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Another view on the Spire, by Alison Benney
Thoughts from
The Rev. Dr. Scott Herr
Senior Pastor

Dear Members and Friends of the ACP,

Making All Things New is our theme as we move into a new season of life together. It’s a quote from Jesus, when in Revelation 21:5, he says, “Behold, I am making all things new.” I think it’s important to recognize from the outset that it is Jesus who is going to do the work of renewal in our lives and life together as a church. Some of you are literally new to the ACP, and so a warm welcome to you! I look forward to meeting you and sharing life/faith stories.

I just returned to pastoral duties on 28 August, and the first thing I want to say to everyone in our congregation is THANK YOU for allowing me this tremendous privilege! With that in mind, I want to share some of my sabbatical highlights and how Jesus did some renewal work in me these past few months that I hope will bless you in the coming months!

I spent a month in Cambridge, England for a time of intellectual renewal where I was a “visiting scholar” at Westminster College. My day was framed by morning chapel at Westminster, then reading Karl Barth in the library or attending a lecture at one of the other colleges or the Faraday Institute. While reading and lectures were interesting, the highlight of my time in Cambridge was the daily Evensong service at St. John’s College.

My second month was spent hiking the Camino Santiago, otherwise known in French as the Chemin de Saint Jacques de Compostelle. This is about an 800-kilometer hike from St. Jean Pied de Port, France, to Santiago, Spain, and then another 90K to Finisterre (the “end of the world” in the medieval mind). I’ll be giving some presentations on my Camino experience for those interested, so stay tuned… I averaged about 28K per day with my longest day 52K (ugh)! The 540 miles I hiked afforded me a time to reflect on what Jesus meant when he said, “I am the Way…” When people asked me why I hiked the Camino, my simple answer was “Gratitude!” I am so thankful to God for my life in Christ, my family, our church and other blessings.

The third component of my sabbatical was family time. Mark Twain once wrote, “It is best to tell the truth when nothing else occurs to you.” Let’s just say that after 30 years of pastoral ministry, I was so thankful to have the luxury of spending unhindered and undistracted time with my family. I enjoyed vacation with Kim’s family in North Carolina and with my parents and extended family in Oregon.

Thank you again for your thoughtful send off and blessings, your prayers, and for simply allowing me this rich time away. I trust God will use my sabbatical rest to somehow bless the ministry here in fruitful ways. I look forward to entering back into our community life, walking together into God’s future, and experiencing how the Lord will “make all things new” in and through our lives and life together… one day, one step at a time. Grace and peace to you!

In Christ,

[Signature]
Seeking answers in Paris
By Jake Van Asten
Our new Youth Intern

Recently someone at the ACP picnic asked me why Tricia and I came here. They were curious as to why we would extend an already laborious three-year master's program and delay the day when I would graduate and be able to earn a “real” income. As I processed this question with my feet dangling above the Seine while drinking cold rosé and eating a perfectly toasted baguette, I could have answered her with one word: Paris.

However, the truth is that we came here seeking answers to questions. Four in particular stand out. As Christians, how do we cultivate a warm spirit and a keen mind, sharpen the intellect while softening the heart? How do we create an ecumenical atmosphere while maintaining conviction? How do we form and foster a diverse community that reflects the Kingdom of God? How do we welcome the “outsider,” fight injustice, and make disciples? These are not just intellectual questions but practical ones. So, we wanted to participate in a community that not only had robust answers to these questions, but also seemed to be putting those answers into practice. After we browsed the many internship opportunities available to us in Princeton, we were drawn to the thriving community of ACP: an ecumenical and diverse church in the heart of Paris that seeks to serve the city, cultivate justice, and practice charity.

We landed in France the 1st of August, and the past four weeks have been marked by rest and adventure for Tricia and me. We have explored the city of Paris and are feeling settled. We know where to get groceries and how to find the Seine, so, needless to say, we are set. And most important for us, we have met wonderful people here who have made us feel like we really will be able to call this home. We couldn’t be more excited to learn, live, play, and work alongside such a thriving community.

Jake and Tricia Van Asten are from Princeton, New Jersey. Jake is currently working on his Masters of Divinity at Princeton Theological Seminary, and Tricia works as a graphic designer. They have been married for two years and most recently moved from Austin, Texas, where Tricia worked as graphic designer for a start-up and Jake worked for a small software company. They have both been active leaders in Young Life, which is a ministry for high school students. In Princeton, they work for Christian Union, which ministers to undergraduates at Princeton University. Jake and Tricia enjoy being outside, eating good food, reading, exploring new places, and hanging out with people. You can contact Jake by email at youthintern@acparis.org.

Bible readings for September

3 September 13th Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 3:1–15;
Psalms 105:1–6, 23–26, 45c
Romans 12:9–21;
Matthew 16:21–28

10 September 14th Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 12:1–14; Ps 149 or Ps 148
Romans 13:8–14
Matthew 18:15–20

17 September 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 14:19–31;
Exodus 15:1b-11, 20–21
Romans 14:1–12; Mt 18:21–35

24 September 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 16:2–15;
Psalms 105:1–6, 37–45 or Psalms 78
Philippians 1:21–30; Matthew 20:1–16
All things new
By the Rev. Tim Vance
Associate Pastor

Behold, I am making all things new... Revelation 21:5

ALL THINGS?! This is a powerful and yet provocative announcement. What does it mean that Jesus is at work making ALL things new?

