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Our cover photo is contributed by Sabine Hatta, photographer at a recent ACP wedding
What do Psalm 107, Psalm 118, Psalm 136, and I Chronicles 16:34 have in common? They begin with the words, “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His faithful love endures forever.” I love those words and I believe that gratitude is at the heart of a healthy life! As the American Thanksgiving holiday approaches, I invite you to reflect on gratitude. How do you give thanks? To whom and why do you give?

There has been a growing cultural shift in the meaning of Thanksgiving. The holiday when family and friends gathered to remember their blessings and give thanks to God has become a consumption carnival of eating, watching football and shopping. Last year, “Macy’s was blamed for the death of Thanksgiving” because for the first time it opened its stores for shopping on Thanksgiving Day.1 Has Thanksgiving become merely the beginning of the Christmas shopping season? Has this beautiful holiday of Thanks-giving morphed into Thanks-buying?

Jesus put it this way, “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”2 In other words, what we do with our money and how we spend it says a lot about our priorities and values. I would invite you to consider what it means to put the “giving” back into Thanksgiving. It’s not a coincidence that many churches focus on stewardship around the holiday of Thanksgiving. “We Give” is our stewardship theme again this year, and it is important to remember that we give our money to support the ministry and mission of the church because we are grateful for all the many ways that God has blessed us, and for the opportunity to share our blessings with others as God has called us.

It is my conviction that Christians should be the most generous people in the world, because we have experienced God’s generous love for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ! God gives generously, so we give generously.

The ACP moved last year to a 24/365 Stewardship approach, reminding ourselves that the question of how we manage our resources to honor God is really a 24-hours a day, 365 days a year dimension of discipleship. While we will continue to reflect on our stewardship throughout the coming year, 23 November is our Stewardship Dedication Sunday. In the coming weeks leading up to our Dedication Sunday, we take the opportunity to share with you how your tithes and offerings go to support the many ministries and missions of the ACP.

This year is special, in that we will be sharing with you two giving opportunities, both of which are important to the life and witness of our congregation. The first type of giving is to support the ACP General Operating Budget expenses. This is your regular “We Give” tithe and financial offering that God invites us all to share in so that we may experience the joy of giving. These gifts pay for salaries of our great staff team, keep the lights on, and support our various program and mission annual budget expenses. I recommend tithing as a way to experience God’s blessing, in that we see an immediate connection of our giving to the many daily ways in which our ACP community is a “beacon on the Seine.”

In addition, we invite this year those who are able to give above and beyond the regular tithe a second type of giving to support our capital campaign, “ACP-160: Strengthening God’s House.” This giving is more focused toward building for the future. It’s bricks and mortar giving that allows us to maintain and improve the amazing facilities that our predecessors years ago gave so generously to build. We have a responsibility to be good stewards of our property so that the ministry and mission of the ACP will continue to thrive for generations to come.

I invite you to pray about what you give and why you give. I pray that you will join me in giving thanks through generous and joyful giving to the ACP as a way of affirming that “the Lord is good, and his faithful love endures forever.”

In Christ,

Stewardship is:
An act of worship
A way of life, a form of discipleship
Community and Kingdom building

What is stewardship?
“Stewardship” is the term we use to cover regular giving of our God-given resources of money, time and talent.

What is “the tithe”?
The tithe is a 10% gift of the first fruits to do God’s work. Faithful stewardship requires planning and practice, but should always result in joyful, generative blessing to the giver and to those who receive.

What happens with the money provided?
Your support, tithes, and offerings contribute to the general operations of the ACP and support of the mission and ministries of ACP, including:
- Worship services
- Mission outreach, including in Paris and throughout the world
- Christian education
- Youth, Young Adult, Young Professional, and other ministries
- Music and arts
- Prayer and learning

What is the “ask”?
While our congregation has experienced amazing growth in our missions and ministries, our congregational giving has declined. We need your support for additional giving to the ACP so that we do not have to cut down our missions and church programs.

What is a “pledge”?
A pledge is when you put pen to paper to indicate how much you will give in the coming year. It is a personal commitment based upon your prayerful consideration. The amount you pledge allows for better budgeting and planning of church missions and ministries.

To find out more about stewardship and how you can participate in our work to build God’s Kingdom with your time, talents, and financial resources, please speak with us after the 11h00 and 13h30 services on Sunday, 16 November or visit our website. We also invite you to make a stewardship pledge on 23 November.

We GIVE
www.acparis.org/stewardship

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.~ 1 Peter 4:10
The Rev. Michelle Wahila
Associate Pastor

The gift of hospitality

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ~ Hebrews 13:2

Dear friends,

So often we think about hospitality in terms of what happens in our homes. It’s true, the gift of hospitality is most often offered out of our homes. This gift of the home can be given in many ways: an excellent meal, a wonderful play date, or a batch of cookies delivered with love.

Hospitality, though, is even more. The essence of hospitality is to receive, from the heart, the “other” into your own dwelling place. It entails providing for the need, comfort, and delight of the other with all the openness, respect, freedom, tenderness, and joy that love itself embodies.*

Our children learn to emulate that gift when they experience it – in our homes, at our tables and even through those who may enter into their abodes. Parents hope that their children will embody hospitality learned in the home, taking it someday into their own homes and ultimately into the world.

Our family offers hospitality by deliveries of baked goods, breads and meals (usually Italian) to those in the church house. It warms my heart to see my children giving away baked goods to our neighbors and to see deep appreciation for such a small gift. When hospitality is practiced in such ways, the ability to receive the “other” is nurtured.

As such a gift is nurtured, it becomes more apparent – it is shared more abundantly and begins to extend beyond the home. It becomes embodied and therefore shared widely. It is in the movement from sharing hospitality inside the home to sharing it outside where opportunities for entertaining angels unaware multiply exponentially.

My own Connor reminded me of this one hot summer day. As we walked past several gentlemen on the streets asking for money, Connor asked me to give money to the men. I launched into a “why I don’t give away money on the streets” lecture, but Connor absolutely stopped me in my tracks.

“Then give them what they need, Mommy. It’s hot, they need water.” They absolutely needed water on a steamy 30° (plus) day in Paris. With my 5-year-old’s hand in my own we bought water, baguette, and fruit. We delivered it with few words to the gentlemen we pass almost daily in our neighborhood.

It’s amazing how out of the mouths of babes we can catch a glimpse of the Kingdom. I loved that Connor was so nonchalant about the whole thing. It was simply how it should be – that all should be provided for daily. It didn’t, in any way, come off as a “heroic moment.” Rightly so, for it is exactly how it should be: that we receive the “other” on the streets and in our homes with the wide embrace of God’s hospitality.

