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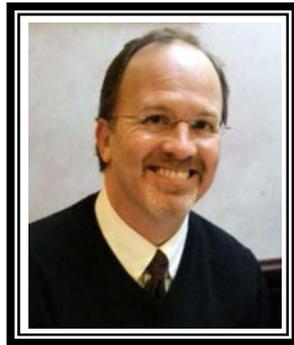
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**July-August 2011**

*From  
Rev. Dr. Scott Herr  
Senior Pastor*



Dear Members and Friends of the ACP,

Summer is a time when many of us think of home. In our international community, summer is a time when many people take time to visit "home" and some are returning to their home or a place which will become their new home... Summer is a time of tearful goodbyes and hopeful welcomes. One of our more recent ACP traditions is to give a candle with an image of the ACP building to families who are leaving with a special commissioning



prayer. It's a way for those of us who are "left behind" to acknowledge and bless those who are leaving, and for those who are leaving to take away a reminder of their Parisian church family with the charge to

continue to share the light of Christ wherever they may be. We've recently said goodbye to a number of special folk, most notably the Rev. Laurie Wheeler. We give thanks to God for her ministry in our midst these past two years, and pray God's richest blessing on her as she finishes her PhD dissertation and begins a new season

of ministry. By the time you read this we will have said goodbye to Pastor Bedford and Carol Transou, both of whom have contributed greatly to the ministry in their six months here. Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, we will bid farewell to the Rev. Ginger Strickland, our Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the past five years. Ginger, recently ordained as a Deacon in the Episcopal tradition, will begin a new season of ministry at the Church of the Incarnation in New York City as of September.

Paris will become home again for the Rev. Ken Stenman who will be serving as the Interim Associate as of July. His wife Cil will be back and forth between Paris and Colorado where they have family (and grandchildren). And the Rev. Jeff Powell will be returning with his wife Alba to serve as the Pastoral Assistant in charge of the wedding ministry. Jeff served as the pastor of the American Church in London and also served here in Paris when the Rev. Larry Kalajainen was the Senior Pastor.



We are also very excited to welcome for the first time the Rev. Dan Haugh and his wife Laurretta as Dan will begin in August as the new Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Dan went to

Gordon College outside of Boston, MA, and received his Master's of Divinity from Alliance Theological Seminary of Nyack, New York. He has served as a youth and young adults pastor the past nine years at Bedford Community Church just outside of New York City. He loves to read, write, is working on two books, coaches baseball and loves to travel. Laretta has her Masters in Special Education and they both are looking forward to serving in an "ecumenical, missional and visionary church community." We thank God for this good news!

As you enjoy the summer holidays, please be praying for our congregation in these times of ongoing transition, that we may be a faithfully sending and a faithfully welcoming church home. As God proclaimed through the prophet Isaiah, "for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Is. 56.7). God desires that in this passing world, we may find our true home...

In Christ,  
*Scott*

**Traveling for the summer in Europe or the Middle East?** Please consider joining one of our sister international English-speaking Protestant churches for worship on a Sunday. Find out about the congregations located in major cities in Europe and the Middle East by visiting the website of the Association of International Churches in Europe and the Middle East at: <http://www.aiceme.net/>. Godspeed!

**ACP Pastoral Transitions:** This is the last Sunday for **The Rev. Bedford and Carol Transou**. We thank God for their presence and ministry in our midst these past six months and bless them as they return to Tennessee this coming week. In the six months in which he was serving as the Visiting Pastor in charge of weddings, Bedford has done a total of 129 weddings and vow renewal services, a 25% increase over the same time period last year. This is a very important "seed planting" ministry of our church, and so we appreciate all of the time and hard work that Bedford has invested in so many couples. Bedford also performed four funerals and preached four Sundays. Both he and Carol have contributed to the hospitality ministry of the ACP, making time to attend the Multi-Cultural Couples, Filipino and African fellowship group meetings, taught Lenten small groups and helped out with regular worship services and the AICEME conference. We will miss them and pray God's richest blessing on them as they move into a new season of ministry back home.

