



RAPPORT

Mountainside United Church

4000 The Boulevard, Westmount, Quebec



February 23, 2014

Season of Epiphany

As we know, Easter is a movable feast, and Lent moves right along with it. So the Season of Epiphany expands and contracts to make up the changing interval. It can cover up to ten or eleven Sundays. This year it takes in nine. When Epiphany is long like this while following year A of the three-year lectionary cycle we get to the readings on the Sermon on the Mount: The Beatitudes; The Salt and Light; Love your Enemies and Pray for Those Who Persecute You; Turn the Other Cheek; The Lord's Prayer; The Lilies of the Fields and the Birds of the Air.

These core teachings of Jesus are so familiar that we can get lulled to sleep about them. I am reminded of a story where Mahatma Gandhi reported that he was awestruck when he first read the Sermon on the Mount. "My heart stopped when I read Matthew chapter 5 through 7. And I woke up the next morning determined to turn these principles into practice." They asked Gandhi, "What's the difference between you and most Christians?" And Gandhi said quietly, "Well, I think he (Jesus) meant it."

The challenge for us is to always remember, and then act accordingly, that when Jesus said "*love your enemies*" he meant it. When he said "*turn the other cheek*" he meant it. When he said "*you are the light of the world, the salt of the earth*" he meant it. When he said "*don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth*" he meant it.

As we move into our centennial year on site in Westmount our celebrations already show that "*we mean it*" when it comes to following Jesus as a part of this

faith community. Each week in the Sunday bulletin there is a snippet box, a short memory shared about how the church touched one or more of us over the years. The second Sunday of each month there is a short presentation given by "an experienced" church member about the blessings of being part of our church. Dr Coffey kicked things off in January by tracing our church roots on the island of Montreal all the way back to the beginning of British immigration in the 1760s. When it came to following Jesus way back then, "*they meant it.*"

Two hundred and forty nine years later *we still mean it* here at Mountainside on the Island of Montreal. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Rev. John

Dates to Remember

Sunday, March 2 11:30 am	Annual General Meeting Immediately following the service
Tuesday, March 4 6:30 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Sunday, April 13 10:30 am	Palm Sunday Palm Procession
Thursday, April 17 7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service/Tenebrae
Friday, April 18 10:30 am	Good Friday Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary
Sunday, April 20 10:30 am	Easter Communion Service in the Sanctuary
Saturday, April 26 7:00 pm	Kids 4 Kids Concert

Much to be Thankful For

The Celebration Begins

Our Centennial Celebration was officially launched on January 23rd at 7:30 with an audio-visual presentation of our early history. The evening took place in our newly renovated Leslie Hall — which is where it all began. Dr. Coffey traced our roots back to the founding congregations in early Montreal. As we discovered, there were a lot of churches in the heart of Montreal. In September 1914 Dominion Square Methodist Church moved up from the corner of Dorchester and Peel to Westmount, and services were held in Leslie Hall. John Leslie was the primary contact and was clearly in charge of this visionary move; at that time Westmount was very much in the country. The tradespeople who were contracted for the building referred to the project as “Mr. Leslie’s new church.”

When Judy Johnston and I went to the Montreal archives last summer we found correspondence between the various tradesmen and John Leslie related to the building and furnishing of the new church. Here are a few excerpts.

Letter from Henry Morgan & Co. Ltd. To J. Leslie, Esq. Controller, Canadian Pacific Railway September 1914.

Dear Sir:

Agreeable to your telephone communication, we are pleased to thank you for your esteemed order for the making of carpet for the Dominion Methodist Church Sunday School, chargeable to them.

The carpet downstairs was made Saturday and the gallery will be taken care of next week. Price of making being 10 cents per yard also the lining 10 cents per yard.

Letter from Casavant Freres, St. Hyacinthe, P.Q. September 1914 to Mr. J. Leslie regarding delivery of the small organ ordered for the “new schoolroom.” (As you can see things happen!)

Dear Sir:

Our man is just in and reports that he has gone from one office to the other of the Canadian Express Company all this morning, and could not find the organ pipes. Then he was told a few minutes before noon that all work stopped at noon, so he could not get delivery of these pipes. They were put on board of the 8:50 train last night and we are at a lost (sic) to find where they could be.

