



RAPPORT

Mountainside United Church

4000 The Boulevard, Westmount, Quebec



Celebrating
100 YEARS
in this place

June 15, 2014

In the Spirit of Celebration

We are in the season of Pentecost with all the focus on Spirit. John's gospel has Jesus preparing the disciples for the coming of the Spirit during the Last Supper. The risen Jesus breathes the Spirit on his followers that first Easter evening.

Luke's gospel stretches this three-day transition another 50 days, to the Jewish festival of Pentecost. Then the Spirit comes dramatically with wind and fire and all the languages of the known world.

I kind of prefer John's version over Luke's. The breath of the Spirit fits my experience. God comes to us like a breath of fresh air in stale and stagnant situations. God comes to us as life-giving oxygen-rich air in the

midst of difficult relationships or health challenges.

The breath of God breathes new life and energy into our church family each time we celebrate our 100 years of worship and service on this sight. Snippets and biographies printed in the bulletin, tours of various aspects of the building, and monthly recollections from seasoned members have already been wonderful occasions of the Spirit. The portraits of Spirit-led clergy, newly hung along the Heritage Hallway, face the 250-year history of our founding Protestant Churches in Montreal just installed on the other wall. A walk through our newly fashioned Heritage Hallway connects our spirits to the spirit-led lives and faith communities that have gone before us.

The official date for inaugural worship in Leslie Hall was Sunday September 6, 1914. Our official gala celebration will be Saturday evening, September 13, 2014, to mark that first Pentecost of the Spirit on the Boulevard.

Yes, we have "much to be thankful for" after 100 years of worship and service here at Mountainside United, especially when we breathe in the Pentecost Spirit of Celebration.

Rev. John

OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONTINUES

The year so far has been filled with memories from the past years as recalled by our monthly speakers, the "snippets" and the biographies so well written by Ann Boa. We hope that you will read some of these in this issue of *Rapport*. They will all be collected and preserved as part of the history of Mountainside and its successor congregations.

June has been designated as **Show and Tell Month**. Each Sunday you are invited to take a tour of some features of our church that are reminders of our heritage.

- June 1 historical plaques in the sanctuary
- June 8 stained glass windows
- June 22 Heritage Wall in the lower corridor
- June 29 photo album display in Tees Hall

And don't forget to make your reservations for our Gala Dinner on September 13. It will be a special evening with good food and entertainment. See the invitation in this issue for details.

Judy and Tom

Summer Worship

Summer worship in the chapel will begin on June 29th and continue through August 31. While our minister is on holiday for the month of July, we will be blessed once again by leadership from our gifted lay leaders. If you would like to participate as a worship leader, please let Judy Johnston know ASAP. Because it is our anniversary year, be prepared to be surprised and delighted by a very special event on July 13. Hint: it involves Margaret de Castro.

Liturgy & Learning

Parents of youth interested in attending a Confirmation class in the fall should speak to Rev. John. The target age is usually grade 7 or older. The day and timing of an eventual group will be determined by the participants and their parents.

Lynne Dawson

Building & Property

With the completion of the Leslie Hall and ground-floor renovations last fall, our attention has turned to a number of smaller matters, some forced on us by a water leak late December. Water damage to the basement and choir room has been repaired, and improvements made to the ground-floor ladies' room in response to requests from users. As well, a long-hidden St. Andrews plaque, discovered last fall, has been placed in the Sanctuary on the south wall along with a companion piece. For all of this, our thanks (once again) to Neil & Sandy.

Repairs should begin soon to some of our stonework, including the large chimney on the Roslyn side, and to windows high in the Sanctuary. In this matter we have the expertise of Ron Edwards of Mt Royal Roofing who repointed the east wall two years ago, and who is familiar with the building.

It's a welcome sign of spring and summer to have the grounds again in the caring and capable hands of Sandy Chisholm. We look forward, too, to some maintenance on our ironwork and walkways to ensure safety in our comings and goings.

Best wishes to all for a good summer!

Alan Greig

MUSIC REPORT

On Saturday evening, April 26, Mountainside hosted the third annual Kids 4 Kids concert held to benefit Sun Youth's children's programs. Mountainside Choir was joined by le Petit Choeur de Rosemère, the Junior Chorale of the English Montreal School Board, le Choeur Interculturel de Montréal and the Youth Group of the Montreal Korean Methodist Church to present a lively program which raised \$5879 for the cause. Young pianists Ravi Jovanovic and Thomas Bugden were joined by flutists Lu Tian Qi and Mei Qi Tang to add an instrumental aspect to the largely choral character of the



program. All in all, the concert was a resounding musical and financial success. Many thanks are due to all who worked so hard to make the event possible.