As we look ahead to American Thanksgiving and then onward to Advent, may we remember that our own sharing of hospitality is a mark of gratitude for the hospitality shown to us in Immanuel (“God with us”).

For it is in this God, who chose to come into the fleshiness of our dwelling place, that the depth and breadth of the Creator’s love for this universe and for all of us – His children – is revealed. Why wouldn’t we be so moved by this love that we cultivate the practice of receiving others from heart?

My 5-year-old very much thinks we should be so moved.

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 upcoming concerts, see http://acparis.org
A long goodbye

The Rev. Dan Haugh
Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adult Ministries

I like the French term “au revoir,” for while we customarily use that to say good-bye, the actual translation implies a “till seeing again” or seeing someone again.

This past summer, after two months of extended conversations and prayerful conversations, my wife Lauretta and I made a difficult decision regarding our time in Paris. What began as an initial two-year assignment has grown to four extraordinary years of personal and pastoral growth and development, and quite literally the growth of our young family. We could not be more grateful for and appreciative of our time here. The love and support of our ACP family has been overwhelming, from the moment we landed with our dog Brady, multiple suitcases and nervous anticipation. How can one know what life in a foreign country and culture will be like? Would we make new friends and integrate well with our new church family? Would we enjoy living in the city of Paris? Would we be able to communicate and understand a new language?

An emphatic “YES” was our answer to all of those questions. (Well, maybe except for the last one!) Our time here has indeed been remarkable, memorable, and truly life-changing.

Which is why it is sad to announce that at the end of the summer we will be leaving.

Paris has become a “home away from home” to us. T.S. Eliot once said, “The chief danger about Paris is that it is such a strong stimulant.” It has been exhilarating to live and do ministry in this beautiful, historic, artistic cultural capital of the world. More than a physical residence and geographic location, Paris and ACP have captured our hearts. They say that home is where the heart is, and for so many reasons, ACP will forever be our home church.

And yet, our home is where our family members reside. Many understand the challenges of living so far away from family. Our parents, now grandparents to Blake and Jack, long for closer proximity to be able to celebrate holidays, birthdays and baseball games together. We long for that as well, and understand the benefit of returning to our roots and tapping into a sense of familiarity as we raise two toddlers. We know that the transition back will not be easy and reverse culture shock is quite real. Yet we are confident in God’s timing and at peace with the process of transition. At this time we do not know what God has planned for us, but are learning to trust more each day in God’s goodness and faithfulness.

I titled this “A long goodbye” because we still have the blessing of another nine months of ministry, service, fellowship, and friendship together. As Pastor Scott has said in the past, when you live in Paris, the days are long but the years are short.

Well, I sincerely hope that this is a long year together, full of laughter, memories, and moments we will cherish forever. And rather than actually saying goodbye, I rather like bidding an au revoir, confident that we will see each other again.

On behalf of the Haugh family, we want to thank each and every individual of the American Church in Paris for your love, care and support. Thank you for praying for us this year as we remain committed to praying for you.

I conclude with this thanksgiving and prayer from Paul’s letter to the church in Philippi, which I now say to the American Church in Paris:

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

“It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God.”
The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month: This is the formula for the end of the Great War, WWI, in 1918. More than 16 million had been killed, and 20 million wounded, and the world would never be the same again. The war ended with the victory of the Western Allies against Germany by a ceasefire on the Western Front, signed at Compiègne, France.

While the war continued for some time on the Eastern Front, facing Russia and the Ottoman Empire, the first official celebration was organized on 10 November 1919, with King George V hosting the President of France at Buckingham Palace. He offered a toast in remembrance and since that time the 11th has been known as “Remembrance Day” in the UK and its Commonwealth.

Many other countries chose to call the day “Armistice Day,” including France, Belgium, Denmark, and Norway. Many countries observe a moment of silence at 11h on this day: one minute for the dead and one minute for those left behind, the soldiers’ wives, children, and families.

Armistice remembrance has changed since the end of the Great War. In order to keep the factories running, many countries, including the US, moved Armistice Day ceremonies to the closest Sunday to 11 November. In the 1960s, the US chose to call Armistice Day “Veteran’s Day,” devoted to all who have served in the Armed Forces. In late May, the holiday of “Memorial Day” celebrates all American war dead.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow, between the crosses row on row: these words from a poem by veteran John McCrae elicit the kind of remembrance that still stirs many people in mid-November. Poppies and cornflowers are often the only plants to grow on the disturbed earth of barren battlefields. Wearing red poppies on the lapel or breast is a common practice in the US and in Commonwealth countries, symbolizing respect for fallen soldiers.

The French, on the other hand, sport the blue cornflower (bleuet) as a symbol for those who died for France. The term bleuets also refers to the sky-blue uniforms worn by French soldiers after 1915.

The 1930s taught us a clear lesson; aggressive conduct, if allowed to go unchecked and unchallenged, ultimately leads to war. - John F. Kennedy

Bible readings for November

**November 2** All Saints Sunday (Communion)
First Reading Revelation 7:9–17
Psalm 34:1–10, 22 (UMH 769)
Second Reading 1 John 3:1–3
Gospel Matthew 5:1–12

**November 9** The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25
Psalm 78:1–7 (UMH 799)
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18
Gospel Matthew 25:1–13

**November 16** The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading Judges 4:1–7
Psalm 123 or Psalm 76 (UMH 797)
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11
Gospel Matthew 25:14–30

**November 23** Christ the King Sunday (Mission)
First Reading Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24
Psalm 100 (UMH 821)
Second Reading Ephesians 1:15–23
Gospel Matthew 25:31–46

**November 27** Thanksgiving Day
First Reading Deuteronomy 8:7–18
Psalm 65 (UMH 789)
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6–15
Gospel Luke 17:11–19

**November 30** First Sunday of Advent, Year B
First Reading Isaiah 64:1–9
Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19 (UMH 801)
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3–9
Gospel Mark 13:24–37
With the exception of the quiet winter months, I have the privilege of officiating at about 30-plus wedding blessings and vow renewals each month at ACP. I treat each wedding as unique and special, welcoming the couple and their guests to the church with open arms. In many cases I have the opportunity to become well acquainted with a couple; in other cases, there is limited opportunity to build a relationship. But I make the most of the time available with each bride and groom, and I have fond memories of each couple who has chosen ACP for their special day.

Our church is able to provide a beautiful wedding setting in our elegant sanctuary, with wonderful organ music, a pastor dedicated to the church’s wedding ministry, and a wedding coordinator on the church staff who facilitates all the details and plans that ensure a memorable and beautiful wedding blessing experience.