Five hundred years ago, on 31 October 1517, Martin Luther posted a list of 95 issues (theses) that he felt needed to be addressed and reformed in the church. It was a significant moment in human history as it began what is known as the Protestant Reformation. While it will be important to reflect upon this mixed history, perhaps it will be more interesting to consider what it might look like for our lives, our families, our church, our city, and our world to be reformed, refreshed and made new. A new reformation if you will.

Revelation 21:1-5a

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.
2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;
4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”
5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”

Let’s first consider directions. What is moving and in what direction? Are you surprised that humans aren’t going up? Oddly enough, it’s God and heaven (symbolized as a New Jerusalem), which are coming to earth. Instead of us making our home in heaven, God is making his home with us on earth. God is bringing heaven to earth.

So starting this fall, MAKING ALL THINGS NEW will be our guiding theme for the year. Hopefully we will be able to reflect upon what new things Jesus is doing in our midst as we pray, worship, eat, learn and serve together.

Let’s start with these questions:

What things, experiences or practices are most refreshing and reviving for you personally?
What practices of prayer are most life-giving for you?
How might Jesus be at work refreshing and reviving the American Church in Paris and making it new?
Or how about the city of Paris? How about our world or even universe?
Remember, ALL THINGS!
Did you miss any of ACP’s Thurber Lectures this year? You can still enjoy our amazing speakers and discussions. The archived videos are available on the ACP website at acparis.org, under “Prayer & Learning.”

Thurber Lecture Series

Please join us for the Thurber lectures. They take place at the American Church in Paris, in the Thurber room. All are welcome to a light meal at 19h, before the presentation which starts at 19h45 and ends at 21h15.

Welcoming the stranger

Have you ever wondered what you could do to help alleviate the refugee crisis?

Come to the Thurber lecture on 14 September given by the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) France, and find out how you may help, even if modestly.

Every night thousands of asylum seekers sleep on the streets of Paris. Faced with this situation, JRS France has put into place its Welcome Program, the heart of which is defined as “reciprocal hospitality.” In the course of 10 years, JRS France has learned what works and has come up with a practical framework to closely guide families who agree to host an asylum seeker between four and six weeks. Meet other families in the Welcome Network and share best practices. Above all, get to know an asylum seeker. If you want guidance on the spiritual benefit you may draw from such an experience, that too is available to you.

You can’t host? Find out how else you can participate.

Père Antoine Paumard, S.J., Director of JRS France, and Marcela Villalobos Cid, Coordinator of Welcome in France, will explain how the program works and what they have learned over the years. Nicola Craig will tell you about her experience hosting asylum seekers, her motivation for doing so, what it was like, and why she decided to do it four times.

Thursday 14 September: Light dinner at 19h, presentation from 19h45 to 21h15.

Modern cosmology & Jesus Christ

“Since 1922 our view of the universe has changed completely. Before then we knew nothing of other galaxies, of the Big Bang, or of the age of the universe. Does this affect the Gospel of Jesus? I think it does, and that it calls for a new Reformation, in which the cosmic status of Christ is fully affirmed, and in which the Gospel becomes relevant in new and unexpected ways.”

Attend the Thurber lecture on 21 September, and discuss these issues with the Rev. Professor Keith Ward, Anglican priest, theologian, and philosopher. From 1991 to 2004, Dr. Ward was Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford University in England, and he is a Fellow of the British Academy. Among Dr. Ward’s many interests are the dialogue between religions and the relationship between science and religion. He is the author of over 20 books on theology and philosophy, including The Big Questions in Science and Religion (2008), The God Conclusion (2009), The Evidence for God (2014) and Christ and the Cosmos: a Reformulation of Trinitarian Doctrine (2015).

Read more about Keith Ward at www.keithward.org.uk.

Thursday 21 September: Light dinner at 19h, presentation 19h45 to 21h15.
The gift of hospitality
By the Rev. Dr. Jeff Powell
Visiting Pastor

As Alba and I take our leave from the American Church community on 29 September, we want to thank you for your hospitality and love. We were glad to stay an extra three months to help cover for Pastor Scott during his sabbatical. We also reset the six-month volunteer service dates of the Visiting Pastor and Spouse, which will now run from October to March and from April to September. In October you will welcome and offer hospitality to Visiting Pastor Lewis Poag and Pat, his spouse. Lord willing, around the end of the year, you will welcome the new Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

Hospitality is such an essential gift that we can offer one another. I leave you with a quote from Henri Nouwen’s book, *Reaching Out*. Starting in October, Alba and I plan to travel in Europe and explore possible opportunities for short-term pastoral ministry.

“The German word for hospitality is Gastfreundschaft, which means friendship for the guest. The Dutch use the word gastvriheid, which means freedom of the guest. Although this might reflect that the Dutch people find freedom more important than friendship, it definitely shows that hospitality wants to offer friendship without binding the guest, and freedom without leaving him alone. Hospitality, therefore, means primarily the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy.

Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them a space where change can take place. It’s not to bring men and women over to our side, but to offer freedom not disturbed by dividing lines. It is not to lead our neighbor into a corner where there are no alternatives left, but to open a wide spectrum of options for choice and commitment. It is not an education intimidation with good books, good stories and good works, but the liberation of fearful hearts so that words can find roots and bear ample fruit. It is not a method of making our God and our way into the criteria of happiness, but the opening of an opportunity to others to find their God and their way.