The final upgrade on the church pianos will take place during the summer with the repair of the action of the Sanctuary concert grand. The damaged baby grand that formerly was on the stage in Leslie Hall has been replaced by a nearly new Yamaha baby grand, and work on the Knabe baby grand in the Chapel was completed several months ago. By September we should have all the church's pianos in good repair and intend to take care that they stay that way — for our own purposes and those of the groups that share our space with us.

Margaret de Castro

Our Church Library

Our church library is alive and flourishing. Joanne Hebert has been supervising the circulation of books during the winter months while our librarian, Edith Drummond, was recovering from a fall. Thankfully, Edith is now well enough to be back on the job, and very soon will catalogue new books that have been donated. The library is open every Sunday morning for your browsing pleasure. Should you wish to choose a book during the week, just ask Felicitas or Vincent to open the door for you.

*You are invited
to attend our*

100th Anniversary Gala Dinner

Saturday, September 13th, 1014

*Reception 6:15 – Dinner 7:00 p.m.
\$25.00 per person*

*Reserved seating
Deadline for tickets August 31st*

*Contact Tom Zukow
514-937-8648*

Women's Activities

Over many, many years the ladies of the Women's Activities Group have provided knitted goods and baby clothes to many needy organizations. As well, they ran and contributed to the annual Christmas bazaar. They also donated financially to help the church refurbish Goodwin Parlour and outfit our new kitchen. The group retired last year leaving \$906 in their Women's Activities Special Fund. After consultation they have asked that the balance in their fund go to help underwrite the lovely new Yamaha grand piano in Leslie Hall. This "concert quality" piano will enhance any musical event we hold in Leslie Hall.

We are so grateful to those who worked so hard to provide for these gifts as well as a special weekly social get-together for those involved.

NEW BUYERS A GODSEND FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

Organizers of Mountainside's Meals on Wheels program met in May to decide if the meal delivery service could continue after a difficult year. A shortage of drivers, buyers and cooks had put a considerable strain on coordinators in each area to complete their monthly rosters.

Efforts had been made in the previous weeks to publicize our need for volunteers. A Westmount paper ran a small photo with caption, and signs were posted around Westmount and NDG.

In the weeks leading up to the meeting things began to change — three new buyers materialized. One had stopped cooking for us due to work commitments during the week, but offered to buy. Another, like two of our coordinators, was a volunteer at L'Abri en Ville. The third, an elementary teacher, called after seeing the newspaper photo.

This was a godsend — if more buyers had not been found we could not have continued.

Buoyed by the good news, we agreed Meals on Wheels can live on for the foreseeable future. Meanwhile we are starting to get responses from flyers posted in Westmount and NDG, meaning we can expect more cooks and possibly drivers to join us.

After our annual get-together to thank volunteers — an afternoon tea on June 11 — we will stop service from mid-June, re-starting in mid-August. While enjoying tea, we look forward to introducing our new volunteers, and showing our appreciation to cook Lyn Worrell, a talented quilter who over the winter months created beautiful placemats, no two the same, for each and every client. This kind of thoughtfulness makes our program unique, and worth maintaining!

Susan Purcell, coordinator



BIRTHDAY LUNCHES

For the last three years birthday Sundays, hosted by Ramon Vicente and his family, have been a monthly highlight in our church. On the third Sunday of each month we honour our members who have birthdays that month. Please speak to Julie Dawson if you haven't already given her your birthday month.

As we did last year, we will celebrate July birthdays along with June birthdays on June 15. Also, we will be celebrating August birthdays along with September birthdays in September.

Our Filipino families graciously provide the food for the lunch. If you would like to provide a dish or finger food we would much appreciate it. There is always enough and it always all disappears.



Much to be Thankful For

DR. FREDERICK JAMES TEES

M.D.C.M., F.R.C.S., F.A.C.S., M.C.