**We welcome the Rev. Dr. Jeff and Alba Power.** Pastor Jeff will be serving as the new pastoral assistant in charge of weddings. He was ordained in 1976 and served as a pastor in four Presbyterian congregations in southern California. In 1992 he and his wife Alba began their ministry to English-speaking congregations and he served as pastor/head of staff at the Tokyo Union Church (1992-1997), the American Church in London, and then in the United Community Church of Buenos Aires. During his ministry he specialized in the areas of evangelism and congregational renewal. While on sabbatical in 2002, he served as pastoral assistant in charge of the wedding ministry at the ACP. Alba trained as a primary school teacher and holds a master's degree in social work. She is a licensed clinical social worker in the US and has worked for California Children's Services. She has served the church as a deacon and a Sunday School teacher. She looks forward to being a partner in ministry at the ACP.

**New Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministries.** Please take time to congratulate the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries Search Team Members who have done such a great job with the whole search process over the past year. Thank you to these team members for all of the countless hours of prayer, meetings, reading resumes, skype, phone calls and interviews that resulted in the decision of the Rev. Dan Haugh and his wife Laretta to come and join the ACP church family:

Pascal Berger	ACP Member
Michael de Looper (Chair)	ACP Member
Ebonee Harden (to February 2011)	ACP Young Adult
Daniel Herr	ACP Youth
Dave Holmes	ACP Member
Jane Oates	ACP Member
Destiny Ryales (from February 2011)	ACP Young Adult
Fernande Ewaluma Mboutou Ze	ACP Young Adult

Well, done, good and faithful servants!



# ACP Young Artists Week Vacation Bible School

August 29 - September 2

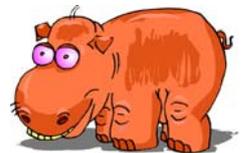
Meet us in the jungle at the ACP!  
Kids Go Wild for Kingdom of the Son!  
VOLUNTEERS AND KIDS NEEDED

## SAVE THE DATE!

This year we have an exciting Safari-themed program which will explore The Lord's Prayer through games, role-play, conversation, fellowship and art. Each day will split into two groups:



- Morning session: (Ages 5-10)
- Afternoon session (Ages 11 and up).



If you are interested in volunteering, or you would like to pre-register your child, please contact:

- Lori Kolodziejczak at [lori\\_kolo@hotmail.com](mailto:lori_kolo@hotmail.com)



## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!!!!!!!

Teachers, parents, grandparents, and supporters of the young people of ACP... if you enjoy working with children and seeing the Holy Spirit at work, please consider volunteering for ACP's Second Annual Young Artists Week. There will be a morning and afternoon session so there are opportunities for half or full day roles. We need volunteers and all will receive a blessing from having participated!





From Ginger Strickland  
Youth & Young Adults Pastor

*I feel sadness at leaving a community that I love so much. However, I also have a deep sense of peace, a sense that this is the right time to go.*

I'm already starting to accumulate boxes, and every time I look at them, I sigh (in a very French way). I have had such a wonderful five years here at ACP! I moved here fresh out of divinity school, not sure what God was calling me to do or to be, terrified of leading worship, and with no clue what I was going to do with a bunch of teenagers and twenty-somethings. You welcomed me with open arms, encouraged me, and gave me time and space to learn. You were patient with my mistakes and rejoiced with me when things went well. I learned (and am learning) how to be a pastor by watching you minister to one another and to this city. It was such a blessing to be able to share in the service of ordination with you, and it felt like a wonderful reflection of the role you have had in my formation as a minister. You have gone from an intimidating group of strangers to friends and beloved brothers and sisters in Christ. I can't tell you how thankful I am to you for the gift of these five years.

When I think about leaving ACP, I feel sadness at leaving a community that I love so much. However, I also have a deep sense of peace, a sense that this is the right time to go. That gives me faith and confidence in taking the next steps. After I leave the American Church, I will serve as Assistant Minister at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in midtown Manhattan. Incarnation shares ACP's commitment to be a church in and for the city, a sign of God's love for all people. Their last

confirmation class (which included several adults!) had only one member who was born in the United States. In other words, I think that ACP has prepared me well for this new context!

As I go, I should let you know that churches share a sort of "transition ethic" – some guidelines for leaving well. Experience has shown that it is best for pastors who are leaving to really and fully leave their old congregations – no visits for a year, no reaching out to contact church members. This is to allow the new pastor to really settle in and form bonds with the congregation – and to make room in the old pastor's heart for a new congregation. Of course, I will miss you all deeply. And of course I want to get updates about what is going on in your life. But you'll notice that I won't enter into big conversations, other than to encourage you to get in touch with ACP pastors. This is not an effort to shut you out, just my way of leaving well.