The paradox of hospitality is that it wants to create emptiness where strangers can enter and discover themselves as created free; free to sing their own songs, speak their own languages, dance their own dances; free also to leave and follow their own vocations. Hospitality is not a subtle invitation to adopt the life style of the host, but the gift of a chance for the guests to find his own.”

“Bloom Where You're Planted”

Join our Planning Team

The next Bloom Where You’re Planted Program will be held on 7 October. We are looking for volunteers who would like to help out on this well-known, ground-breaking program that helps Anglophone newcomers settle into their new life in Paris. If you’d like to find out more about how you can help, please contact bloom.acparis@gmail.com.

May we learn to give and to receive better the free space of hospitality. God bless you and your ministries.

Love in Christ,

Jeff
Come to the fair!

The ACP Ministry Fair
Sunday, 17 September, noon to 15h30

As you get past the rentrée, and before you settle into another new routine, you will probably be considering better ways of spending your time for the upcoming year. The ACP Ministry Fair can inspire and provide ideas how you can use your particular talents in God’s service.

The Ministry Fair is a one-stop shop for all the church community groups and committees to share what they do, and how you might be able to contribute. Do you enjoy cooking? Talk to the Community Life group about helping out on Thurber Thursdays, or the Missions Outreach Committee to help out with Friday Mission Lunch. Got technical talent and love music? Talk to the Contemporary Worship team about helping with setup, or the Communications team about helping out with events or the website. Enjoy discussing the latest films? Join the movie discussion group. Want to somehow serve the city? You guessed it, talk to the Mission Outreach Committee about all the activities we provide locally. Here is a general list of the possibilities.

Bible Studies: On Sundays and during the week
Missions: Local, international, special events
Communications: Spire, radio, website, social media
Building and Property committee
Children’s worship, Christian education
Women’s and men’s ministries
Fellowship: African, Filipino, knitting, movies, writing

The Multicultural Couples group
Community Life event organization
Worship welcoming, greeting, ushering, communion
Youth and Young Adults ministries
Music: Contemporary, traditional, youth, handbells
Clerical, accounting, human resources
Meditation and prayer groups

Sunday Women's Fellowship
Welcoming the Strangers in our Midst by Rev. Jodi Fondell

About a year ago, I found out that I had won a grant from the Louisville Institute in the US to pursue a project that had been in my heart for a long time. My years of living in Europe and being a part of various international churches has shown me the importance of the church’s role in helping people find a place of belonging in their new homeland. I wanted to see if I could clearly uncover some principles that churches should be incorporating into their ministries, if they are serious about helping people find a place of belonging in their midst.

Leviticus 19:34, in relationship to foreigners, clearly states: “Treat them like native-born Israelites, and love them as you love yourself. Remember that you were once foreigners living in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.” I look forward to sharing a bit about this project and what I’ve been learning from it at the women’s fellowship on 10 September.

Sunday 10 September, 12h15-13h30, Thurber room. All women welcome for a time of fellowship and conversation. Free childcare available on courtyard level (ground floor). Looking forward to
We are excited to get going again! Let’s take a quick look back:

We said good-bye to Emily Chesley, our wonderful intern, in July. We wish her well as she re-enters school at Princeton this autumn. We shared in an amazing Serve Our City week. The students and leaders all did such a great job working hard each day, serving the less fortunate in our city and working on some unpleasant tasks inside the walls of ACP. Our outreach included handing out sandwiches, serving breakfast to those living on the streets of Paris, and writing cards of encouragement to soldiers living in Germany who had been wounded while serving.

Our in-reach included a major cleaning of the ACP kitchen, a cleaning out of the Youth and Young Adults Pastor’s office, sorting through loads of stuff that has just been sitting around gathering dust, and scrubbing the tables that everyone uses. Fortunately the last task ended in an epic water fight, so all in all, it proved to be a great activity.

In addition to the tasks, we spent time singing, praying and learning more about what Micah 6:8 means for our lives. It was a fantastic week and we were so proud of our youth for the way they worked hard day after day without complaint. Our leaders were amazing as well. We could not do the kind of youth ministry that we do without the dedicated work of our wonderful volunteer youth leaders.

Now, looking ahead:

We welcome our new intern, Jake Van Asten and his wife, Tricia. All youth in Collège and Lycée are welcome to join us on **Sunday afternoons from 15h to 17h**. We will share in some social time, games, and sharing. Our theme for the fall is **Wide & Deep: The Cross-Shaped Life**. We will focus on how we follow Christ as his disciples. Christ’s love for us is wide and deep. That is to say, the width of Christ’s love knows no outsiders, and the depth of Christ’s love knows no limits. This semester we will focus on how we can abide in Christ’s deep love for us and participate in his wide love that stretches out to every tribe, tongue, and nation and to all of creation. Themes that we plan to discuss include Who is God? Is the Bible true? What’s your status on social media? What makes me, me?. These and many other relevant themes will help us navigate the road of discipleship as we widen our love for others and deepen our love for God.
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 3 September 17h00
Nicole TAYLOR - soprano;
Frédéric GONCALVES - baritone;
Debra TAKAKJIAN - piano...

