By fasting, a Muslim draws closer to God (Allah) through abandoning bodily pleasures.

There are a number of annual fasting days for traditional **Jews**, during which they abstain from all food and drink from dawn until dark. The six more important include the Fast of Gedaliah, the day after Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year; Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year, the Day of Atonement; Asarah B’Tevet, in memory of the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem in 425 BCE; the Fast of Esther, the day before the holiday of Purim; Shivah Asar B’Tammuz, in memory of five events, including the day that Moses broke the tablets when he saw the Jewish people worshipping the Golden Calf; and Tisha B’Av, a date in mid-summer that is numerically prone to tragedy in Jewish history.

Then, of course, there are the first two days of Passover, which are strict no-work-allowed days, and the entire seven or eight days of Passover during which the consumption, keeping, and owning of chametz, or leavening, is forbidden.

Why do **Christians** fast during Lent? Pastor Scott addressed this in a sermon, asking whether our annual Lenten practices shouldn’t rather be the day-to-day norm for Christian life. Isaiah chapter 58:6-7 indicates that an acceptable fast is not merely abstinence from food or water, but a decision to fully obey God’s commands to care for the poor and oppressed. Martin Luther believed that a Christian may choose to fast individually as a spiritual exercise to discipline his own flesh, but that the time and manner of fasting should be left up to the individual. For Eastern Orthodox Christians, the purpose of fasting is not to suffer, but to guard against gluttony and impure thoughts, deeds and words. Fasting without increased prayer and almsgiving is considered useless or even spiritually harmful.

And that, of course, is the point. Pope Francis suggested that for the Lenten season, instead of giving up candy or alcohol for 40 days, we fast from indifference towards others. He said, “When we fast from this indifference, we can begin to feast on love.” Yum.

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You’re giving up what?

By Alison Benney

OpenBible.com used Twitter to track what people say they are giving up for their Lenten fasts. Out of almost 200,000 tweets, of the 61,071 non-retweeted posts, chocolate came in number one with 2,235 tweets, followed by social networking, alcohol, Twitter, and school. There were 1,413 tweeters who chose to give up swearing, while only 623 would tune out Facebook, and 486 gave up sex. That said, people were even less willing to sacrifice online shopping, hot Cheetos, netflix, sleep, and sarcasm.
Celebrating Holy Week and Easter at ACP

Palm/Passion Sunday, 9 April

Three worship services, at 9h00, 11h00, and 13h30

Holy Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 10-12 April

Holden Evening Prayer Services at 19h00. The Holden Evening Prayer is a lovely setting of vespers, following the traditional form and using contemporary and inclusive language.

Maundy Thursday, 13 April

Worship service with communion at 20h00 in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday, 14 April

Tenebrae "shadows" worship service at 20h00. During the service you will hear portions of the Passion narrative from the Gospels as we move towards darkness and silence.

Easter Sunday, 16 April

Sunrise Service at 7h00 on the quai d’Orsay in front of the ACP
Easter Fellowship Breakfast at 8h00 in the Thurber Room
Traditional worship services at 9h00 and 11h00
Contemporary celebration of the Resurrection at 13h30

Note: Attendance at the Easter morning service at 11h00 always exceeds church capacity. If you look forward to worshipping at the traditional service, please consider attending at 9h00.

Serve the City Mission Project

The Serve the City Mission Project is distributing food donated by Prêt à Manger to the needy. There are now nearly 20 American Church volunteers serving up to 150 meals five days a week to the less fortunate in and around Paris. Additional volunteers are needed to help pick up sandwiches from the Prêt à Manger’s Neuilly-sur-Seine shop at 8h and distribute them to homeless people. Come join the team and help us Serve the City! Contact parisservethecity@gmail.com.
What’s going on? Tune in: ACP Today

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

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

Friends and visitors, what better way to keep in touch with the ACP family and learn about the latest ACP news? All our shows are downloaded within 48 hours to our website, at www.acparis.org/acptoday. Faith Talk from Paris – it’s a kind of souvenir that never gets old.

If you have any questions, comments, ideas or would like to contribute to the show, be sure to contact us at acptoday@acparis.org.

The 30Plus Adult Fellowship: Friday 3 March, from 20h

Join us for fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ, the first Friday of each month. Everyone is welcome. This is a social get-together with the time to get to know each other (better), and have an opportunity to enter into more meaningful conversations than those during Sunday coffee hour.

Rive Droit café, 2 rue Berger, 75001 Paris, near Les Halles/blvd Sébastopol

For more information:
30plusfellowship@acparis.org

Note next month’s date: 3 March

Nominating Committee - At Work for You!

By Mark Primmer and Marie Grout

The Nominating Committee has been hard at work contacting possible candidates to fill the 2017 - 2018 ACP Council slate. We thank all our present Council members for their service. We are blessed as most of the 18 elected members of Council will continue to serve this coming year. Some Council members must rotate off Council as they have already served three years; some council members will continue in their present position; and others will take on a new role within Council. This stability ensures the smooth functioning of our church. We also thank our congregation for coming forward to propose their services.