I also feel real peace and thanksgiving in knowing that Dan Haugh will be serving as the new Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. When I first met Dan, I was impressed by an immediate sense of his spiritual depth and integrity. These are qualities that cannot be faked, and I know that they will be a source of grace to this church. And it has also been wonderful to see that Dan is incredibly fun and funny – and has a rich knowledge of how to run youth and young adult programs that equip

young people for lifelong Christian service. ACP is blessed to have him. It has been fun to see how quickly the youth and young adults who have met him “clicked” with him and picked up on the gifts that he is bringing to this place. My prayer is that Dan and Laretta will receive the same open-hearted, patient, loving welcome that I have received in this place, and that they will enjoy a long and fruitful ministry here.

I leave ACP with a sense of gratitude, excitement about the future of youth and young adult ministry here under Dan, and trust and confidence in God’s work in and through the people of the American Church in Paris.

## Young Adult Events

Come and join us every Tuesday at 7:30 pm in the *Catacombs* for **Bible Study**, as we share fellowship and conversation.

## Youth Events

**Youth Group** meets on Sundays from 3 – 5 pm for fun, fellowship and bible study in the *Catacombs*.

Please feel free to bring friends along – they are always welcome at ACP events!

Contact [youthpastor@acparis.org](mailto:youthpastor@acparis.org) for more information about Youth and Young Adult events.

# Ginger Strickland: Interesting, Interested, and All about Grace

by *Christa Lesté-Lasserre*

In Bible studies, group discussions, and even when just passing her in the basement hallway, Ginger Strickland listens with intense energy and speaks with powerful softness. From the pulpit she carries on an inviting sort of “conversation” with us in her characteristic, totally approachable voice. And here in front of me now, sitting in the grass hugging her knees, she emanates a – dare I say – “gingerly” sort of peace.

She is full of spirit, and she is full of the Holy Spirit. She is simultaneously lively and energetic while composed, gentle, and full of grace. She is the illustration of what she is currently describing to me.

“I was meeting Christians who were so interesting and interested and so loving, and so involved in the world,” she tells me, recalling the first time she really felt a deep connection with a church—an Episcopal church near the University of North Carolina where she was an undergrad. That congregation offered Ginger a stark contrast to a “black and white, right and wrong” kind of Christianity she had grown up with – and grown away from. Those interested, interested, loving people were to become a major foundation for forming the pastor that the American Church in Paris has had the privilege of hosting as Youth Director since 2006.



“Instead of withdrawing from the world, they were like, ‘No, no; we’re Christians! So we are going to go out into the world with even more energy!’” she says. “Instead of saying that going to go out into the world with even more energy!” she says. “Instead of saying that everything that is not Christian is evil and wrong, they were saying, ‘We’re going to engage with it and question it and like it and love it and disagree with parts of it and agree with parts of it.’ And I remember thinking, these are people that are living the way that I want to live.”

It was a sort of early call, a small seed planted that would soon sprout and grow, leading her over time to finally live, today, exactly like that.

Of course, that call came in the same style as everything else about Ginger Strickland. Gentle, peaceful, and passionate. “I think God works in different people’s lives differently,” she says. “For me, it tends to be this sort of slow, gradual process. There was never some big dramatic moment.” No, that wouldn’t have been consistent with Ginger. For her, God chose a powerful, but peaceful process that, in the end, would leave Ginger with a strong sense of certainty in her life.

Early on, this “process” led Ginger first to have a heart for service as a social worker, long before even considering any kind of work in the church. Although she had been raised in Houston in a very active Presbyterian family, her parents’ separation and all the difficulties that come along with divorce brought her into what she now calls a “crisis of faith.”



“I was really, really angry,” she says. “I felt like I just couldn’t connect to God. I remember telling him very clearly, ‘Look, I’ve been trying for a really long time to find you. If you want to get my attention, you’re going to have to do it yourself.’”

And he did, through one of her university professors who took her to his Episcopal church – the one that she says led her to “fall in love with church again even before I had fallen in love with God again.”

And looking back on her life and seeing mistakes she had made, her own anger, her own bitterness, her own tendencies to judge people for their “right or wrong” behavior, she developed compassion. So much compassion that she chose to devote her life to serving others, as a social worker.