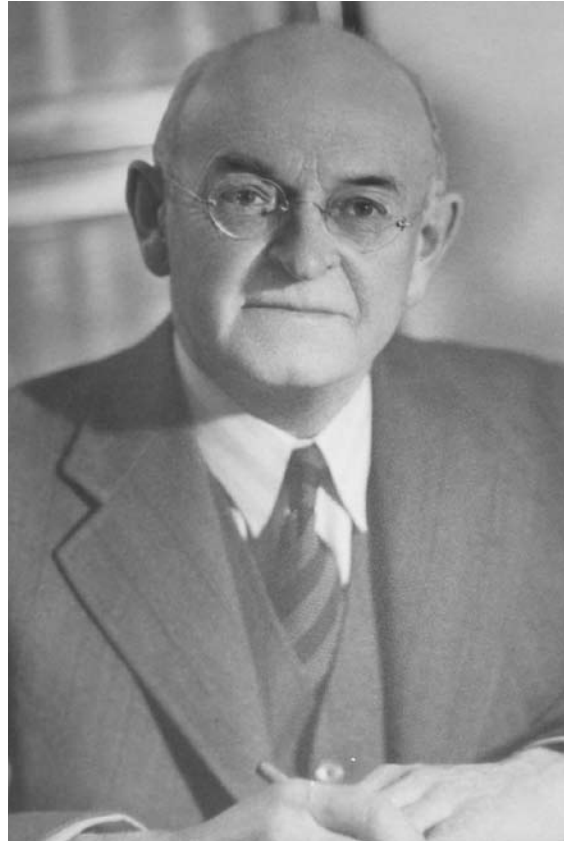
Miriam Tees begins a biography of her famous father, Dr. Frederick James Tees, with a touch of pride. But it is not about the leadership roles which Dr. Tees assumed, his athleticism, or even the honours with which he was showered, but rather, with an affecting personal note. Born on January 6, 1880, "he was educated at Victoria School," she writes, "and Montreal High School, where he was never late or absent during the whole four years." Was this an early life-lesson for his children, an illustration of his fundamental approach to excellence?

If so, it was a successful one.

As an undergraduate at McGill (Hons. B.A. 1901) and President of his class, Dr. Tees had a distinguished academic and athletic record.

He was keen on sports, especially in track and field. Canadian intercollegiate broad-jumping champion, he held the record for hurdling for many years. He was also President of the University Athletic Association. Climaxing a brilliant scholastic career, he received the Medical Society's Senior Prize upon graduation in Medicine in 1905.

He was an intern at the Montreal General Hospital until he went to England, France, and Germany (1907/1908) for post graduate studies in surgery. Returning home he joined the staff of the MGH as Senior Associate Surgeon and Medical Superintendent, remaining connected there all his life. After entering private practice in 1911 he was appointed lecturer in surgery at McGill. Continuing his interest in athletics, he was instrumental in founding the Amateur Athletic Association of Canada, serving as President for several years.



At the outbreak of World War I, Fred joined the 9th Field Ambulance Corp, and served in Canadian military hospitals in England and at the front.

Attaining the rank of Captain, he was awarded the Military Cross for bravery in the field at Zellebeke (November 1916), where he administered aid to the wounded in battle for 60 hours without a rest. He later reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Returning to Canada, he resumed his practice in Montreal as attending surgeon at the MGH and also linked up with Eaton's. He served as a school commissioner for the City of Westmount and also as a member of the Metropolitan Board of the YMCA. An enthusiastic photographer, he joined the Montreal Camera Club, becoming president, and exhibiting many of his photographs at salons around the world.

Not only were well-earned honours bestowed continually on Dr. Tees, he was willing always to take on

many extra responsibilities.

He was elected president of the Canadian Association of Clinical Surgeons at their 1936 annual meeting in Winnipeg. From the time he returned to Montreal from the war, he had served without honorarium as surgeon to McGill athletic teams, attending many football and hockey games and track meets. Also, as honorary adviser for the Victoria Hockey Club, he handled difficult surgical cases for Canadian athletes including members of Les Canadiens. On March 31, 1938, the prominent Montreal surgeon was the guest of honour at the third annual banquet of the McGill Graduates' Athletic Club. At the Dinner Dr. Tees was presented with a

replica of The Sprinter sculpted by world-famous Canadian-born Sculptor, Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, R.C.A. Fred Tees was the model for the arms of The Sprinter, and Percy Molson, who was killed in the war, modelled the legs.