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Building and Property Report

This Centennial year was sufficient motivation for a renewal of Leslie Hall, the original Church on this site. For one thing, the carpet was in poor condition, and for another many felt a lighter paint colour below the balcony would brighten the space.

Tom Zukow and Judy Johnston, as co-chairs of the committee in charge of centennial preparations called a meeting mid-summer to outline their plans. B&P were charged with the renewal of the carpet and paint. Tom had with him a carpet expert and a favourable quote from his own painter, the capable Vince MacGregor.

A number of us at MUCH considered alternatives, price, colour, carpeting versus tile and in the end a consensus emerged on all counts with Vince doing the paint, and broadloom supplied by Capital Carpets. Trustees subsequently decided to extend the painting to include the ground floor corridor and Tees Hall, which has proven a good call.

As a bonus, the formerly cluttered cloisters along the south wall of the Leslie Hall have been liberated, adding to the effective space and beauty of this historic building.

Alan Greig

Snippets

On September 6, 1914, the first worship service was held in what we know as Leslie Hall. We all have our own special memories of our church life — whether at Dominion-Douglas, St. Andrew’s, St. Andrew’s-Dominion-Douglas or Erskine & American. Here are some:

Julie Dawson — January 5, 2014

Christmas Eve service, in spite of the snow, was well attended. Thanks to Rev. John, Margaret de Castro and the Church School children and supporters. It reminded me of a service some time ago when Mary had just produced her new baby from under her shawl to the strains of “Away in a Manger.” In the magical silence that followed, a small boy with a loud voice was heard to say, “Mummy! Is that the REAL baby Jesus?”

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Much to be Thankful For

JOHN LESLIE

On April 18, 1948, Leslie Hall, in Mountainside United Church, was named for Mr John Leslie. This signal honour was in recognition of Mr Leslie's devoted lifetime commitment to, and participation in, the work of the congregation for sixty-three years. His vision and leadership provided the impetus for the location and building of the new church, then called Dominion Methodist, which opened for services in September 1914. In 1925, Douglas Methodist joined to form Dominion-Douglas, part of the United Church of Canada, which came into being on June 10 that same year. Since 1901 Mr Leslie had been a member of its Board of Trustees (serving as its Secretary since 1904) and Chairman of the Building Committee during the early years of the present church which was built in 1927.

John Leslie was born in Toronto on June 20, 1861. At age sixteen he became a junior clerk in the service of the Toronto Grey & Bruce Railway. For fifty-three years a "railroader," he rose quickly in the business.

After holding the position of Auditor and General Accountant he moved on to the Ontario and Quebec Railway as auditor. After the Canadian Pacific Railway took over Grey and Bruce, Mr Leslie was moved to Montreal in 1884, where he became Auditor of Disbursements. He quickly moved up through the management ranks becoming Comptroller in 1914 and by 1928 Vice-President, Finance and Treasurer. He retired in 1932. He established an intriguing link with the past when, in an interview with R.E. Knowles, he acknowledged that he had known some of the company's outstanding figures, Sir George Stephen (Lord Mount-Stephen), Sir William Van Horne, and Lord Shaughnessy.

During most of his career Mr Leslie lived in Montreal and was a prominent member of the community. He belonged to the Saint James Club, Canadian Club, Montreal Club and Beaconsfield Golf Club; he was one of the founding directors of the Old Brewery Mission, and afterwards honorary president; he was a member of the American Railway Accounting Officers Association; a governor of the United Theological College; and a trustee of Dominion-Douglas Church. He also served on the board of Canadian Pacific Steamships Ltd.

The Certified General Accountants Association owes a great deal to Mr Leslie, whose vision was behind its founding. With two fellow railway accountants, E.B. Manning and F.A. Cousins, he created a new accountancy fraternity in Montreal, becoming its first president. Its purpose was to "encourage improvement in skills and job performance" among those working in



the profession. In 2008 CGA-Canada and its provincial and territorial affiliates jointly celebrated the national association's remarkable first century. The small accounting club under the leadership of John Leslie in 1908 went on, in 1913, to receive a federal charter from the government of Canada. Today, CGA is the fastest-growing accounting designation in Canada with 68,000 members and students with affiliates in every Canadian province and territory as well as in Bermuda, the Caribbean, and Hong Kong, and has representation offices in China.

