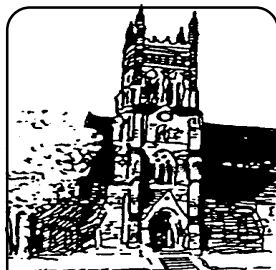


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10:30am Main Service

(see calendar for details)

Wednesdays

12:15pm Holy Communion

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
Alleluia!**

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VIEW

From the Rector's Desk...

How glorious it is to sing out "Alleluia" on Easter Morning. And to greet each other, not with "Hello" but with the traditional Easter greeting; "Christ has risen!"... "He has risen indeed, Alleluia!"

One of my favourite Easter hymns I love to sing is "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." This hymn, originally titled "Hymn for Easter Day", was written by Charles Wesley in 1739 for the inaugural service at the Foundry Meeting House, London's first Wesleyan chapel. This was one year after Wesley's famous "conversion". Little did he know how popular and even universal his hymn would become.

Hymns become popular for two reasons. First, the lyrics must have a strong meaning. Second, the music must not only be good, but also match the lyrics. Wesley certainly provided excellent lyrics. Here are some of my favourites in his Easter Hymn:

Jesus Christ is risen today
Our triumphant holy day

Hymns of praise then let us sing,
Unto Christ, our heavenly King

The interesting thing about this hymn is that Wesley did not originally add "Alleluia" to his lyrics. I think that is an essential part in celebrating Easter, to sing out with all your heart, "Alleluia". After all "Alleluia" means "Praise the Lord". As we view the now empty cross, and the now empty tomb, we cannot help but raise our arms in celebration, "Alleluia!" And we sing it again and again. A perfect match between lyrics and music.

May you and your family have a joyous Easter season. Don't stop singing.

Christ has risen!
He has risen indeed.
ALLELUIA!

Ralph+
for the glory of the resurrection.

Book Review of The Shack

(Where tragedy confronts eternity)

By William Paul Young
Windblown Media 2007
www.theshackbook.com

“The Shack” is a NY Times #1 Bestseller and has sold over 2 million copies. I don’t usually read “Bestsellers”, but this book is very spiritual, and most interesting.

The story is of a father, whose daughter is abducted and then murdered in a remote shack. Sometime later this father receives a note from “God”, inviting him to the shack. Against his better judgment he goes to the shack. And there he has an incredible encounter with God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These three people he meets are quite different from the way we perceive God, but they minister powerfully to this grief stricken father. And he is changed forever.

William Paul Young was born a Canadian and raised among a stone-age tribe by his missionary parents in the mountains of New Guinea. He himself has suffered great loss in his life, and now enjoys the “wastefulness of grace” in his life in the Pacific Northwest of the United States.

His novel will fascinate you, it will draw you into deep emotions, and it will help you think of God in new ways. Many people have commented on this popular book. Steve Berger, a pastor in Tennessee said; “Wrapped in creative brilliance, ‘The Shack’ is spiritually profound, theologically enlightening and life impacting.” Eugene Peterson, of Regent College in Vancouver said; “This book has the potential to do for our generation what John Bunyan’s ‘Pilgrim’s Progress’ did for his.”

I recommend this book to you.

Ralph+

Thank you from Melody!

I would like to thank the corporation and members of St. George’s for the lovely book, entitled “The Measure of Faith: Annals of the Diocese of Montreal 1760-2000” by M.E. Reisner, presented to me at the vestry meeting on February 8.

Your grateful friend and sister in Christ,
Melody

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A Shower For The Open Door Shelter

The guest speaker at the Men's Breakfast in March was Ramon Herrera. He is the director of "the Open Door" at St. Stephen's Church in Westmount and a gifted speaker. The breakfast was well attended, including a group of ladies, and the meal, prepared by Paul Hachey was excellent.

Before the Church of The Advent joined St. George's Church, The Open Door ran a food program in the Advent's parish hall for men and women who came in off the street. Amongst other things, it had a shower facility which was very popular and much needed. After the Church of the Advent was sold, The Open Door moved to St. Stephen's Church in Westmount, where it continued under the leadership of Ramon.

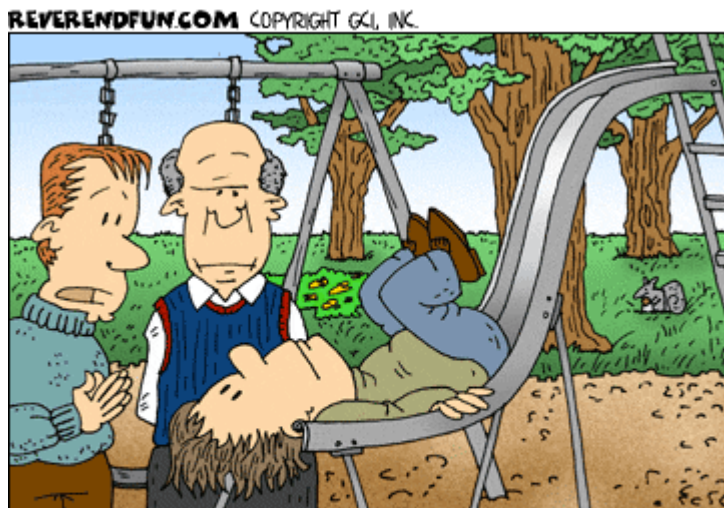
The Open Door provides not only meals, but clothing, laundry, haircuts, job search and spiritual counseling. I have been there to observe Ramon in action as he sits with the men and women who come for help and talks to them about their problems. They clearly have a great amount of trust in him.

At the Men's breakfast, Keith Morgan asked what the greatest need was at the shelter. Ramon replied that the biggest need at the present time was to have a shower. With only a moment's hesitation, Keith replied that we would help them get a shower and he is presently leading an effort to raise the money.

I, and a number of others, fully support Keith's initiative and I hope many of you in the congregation will do so as well. The shelter looks after close to 60 men and women coming in off the street each day and you can imagine how wonderful it would be in the summer or winter to have both a full meal and a warm shower. Let's support Keith and give a hand to St. Stephen's Church for the very challenging work that they do.

Our rector calls this a response to our 3rd Mark of Mission – To respond to Human Need by Loving Service. If you feel moved to help, please make your cheque out to St. George's Church (re The Open Door Shower) and give it to the Church Office, Keith or me. Tax receipts will be issued. Thank you !

Tom Burpee



Thanks to Pieter Strydom

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IT APPEARS AS IF YOU HAVE BEEN
BACKSLIDING AND WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT
WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

REJOICE

One of my favorite scriptures is: "Rejoice in the LORD always. Again I will say rejoice". (Philippians 4:4) The emphasis in this verse is on the word, always. Do I feel like always obeying this scripture? No, I do not; so, what to do? When times are troubled and I get discouraged, I meditate on GOD's word, and if I can, I play praise music. I remind myself that JESUS is LORD, that HIS WORD is truth, and that what HE promises HE is more than able to perform. "HE is the same yesterday, today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8.)

A scripture that is similar to the above is found in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks and praise, for this is the will of GOD in CHRIST JESUS for us." Here the emphasis needs to be on the word, in. GOD does not call me to be thankful for all things, but in all things. I must be confident that GOD is able to work in all circumstances and to bring good out of some of the worst situations.

GOD says that it is HIS will that I rejoice and give thanks. I must therefore be quick to obey or how can I pray with any sincerity, "THY will be done"? As I learn to stand on HIS word and ignore the negative voices all around me, so I will be enabled, through CHRIST, to live the victorious abundant life that HE promises. AMEN.

Jane Wigglesworth

Connie Kaldor

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