Recently I had the privilege of marrying a bride and groom in their late 60s, each of whom had been widowed. They had been high school sweethearts, who had gone their separate ways and built separate families after high school, only to be reunited 50 years later, in a rediscovery of their earlier love.

During a vow renewal ceremony for a couple celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary, I asked each of them to share a personal word with the other, after the renewal of their vows. The woman turned to her husband and said: “I’m so happy to give you the good news that I am pregnant.” The couple had been trying for years to have a baby, without success. She had just learned that she was finally pregnant, and had saved the news for her vow renewal ceremony. The tears of joy flowed freely.

This year we have begun to celebrate wedding blessings for Chinese couples. One of these ceremonies was for a Chinese film star, Honglei Sun, who was wed to Jundi Wang, whom he had met six years earlier. Honglei is perhaps the most popular movie star in China; and Jundi is a musician and opera singer. Their wedding blessing, celebrated in English and Chinese, was filmed in the ACP sanctuary by a professional film crew from China, using three movie cameras. For all the glamour surrounding the wedding, the ceremony itself was very intimate, emotional, tender, and poignant. When I gave Honglei a copy of the Bible in Chinese, he was deeply touched, and insisted on having his picture taken with me, holding the Bible.

Two days later, following a ceremony for a Chinese couple whose wedding blessing was conducted in English, the groom said to me, “For the first time, as you were speaking to us in the ceremony, I felt I understood the true meaning and responsibility of being a husband. I found the ceremony very meaningful and important.”

Finally, after a ceremony for a lovely couple from Toronto, Canada, as the bride stood outside the church entrance, she saw two young girls leaving school at ACP, at the foot of the steps, watching through eyes of wonder and enchantment, the beautiful bride in her lovely white gown. The bride invited the girls to join her on the porch where she gave each of them a white rose from her bouquet, and had her picture taken with them at her side. It was a lovely moment and a big thrill for the young sisters.

The bride, an MD specializing in palliative care, told me what a privilege it is for her to attend to people at end of life, her eyes welling up with tears of affection for those whom she treats; and I had the opportunity to assure her that God is using her in a very special way to do God’s will.

The wedding ministry at ACP is truly a ministry in which we bear witness to Christ’s blessing of marriage, and in which we extend His love and welcome to all who come our way. I am privileged to be a small part of this outreach and blessing!
Greetings from Atlanta, Georgia!

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**ACP 160**

**Strengthening God's House**

By Mary Crass-Fenu

Since 1929, our beautiful church house on the banks of the Seine has been a home away from home for people from across the globe in Paris for short or longer stays. Each Sunday, hundreds flock through its doors for worship and fellowship. And throughout the week, its walls reverberate with the laughter of schoolchildren; the singing of choirs and chiming of bell-ringers practicing for worship; the chorus of voices in meetings, classes, conversations; the whispers of prayer.

Although managed and maintained with care through the dedicated oversight of our Council committees and church staff, our ACP home is ageing, and its upkeep and maintenance require ever-increasing investment to ensure that its foundations, walls, facade, roof, spire withstand the weathering brought on by intensive use and climatic conditions, and continue to provide a special place of worship and fellowship for many years to come.

In order to ensure that the integrity of our church property is preserved and enhanced for present and future generations, a special three-year capital campaign is being launched in the context of the 160th anniversary of ACP’s official Charter, to be celebrated in 2017, the final year of the campaign.

As set out by the ACP Council, this initiative, entitled ACP 160: Strengthening God’s House, will establish a Building Fund to help maintain and sustain the integrity of the church building and thereby strengthen the operational budget of the church.

It will also protect and enhance our church, by carrying out immediate and necessary building works to maintain the strength of our church. These could include, among others, refurbishing or replacing the heating system in the sanctuary; repairing damaged, uneven floors, and renovating the attic.

These also include value-enhancing building projects, such as creating an atrium at the heart of the church building by constructing a moveable protective covering over the courtyard, installing wheelchair accessible lifts, renovating our bathrooms, and improving the sanctuary’s lighting and sound system.

Through this initiative, in which we are joined by our partners in AFCU, it is hoped that €1.5 to €2.5 million can be raised for these objectives.

Could I invite you to join me in prayerfully considering a special participation in this effort over the next three years to support the long-term strength of our church house? More information, including pledge forms, is available from the ACP office and will be provided during worship in the weeks to come, alongside regarding regular stewardship giving. I thank you in advance for considering this special opportunity for giving.

**A word from your ACP Council**

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Welcoming the outside world into our midst has always been one of the key tenets of the American Church - as Pastor Scott, says, to be “internally strong, externally focused.” And with 2,000 people - including the congregation, our pre-schools, AA groups, exercise classes and wedding parties - trekking in and out of the church building every day, there is bound to be wear and tear.

Call it “Martha duty.” The goal of the ACP Property Committee is to maintain, adapt and develop the facilities of the American Church in Paris for the many different activities of the church and users of our building.

Our last big renovation push was 10 years ago, in March 2004. Property chair William Johnston instructed architects to submit proposals for renovating the buildings of the ACP, to explore the potential of our aging property. A development team was created, and in 2007 a capital funds campaign was launched to raise the necessary funds for the most essential work. “Faith in Action” raised $3.7 million over the 5-year duration of the campaign.

We used part of those funds in 2013 to change the pipes in the gymnasium, which drain the rainwater off the Sanctuary roof. The pipes were clogged with chalk and the water would back up, thereby creating damage on the ceiling of the sanctuary.

We also used some of those funds to clean the outside of the church buildings and to repair all the cracks and stone problems we had discovered in the tower. It was a challenging project due to the numerous activities of the church which could not be interrupted, a tight calendar and a very tight budget, respected by both the committee and the supplier.

Keeping the church in shape and improving the facilities is an ongoing and relentless process, and the committee continuously studies new projects. These are the big projects we are currently exploring:

♦ Set up handicap access to the church buildings;
♦ Install a soundproofed moveable partition between the theater and the sanctuary to enable simultaneous activities;
♦ Keep the building up to code and properly maintained, respecting all regulations for an “open to the public” site.

That is a short list of the main projects on hand; the committee’s aim is to keep the church physically functioning in order to fulfill our mission:

To bear witness by word and deed to the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, to provide a place of English-language worship in the American Protestant tradition, and to engage in ministries and services that enrich the lives of residents and visitors in Paris.

formal decision to join in the ACP-160 Capital Campaign. The 3-year campaign ends in 2017, or 160 years after the AFCU’s founding of the ACP in 1857.