To keep everyone abreast of our progress, we are in the final stages of securing prospective new ACP Council candidates. In May, ACP will have the annual Congregational Meeting for the purpose of officially electing members to serve on Council. At this writing, the following Council positions will become vacant:

- Vice Moderator
- Council Assistant Secretary
- Community Life Chair
- Mission Outreach - Vice Chair
- Worship and Music - Chair and Vice Chair

For additional information, please contact Mark Primmer at mark.primmer@gmail.com, or Marie Grout at lafamillegrou@ yahoo.com, or another member of the Nominating Committee.
**Special Events and Monthly Meetings and Concerts**

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<td>Daphne <a href="mailto:30plusfellowship@acparis.org">30plusfellowship@acparis.org</a></td>
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<td>Singles and pairs, join us for fellowship every first Friday of the month in a lounge cafe setting, sharing testimonies, talking about the highs and lows of your life with brothers and sisters in Christ.</td>
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<td>All parents of youth are invited to meet and greet the youth leadership team - the Reverends Doug and Jodi Fondell (Interim Youth and Young Adult Pastors), Emily, and all the fantastic youth leaders.</td>
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<td>Friday 10 Mar</td>
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<td>The American Cathedral</td>
<td>If you are interested, please first contact: Kristie Worrel <a href="mailto:fridaymissionlunch@acparis.org">fridaymissionlunch@acparis.org</a></td>
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<td>Every Friday a hot, nutritious meal is prepared for the homeless and needy. ACP is responsible for the meal on the second Friday of each month, but we are grateful for help with cooking, serving, and cleaning up every Friday.</td>
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<td>“The Real Me” Elodie Mbette leads a women's fellowship time one Saturday each month. All women are invited to this time of fellowship with one another and God. There will be a potluck meal, bring a dish to share.</td>
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<td>Tuesday 14 Mar</td>
<td>19h Dinner; 19h45 Lecture Thurber Room</td>
<td>Tim Vance <a href="mailto:associatepastor@acparis.org">associatepastor@acparis.org</a></td>
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<td>Room G2</td>
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### Women's Monthly Sunday Fellowship
ACP member **Nicole Primmer** will be talking about faith encounters of a new kind: surviving and thriving after breast cancer. All women are welcome at our monthly fellowship. Free childcare is provided.

**Atelier Concert**
John MURIELLO – baritone and Richard Pearson THOMAS – piano
Free admission, with free-will offering
Sunday 19 Mar 17h Sanctuary
Fred Gramann music@acparis.org

**Atelier Concert**
Claire FOISON – piano; Jean-Philippe KUZMA – violin;
Emmanuel ANDRÉ – violin; Benoit MARIN – viola; Jérémie MAILLARD – cello; Renaud BARY – bass
Free admission, with free-will offering
Sunday 26 Mar 17h Sanctuary
Fred Gramann music@acparis.org

**ACP Today: Faith Talk in Paris radio show**
Tune in for inspiring music and interviews.
Monday 20 Mar 20h45-21h30 100.7 FM, Radio Fréquence Protestante

**Multicultural Couples Potluck Dinner**
Fellowship and discussion on topics such as raising bicultural/bilingual children and cultural differences. Bring a dish to share.
Friday 24 Mar 20h Thurber Room
Monica Basset & Anja Wyss, multicultural @acparis.org

**Women’s Monthly Saturday Bible Study**
Once a month Elodie Mbette leads a Bible study with the theme “Love as a daily decision, action, and commitment: a reflection on love” based on 1 Corinthians 13.
Saturday 25 Mar 15h-17h G2
Elodie Mbette elodieruth@aol.com

**Concert – Felix Mendelssohn: The Hebrides, Laud Sion, and Psalm 42**
ACP Adult Choir, Lux Perpetua, Choeur du Pays d’Etampes, Association Symphonique de Paris
Tickets: www.association-symphonique-paris.fr or door
Saturday 25 Mar 20h30 Sanctuary
Fred Gramann music@acparis.org

**Time Change**
Summer Time / Daylight Savings Time / Heure d’été
Set clocks forward one hour
Sunday 26 Mar 2h (3h)

**Combined Traditional/Contemporary Worship Service and Annual Congregational Meeting**
Sunday 26 Mar 11h00 coffee 11h30 worship 12h45 meeting

(please check [www.acparis.org/whatson](http://www.acparis.org/whatson) for updates and weekly schedules)

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### Womens retreat: Praying the labyrinth
Saturday 22 April, 10h-17h at ACP

Are you longing for time with God? Would you like to learn about a form of prayer that will open you up to experience the great love Christ has for you? Then join us for this year’s women’s retreat, led by Rev. Jill Geoffrion. Childcare available. Sign up at the women’s table after church, or at the main office.

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SAMEDI 25 MARS À 20H30

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LES HEBRIDES
LAUDA SION
PSAUME 42

Caroline Drury, soprano
Asa Junesjö, alto
John Bernard, tenor
Chœur Lux Perpetua dir. Claire Lewis
Chœur de l'Église Américaine de Paris dir. Fred Gramann
Chœur du Pays d'Étampes dir. Benjamin Woh

Association Symphonique de Paris
Direction: Franck Chausrusso Colombier

Église américaine de Paris
65, quai d'Orsay – Paris 7ème
M° Invalides / Alma-Marceau

Entrée: 10 € / 5€ (-18ans, étudiants, chômeurs)
Réservation: https://www.association-symphonique-paris.fr/