After graduation, she worked in a homeless shelter, providing food and emotional care to men and women, including those escaping domestic violence. As the shelter was supported by various local churches, her work became more and more involved with churches and their approach to service. As she prepared for going to graduate school, she realized more and more that having a good knowledge of churches and how churches work would be very useful in her social work career. Not only would it be practical, but it would also help her answer a lot of questions—the theological kinds of questions that kept getting asked over and over again by the people she was caring for, and by herself.

So she decided to enroll in a joint Master’s program at Yale, doubling in social work and theology. But then, an interesting, and very unexpected thing happened. She didn’t get accepted into the social work school. Just the divinity school.



“It was really, really weird, especially considering, comparatively, how easy it was to get into the social work program,” she says. But she tried again the second year, and she got in, only to discover that she probably would not be able to enroll in the program anyway because the school had lost her financial aid application. Just when she thought she would have to wait until the third year, the financial aid finally came through at the last minute, and she was able to start fulfilling her long-awaited dream of getting a Master’s degree in social work.

And then something else happened that was even weirder yet.

“I realized, ooh, I don’t love this like I thought I would,” she says. Meanwhile, though, she had been working in churches part-time and really had been loving that. It made her wonder if she shouldn’t give the church side of her double degree a bit more of an opportunity to develop.

And then she heard about the ACP youth pastor position, from her friend Karen Halac, who served as youth pastor at ACP in 2004.



Of course, true to her “slow and peaceful” process, Ginger wouldn’t actually serve at the ACP until her third consecutive year of applying. The first year, she had doubts and pulled out of the application process. The second year, the ACP chose another highly qualified candidate, Dan Randall, instead. Then the third year, it happened. By then, she had finished her divinity degree but still had a year left of her social work program. She chose to put her schoolwork on hold for a year while she

completed the 12-month youth pastor internship at ACP.

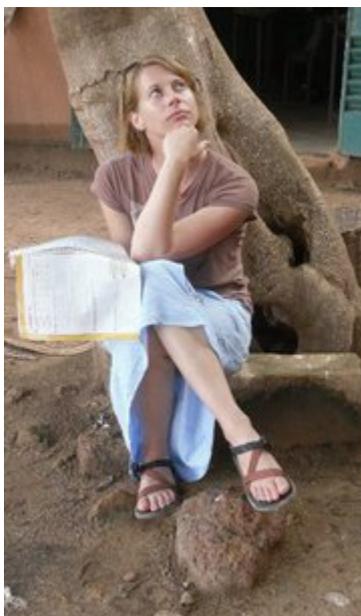
But when she got here in Paris, she says, all her questioning and doubts about her future as a social worker came to an abrupt end. “It was really funny,” she says, “because this big decision that I’d been obsessing about just suddenly became, like, ‘Oh yeah, I should really be a pastor.’ It was really nice to have that assurance after having been so unsure.”

And so 12 months turned into 60. And Ginger learned that she could become ordained through an Episcopalian program at the American Cathedral. “So after things not lining up for such a long time, they just really did, all of a sudden,” she says.

Last June, Ginger received her ordination as an Episcopalian pastor. Although she has already been allowed to preach as a divinity school graduate, she is looking forward now to performing her first baptism—baptizing the daughter of a close friend—at the end of July, and to leading communion for the first time sometime after December.



But after five years with us at the ACP, it is finally time for Ginger to move on. “It’s



traditional, really, that when you become ordained, you change churches,” she says. “Because the church where you prepare for your ordination is like your family that you have when you’re growing up, and eventually you have to leave your family and learn how other congregations work.”

So does she consider the ACP to be her family? “Oh yes, absolutely,” she says. “And I have learned so much from the people at ACP.” She fondly recalls Joan Minor telling her, after one of her early sermons, “You have a voice! You need to use it!”

“It was really great advice, and she was so right,” she says. “I have never forgotten it.”

Ginger’s next step in her peaceful process leads her to an Episcopalian congregation in Manhattan, where she will start a two-year contract in September as associate minister.

From her experience as a social work student and her sometimes difficult life experiences, she will take with her a true sense of what compassion and grace really are. “I have really experienced God’s faithfulness to me, even when I wasn’t seeking God,” she says, recalling especially some of the darker moments of her past. “I wasn’t even trying, and God still sought me and sent people to walk with me.”

And from her experience as youth director at ACP, she will take with her happy memories of pizza nights, honest and loving and welcoming young people, setting up tents on youth camping trips in pouring rain on dark nights without hearing any complaining and being surrounded by much laughter, and plenty of fun “playtime” spent with kids “who really know how to play,” she says.