As we approach Thanksgiving, we should be thankful for the AFCU and all the people who have served in that organization to support the ACP for almost 160 years. For the ACP-160 Campaign, a special thank you goes out to the AFCU Campaign Ambassadors for ACP-160: Gregg Foster, Russ McNaughton, Ted Ziemann, Jerry Burns and Don Eppert. We are truly blessed by these and other ACP alumni and friends who continue to support us through the AFCU. Thanksgiving blessings to all,

Pam Bohl, ACP Vice Moderator
The annual Candlelight Christmas Concerts will be held on Saturday 13 December at 17h and 20h. With the sanctuary lit by candles and decked with boughs, you will hear seasonal music by the ACP Adult Choir and Chamber Choir, the ACP Bronze Ringers, Le Choeur d'Enfants Sotto Voce and Le Jeune Choeur Sotto Voce. The evening concludes with all joining to sing carols in English and French.

Tickets will go on sale as of 16 November. They are 25 euros (reserved seating for adults, students and children), 15 euros (all other seating for adults), and 10 euros (all other seating for children and students). The proceeds benefit the ACP general budget.

If you are interested in the reserved seats please don't wait as they sell out very quickly (last year within a week!).

If you are able to volunteer to usher or help with the dinner for the musicians between concerts, please contact Fred Gramann at music@acparis.org.

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Save the dates**

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**Love to Sing Carols?** Join the “Jolly Old Saint Nicolas Carolers” to add a festive spirit to the ACP Marché de Noël. There will be a brief rehearsal that day, **15 November**, at 14h30. Then we don Santa hats at 15h00 and join the jolly old man himself on the Theater stage to share some Christmas cheer. Contact Fred at either music@acparis.org or send a message by reindeer (no games please) to the reception desk.
In a time-honored tradition of heartfelt hospitality and outreach, please join us for the ACP traditional Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, 29 November.

Thanks to our annual troupe of hardworking volunteers, we will once again serve two seatings, the first from 17h00 to 19h00, which will be "family friendly," with crafts for the children and a showing of Charlie Brown’s Thanksgiving. The second seating will be from 20h30 to 22h30, which will be a more elegant setting.

The menu will be the same at both and will include turkey with gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, and cranberry sauce, as well as pumpkin pie for dessert and a glass of wine for the adults. Additional wine will be available for purchase.

Worship on Thanksgiving Day!

Please join in giving thanks together in this year’s Community Thanksgiving Service. It will be held at 12h15 on Thanksgiving Thursday, 17 November, at the American Cathedral in Paris, 23 avenue George V, 8eme arr. All are welcome.
The DVD “Celebrate 200” produced by French Connection Films is a visual and aural reliving of a unique worship service which marked two centuries of public English speaking worship in the city of Paris.

Amidst the grandeur of the Madeleine Church, clergy and congregants from many denominations came together in unity to give thanks for God’s faithfulness to the church, not only in the past, but even more importantly into the future.

Our hope is that through the liturgy, sermon and music shared here, we will all be inspired to continue to serve this great city with renewed dedication and energy, aided by God’s abundant grace.

Included is the special message by Mark Labberton, President of Fuller Theological Seminary; music by the Anniversary Choir and ACP Bronze Ringers; and organ music heard on both the choir organ (played by Peter Bannister) and the great organ (played by Michel Geoffroy).

Copies will be available the first week of November for 10 euros and can be purchased at the coffee fellowship or at the church reception desk.
Here’s a riddle: What has four separate rooms the size of a small Paris apartment, 3,328 pipes (not including the plumbing!), 200 keys that don’t seem to open any doors, and requires a Wizard (or Wizardess) of Oz behind a screen to make it all function?

If you guessed our magnificent Beckerath pipe organ (nicknamed “Becky”) you are right!

What did we have before Becky? In 1931 a pipe organ by the John Abbey Company was installed in our newly built nave. Unfortunately the builder went bankrupt during the installation and, although there were many beautiful sounds, it had serious technical failures from the start. It constantly broke down and often had notes that would sound all by themselves, known as ciphers.

The famous Sunday that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. preached at ACP the organ totally malfunctioned, leaving the service without any musical accompaniment. I’m imagine that Edmund Pendleton, the Music Director at the time, was heard muttering “I have a dream... to get a new organ!”

How did we manage to purchase the Beckerath organ? The first step was ruling out an electronic organ. While such instruments are adequate in certain situations, it was strongly felt by many that our sanctuary required a magnificent pipe organ to go with the architecture and brilliant stained glass windows. Unfortunately Dr. Edwin Tuller, the senior pastor at the time, highly favored an electronic organ, and his wife did not like the sight of organ pipes. Needless to say we faced an uphill battle. However Dr. Thomas Duggan, the incoming senior pastor in 1979, saved the day. When asked if he could tell the difference between two recordings, one made on an electronic organ and the other on a pipe organ, much to Dr. Tuller’s amazement he replied, “It’s obvious which one is the pipe organ. The second one.” The rest is history. Pipes it would be!

How did we come up the money? With a total cost of $600,000 it was a monumental task for our congregation. Initially we assumed there would be one or two major donors who would fund the project. What happened instead was the exact opposite of our expectations: a true representation of ACP as “many hands, one body.” The funding came from over 500 individual donors and some 50 companies. Several gifts were sizeable: the American Ambassador to France, Joe Rogers, gave a magnificent fund-raising reception at the Embassy Residence; Victor Vasserely, the Hungarian-French artist, donated one of his optical illusion paintings to be auctioned off for the project; Yves Montand, the famous French actor, even made a gift! But there were also hundreds of small offerings that were equally important. Together they made possible an aural and visual centerpiece for worship at ACP.

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Becky’s story
By Fred Gramann

(Excerpt from 2013 Spire article)
This year marks the 200th anniversary of English-language worship in Paris. Each month we will tell the history in 20- to 25-year increments, from the point of view of the American Church in Paris, the first established American church overseas. This month: 1978-1992. By Alison Benney

**Blessings in the booming ‘80s**

After the tumultuous ‘60s and ‘70s came a period of relative calm and rejuvenation. Reverend Tom Duggan, his wife Gail and their two children arrived in September 1978. They, along with a series of associate pastors including Scott Campbell, Kenneth Hipple, Ann Jahnes, Ken and Bridget Waddell, and Richard Sommers, plus music director Fred Gramann and young adult coordinator Bob Bishop, formed one of the youngest leadership teams the church had seen, according to Ruth Dixon’s *A Church on the Seine*.