On June 24, 1942, with Dr. Tees as guest of honour, sportsmen from all branches of sport, athletes, and businessmen gathered at the Country Club at St. Lambert for the annual



golf tournament of the Sportsmen's Association, the largest turnout in its ten year history. Each season the executive nominated an outstanding personality of this city to receive tribute from other sportsmen. For more than forty years Dr. Tees, distinguished lecturer and surgeon, had been associated with many phases of athletics in Montreal, particularly at McGill, where he was known as "Daddy Tees" to graduates and undergraduates alike. On this occasion he was presented with the British Consul Shield.

As mentioned, Dr. Tees had a long association with the Montreal General Hospital. At the time of his return from Europe in 1908, Dr. George Armstrong became his mentor there. Before long Fred was betrothed to Dr. Armstrong's second daughter, Beatrice. Miriam reports that her Father was able to afford to get married "in part because of the generosity of Mr. William Goodwin, then President of Goodwin's store and an active member of Dominion Square Methodist Church.

Mr. Goodwin engaged Fred as attending physician to the store," which was purchased by Eaton's in 1925. As strongly committed members of the same church, Beatrice and Fred were married there on September 5, 1911. They had two children, Miriam, still a devoted parishioner of Mountainside United Church, and Fred, a retired United Church minister who lives with his wife, Eunice, at Lac des Iles in the Laurentians.

Dr. and Mrs. Tees were very involved with the founding of Dominion-Douglas Church. Miriam tells us that, "they would often have Sunday tea with Mr. Leslie, who was in charge of the building of the new church, and the Tees and the Leslies would pour over plans." Dr. Tees was Clerk of Session for over twenty-five years, and he and his wife served in many capacities including teaching Sunday School. They were regular attendants throughout their lives.

Dr. Tees died on October 30th, 1946. Dr. A. Lloyd Smith conducted the funeral service, one of the largest

ever held at Dominion-Douglas. There was standing room only in the sanctuary and the gallery was crowded. He was a man beloved by all who knew him. His wife, Beatrice Mary Armstrong Tees, died on July 2, 1983, in her one hundredth year. She had attended worship service every Sunday until her health declined at the age of ninety-nine. She was active in all of the groups of the church and in particular the Women's Missionary Society.

After his death, the DR. FRED TEES MEMORIAL TROPHY was established and is given annually by Athletics Canada to the outstanding male athlete of the year, enrolled at a Canadian university. TEES HALL at Dominion-Douglas Church (now Mountainside United Church) was named in honour of Dr. Tees, in grateful remembrance of the many years of service which he had contributed throughout his life.

The MIRIAM H. TEES SCHOLARSHIP was established in 1989 by friends, family, alumni, and colleagues to honour their daughter, Miriam H. Tees, B.L.S. 1951, M.L.S. 1975, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, McGill University.

Their son, Frederick Armstrong Tees, graduated from Selwyn House School (Class of '44). After his tour of duty with the Royal Canadian Navy, he studied for a B. Comm. and his High School Teaching Diploma (HSTD) (McGill). He became a teacher and athletic director at Selwyn House School for sixteen years. Returning to his studies he received his M. Div (Divinity) in 1974 from the United Theological College, and, after his ordination, served in several churches in Ontario and Québec.

Ann Boa

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Presbytery Report

If you are a member or adherent of the United Church, the following issue is important information for you to consider.

At the General Council of UC 2012 a commitment was made to have a three-year comprehensive review to examine the effectiveness of the existing church, to explore new models of church, and to describe who we are and what could be envisioned as the future.

A task force was struck under Rev. Cathy Hamilton, Chair. They began a consultation process, listened, and in February 2014 prepared a document for discussion.

The document is, FISHING ON THE OTHER SIDE: Seeking Wisdom of Presbyteries, Districts, the Consistoire, and the Synod. It can be found at www.unitedfuture.ca, *an online forum where, “anyone

whether deeply involved in the church or on the fringes, can engage in conversations about our future.”

The areas of consideration involve total structural changes of how we function. These are: 1) responsibility and authority for property 2) oversight of communities of faith 3) oversight and discipline of Ministers 4) the role of Connectional Space.

The present document will be discussed at Montreal Conference, May 30 and 31, 2014.

Draft recommendations developed there will go to the Executive of General Council in November 2014. Final recommendations, acceptance or otherwise, will be considered at the 42nd General Council, August 2015 in Newfoundland.