And she’ll also take with her another great lesson learned from her time at ACP: the revelation that there really are people who love God enough and love each other enough to really make significant sacrifices in order to support each other and support the church—and the ACP is just full of people like that, she says. “I’ve been so impressed by the care people have and the amount of time people give to the congregation,” she says. “The ACP has really made me particularly aware of what a gift that is.”



It’s given her a new mission as she moves on now as an ordained pastor. “As congregational leaders, we want to be good stewards of that gift, that time and energy that people give, so unselfishly. As I leave the ACP, I understand that the rest of my life as a pastor needs to be about how we as a community use this really great gift that is often given at a great sacrifice.”

That is what she will take with her from the ACP. And what will she leave us? Fragrant traces of her very Ginger-style vivacious peacefulness. Her tacit lessons on how to love, how to listen, and how to be compassionate. Her living example of how Christians can be so interesting and interested and so involved in the world, going into it with ever more energy—not despite the fact that they are Christians but because they are Christians.

What she leaves us, as she goes on energetically into the world as an ordained pastor, is an example of a life that makes us all say, “This is a person that is living the way that I want to live!”



## New Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

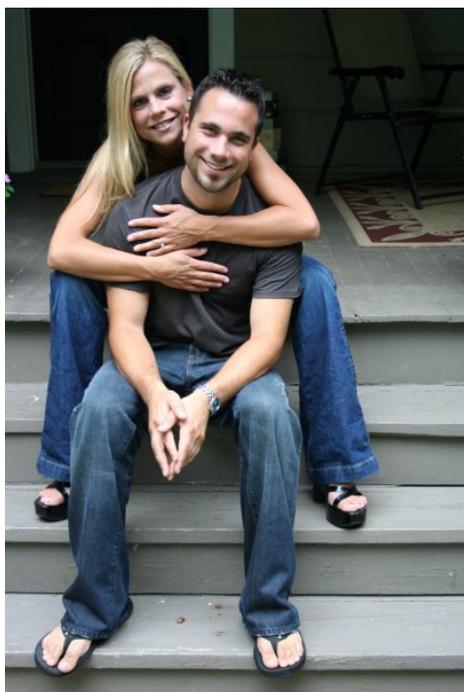
With the impending departure of Rev. Ginger Strickland, the Search Committee for the new Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries has been working hard and diligently for most of the past year.

The position was advertised from December 2010 to March 2011. In total, the Committee received 67 completed applications. After much prayer and discussion, the list was shortened to seven suitable applicants who were then invited to participate in telephone interviews. Based on these, two applicants were chosen for personal interviews, and were brought to Paris to meet with the Committee and the Pastors.

After further prayer and deliberation, a final decision was reached and a call was put forth to Rev. Daniel Haugh. We are thrilled to announce that he has accepted the call.

### Rev. Daniel Haugh

Dan began his relationship with Jesus Christ in 1997 at the age of seventeen, through the example of his parents, and the influence of the youth program at his church.



He has a Bachelors degree in Biblical Studies & Youth Ministry from Gordon College, Wenham, MA. In addition, he has a Masters of Divinity in Church Development from Alliance Theological Seminary, Nyack, NY.

He is a licensed and ordained minister in the Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination. Since 2002 he has been Pastor of Student Ministries at Bedford Community Church, an inter-denominational faith community in Bedford, NY.

He brings ten years' experience in youth and young adult ministries, teaching, speaking, writing, and consulting. Currently, he is writing for *Immerse Journal* and is under contract for two books on youth ministry and spiritual formation.

He teaches part-time at Nyack College for their youth ministry and theology department and does regional youth/young adult ministry training. He is actively engaged in his local community and volunteers for a number of non-profit organizations and ecumenical organizations.

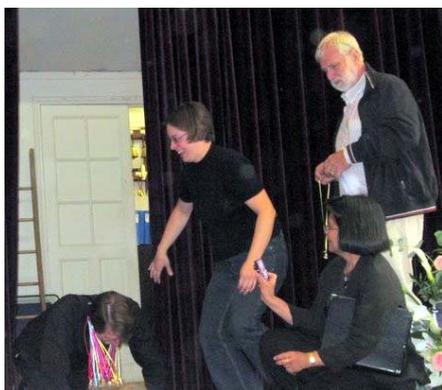
He lived abroad in Haiti for a period of 3 months, and has led numerous cross-cultural mission trips. Dan says that communication, interpersonal skills, teaching, organization and vision are his main gifts.