VERDI, WAGNER, PUCCINI

Sunday 10 September 17h00
Harumi KINOSHITA – harpsichord

“TOCCATAS À TRAVERS L’EUROPE”
Oeuvres de
FRESCOBALDI, FROBERGER,
SWELINCK ET BACH

Sunday 17 September 17h00
Elena DELLA SIEGA & Davide MUNARON
Piano with four hands

“SUGGESTIONS FROM THE NORTH”
Oeuvres de
BUSONI, GRIEG,
GADE ET HAEGG

Sunday 24 September 17h00
Double Treble: Karl VAN RICHARDS & Roderick C. DEMMINGS Jr. – piano with 4 hands & organ/piano

Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 - Franz Liszt
Jamaican Rhumba - Arthur Benjamin
Sabre Dance - Aram Khachaturian
William Tell Overture - Gioachino Rossini
Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 - Johann Sebastian Bach
Rhapsody in Blue - George Gershwin
Congratulations to ACP Music Director Fred Gramann, who has yet another musical notch in his belt: Director of the Bay View Week of Handbells, a prestigious annual event in Michigan.

Former director Carl Wiltse, who has been a part of the Week of Handbells for all of its 40 years, said of Gramann, “We could not have chosen a better leader for the future. Fred is known worldwide as a master conductor and composer, and is in high demand. We are indeed fortunate to have secured his services, and I know that the Bay View Week of Handbells is in safe hands.”

Building Community Together Fundraising concert, auction, and reception
Friday 22 September at 19h30

This month, celebrate and support some of the physical projects that help create and sustain the American Church in Paris as a welcoming and safe space. You are invited to a special concert, food and auction at an exciting event on Friday 22 September at 19h30, at the ACP.

if you have any items or experiences that you would like to donate to the auction, please write to buildingcommunity@acparis.org.

22 september @19h30

Alan Gogoll performs for ACP fundraiser

Alan Gogoll is a solo acoustic guitarist from the picturesque seaside town of Hobart, Tasmania. Recognised internationally as one of the finest solo acoustic guitarists, Alan has built his award-winning reputation on intricate and uplifting musical performances and compositions using his original Bell Harmonics technique and signature guitar tunings. He has been featured in both the national and international press, including ABC Classic FM and Guitar World.

Alan’s guitar journey began at an early age on a guitar hidden away in the attic. More than 20 years on, that journey is as exciting as ever; he has released over half a dozen studio albums to date, with his new album Avorigorn in the works, set for a 2018 release.

Alan holds a number of endorsements, including G7th Capos, John Pearse Strings, Schertler Amplifiers and Snark Tuners. The year 2016 saw a rise in popularity for Alan's career, of which some highlights included 85k+ Facebook likes, 25k+ Instagram likes, 5+million video views, and over a million Spotify listeners, making him one of the most listened-to solo acoustic guitarists in the world.

With a deep passion and love for the guitar, Alan combines melody, rhythm, bass and harmonics into his compositions that he is delighted to share with his audiences around the globe and to bring people joy and connectedness through his music. Don’t miss him on 22 September, 19h30, at the ACP fundraiser.

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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.

Convictions and Commitments: 500 Years of Reform
This two-day symposium is sponsored by the Protestant Federation of France and hosted by the City of Paris. It will explore the diversity of Protestantism from historical, international and interreligious perspectives. Speakers include leading experts on the history of Protestantism in France and the world, as well as representatives from a variety of denominations and religions.

Friday-Saturday, 22-23 September, 14h. Hôtel de Ville, 3 rue de Lobau, Paris 75004. 20€ for both days. On Friday, a rare printed example of the 95 theses will be on display. For more information and tickets: www.protestants2017.org/colloque or see www.protestants2017.org.

A meeting for dialogue: Jean-Marie Lustiger and Elie Wiesel
On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the death of Jean-Marie Lustiger and the first anniversary of that of Elie Wiesel, this symposium presents a striking exploration of how these two men, through their friendship, contributed to the progress of Judeo-Christian dialogue. Sponsored by the Christian Institute of Jewish Studies and the Elie Wiesel Institute, it will bring together scholars, theologians and philosophers and conclude with a partial viewing of a 1989 episode of the TV show "Du côté de chez Fred" devoted to the two men.


Journées du Patrimoine, Christian points of interest

Oratoire du Louvre
Located near the Louvre, this church was built in 1621, and Louis XIII made it the Royal Chapel of the Louvre Palace in 1623. Napoleon, however, put it at the disposition of the Protestants of Paris in 1811, hosting the early meetings of what would become the congregation of the American Church in Paris. It has remained Protestant ever since. Notice the statue behind the church, a monument to Admiral Gaspard de Coligny who was killed in the Saint Bartholomew's Day massacre in 1572.

Oratoire du Louvre, 145 rue St. Honoré, 75001 Paris.

Église Sainte-Élisabeth-de-Hongrie
The first stone of this church was laid by Marie de Médicis in 1628. It is named after Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, sister of Louis XVI, who devoted her short life to the care of the poor and the sick. She was at the forefront of the penitent movement, which gave birth to the Franciscan Third Order. Today, the church is the conventual church of the Order of Malta in Paris.

