UNITED NEWS

From the Hudson Pastoral Charge

Summer 2022

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From the Choir

As you may have already heard, our esteemed choir director Wanda Kaluzny has decided to take her well deserved retirement at the end of June. Wanda came to us in March of 1998 and has spent the last 24 years regaling us with her beautiful organ and piano music, while moulding and teaching the choir to always strive for the best. We have all learnt so much from her. Wanda will be sorely missed so please make plans to join us for a farewell celebration, on a Sunday after service, in the middle of September. Date to be decided later this summer. Watch for it in our up coming news letters.

Until then, keep on singing!

Summer Worship Extravaganza

For the last two summers we have gathered with Mount Royal and Trinity-Anjou for our worship, and we have been blessed with the variety of gifts that all three of our communities of faith have to offer. This year we once again launch into our summer worship on Zoom with this rich sharing, beginning on June 26 and continuing to Labour Day weekend. BUT = there is a twist. If ever you wish to gather in-person, then that will be a possibility. For June 26 and all of July, Mount Royal will be open. Trinity is expected to be open from July 17 to the end of August. Watch e-mails or give a call for reminders of which sanctuary or sanctuaries are open, as they will be leading worship in a hybrid fashion.

Worship remains at our usual Zoom link at 10:30AM.

Summer In-Person Picnics

This month we had a picnic after our worship service at the Côte site. We can't do true hybrid services outdoors because we would not hear and see the worship leaders from other locations.



BUT we can get together for picnic lunches after worship, around 12 noon. The dates have not been set. They may be set two weeks ahead - when we get the long-range forecast! Stay tuned! And if you don't get e-mail, call Kent to find out the next date - 514-817-0132



Fall Auction

SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 16! Fundraiser for the renewal of Wyman at the Cote Church.

There will be a church service at the Hudson Community Centre at 10:30AM on October 16. A light luncheon will be provided. A live auction will be starting at 1:00PM with Tania Ellerbeck. There are several paintings, a very special quilt, a round of golf and many more items up for grabs!

A Blooming Success

Thank you to all those who bought flowers from February into May. A total of \$1,200 was raised! There are still some springtime annuals left if you're interested!

Fundscrip Cards

A reminder that Fundscrip is still available during the summertime. Contact Mona either at 450-458-7545 or mojoli@msn.com.

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ZOOM INFORMATION:

Click https://zoom.us/j/4939842064 Or call: 438-809-7799, Use meeting ID 493 98 42 064 # If ever you are asked for a password, we will use 458

From the Ad Hoc Visioning Committee:

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the Visioning Survey. Your answers will help us to see a path forward and to spark the interest of our new neighbours, with a goal of increasing our membership. We now have a great source of information on your vision of the congregation, as well as kinds of activities and focus that we will move towards. For example, we know that fellowship is important to you and that you look forward to being together on a regular basis, both for worship and other activities.

Stay tuned for more details on the survey replies as the summer progresses. And as always, feel free to contact Don Wood, Kent Chown, Margie Chesney or John Cacchione if you have any questions or suggestions.

Walking Through Grief

Continues every Wednesday morning at 10:00AM. New participants have joined, but all who are grieving the death of another person is welcome to join. We gather at the parking lot at Selkirk and Main, walk to Sandy Beach, and continue with coffee. If you wish info, you can call Annelie or Kent.

A Journey of Faith

This past Sunday voices of faith spoke and were heard. In the end, the congregation stated its intent to go boldly into the future. There are still steps that need to be taken to put that vision into place, and we may still have



some detours, but we spoke with one voice in the end. As we continue to travel, let us always remember that, as God was with those who left Egypt, God continues to walk with us - even during any detours!

Côte Project Update

On Sunday the congregation met and discussed three options for the Côte Church. One was a bid for the project as designed - this runs over one million dollars. The third option was to keep the dimensions as they are, insulating the existing walls (which means removing the wood inside and outside to do so), and adding an elevator 'tower' on the south side. This has more modest costs, but it was felt that we really need to look to a future with a larger sanctuary space.

Option two involves the demolition of Sanctuary with an extension at the back of the building and an elevator tower built on the south side instead of inside the building which would not necessitate the replacing of the furnaces and moving the electrical Panel (which was in option 1). New windows in sanctuary only, new trusses and shingles on roof, insulation in walls, renovation of kitchen and washrooms. New concrete floor in washrooms at floor level. Painting, flooring, finish carpentry by volunteers. Cost estimante: \$695,140, plus septic system and taxes.

The congregation has decided, subject to Regional Council approval, to pursue this option. It stretches us financially, but it gives potential for the future. There were no dissenting votes: it was agreed to go in this direction. It is an act of faith.