



Eastminster United Church
August 30, 2015
Fourteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching." ~ C.S. Lewis

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Catharine Saxberg

*Opening Hymn VU#625 I Feel the Winds of God

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: Each week we light this candle to cast light upon our path.

All: As a community, we help each other to follow the ways of righteousness.

Opening Prayer

God of our conscience, give us wisdom before we speak, understanding when we listen, sensitivity towards those we meet, and the perspective of your kingdom in which to see the things of the earth. Bring us to this day's ending blessed through having shared this day's beginning together.

The Peace Shared

Children's Time

Sarah, Joy, Jeff, Andrew, Scott

The Children are invited to Summer Church School in the Nursery

We Share in Word and Song

Greek Scripture Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Sarah Hallikas

Psalms #15 VU#736 Sung Response Sarah Hallikas

Hymn: VU#567 Will You Come and Follow Me?

Reading: Excerpt from the Divinity School Address, Ralph Waldo Emerson Andrew Hodwitz

Reading: The Good Choice, Thomas Merton Joy Klopp

Hymn: VU#585 Jesus Bids Us Shine

Reading: James 1:17-27 Jeff Schissler

Anthem: I Hope Dixie Chicks

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Catharine Saxberg

Offering Hymn VU#600 When I Need a Neighbour

Please stand in body or in spirit during the last verse for the presentation of the offering.

*Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer VU#960

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

Catharine Saxberg

*Closing Hymn VU#716 Life Flows On

*Blessing & Sending Forth

Catharine Saxberg

*Sung Blessing VU#572 Send Me Lord

Postlude

Today's Announcements

~ **SCRIPTURE:** Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 p. 42

~ **Today we offer special thanks to;** Scott Pietrangelo and Catharine Saxberg for their musical service, and our *soloists* - Sarah Hallikas - *soprano*, Andrew Hodwitz - *bass*, Jeff Schissler - *tenor*, and Joy Klopp - *alto* for their gift of music.

~ UPCOMING WORSHIP

September 6 Rev. Sarah will preach on the spirituality of work. Join us for our Annual Backpack Blessing service September 13, when Church school classes begin!

~ STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENT – Jane Sanden

We are very pleased to announce that Jane Sanden is joining Eastminster to develop and lead programming for our youth and intergenerational ministries. Jane is enthusiastic and has lots of creative ideas that we look forward to her sharing with us. Her first day is September 2, 2015 and she will be reporting to Rev. Sarah. There will be opportunities to introduce Jane to the rest of the Eastminster staff, committees and congregation however we encourage you to say hello and extend a warm welcome whenever you get the chance!

~ VISITS

If you or someone you know would like a visit from Rev. Sarah, please let her know either on Sundays after service or leave her a message at 416-463-2179 ext. 100 or at: sarah.bmiller@bellnet.ca

THE ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE for the Eblast & Sunday Bulletin is: **Wednesday at 9am.**

Please send to: eastminster@bellnet.ca

~ **UPDATE FROM EUC'S MINISTRY & PERSONNEL (M&P) COMMITTEE** ~

WHO WE ARE:

Carol Bennett (Chair), Dale Hildebrand, Diana Hilton, Tom Veenstra and Cindy Zwicker-Reston.

WHAT WE DO:

We support our minister and lay staff on matters related to their employment with EUC and the United Church of Canada (including hiring, performance management, pay & benefits, and learning & development) so that they can successfully fulfill their role in Eastminster's growth as a faith community and living out our vision and mission.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Believe it or not it has been a busy summer for M&P! We are thrilled to welcome **Jane Sanden**, our new Youth & Intergenerational Ministry Worker, who joins us Sept. 2nd and to confirm that **Hilary Seraph Donaldson & Scott Pietrangelo** are staying on board for at least another year!

There are some folks you may not see on Sundays so we want to give a shout out to them to remind everyone that they're also part of the Eastminster team... We are thankful for **Gerald Gordon** who keeps the building full and humming, **Sue Swann** who keeps our website and the workings of the office running smoothly, **Alex Sinclair** for keeping our books straight and making sure our staff get paid, and our custodians **Alison, Jessica, Joseph, Joshua & Robert** who keep the church ship-shape!

QUESTIONS OR KUDOS?

Feel free to speak to any of the M&P committee members or contact the staff directly (their contact information is in the bulletin each Sunday).

~ **YOUR OPINIONS MATTER!**

The Accessibility Project Building Committee would like to hear from users and members of the congregation regarding any issues with accessibility and mobility that should be brought to the Committee's attention. Please e-mail Alan Munn at: lamunn@pathcom.com. Thank you.

~ **CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER!**

If you're looking for a rewarding way to share your talents please consider getting involved in our church Sunday school which will restart Sept 13/15. We are looking for 2 or 3 new teachers this fall; no experience is necessary! For more info, contact the School Coordinators: Pat Roy - patroy57@hotmail.ca or Doug Blackburn - barcikblackburn@yahoo.ca 416-662-0460

~ **Sat. October 3 at 8pm: BOOGIE THROUGH THE 70'S ACCESSIBILITY FUNDRAISER!**

Get Up and Boogie! Join the Eastminster Choir & Friends on October 3rd at 8pm to sing and dance the night away! Boogie through the 70's to the incredible beats of Scott's Great Band as we raise funds for Eastminster's Accessibility project. Cash bar, outta sight finger foods, totally tubular cakes. Bring extra cash for the amazing silent auction! For tickets please contact Diana Hilton. Cost \$50 per person. Please spread the word and invite family and friends, we need a full house to make this a successful event.