16-17 September, exhibition: The Order of Malta: 900 years of service to the sick.
Saturday, 16 September, 11h: Meet in the church for a tour of the neighborhood to see where the original buildings of the site were located. 15h: Conference on Saint Elisabeth of Hungry. Église Sainte-Élisabeth-de-Hongrie, 195 rue du Temple, 75003 Paris.
The last sizzle of summer
France’s sizzling summertime circuit of world-class jazz jamborees marks out its final and arguably its finest beats with Jazz à La Villette. In addition to the Grande Halle and more intimate neighborhood venues, the festival now includes the acoustically acclaimed Philharmonie concert hall, where the action will hit its crescendo with famed US saxophonist Archie Shepp’s “Art songs and spirituals,” then a grand finale by Ethio-jazz all-star Mulatu Astatke, whose otherworldly Abyssinian groove will delight even the most jaded of jazz hounds.

Until 13 September, http://www.jazzalavillette.com

Putting the “her” into heritage days
Over three decades, the “Journées du Patrimoine” architectural heritage days have blossomed into a Parisian institution and now a Europe-wide phenomenon (see p. 19). In counterpoint, the renegade, tongue-in-cheek “Journées du Matrimoine” festival is lining up a series of alternative events for the same weekend, honoring women’s role in history and society via lectures, a contemporary art show and a grrrl-power concert at the Maison des Métallos with ace jazz pianist Katy Roberts and spellbinding singer-dancer-storyteller Gwen Sampé.

15-17 September, www.maisondesmetallos.paris

Seeing Cézanne in a new light
Catch the final days of this unique exhibit of paintings by Paul Cézanne, the French master who was hailed by Matisse and Picasso as the founding father of modern art. While Cézanne is best known for jaggedly colorful landscapes of the south of France and lusciously fruity still lifes, this show zeroes in on uncannily candid depictions of the artist’s friends, his wife Hortense, and even his gardener. Most riveting by far are the many and highly revealing portraits the artist painted of himself.


Pre(co)acious jewels
The dramatic poster with Salvador Dali’s deliciously literal design of ruby lips and pearly teeth is only a small hint of the sparkling genius on display in “Medusa: bijoux et tabous” at Paris’s Museum of Modern Art. The 400-odd jewels both old and new dazzle not for their precious gems or metals (of which there are relatively few), but for their glittering wit and ingenuity. Clever curation highlights the aesthetic affinities of baubles large and small, ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous and back again.


Red but not dead
The once-mighty French Communist Party has dwindled to near irrelevance, but the annual open-air shindig put on by its similarly enfeebled newspaper L’Humanité is still alive and kicking. Hordes of families and music fans descend upon the Parc de La Courneuve to take in the major musical acts, which this year include the unsinkable Iggy Pop and poetic French songster Renaud. Sampling the grilled merguez sausages, the peerless people watching and the lofty leftist rhetoric is all part of the fun.


What’s up in September event listings
By Karen Albrecht

Take the plunge
Celebrated British painter and dandy extraordinaire David Hockney rang in his 80th birthday with this major retrospective co-produced by the Centre Pompidou, London’s Tate Modern and New York’s Metropolitan Museum. Dive in at the deep end to savor the shimmering, distinctively Californian blues of Hockney’s signature poolscapes, bask in the bright, deceptively simple compositions that have earned Hockney his reputation as one of the most eccentric yet readily accessible of contemporary artists.

Update: Renovations for the lift

The best laid plans… Our contract with Thyssen called for the lift to be set up and running by the end of July. As most of you have seen, there is still a gap in the doorway where the elevator should be. Our supplier faced a problem in June, but we have been informed that this problem has since been solved and the elevator will be set up end of October taking advantage of the school holidays.

The Property committee is very sorry for the delay, and we trust Thyssen, a reputable international company, to fulfill their contract by end of October. We are following very carefully the progress of this work and will keep you informed.

However, the Property committee has been busy over the summer, working on the following:

- New flooring in the basement
- Creating the toilet for handicapped
- Creating a dry column for the fire brigade in the building.

We will also change the carpets and repaint the youth pastor’s office.

The Property committee

What’s going on? Tune in to ACP Today radio

Have you ever listened to ACP Today, the American Church in Paris’ radio show? Join us on Mondays at 20h45 – this month on 4 and 18 September. 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, at www.acparis.org/ACPtoday, or the ACP mobile app.

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 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.
What things, experiences and practices refresh you or give you life? What images or ideas come to mind when you think about the book of Revelation? The apocalypse? The end of the world? Destruction? How about heaven coming to earth? How about creation begin refreshed?

Jesus says in Revelation 21:5, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Can that be right? Can Jesus be at work making Paris and our world new? Can Jesus make me new?

Join us for our All-Church Fall Retreat led by Pastor Tim Vance, as we explore these questions in worship, small group conversations, special workshops, fun activities, quiet time and mealtime.

All-Church means EVERYONE is invited to be part of this special time together! Programs are being developed for children, youth, young adults, adults and families. This is a fantastic opportunity to get to know each other while learning, worshipping and relaxing together.

The retreat will take place Friday 13 to Sunday 15 October at the Massibielle Retreat Centre, 1 rue Auguste Rey, 95390 Saint Prix, a 20-minute train ride from Gare du Nord. Participants will be greeted at the station on Friday evening and taken to the Centre by shuttle. Upon arrival, there will be a time of fellowship with a welcome buffet. We’ll play games geared at getting to know each other! Saturday morning we’ll begin the day with worship before launching into teaching. Pastor Tim Vance will lead the retreat as we explore together our image of God. While adults discuss and share in small groups, children will have their own time of learning.

After lunch, there will be time for creative thinking, exercise, games, and walking in the nearby Montmorency forest. There is also time to simply rest and enjoy the natural setting of the Massibielle Retreat Centre. Retreats are meant to be a time to slow down, relax and reflect away from the distractions of our busy lives.