The ACP youth program, called the Co-op for Better Living in Paris, sponsored a monthly English-language newspaper called the “Paris Free Voice,” published in the ACP basement. The Co-op also ran a weekly Saturday flea market and book exchange. The Thurber Room was booked each Thursday night for young adult fellowship, and each Friday night for films, spaghetti dinners, and jazz concerts. From 1978 until 1990, a French cook, Mme Rondeau, served low-cost Sunday luncheon.

Christian education for all ages was thriving, our music programs packed the church, Bloom Where You Are Planted grew to almost 350 participants, and the newly formed Fellowship and Recreation Committee connected members through seasonal parties and Paris walks. A Personnel Committee was formed, and office space provided for two professional counseling services.

Our music program grew under Fred and Nancy Gramann’s leadership, and some of those new volunteer choir members are still with us, including Philippe Cariot, who was baptized in the church. Diane Ficarelli has been singing in the choir since 1976, and since 1980 a world-renowned pianist, Laurana Mitchellmore, became our rehearsal accompanist (and her husband, Charles, later joined the bass section). Bonnie Wooley, director of our children’s choirs, was part of the original handbell choir started in 1980.

Yet, then as now, financial challenges arose from the fluctuating exchange rate of the dollar, rising utility charges, and our transient congregation. Huge companies like IBM, GM, Ford, Proctor & Gamble, McDonalds, and Disney all brought American families to Paris and to church – but many of them left when the exchange rate dropped.

The cost of church maintenance was also part of our trials. In 1979 alone, large stones from a tower pinnacle crashed down in a wind and rain storm, and one of the church’s six boilers needed replacing. The list of needed repairs also included the Tiffany windows, the stained glass windows, the sanctuary lighting and the sound system. Shortly after

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**History in context**

1979 - Margaret Thatcher first female PM of Great Britain
1979 - Mother Teresa awarded the Nobel Peace Prize
1979 - Nuclear accident at Three Mile Island
1979 - Sony introduces the Walkman
1980 - Failed US rescue attempt to save hostages in Tehran
1980 - John Lennon assassinated
1980 - PacMan video game released
1980 - Ted Turner establishes CNN
1981 - New plague Identified as AIDS
1981 - Personal Computers (PCs) introduced by IBM
1982 - Falkland Islands invaded by Argentina
1982 - Michael Jackson releases Thriller
1982 - Vietnam War Memorial opened in Washington, DC
1983 - US Embassy in Beirut Bombed
1984 - Huge poison gas leak in Bhopal, India
1984 - Indira Gandhi killed by two bodyguards
1985 - Famine in Ethiopia
1985 - First Internet domain name is registered
1985 - Hole in the ozone layer discovered
1985 - Mikhail Gorbachev calls for Glasnost & Perestroika
1985 - Terrorists hijack TWA Flight 847
1985 - US singers record charity single "We Are the World"
1986 - Space shuttle Challenger explodes
1986 - Chernobyl nuclear disaster
1986 - Iran-Contra scandal unfolds
1986 - USSR launches Mir Space Station
1987 - DNA first used to convict criminals
1988 - Pan Am Flight 103 Is bombed over Lockerbie
1989 - Berlin Wall falls
1989 - Exxon Valdez spills millions of gallons of oil on coastline
1989 - Students massacred in China’s Tiananmen Square
1990 - Germany reunited
1990 - Hubble Telescope launched into space
1990 - Nelson Mandela freed
1990 - World Wide Web invented
1991 - Collapse of the Soviet Union
1991 - South Africa repeals Apartheid laws
1992 - Bosnian genocide begins
1992 - Riots in Los Angeles after the Rodney King verdict
1992 - Official end of the Cold War
Dr. Duggan arrived, he was told the church had a Deferred Maintenance Program – meaning all maintenance was deferred until the church had the money to fund it!

The organ, for instance, had already been malfunctioning in 1965 when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. visited. Apparently the congregation “had to sing all of the hymns and the anthem without the organ, as something had gone wrong with it.” But it wasn’t until 1983 when the Council was reminded that nearly two-thirds of the organ no longer functioned, that practical steps were taken to replace it.

Meanwhile, in 1978, the first self-guided tour of the church was prepared by Sue Wessel, and we discovered that the six sculptures for the pulpit described by Dr. Cochran in Friendly Adventurers simply weren’t there – they had never been completed. So her husband, Richard Wessel, sculpted them from basswood, finishing in 1984. The originals were to have been St Paul, St Chrysostom, Savonarola, John Wesley, Charles Spurgeon, and Phillips Brooks, all world preachers. The church kept St. Paul and John Wesley but replaced the other four with John Calvin, Martin Luther, Pope John XXIII, and Martin Luther King Jr. Wessel also carved the plaque in the chapel honoring Edmund Pendleton as well as the masthead on the donor board in the narthex.

From 1981 to 1982 we celebrated the 125th anniversary of the founding of the ACP, and our 50 years on the site at quai d’Orsay, with banquets, lectures, and a special newsletter series with illustrations by artist Norbert Smith.

Terrorism was a growing concern in the ’80s, and in 1986 there were a number of attacks in Paris, including a car bomb in front of Air Liquide, just down the street, so we hired security guards and installed barriers in front of the church.

In 1986 we finally had a balanced budget, so we reroofed the church house and Fred Gramann kicked off the funding campaign for the new organ. This was generously undertaken by many supporters, including the AFCU, US Ambassador Joe Rodgers, journalist Pierre Salinger, publisher John G. Ledes, and the French cosmetics firm Lancôme. Our new Beckerath organ was installed with appropriate pomp and ceremony in 1988 (see page 15).

The installation of the organ necessitated moving the Frank Armington painting, Christ Looking over Jerusalem, from the front of the Sanctuary to the chapel, where Dr. Duggan reported that it was much more appreciated. 1988 was also the year that we got our first computer, a gift from members Gregg and Megan Foster.

The Gulf War in 1991 brought back security concerns. Church attendance dropped by 30% and some Americans were afraid to leave their homes, Dr. Duggan recalled in his ACP history, Opportunity to Serve. It was around the same time that the church had to regularize its tax and social security position for workers and pastors.

The ACP celebrated its 135th anniversary in 1992 with a joint exhibition by the Canadian Cultural Center of works by Frank and Caroline Armington, the brother-sister Canadian artists who had been active members of the church earlier in the century. Frank Armington’s 1931 etching of the church served as the cover of the bulletin for years, graced the ACP letterhead, and was also used as the cover of Ruth Dixon’s history.