Elva Crawford, Rep to Presbytery

OUTREACH NEWS

Outreach Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014 — Rev. Rosemary Lambie made a moving presentation about her experiences in the Philippines where she arrived two days after the November 2013 typhoon to attend an ecumenical women’s gathering. Using our new church chancel screens, she showed us photos she had taken of the devastated communities she visited, focusing in particular on the schools. We were introduced to people she met, including the family she stayed with. Their fisherman father was missing,

presumed dead, after the typhoon. We saw pictures



Rev. Rosemary Lambie with members of the Outreach committee

of the Northern Iloilo State University where the elder two children took engineering and technical classes. Previously it had a campus similar to John Abbott College, but almost all of its buildings were either partially or totally destroyed by the tremendous waves of water pushed inland by the storm. Rosemary was able to bring some hope to people, assuring them that the United Church of Canada and others around the world knew of their plight and were sending aid.

On March 23rd 15 volunteers from Mountainside (11 were first-timers) served 452 meals after being taken on a tour of the Webster Pavilion of the Old Brewery Mission. We brought with us a contribution of \$1500 which was gratefully received.

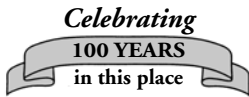
The Outreach committee helped Margaret de Castro organise another successful Kids 4 Kids concert on April 26th. Sun Youth’s Nicholas Carpentier was present to speak about the history of Sun Youth and describe its children’s programs.

Outreach Committee

A Special Congregational Meeting was held after church on Sunday, May 25th, to discuss and vote on a proposal from Trustees to sub-divide the church property, creating a new building lot for sale to the south of the parking lot. The estimated net proceeds of the sale were projected to be approximately \$850,000 after expenses for Westmount taxes, parking lot reconstruction and real estate fees. Evaluation of this option had been one of the recommendations of the Futures Committee in 2011.

After much discussion, it became apparent that a number of the members of the congregation were against this proposal. As a result it was decided not to proceed to a vote. This subject will likely be discussed during the upcoming Session meeting scheduled for June 12th. This will be an opportunity to determine the nature of any future investigation.

*Don McLeod,
Chair, Trustees*



Snippets

Marilyn Lamond, March 2, 2014

I was reading through my journal and came across the following note from April, 2003: A BRASS SERPENT WITH MAGICAL POWERS {Numbers 21:9 and John3:}. This was one of the interesting subjects we talked about in our early morning prayer group at St. Andrews-Dominion Douglas Church. For many, many years each Wednesday during Lent and Advent, after a breakfast of juice, muffins and coffee, we reflected on the scriptures for the following Sunday. We started our informal gatherings when Bob Shanks was minister and carried on up until the early 2000's.

Thinking of those breakfasts brings back happy memories of time spent with some dedicated members of the congregation who have passed away, like Mary Coppin, Marie and Walter Lloyd-Smith, and Betty Girvan and many others who are still with us. It was a special time together.

Andrea Patch Smith, April 6, 2014

What I remember about St Andrew's on Stanton Street was the warmth, smile and enthusiasm of Dr Alan Kirker. My sister's wedding took place there, at which my brother fainted, but was caught as he fell by an observant guest. I took confirmation classes led by Brian Powell and I also taught Sunday School for the first time. I was fourteen and, because I was so old, one of the little boys asked me "Are you married?"

When we moved up the hill to St Andrew's Dominion-Douglas I was no longer living in Montreal, so my memories are of many Christmas Eve services. The candlelight service, in which the congregation stood in a circle around the church singing carols after Communion, was so popular that sometimes there was a double circle of candlelight, surely making any fire monitors very nervous. Walking home afterwards in the snow (it always snowed) and calling 'Merry Christmas' was the perfect beginning to Christmas.

Amie Mathieu, April 20, 2014

I attended my first Sunday service in Erskine and American Church when I came here to see EXPO '67. After I moved here and started working at the Montreal General Hospital I decided to become a member of E&A.

Yvon and I were married in E&A in August 1970 officiated by Rev. Norman Slaughter.

Our daughter and son were baptized in E&A. Our daughter based her master's thesis on E&A's history and its rare collection of "Tiffany Windows". She was also married at E&A.

Our family will always treasure memories of that grand old church.

Robert Shank, May 4, 2014

How wonderful to be celebrating the 100th anniversary of Mountainside United worshipping at the same site.

I will always remember Easter Sunday, April 7, 1996. We were on Meeting Place, the TV service CBC did those days. As a matter of fact, this particular service was the last one they did as the series ended. The production crew doing the broadcast came straight over to the church from the Montreal Forum, having done Hockey Night In Canada. They spent most of the night setting up at the church. Of course there were cables all over the floor of the church and we had to be careful where we walked. The service went very well. The music was wonderful and the church full. Actually it was quite a thrilling experience. I have the video of the service. Haven't played it for a while, but Easter services yesterday reminded me of it.