On November 6, 1890, John Leslie married Victoria Ada Alexander at Dominion Square Methodist Church in Montreal. He had two children, a daughter, Ada Pearl Leslie, in 1891 and a son, Eric Alexander Leslie in 1894. A pioneer in business computing, his son contributed to the railway's integrated data processing operations, becoming the CPR's Vice-President and Controller from 1943 to 1955. Eric's son, Jack, also joined the CPR and remained an employee for forty-six years. When he retired in 1989, he was the railway's chief of transportation.

John Leslie died at home, 74 Summit Circle, on December 7, 1949, at age 88.

Ann Boa

Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, November 24, 2013, the congregation of Mountainside United Church met after the worship service to adopt the budget for 2014 and vote on the slate of officers for the next year. It has been the practice to hold two meetings each year. This enables us to begin our new church year on January 1st. There will be an Annual Meeting in March to receive financial statements of 2013 as well as committee reports.

Mountainside United Church Nominations 2014

Elders of Session

1 Year Term	2 Year Term	3 Year Term
Dawson, Lynne	Gibbons, Heather	Coffey, Edwin
Fraser, Donna	Johnston, Judy	Crawford, Elva
Neufeld, Richard	Johnston, Philip	Dawson, Julie
Sault, Frances	MacKinnon, Neil	Greig, Alan
Salvati, Susan	McLeod, Donald	Hamilton, Anne
Salvati, Vincent	Walsh-Dawson, Carolyn	Harper, Bruce
Vicente, Ester	Thomas Zukow	Harper, Diane
Vicente, Ramon		Zukow, Betsy

Slate of Officers and Committee Chairs

Chair of Session	Ramon Vicente
Vice-Chair of Session	Lynne Dawson
Treasurer	Julie Dawson
Clerk of Session	Carolyn Walsh-Dawson
Communications	Betsy Zukow
Finance	Vincent Salvati
Liturgy & Learning	Lynne Dawson
Outreach	Ester Nuguid Vicente
Membership & Pastoral Care	Donna Fraser
Ministry & Personnel	Elva Crawford
Nominating	Rich Neufeld
Property	Alan Greig
Trustees	Don McLeod

Committee Membership

The following slate of Committee Membership is presented for approval by the Congregation with the proviso that each Committee Chair may add additional members to the Committee.

The Minister is *ex officio* to all committees except Ministry & Personnel.

Communications

Chair	Betsy Zukow
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Finance

Chair	Vincent Salvati
Treasurer	Julie Dawson Shirley Gutpell Bruce Harper

Liturgy & Learning

Chair +	
Children's Church	Lynne Dawson Judy Johnston
Youth Group	Susan Salvati Debbie Zemnickis
Communion Elder	Linda Mount
Communion Elder	Maria Dizon
Communion Elder	Santos Dizon
Readers and Communion Elder	Anne Hamilton
Librarian	Joanne Hebert Margaret deCastro (<i>ex officio</i>)

Membership and Pastoral Care

Chair	Donna Fraser Anita Carrier Judy Clark Arline Fraser Miriam Tees Kiki Tremain
Christmas Dinner	Diane Harper
Historical Roll	Barbara Moore
Meals on Wheels	Susan Purcell

Ministry & Personnel

Chair	Elva Crawford Yvon Mathieu Gerry Burke
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Nominating

Chair	Rich Neufeld Elva Crawford Miriam Tees
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Outreach

Chair	Ester Nuguid Vicente Grace Garcia Frances Sault Nancy Walkling Carolyn Walsh-Dawson
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Côte des Neiges Council

Kerine Moore

Presbytery

Representatives

Carolyn Walsh-Dawson
Elva Crawford

Property

Chair	Alan Greig Elva Crawford Don McLeod Neil MacKinnon
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Trustees

Chair	Don McLeod Edwin Coffey Shirley Gutpell Philip Johnston Vincent Salvati (<i>ex officio</i>) Alan Greig (<i>ex officio</i>)
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Christmas Lunch

The Executive Committee hosted a Christmas party for the staff of Mountainside. Elva Crawford, Chair of Ministry & Personnel, organized a lovely buffet



*Elva Crawford with Felicitas Chan,
Office Administrator*

lunch for all. It was a wonderful opportunity for our new staff to get to know some of the members who are chairs and leaders of the congregation. Thank you, Elva.