The Duggans left the church at the end of 1992 to work at the International Church of Bangkok. Rev. Duggan explained, “Fourteen years is a long time to serve in this exacting and exciting post. I would love to stay here until I retire in another seven years, but that would not be wise for the church or for me. New leadership is needed to continue the broad vision of ministry which we have here today.”

His duties were temporarily taken over by an interim pastor, Reverend Lewis Poag, who had previously served as an interim associate pastor, and at the time was moderator of the Church Council. In 1993 he ushered in our next pastor, Reverend Larry Kalajainen, who will kick off our history next month.

Sybil Davis Emerson

Unless you have taken the extended docent tour, or have had youngsters at the Lenin Bilingual school, you may not know about Sybil Emerson. She was an American painter, sculptor, muralist, writer, and educator from Massachusetts, and moved to Paris in her 30s, around 1925. She painted the murals in our two children’s classrooms on the first floor; this room’s murals were donated by the Twyeffort family in memory of a lost child. Ms Emerson died in 1980.
Kids & the city: Message
By Tendayi O. Chirawu

If you’re not a parent, it may be hard to imagine the small frustrations of rearing a young family: getting on and off the bus and metro with a stroller, eating out, signing up for a creche, etc. Wouldn’t it be nice to have a few friends who could counsel you about raising kids in Paris?

For 30 years, Message has supplied those friends. A volunteer-run resource center for English speaking parents in Paris, the organization provides support to families with children and expectant mothers in the form of practical advice, and a number of monthly activities and events.

The network was founded by six English-speaking expat women who searched for support to raise their children away from their traditions and cultures. Today, with 1,800 members, the goal is as it was then, to support parents facing the challenges of raising second- and third-culture children.

With 18 operations centers around Paris, Message is run by an executive committee: a president and eight vice presidents, who all give their time to foster relationships and grow the Message community.

Every month they sponsor over 100 activities, including regular meetings for mothers-to-be called Bumps2Babies, fun events and activities for kids 5 years old and up, plus events for working parents to come together and share ideas.

Message resources include the guide, *ABCs of Parenting in Paris*, as well as a library housing over 500 English books and videos, a medical directory, and an educational directory with all the information on schools and the French educational system. Message also publishes a quarterly magazine with practical information for expats and parents.

Joining the Message community is fairly simple, with detailed instruction on the website: www.messageparis.org

There is a non-refundable fee calculated based on the time of year that you join and the supermarket guide is included in the registration. Celebrating its 30 years, a free copy of the 6th edition of *The ABCs of Parenting in Paris* is also included in this year’s membership package.

Online, the Message website highlights discussions about trials and perils of expat life, and anyone can follow and chat via their Facebook page and Twitter account. Their phone line is also open weekdays from 10h00-16h00.

So jump right into Paris living with your kids free from care, because Message is there to help you settle into Paris as painlessly and enjoyably as possible, with a caring community of people who’ve walked a mile in your shoes.
What’s up in Paris
November event listings
By Karen Albrecht

Fondation Louis Vuitton
It’s a bird! It’s a plane! No, the fantastical winged creature that has touched down in the Bois de Boulogne is the new Fondation Louis Vuitton. For its inaugural, what else but an exhibit on superstar architect Frank Gehry, who designed the absurdly lyrical structure that will house concerts, poetry, sonic sculpture and cutting-edge contemporary art. Centre Pompidou is also featuring a Gehry retrospective (through 25 January) with drawings and models for the Guggenheim Bilbao and his other celebrity structures.
Reservations required.
www.fondationlouisvuitton.fr

Musée Picasso
Plagued by delays, controversy and cost over-runs, the five-year renovation is finally complete. Fans from around the world can once again contemplate the peerless collection of works spanning the Spanish artist’s long and varied career, largely treasures the French state wrested from Picasso’s heirs in lieu of inheritance taxes. In addition to paintings, sculptures, notebooks and drawings by Picasso himself, the museum houses the artist’s amazing collection of paintings by old masters and his own contemporaries.
www.museepicassoparis.fr

Sonia Delaunay, The Colors of Abstraction
The Ukrainian-born Parisian and her husband Robert Delaunay were pioneers of abstract art in the 1920s and 30s. This major retrospective brings together 400 works demonstrating Sonia’s versatility, from canvases pulsating with vividly colored concentric circles to boldly patterned carpets and textiles. Robert’s own brightly colored circles and crazy-quilt Eiffel Tower paintings are being showcased at the Centre Pompidou through 12 January.
Musée d’Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, 16th
Until 22 February
www.mam.paris.fr

Mois de la Photo
The 18th annual, month-long festival brings a rich panorama of photography to some 100 venues all around town. Featured themes this year are Mediterranean photography, anonymous/amateur photographers and “the heart of intimacy”.
www.moisdelaphoto.fr

Tracking the first Parisians
For a change of pace, why not travel back in time to 8000 BC, when hunter-gatherers roamed the Rive Gauche? At the Musée Carnavalet you can pore over finds from a recent archaeological dig in the 15th arr., including the oldest Parisian remains ever to be put on display, and a glimpse into how prehistoric Parisians actually lived.
Until 31 December
www.carnavalet.paris.fr

Gare de l’Est: Faces and traces of World War I

11 November is Armistice Day, a day of remembrance for France’s war dead, with annual ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier under the Arc de Triomphe, and a vigil this year at Père Lachaise cemetery. 2014 marks the centennial of the start of World War I. Paris’s Gare de l’Est saw thousands upon thousands of troops shipped off to the trenches; until 29 November, a giant display in the station’s public areas features moving photographs and artifacts from the Great War.
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Revelation is a difficult book to read. With powerful and often disturbing images, John leads us into a world of comfort and hope in the midst of persecution but also fear and trepidation as the very foundations of the world are shaken. Making matters even more difficult are the various ways Christians have read this book. Is Revelation a precise sketch of the last days, a word of relief to early Christians no longer relevant to us, or something in between? For far too long, many Christians have avoided this last book of the Bible, but we shouldn't. In Revelation, we learn that God is ever faithful and that God's love knows no end.

Optional dinner served at 18h30; lecture begins at 19h30.

Thurber Thursdays is an adult community gathering and growth time that is open to all.

Missed out?
If you can’t make it to Thurber Thursday, you can still enjoy our amazing speakers and discussions. The video is available on our website at http://acparis.org/thurber-thursdays-archives.
Make a child smile on Christmas Eve

By Quai-Marcel Grunert

Love in a Box, or LIAB, is a Paris-wide volunteer project that collects and distributes gifts to children at Christmastime. The gifts are boxes or backpacks which contain personally chosen items from a specific list (toy, candy, something to write on, something warm, see below). These gifts, contributed with love, are distributed through organizations that provide services to families and children in our local communities, in eastern France but also as far as Bulgaria. The children who receive these gifts would otherwise receive nothing.