I am writing this on my 80th birthday.

We both send our love,

— Bob and Pearl Shank

p.s. I remember we sang a new hymn Joyce had introduced and we had practiced — "In the Bulb There Is a Flower". It has become a favourite, especially for Colin Spencer.

Julie Dawson

Pre-Authorized Remittance — PAR

At present there are 35 households signed up for PAR. Every month their chosen donation is deducted from their bank account. Our national United Church is organizing it for a cost of \$.50 each transaction — i.e. \$6 a year per subscriber.

A call to Julie Dawson or to the office is all it takes to add/change/eliminate this arrangement.

When the collection is lean, say at the beginning of January or in the summer, it is a great help to have this steady amount coming in each month.

If you try it you'll love it!

Thanks,

Julie Dawson, treasurer

JUNE – OCTOBER 2014

JUNE		
June 1	7th of Easter	Service 10:30am in the Sanctuary
June 3		Meditation Group, 7:30pm
June 8	Pentecost Sunday	Communion service at 10:30am in the Sanctuary
June 10		Meditation Group, 7:30pm
June 12		Session, 7:00 pm
June 15	Trinity Sunday	June&July Birthday, service 10:30am in the Sanctuary
		Church Picnic / Children & Youth Programs closing
June 17		Meditation Group, 7:30 pm
June 22	2nd after Pentecost	Service 10:30am in the Chapel
June 24		church office closed for St. Jean Baptist
June 29	3rd after Pentecost	Service 10:30am in the Chapel
JULY		
<i>July 7</i>	<i>to July 11</i>	<i>Church Building is closed</i>
<i>July 14</i>	<i>to August 1</i>	<i>Church Office only is closed</i>
July 6	4th after Pentecost	Service 10:30am in the Chapel
July 13	5th after Pentecost	Service 10:30am in the Chapel: Hymn Service
July 20	6th after Pentecost	Service 10:30am in the Chapel
July 27	7th after Pentecost	Service 10:30am in the Chapel
AUGUST		
Aug. 3	8th after Pentecost	Service 10:30am in the Chapel
Aug. 10	9th after Pentecost	Service 10:30am in the Chapel
Aug. 17	10th after Pentecost	Service 10:30am in the Chapel
Aug. 24	11th after Pentecost	Service 10:30am in the Chapel
Aug. 31	12th after Pentecost	Service 10:30am in the Chapel
SEPTEMBER		
Sept. 1	Labour Day	Church building closed
Sept. 4		Choir practice, 7:30pm
Sept. 7	13th after Pentecost	Service at 10:30am, in the Sanctuary
Sept. 9		Meditation Group, 7:30pm
Sept. 11		Session, 7:00pm
Sept. 13		MUCH Centennial Celebration Gala Dinner, 6:15pm
Sept. 14	14th after Pentecost	Service at 10:30am, in the Leslie Hall
		MUCH Centennial Celebration Sunday
Sept. 16		Meditation Group, 7:30pm
Sept. 18		Choir practice, 7:30pm
Sept. 21	15th after Pentecost	Stewardship Sunday, Service at 10:30am, in the Sanctuary
		August & September Birthday Celebration
Sept. 23		Meditation Group, 7:30pm
Sept. 28	16th after Pentecost	Service at 10:30am, in the Sanctuary
Sept. 30		Meditation Group, 7:30pm
OCTOBER		
Oct. 2		Choir practice, 7:30pm
Oct. 5	17th after Pentecost	World Wide Communion
		Service at 10:30am, in the Sanctuary
Oct. 7		Meditation Group, 7:30 pm
Oct. 9		Session, 7:00pm
Oct. 12	Thanksgiving Sunday	Service at 10:30am, in the Sanctuary
		MUCH Centennial Celebration Sunday
Oct. 13	Thanksgiving Monday	church building closed
Oct. 14		Meditation Group, 7:30pm
Oct. 16		Choir practice, 7:30pm
Oct. 19	19th after Pentecost	Service at 10:30am in the Sanctuary
		October Birthday Celebration
Oct. 21		Meditation Group, 7:30pm
Oct. 26	20th after Pentecost	Outreach Sunday, Service at 10:30am in the Sanctuary
Oct. 28		Meditation Group, 7:30pm