Liturgy & Learning

Children and youth programs

During the Sunday morning worship service, there are two opportunities for children and youth. The youngest children meet in the Sunshine Room to hear stories, do a craft and share a snack with Hannah Bailey (or replacement). If desired, the kids (two and up) can be dropped off before the service or come down at the designated point (marked in the bulletin). Older children/youth (senior elementary age and older) meet informally in the library with Miriam Sherwin for a faith-based discussion group.

Lynne Dawson

OUTREACH NEWS

As a result of the 2013 Christmas Appeal we were able to send \$2000 each to St. Columba House and Montreal City Mission. The missions really count on these donations as they are experiencing funding cuts. A carload of White Gifts received December 8 from the congregation were delivered to St. Columba House and were received with much appreciation. Non-perishable foods collected this fall were given to the NDG Food Depot at their new location in the basement of Trinity Memorial Anglican Church.

TYPHOON EMERGENCY APPEAL NETS \$4165!

On November 8 Typhoon Haiyan-Yolanda wiped out a Tacloban village in the Philippines, killing over 6100 people. Proceeds from a bake sale by the Filipino members of the congregation, headed by Maria Santos, and donations from the congregation totalled \$4165! This was given to a Filipino organization recommended

by Filipinos in our congregation. Through Gawad Kalinga (Community Builder for Hope) we hope to help in the reconstruction of sturdy homes. Our donations qualified for the Canadian government matching donation program.

OUTREACH SUNDAY

Rev. Rosemary Lambie, Executive Secretary of Montreal and Ottawa Conference, will be speaking to us on February 16, 2014. She has made two trips to the Philippines, the most recent was days after terrible Typhoon Yolanda Haiyan. Excerpts from her blog have been posted in Tee's Hall for several weeks. Rosemary will tell us about her experiences, highlighting the schools in the Philippines.

OLD BREWERY MISSION

Mountainside is booked for Sunday, March 23, 2014 to send 15 volunteers to serve supper at the Old Brewery Mission's Webster Pavilion. A tour of the men's shelter will be given beforehand, with information about the emergency and transition services that are offered there.

Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 4
6:30 pm



Fun, Food and Games

Bring all of the family to
celebrate Shrove Tuesday.

All welcome!

Last year's tour included the new cafeteria, waiting room and Annex. Perhaps the new clinic will be included this year. Contributions are needed towards the big cheque (\$1500?) we hope to take with us.

SAINT COLUMBA HOUSE'S COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM

As part of the Saint Columba House Literacy Day Camp, seven youth between the ages of 14 and 17 from the community of Point St. Charles participate in their Counselor-In-training program. The youth undergo an application and interview process as an introduction to a first-time employment experience. A one-week training program is provided covering such topics as: Managing difficult behaviors, Team-building, CPR and first Aid, Planning and animation, Camp Safety and

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 2

11:30 am

Immediately following the worship service

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Meals on Wheels

I have just sent an urgent message out to Mountainside Meals on Wheels volunteers, warning our program cannot continue beyond June unless new buyers and drivers join the team.

We have only three buyers, and only two are available in the winter. Meanwhile, two of our nine drivers have departed. This puts excessive pressure on our regular buyers and drivers to fill in the gaps. We have a good team of cooks, but our numbers shrink drastically during the winter months.

We ask you as church members to join with our team in considering whether you could take on any of these important tasks, or if anyone in your entourage could do so. The person we need could be your husband, wife, son or daughter, a neighbour, or someone in a class or group you belong to. Please think especially of younger helpers — possibly a mother whose child recently started school, or someone self-employed or newly retired.