In the evening, we’ll join together for further fellowship and teaching, sharing with each other our experiences of the day. A surprise awaits the children...

On Sunday, we will take time to worship together, conclude the teaching and enjoy lunch before returning to Paris in the early afternoon. Shuttles will be available to transport participants.

The retreat will cost €125 for adults, €75 for young adults, €140 for an adult and child, €250 for a family (2 adults and up to 2 children) and €40 for an additional child. The price includes all meals, two nights accommodation, sheets, and shuttle from the St. Prix station. Please do not let money keep you from joining us for this retreat. Scholarships are available.

For online registration, see the ACP website www.acparis.org or register at the welcome desk in the ACP. For more information about the weekend, please contact the Christian Education Committee at christianeducation@acparis.org or the Associate Pastor, at associatepastor@acparis.org.

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Prayer Chain Team

Do you have a prayer request for our Prayer Team?
If so, please forward your prayer by email 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.
I have an announcement to make... **we received our 501c3 status!**

The Excellence Computer Technology Foundation is now an official 501(c)3 non-profit organization!

The Internal Revenue Service accepted our tax-exempt application and issued the status on 13 July. With our new status, we shall be able to apply for grants from corporations and foundations, plus give you all, our faithful donors, a tax-deductible receipt to include with your US income tax return.

Thank you all for believing in us. **Consider making your end-of-the-year donation to us.** We shall continue to do God’s work throughout this fallen world. God bless!

For more information on this ministry and how to make a donation, see [http://excellencectc.org/](http://excellencectc.org/)

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**The Movie Discussion Group**

**19h30, Thursday 21 September,**
**Room G2 or, weather permitting, the courtyard**

This month’s movies to see beforehand:

- *120 battements par minute* by Robin Campillo
- *Wind River* by Taylor Sheridan
- *Dans un recoin de ce monde* by Sunao Katabuchi
- *The Party* by Sally Potter (opens 13 September)

See any or all at your leisure and join the group for discussion. Contact: [movies@acparis.org](mailto:movies@acparis.org)
#TryAlpha

By Lisa Prevett

The 2017 rentrée is a landmark for the Alpha Course at the American Church: this will be the first time that ACP has run two Alpha’s in the same year! The next course kicks off with a free Launch Party on **28 September at 19h30**. The course then runs weekly from Thursday 5 October with a meal at 19h, followed by a video talk and small group discussions. We’ll be using the Alpha film series, in English with French subtitles, featuring the course’s creator, Rev. Nick Gumbel, and interviews with Bear Grylls, Jackie Pullinger and Father Raniero Cantalamessa, among others. The video talks will take us on a journey around the globe as we explore the meaning of life and ask challenging questions about the Christian faith.

Alpha invites everyone to “come and see” and it is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the Christian faith in a relaxed, informal and friendly environment.

**How can I support the course?**

There are many ways that you can be involved with Alpha. One really important way is to invite people along - a personal invite is most effective and easy to do, so take the plunge and ask a friend if he/she would like to accompany you to the Launch Party. There are many people who are now part of our ACP family because someone reached out and invited them to “come and see” what the Christian faith is all about. It’s not always easy to tell friends, family and colleagues about God but we all know someone who has questions about life and faith. Giving them an Alpha invite and personally inviting them along to the Alpha Course is one of the easiest ways to do this! You can find invites in the bulletin on Sundays in September or stop by the Alpha table after the worship services.

Another way to support Alpha is through prayer. Your prayer support is essential, so please keep the guests and the team in your prayers throughout the course. You could also volunteer to serve as part of the kitchen team preparing the meal. Many hands make work light and we are looking to put together a kitchen team again this year. Even just volunteering to serve for one week would be an enormous help!

Is there more to life than this? Come and join us at the free Launch Party on 28 September and let’s find out together. Over 29 million people around the world have done Alpha – have you?

For more information, please contact alpha@acparis.org. Details about the Launch Party and the course are available via the website at acparis.org and our social media channels.

**What people said about Alpha on the last course at ACP**

“Since doing Alpha I have started Bible reading. Using the verses spoken about it has been great to go away and read them for myself…work at them with a deeper understanding”

“The videos were theologically rich and stimulated great discussions”

“I came here as a non-believer and now I think that life without God and faith makes no sense”

“Great food, great atmosphere, great discussions”

Did you know you can follow the American Church in Paris on social media?

[@AmChurchParis](https://twitter.com/AmChurchParis)  [AmericanChurchParis](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanChurchParis)
Rafiki’s “RICE” in Uganda
By Patti Lafage, ACP Missionary

RICE – Rafiki Institute of Classical Education - is celebrating three years of existence as a training college for future Christian Classical teachers.

RICE is an important component of Rafiki founder Rosemary Jensen’s vision to help Africans know God and to raise their standard of living. Young Ugandan high school graduates train at RICE for two years in order to qualify as nursery or primary school teachers in one of the thousands of schools run by our Rafiki church partner denominations. This is how hundreds of thousands of Ugandan children will benefit from Rafiki’s biblical world-view teaching.

Like the Rafiki Christian Classical curriculum used in our schools, RICE provides fully integrated subject-matter courses designed by our curriculum writers to pursue truth, goodness and beauty, develop a biblical world view, and gain life-long learning skills. Young men and women study the Bible, math, science, language and literature as core courses while mastering classical teaching methods, child psychology, child development and computer skills. The “icing on the cake” and a vital part for RICE students is Art and Music.