~ **SILENT AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT!!!**

The Choir would like your help in raising money for the accessibility project for our church building. At our 70's Cabaret on Oct 3rd (see above) we are once again holding a silent auction and we need your help with donations.

Are you a great gardener willing to offer some hours of your time?

Are you willing to offer baby-sitting time?

Maybe you have some artwork that you are tired of looking at?

Do you have a cottage that you may feel comfortable offering some time at for the auction block?

Donations can include anything from your time to your knowledge to your products. If you have any contributions for the auction, contact Laura Cory at: dla619@rogers.com / 416-465-3297..... Thanks!

~ YOUR PICTURES & MORE PHOTO'S NEEDED!!

Hi everyone, we are now working on getting all of Eastminster's pictures into photo galleries on the website. Please send us any that you have that showcase the great events and fun times we've had at Eastminster over the years!.. (Please include year & event) Send to Sue at: eastminster@bellnet.ca or put them on a memory stick and drop them in the office.

Also, we desperately need someone to come in on a Sunday and take some new great quality pictures of: The congregation as a group, the church service (various angles), our Youth in a group, the Sunday school kids in a group and the Nursery kids all together having fun, to add to the areas being updated shortly on the website. If you can offer your photo skills, please let Sue know as soon as possible (eastminster@bellnet.ca). Thanks!

~ INFO. UPDATES

Please don't forget to let the church office (eastminster@bellnet.ca) know of any changes to your email, phone no's (including emergency contacts & cells), and home addresses so we can keep the data files up to date, thank you!

Eastminster Events

~ Wed. September 9 from 7-9pm: COUNCIL MEETING

~ Thurs. September 10 at 10.40am: CHESTER VILLAGE SERVICE

Please speak to Rev. Sarah if you would like to help out.

~ Mon. September 14 from 1-3.30pm: PRAYER SHAWL KNITTERS GROUP BEGINS AGAIN

If you are interested in joining, please speak to Joan Hewson. Meet in Sarah's Office.

~ NEW EASTMINSTER STUDY SERIES: BULLIES, GOSSIPS, GODS, AND SCAPEGOATS ~

Beginning Tues. September 15 - Five sessions from 7-8:30pm every other Tuesday, with subsequent sessions on Sept. 29, Oct. 13 & 27, and Nov. 10. Meet in the Parlour.

How are all these things connected?

Anthropologist and literary critic **René Girard**, author of such works as *Violence and the Sacred*, *Things Hidden Since the Foundation of the World*, and *I See Satan Fall Like Lightning* offers us a set of powerful tools for thinking about human relations, social order, and the divine.

Drawing on selections from Girard's work, this 5-session study series will explore a fresh and provocative way of thinking about violence, cruelty, tribalism, and religion in our contemporary setting.

Discussions led by Eastminster's **Cameron Thomson**.

Preparatory reading material for the first session is now available in the narthex on Sunday's. For electronic copies please email: cameron.thomson@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

~ Wed. September 23 at 7pm: COMMUNITY RESILIENCE HUB PLANNING MEETING

Eastminster and Community Partners are exploring becoming a Resilience Hub, a place where people could come for warmth, food and shelter during events like the 2013 ice storm and power outage. There is a program with *Greening Sacred Spaces: Faith and the Common Good* working with the municipal government and other partners to plan for such events. Come out for an initial meeting of community partners. For more info: <http://greeningsacredspaces.net/>

~ Fri. September 25 at 7pm: EUC READS! - BOOK CLUB

BOOK: *Cutting For Stone* **AUTHOR:** Abraham Verghese **MODERATOR:** Mary Gerritsma

You are welcome to join in - come out for a lively discussion, followed by the 9pm Social Wine & Cheese at the home of Neil Riach & Carolyn Curren. Info: John Brown 416-463-0844 or Carolyn Curren 416-465-6174 info@neilandcarolyn.com

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Soloists: Michelle Suzanne - *soprano*, Andrew Hodwitz - *bass*, Jeff Schissler - *tenor*, Joy Klopp - *alto*

Custodians: Alison LeGrow, Jessica Aguiar, Joseph Telford, Robert Covert, Joshua Somers

(Check out the back of this page for some..... "Groovy News")

2ND ANNUAL DANCIN' ON THE DANFORTH



The Eastminster Choir and Guests

Scott Pietrangelo and Hilary Seraph Donaldson
Music Directors

With Scott's Great Band

Saturday, October 3, 2015, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets \$50

Get down with live music, outta-sight finger food, totally tubular cakes, and an unreal silent auction, then boogie with Scott and the band!

Cash bar

Eastminster United Church
310 Danforth Avenue at Chester subway
eastminsteruc.org

Until we raise half a million dollars, access to this venue is limited by stairs
We want to change that with your help