I'd love to hear from you at 514-488-3503 if you have a name to suggest, including your own!

Susan Purcell, MOW Coordinator



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much more. Each youth works alongside a supervising counselor, assists on outings, as well as plans and animates an exciting and educational schedule of activities for a group of children.

This spring the Outreach Committee will be organizing the Summer Day Camp Appeal again so children can attend Saint Columba House's Literacy Day Camp, Montreal City Mission's Cosmos Camp and four day camps supported by the Côte des Neiges Council of Churches of which we are a member. There will be information about these camps posted in Tees Hall soon.

~ Musical Notes ~

Mountainside Choir is busy preparing for the **third annual Kids 4 Kids concert** to benefit Sun Youth's children's programs. The concert will be held on **Saturday, April 26, at 7 pm.**

The choir will be joined by the English Montreal School Board Junior Chorale and the FACE School Chamber Orchestra, along with several other children's choirs from the larger Montreal area. Please save the date and plan to attend.

Our ongoing project to restore our church's pianos to mint condition continues. The chapel's Knabe baby grand has had its action repaired and is sounding wonderful. We are now working at getting the action of the concert grand in the sanctuary restored to full potential and replacing the baby grand in Leslie Hall in order to avoid the

costly repairs needed by that instrument. The work should, hopefully, be finished by the end of our anniversary year.

Margaret de Castro

Calling all enthusiastic amateur musicians of any age

We are interested in seeing how many potential volunteers we might have for a pick-up band which would play at various services and church events throughout the year. If you play any instrument and are interested in the project, please contact the Church Office or speak to Margaret de Castro.

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Alan Greig — January 12, 2014

Dominion-Douglas was always our family church. We moved to Victoria Ave. on the Montreal side, where several DD families lived. Close by were the Spurrells in a house maintained by the church as a residence for the Sexton, and still closer to the Boulevard lived the then-minister, A. Lloyd Smith, father of Donald and Walter. I attended Teens' Club where I met Philip Johnston and the Harper brothers Ralph and Bruce.

There were two Sunday services in those days, 11 am and 7:30 pm, and an assistant minister. In the morning the pews were full, the ushers dressed in morning coats; evening attendance was much less formal, more contemplative in tone. This period just preceded a time of societal and demographic shifts which have meant a change in religious practice across the board in the northeast.

Loida and Claude Guilbault — January 19, 2014

Our own special memories — the church was Erskine & American. We got married during Expo 67. Our two daughters were also baptized there. The minister was then Rev. Norman Slaughter. Those were the good old days!

Lib & Rich Neufeld — January 26, 2014

We moved into the area in 1971 and began looking for a church. When we went to Dominion-Douglas we were very impressed with the choir. Since we had always sung in choirs we decided to join DD and of course the choir. However, it wasn't quite so straightforward. The choir at that time consisted of only professionals so we were not welcome. However, we persisted so finally the director, Ted McLearn, agreed to audition members of the congregation to sing for the Mother's Day service. Once we had our foot in the door, there was no stopping us and we have been members of the choir ever since!

Sarah Stevenson — February 2, 2014

The largest stained glass window in St. Andrew's United Church was very beautiful, it was of a huge guardian angel. I once told Al Kirker, the minister, it would be the graven imagine I might worship, were I going to. The artist was Theo Lubbers. Theo's wife, Hedda Lubbers, created the tapestries that now decorate the chapel of Mountainside United. Of all the tapestries, the one of Jesus as a fisherman of men and women appealed to me most. I did a sketch and used it on the cover of the order of service for Dick, my husband's, memorial service. Last Sunday the lesson was about Jesus as a fisherman of men and women. Do visit the chapel and

admire this lovely tapestry.

Nancy Walkling — February 9, 2014

I grew up in St Andrew's, where my great-grandfather, Rev W. J. Clark, served as minister for 25 years during its transition from Presbyterian to United Church. Dorothy Sutherland was one of my Sunday School teachers and Janet Martin, head of the Women's Missionary Society, read to us about children overseas.

I sang in the children's choir, directed by the organist Gordon White. Christmas Eve services were late. When not singing, we would sit around the organ in the chancel, unseen by the congregation, eyes on our wristwatches as we waited to be able to whisper Merry Christmas to each other at midnight.