LIAB is coordinated and run through the American Cathedral, although the program is non-religious and non-sectarian. In 2013 we distributed 2,874 boxes! If you would like to join us in this generous effort, see the instructions below. When you’ve finished preparing a box, simply leave it at a designated table in the ACP theater during coffee hour after the 11h & 13h30 services between 9 to 30 November, and make a child smile on Christmas Eve.

For further information, please contact us: missionoutreach@acparis.org

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Love In A Box
Gift Packing Instructions

Imagine a Christmas without presents...
For many children throughout the world this is a sad reality which our LOVE IN A BOX program wants to change. For over 20 years our program has offered holiday presents to thousands of needy children. This year, we will distribute our gifts of joy to children in Paris, Strasbourg, Mulhouse and as far away as Bulgaria. You too can help make a child’s Christmas brighter. Here’s how:

**HOW TO PREPARE YOUR LOVE-IN-A-BOX**

1. Take an empty adult-size shoebox.
2. Wrap your shoebox in colorful paper. Please wrap the lid and box separately.
3. Pack your box. Use the list below to decide what to put in.
4. Use an elastic band to keep the lid closed. Do not use tape!
5. On the end of the box, mark GIRL or BOY and the age range.

For further information contact: liab.france@gmail.com

**CHECKLIST**

**YOUR BOX MUST INCLUDE:**
(Everything should be new except toys and books in very good condition.)

- Toy
- Warm Gloves & Hat or Scarf
- Crayons, Pens, Markers or Colored Pencils
- Notebook, Paper or Coloring Book
- Toothpaste & Toothbrush
- Soap
- Sweets/Candy, Chocolates
- Book/magazine in French

The last day to deliver your completed boxes/backpacks is Sunday, December 7th

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Marché de Noël

By Kristie Worrel

Mark your calendars and plan to experience the fun of our annual Christmas market! We’ll have a wide variety of vendors from all over France coming to sell beautiful handmade merchandise: jewelry, cashmere shawls, children’s clothing, books and toys, British Christmas cakes, painted silk scarves, cartonnage boxes, Paris-themed cards, artwork and much, much more.

At our own ACP Mission Outreach tables you’ll find Christmas items: small gifts, decorations, hot spiced wine, yummy baked goods, ornaments, advent wreaths, home-made jams, unique items from India and Africa from our ministries there, as well as the opportunity to “Buy a Bible” for our prison ministry in Ghana.

So plan to start your Christmas shopping early and you won’t be disappointed! The Used Book Sale offers hundreds of great selections in both English and French. There will be a photo op with Santa from 13h-15h, and festive Carolers singing Christmas carols at 15h, along with a prize raffle at 16h. Come for lunch and dine on a delicious Asian international cuisine prepared by the Filipino Fellowship and served in the Thurber Room.

All proceeds from the ACP tables will help to support our many local and global Mission Projects.

If you have handmade craft items, used books or videos to donate for Mission Outreach, we’d love to hear from you. We’re also looking for volunteers to help us run the tables the day of the sale. If you have a couple of hours to give to a really great cause or to donate items, contact Kristie at kristieworrel@hotmail.com

Love to Sing Carols? Join the “Jolly Old Saint Nicolas Carolers”, with a brief rehearsal that day, 15 November, at 14h30. Then we don Santa hats at 15h00 and join Santa to share some Christmas cheer. Contact Fred at music@acparis.org
Not the end!

Shepherding our high school graduates through the last three years of their education has been a privilege and a delight

By Patti Lafage, our missionary in Uganda

In November of each year, Rafiki says farewell to our Day Scholars from the nearby community who finish their final year of school with us.

In Uganda’s education system, like the British one, high school students graduate after either “O” (Ordinary) level - equivalent to 11th grade US - or “A” (Advanced) level - 13th grade. Currently, Rafiki School offers up to “O” levels, with plans to add two more years of instruction enabling qualified Rafiki resident students to apply to a local university.

Our secondary students have studied 13 subjects over each of the past four years. The requirements of the Uganda curriculum have been met by our dedicated teachers. We have sought to integrate a Biblical worldview into every subject. Daily Bible study, actions guided by Christian principles, our teachers’ attention to the whole child, mind, body and soul have characterized these students’ education. Both continuous assessment and “mock” national exams scores have been averaged and reported.

Now comes the all-important National Exam. Grades in this exam are crucial to the student’s future since they are required as part of their Curriculum Vitae or Resume for their whole lives.

Our eleven graduating students will “sit” for the exams for 13 days at a nearby school designated as a testing center. Imagine the tension, hopes and dreams they are experiencing! They are now 18 or 19 years old. Most have lost one or both of their parents and now live with extended family members – an older sibling, an aunt or uncle. There is no money for further schooling; all will go to work as soon as their exams are finished. Annet will serve in her sister’s restaurant. Stanley, a gifted artist, hopes to save enough money for training in computer graphics. Denis will join his father, who makes and sells bricks, while dreaming of entering a contest to learn movie dubbing. He will try to raise the money needed for the contest entry fee.

Right now, the 11 members of the Rafiki graduating class are focused on one thing: passing their exam with the best possible grade. Shepherding these deserving young people through their last three years of education has been a privilege and a delight. Please join me in praying for their success, and for God to guide them to gainful employment in the near future.
Kristie: Being the Lay leader for the Friday Mission lunch (FML) the past 14 years has been a privilege and a pleasure, and a huge source of personal blessing. I’ve seen that through this program God has both physically nourished our guests as well as made it a place of spiritual nourishment for all of us, volunteers and guests alike.

For the past two years there has been a growing need for a second Lay leader, a leading co-chef. The Mission Outreach Committee have been praying for that for a long time and then Elodie Mbette came forward. She has not only come to volunteer and lend a hand, but in a true answer to prayer she has now joined the leadership ranks and will be a dedicated co-chef for the program. Already her presence has been invaluable and inspirational to us all. I give thanks to God for His provision and I thank Elodie for her heeding His call!

Elodie: Although I knew Kristie was the Lay leader of the FML, I was never curious about it until last summer. In July, Pastor Scott announced that the FML needed volunteers and I felt moved by the Spirit to help out. I started on 1st August, literally chaperoned by amazing people, especially Judy, the American Cathedral’s coordinator for the FML. I fell in love with the place, the guests and the volunteers. Although I could not put my finger on it, deep inside me I knew God was teaching me something great and beautiful.