I personally have been blessed as teacher of both these disciplines. Although my own 1970s “liberal arts” college education included both art and music appreciation, extensive review and re-learning have been a joy. These studies hold far more meaning for me now than they did back then. Tying the Reformation to Renaissance painting and music, and seeing the students wide-eyed as they realize how history links everything together fill my heart with gratitude.

In addition to the “appreciation” segment, RICE future teachers “learn by doing.” Art begins with the basic elements of drawing (line, shape, texture...) continues through sketching and, in the second year, goes on to exploring and creating with color.

In Music, we use an in-house adaptation of an internationally recognized curriculum developed by John Feierabend called Conversational Solfege. Students learn to be “beatful, tuneful and artful,” to hear, read and finally write music, as well as how to teach music to young children. Our young adult future teachers become children again as they sing and clap the beats to “Turkey in the Straw” and “Frere Jacques.” A Russian dance called “Sasha!” is a great favorite.

We are presently pursuing affiliate status with a leading Christian university in Uganda. The long process will, God willing, open the door to the accreditation of RICE as a teacher training institute by the Uganda National Council for Higher Education.

Would you please pray with us for two great needs? Pray that God will speed along the affiliation and accreditation processes so that our RICE graduates will be qualified to teach in all schools. Pray also that more qualified applicants – our admission standards are high! – will come to RICE.

For more information about the Rafiki Foundation, see https://www.rafikifoundation.org. To contact Patti or make a donation, see https://www.rafikifoundation.org/AboutUs/missionarydetail.aspx?id=1132.
Bloom Where You’re Planted

Putting down roots can be a challenge when you’re living in a foreign culture, speaking a different language and struggling to get used to a strange city. Every expat has been through it, and that is why the congregation at the American Church of Paris has been holding out a watering can of assistance to newcomers for over 40 years.

Want to know how to shop like a Parisian? Understand the school system in France? Figure out how to cut through the red tape of banking, insurance, visas? Bloom Where You’re Planted can help with that and more, all in one day of seminars and workshops on 7 October, from 9h-17h at the American Church in Paris.

Women’s Saturday Bible Study

30 September, 15h-17h
All women are more than welcome to join the Saturday afternoon women’s Bible study. We meet most Saturdays, 15h-17h, September through June, excluding Christmas holidays and Easter weekend. Come and study God’s Word with us! If you don’t have a Bible, we are happy to share. This year, we will practice journaling as a spiritual discipline. For more information please contact Elodie Mbette.

European Heritage Days

16-17 September

Living in Paris we already enjoy easy access to some of the world’s most amazing cultural heritage sites, but one weekend a year, the Journées Européennes du Patrimoine issue us all backstage passes to see the less accessible bits. On Saturday and Sunday, 16-17 September, more than 17,000 monuments across the country will host more than 26,000 special events and openings to celebrate the theme of Heritage and Citizenship.

Venues range wildly, from farms to palaces and from a photography studio featuring celebrity headshots to a dermatological museum featuring lifelike casts of skin diseases. If you’ve been reading our What’s Up columns, you’ll recognize the name of the Institut catholique de Paris.

But make sure not to miss The American Church: Yes, that’s us! You can come and learn more about our very own heritage on Saturday between 10h-17h, or contact Spire@acparis.org if you’d like to volunteer to welcome visitors.

See http://journéesdupatrimoine.culturecommunication.gouv.fr/ for the official program of venues, events, and opening times in French. Most sites offer free entry, but their listing will specify if there are any charges for special events, tours, workshops. A drop-down menu in the top right corner of the main page will translate content into English, German, Italian or Spanish. You can also follow on Facebook or Twitter for the latest info.
Can Rome Be Built in a Day?

Vacation Bible School, 21-25 August, review
By Allison Wheeler

What a joy it was to briefly leave Paris, 2017 behind, and travel back in time with nearly 70 kids and 30 volunteers to ancient Rome! For Vacation Bible School this year, ACP kids got a chance to play Roman games, make laurel wreaths and do other Roman crafts, and best of all, meet the Apostle Paul, his guard Brutus, members of the underground Christian community, and even the emperor herself.

Each day the children learned a different verse from Paul’s letter to the Romans, each of which illustrated one of five Bible truths: God’s love is a gift, God’s love changes us, God’s love saves us, and God’s love is worth sharing. We ended each day by practicing two songs, the classic “They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love” and “God’s Love is Always There.” I am so glad that the congregation was able to experience at the following Sunday’s service just a glimpse of what myself and our volunteers were able to experience each day: a rainbow of children proclaiming in song that they will walk with each other, hand in hand, proclaiming the news of God’s love. In a world so full of hurt and destruction, it was a sight and sound that affirmed the good news of the gospel in a spectacular way.

I cannot wait to see where Vacation Bible School will take us all next year.

Life at Deep Griha: Uniform project update
By Pascale Deforge

As the monsoon continued to hit the slum, we have begun training to sew the school uniform pant stitching with specific Deep Griha fabric. With the rain, it became difficult to get there in a ricksaw, yet risky to walk in the slum, for fear of infection. It was also difficult to stitch as the rain was dripping into our space, so I decided to hold off for the moment on buying the sewing machine from WBS and Leetchi donations. First we need to secure our workspace.