Jackie Ross — February 15, 2014

Our family, myself with late husband Ian, and our two young children, Heather and little Ian, attended St. Andrew's church. Heather loved her Sunday School teacher, Mrs Minty, wife of Westmount contractor Jack Minty. We learned about the fire at the church while sitting on the beach at Kennebunk. Heather was very upset: "Oh No! Mrs Minty's house burned down!"

Please compose a short memoir and send it to Felicitas at the office.

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We are sorry for this mishap, for we had rushed the work of fitting and decorating those pipes yesterday, and packing them to be shipped the same night, you will readily see that there is no fault on our part.

The organ goes forward monday night and will be ready for Sunday next, provide our men do not meet with any delay in having place prepared for it. There is a hole to be bored through the concrete floor, if this is not done Tuesday, our men may be stuck on this, so please give instructions to Mr. Barr to proceed without delay to that part of the work.

Yours very truly, Casavante Freres (ALC)

When you go into Leslie Hall, please take time to look at the four bulletin boards, each one representing a 15-year period. Tom Zukow will be changing the display monthly. These are newspaper articles and various memorabilia submitted by members and a lot of fun to browse over. If you have anything to contribute you can give them to the office.

Betsy Zukow

FEBRUARY – APRIL 2014

FEBRUARY		
Feb. 16	6th Sunday after Epiphany	Outreach Sunday, service 10:30 am in the Sanctuary
		February Birthday Celebration
Feb. 18		Meditation Group, 7:30 pm
Feb. 20		Session Executive Meeting, 5:30 pm
		Session, 7:30 pm
		Choir practice, 7:30 pm
Feb. 23	7th Sunday after Epiphany	Service 10:30 am in the Sanctuary
Feb. 25		Meditation Group, 7:30 pm
MARCH		
Mar. 2	Transfiguration Sunday	Service 10:30 am in the Sanctuary
		MUCH Congregational Meeting
Mar. 4	Shrove Tuesday	Pancake Supper, 6:30 pm
Mar. 5		Lenten Study, 2:00 pm
Mar. 9	1st in Lent	Communion service, 10:30 am in the Sanctuary
		MUCH Centennial Celebration Sunday
Mar. 11		Meditation Group, 7:30 pm
Mar. 12		Lenten Study, 2:00 pm
Mar. 13		Choir practice, 7:30 pm
Mar. 16	2nd in Lent	March Birthday Celebration, service 10:30 am in the Sanctuary
Mar. 18		Meditation Group, 7:30 pm
Mar. 19		Lenten Study, 2:00 pm
Mar. 20		Choir practice, 7:30 pm
Mar. 23	3rd of Lent	Service 10:30 am in the Sanctuary
Mar. 25		Meditation Group, 7:30 pm
Mar. 26		Lenten Study, 2:00 pm
Mar. 30	4th of Lent	Service 10:30 am in the Sanctuary
APRIL		
Apr. 1		Meditation Group, 7:30 pm
Apr. 2		Lenten Study, 2:00 pm
Apr. 3		Choir practice, 7:30 pm
Apr. 6		Service 10:30 am in the Sanctuary
Apr. 8		Meditation Group, 7:30 pm
Apr. 9		Lenten Study, 2:00 pm
Apr. 13	Palm Sunday	Palm Procession, service 10:30 am in the Sanctuary
		MUCH Centennial Celebration Sunday
Apr. 15		Meditation Group, 7:30 pm
Apr. 17	Maundy Thursday	Communion Service /Tenebrae, 7:30 pm / Choir practice, 8:00 pm
Apr. 18	Good Friday	Good Friday Service, 10:30 am in the Sanctuary
Apr. 20	Easter	Communion service at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary
		April Birthday Celebration
Apr. 21	Easter Monday	Church building closed
Apr. 22		Meditation Group, 7:30 pm
Apr. 26		‘Kids 4 Kids’ Concert, 7:00 pm
Apr. 27	2nd of Easter	Service 10:30 am in the Sanctuary
Apr. 29		Meditation Group, 7:30 pm