Therefore, on 10 October, I accepted without hesitation to co-chef with Kristie. It was a blessed and wonderful time as I had the privilege to cook with Anne Des Jardins, Katheryn and Marie-Noel (a Cordon Bleu alumni). Based on my experience I can only advise you to:

> “Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don’t try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God’s voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he’s the one who will keep you on track.” Proverbs 3: 5-6

Indeed, every day has but one goal: to serve God and to serve others. Remember what Jesus commanded: love your neighbor as yourself.

God is eagerly awaiting to use each of us in miraculous ways we could never imagine. Heed the call (whatever it is about) and as with everything else in your life, God is right there to help you. In His tender care, you can be assured that He will equip you. Then just sit back and enjoy the miracles God has set before you.
**Getting to know some of the Friday Mission Lunch volunteers**

**Anne Des Jardins**, a Culinary Institute of America graduate, is a retired professional chef who has cooked in New York, Vermont and Miami for entertainers, fashion designers and even a US president and first lady. She says she loves cooking for our guests as much as she did cooking for the rich and famous.

**Katheryn:** “Now that I have co-chefed and cheffed a few times, am feeling comfortable and ready to pitch in on this level whenever I’m available. This thanks to dear Kristie, who is so supportive, wonderful and fun to work with, and to Anne, who is always willing, ready and able to teach us. Then, there is our group of volunteers – it’s always a pleasure working with them and getting to know them.”

**Pierre:** “Since late March 2014, I have volunteered as a food server on a regular basis, and I appreciate the teamwork values and the sense of unity that keeps the body of volunteers together. I also value the way we treat all the guests with dignity and respect. It brings hope to the guests, nurtures their spiritual health and encourages them to feel a sense of belonging in the community. Overall, Friday Mission Lunch is a wonderful program for all the guests and for all the terrific volunteers who come.”

**Come join us some Friday!**

For more information on how to participate contact us at kristieworrel@hotmail.com
YOUNG ADULTS NOVEMBER 2014 CALENDAR

Saturday 1
Men’s Bible Study, 14h30

Friday 7 Sandwich Ministry
19h30 Breakfast preparation. Email:

Saturday 8 Sandwich Ministry
8h Breakfast distribution. Email:
homelessandwich@acparis.org

Tuesday 4 Bible Study in the Catacombs @ 19h30. The Essence of

Tuesday 11 Pizza Night in the Thur-
ner Room 18h to help bake and set
up; 19h30 for fresh home made piz-

Sunday 9 Women’s Bible Study in the Catacombs,

Sunday 9 Sunday Social - meet in
the church theatre after the 13h30
service for a funday Sunday.

Monday 17 Pub Theology 20h The Wall,
51 rue Lacépède, off Place Contres-
carpe, Paris 75005 (metro:Place

Tuesday 18 Bible Study in the Catacombs @ 19h30. The Essence of Prayer

Tuesday 25 Pizza Night in the Thur-
er Room 18h to help bake and set
up; 19h30 for fresh home

Sunday 16 Women’s Bible Study in the Cata-

Sunday 16 International Potluck
Lunch - meet in the church theatre
after the 13h30 service for a funday

Sunday 23 Women’s Bible Study in the Cata-
combs, 12h – 13h30

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the church theatre after the 13h30
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Sunday 30 Women’s Bible Study in the Cata-
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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 3 and 17 November. The 45-minute program is an exciting and inspiring mix of music, interviews, sermon highlights, and discussion on hot topics.

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

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

If you have any questions, comments, ideas or would like to contribute to the show, be sure to contact us at acptoday@acparis.org.
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<td><strong>Multicultural Couples Potluck Dinner</strong> Fellowship and discussion on topics such as raising bicultural/ bilingual children and cultural differences. Bring</td>
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<td>Monica Bassett &amp; Anja Wyss multicultural</td>
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<td><strong>Writers’ Group</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Atelier Concert</strong> - Free admission, with free-will offering Bertrand Grenat, oboe; Carolyn Shuster Fournier and Dominique Fournier, piano and organ</td>
<td>Sunday 9 Nov</td>
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<td><strong>Friday Mission Lunch (volunteers needed)</strong> Every Friday a hot, nutritious meal is prepared for the homeless and needy. ACP is responsible for the meal on the second Friday of each month, but we are grateful for help with cooking, serving, and cleaning up every Friday. If you are interested and available, contact Kristie Worrel.</td>
<td>Friday 14 Nov 10h00-14h00 The American Cathedral</td>
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<td><strong>Marché de Noël</strong> Christmas Market, organized by the ACP Mission Outreach Committee. All proceeds from ACP tables</td>
<td>Saturday 15 Nov 11h00-17h00</td>
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(please check www.acparis.org/diary for updates)
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<td>Sophia Vaillant, piano</td>
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<td>Dr. Linda Stratford will speak on “Modern</td>
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<td>Sunday 16 Nov</td>
<td>12h30</td>
<td>ACP Library</td>
<td>Kim Herr <a href="mailto:women@acparis.org">women@acparis.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>Movie Discussion Group</strong></td>
<td>Thursday 20 Nov</td>
<td>19h30</td>
<td>Room G2</td>
<td>Rebecca Brite <a href="mailto:movies@acparis.org">movies@acparis.org</a></td>
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<td>Chef, ’71 and Love Is Strange. See any or</td>
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<td>Thursday 27 Nov</td>
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<td>The American</td>
<td>Carol Brown <a href="mailto:communitylife@acparis.org">communitylife@acparis.org</a></td>
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<td>All are welcome. Please join us in giving</td>
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<td><strong>ACP Thanksgiving Dinner</strong></td>
<td>Saturday 29 Nov</td>
<td>17h00, 20h30</td>
<td>Thurber Room</td>
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For more information on weekly Bible Studies and meetings, including BSF International, Moms in Prayer International, and Youth and Young Adult events, please go to “What’s on at ACP” at www.acparis.org.
The 2014 Candlelight Christmas Concerts

Presented by

The American Church Choir
The ACP Bronze Ringers
Fred Gramann, Director
The ACP Chamber Choir
Caroline Drury, Director
Le Choeur d’enfants Sotto Voce
Le Jeune Choeur Sotto Voce
Scott Alan Prouty, Director

Saturday, December 13, 2014
At 17h and 20h

Seasonal music, carol arrangements, and all joining to carols in English and French

The American Church in Paris
65, Quai d’Orsay - 75007 Paris

Métro: Alma-Marceau, Invalides
Bus: 42, 63, 80, 92

Tickets: 25 euros (reserved seating for adults, students and children)
15 euros (adults, all other seating)
10 euros (children & students, all other seating)