Please pray with us. We need:

1 - To repair the roof and windows to keep the rain out;
2 - Safe electricity: Today we have an insecure housing for electrical plugs for our sewing and ironing.
3 - Running water, with efficient drainage; here is our “sink” for handwashing and cleaning. With no drain, we wash our feet when we wash our hands!

Meanwhile the Deep Griha director, Ashlesha Onawale, made an important decision: To dedicate our space strictly to the uniform project. Praise the Lord! It was difficult to keep the room and machines clean and working, as this room had been also used for children and young adults in the afternoons. We were so delighted, we immediately started to clean up the room. Remember that in India, a clean place is rare ...

The Deep Griha Society (DGS) is an independent charitable organization that focuses on nutrition and education programs, including: Child, Youth & Women Empowerment; Medical & Health Care; Disha (HIV/AIDS awareness); and Rural Empowerment. It works to better the lives of people living in the slums of Pune, India's seventh largest city, situated about 160km from Mumbai. For more information, see the ACP website: acparis.org/deep-griha-society or www.deepgriha.org.
Christian Dior: Designer of dreams

By Karen Marin

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the House of Dior, and the brand has pulled out all the stops to create a truly memorable exhibit with "Christian Dior, Designer of Dreams". This retrospective fills both the typical fashion floor plus the nave of the Musée des Arts Décoratifs, dedicating 32,000 square feet to the legendary fashion house. Items from the Dior Héritage archives - never shown before in Paris - are on display along with a wealth of photos, letters, and documents in addition to 300 couture pieces, accessories and more. This show is a fashion lover's dream, but beauty and fragrance are not left out – there is a comprehensive tribute to both, giving full scope to the brand.

The exhibit is divided into several sections, beginning with Dior's childhood and early years. Who knew his family made their money in fertilizer? But young Christian was passionate about art, so he opened and ran his own gallery from 1928-1934 (simulated in the exhibit), during which time he befriended the likes of Dali, Giacometti and Calder. The depression put an end to the gallery as the funding dried up when the family lost its fortune. Dior went back to his artistic roots, learned fashion drawing and submitted his work to magazines and couturiers. He wouldn't open his own maison until 1947 at the age of 42. An impressive series of color coordinated vitrines put forth shoes, accessories, jewelry, fragrances, advertising visuals and more. The exhibit then leads to themed vitrines pairing couture with famous paintings (Monet, Renoir, Gainsborough, Boldoni and others) further emphasizing the link between art and Dior.

As you make your way across the museum to the nave, you are greeted by the iconic Bar Suit in apogée. Dior had redefined the feminine silhouette post WWII with his New Look, a term coined by Carmel Snow, then editor of Vogue, referring to the tiny waists and voluminous skirts. The following rooms focus on the six designers who have been at the helm of Dior since the master's early death in 1957. From Yves Saint Laurent to John Galliano, and all those in between and after, it's a fashion flash-back. But the real treats are still to come: room after room of couture, some beautifully displayed with origami-like faux gardens, ending with a blockbuster display of gowns worn by Hollywood's crème de la crème, showered in golden light.

You can't help but walk away saying "J'adore Dior."

Through 7 January 2018

Tips: The show is really crowded. Book online, go early, go at lunchtime or go late (Thursdays until 21h). Closed on Monday.

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.
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<td>showcase their projects and activities to welcome new members and participants to join in the fun of being a part of the greater ACP community.</td>
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<td><strong>Elena DELLA SIEGA &amp; Davide MUNARON: piano with 4 hands</strong></td>
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<td><strong>ACP Today: Faith Talk in Paris radio show</strong></td>
<td>Monday 18 Sept</td>
<td>20h45-21h30</td>
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<td>Tune in for inspiring music and interviews.</td>
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<td><strong>Thurber Lecture - Dr. Keith Ward</strong></td>
<td>Thursday 21 Sept</td>
<td>19h; 19h45 Dinner; Lecture</td>
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<td>Tim Vance <a href="mailto:associatepastor@acparis.org">associatepastor@acparis.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>Modern Cosmology and Jesus</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Movie Discussion Group</strong></td>
<td>Thursday 21 Sept</td>
<td>19h30</td>
<td>Courtyard or Room G2</td>
<td>Rebecca Brite <a href="mailto:movies@acparis.org">movies@acparis.org</a></td>
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<td>This month’s movie listings: <strong>120 battements par minute, Wind River, Dans un recoin de ce monde</strong> (opens 6 Sept), and The Party (opens 13 Sept). See any at your leisure and join the group for discussion.</td>
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<td><strong>Building Community Together - Fundraising concert with Alan Gogoll, auction, and reception</strong></td>
<td>Friday 22 Sept</td>
<td>19h30</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:buildingcommunity@acparis.org">buildingcommunity@acparis.org</a></td>
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<td>Celebrate and support ACP’s community building, and its impact in Paris and around the world.</td>
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<td>Sunday 24 Sept</td>
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<td>Thursday 28 Sept</td>
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<td>The Alpha Course is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life, ask questions and learn more about the basics of the Christian faith in a relaxed, informal and friendly environment. See page 17.</td>
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<td><strong>New Member Orientation</strong></td>
<td>Sunday 1 Oct</td>
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<td>If you are interested in in becoming a member ACP, please attend this orientation class.</td>
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22 september @19h30

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