He seeks to apply his experiences and leadership at a church where he will make a significant impact on the emerging generation of students both locally and internationally.

Dan is married to Lauretta, a trained Special Education teacher. Lauretta will seek to use her own gifts and talents while supporting Dan in his ministry at ACP.

Please pray for them as they begin the process of moving to Paris.

## The ACP's most valuable treasure



Some of Fred Gramann's closest friends that he has been visiting churches in Paris one, lighting a candle in honor of his first Noah Benjamin. Noah was born last Ben, Fred's and Nancy's son, and to his wife Fred did not know was that everyone else at the American Church, and his friends beyond, were also lighting candles in his honor.

have known and at each grandchild, February to Stacey. What

In June, Fred marked his 35<sup>th</sup> year as Director of Music of ACP – probably the person who has served ACP the longest. And the church was not about to let the occasion pass by. After months of secret planning and on behalf of his friends near and far, the ACP offered him what could only be a token of its immense gratitude. Handing the cheque was Mark Primmer, incoming Moderator of the Council, in the presence of representatives of Fred's vocal and handbell choirs.

During the 11 am service, Fred, with his wife Nancy by his side, was presented with a cheque worth 3,500 euros – a modest 100 euros for every year of service. During the Coffee Hour in the Theater, Fred was presented with more gifts: a 35-peal handbell salute (in place of a 21-gun salute), 35 handbell awards (instead of 35 medals), and 35 red roses. Greetings from his friends all over the world that had been pouring in, were sealed in a lovely album.

Some of Fred's closest friends also know that aside from churches, he has also been visiting and showing off the architectural marvels and treasures of Paris. In the eyes of the ACP, he is the church's most priceless treasure.

## PROPERTY WORK IN THE SUMMER

Some of you know about the Friday Mission Lunch. This is a mission run by several churches, including the American Church in Paris, and its objective is to feed about 65 people in need every Friday, in dignity.

For many years now, the weekly lunch is prepared and served at the American Cathedral. But the Cathedral will not be able to host the Friday Mission Lunch as a result of the many renovation work being undertaken. Among the various groups responsible for the Friday meals, only ACP would be able to continue the program.

The question was: Can the ACP do it, and how.

As the Thurber room is permanently rented to the Montessori school, the option was to use the Theater as the dining room. However, there had to be a way to bring the food from the second-floor kitchen to the theater. A study was done to install a dumbwaiter between the second-floor and the theater, and to renew the kitchen.

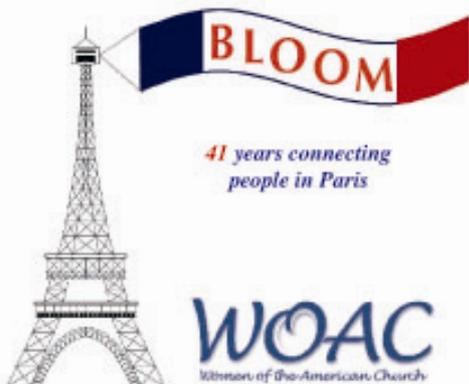
So in July, the kitchen will be remodeled, fitted with a new floor, new tiles, new working spaces, new sinks, new cupboard to improve storage.

WOAC wanted to contribute to equip the kitchen with new equipment, utilities, to make it easier for people to cook in the new place. A Task Force, has been created to look at the need for the new kitchen and will decide which equipment, pots and pans, utilities will be purchased

When the kitchen is done and better equipped, cooking at ACP will never be the same again.

## CONNECT DISCOVER LEARN

*New to Paris?* The **BLOOM** Program  
helps English-speaking newcomers settle in and make new friends.



**Saturday**  
**October 1, 2011**  
**9h - 18h30**

**The American Church in Paris**  
*65 quai d'Orsay, 75007*  
*01 40 62 05 00*

**40€ per adult**  
Program includes The Bloom Book, Lunch,  
and a Wine & Cheese tasting.

**10€ per child**  
Kid-friendly, age appropriate orientation,  
activities and lunch

[www.woac.net](http://www.woac.net)  
for full details and online registration

# Save the Date

**What: ALL CHURCH RETREAT**

**When: October 7-9, 2011 (Friday evening arrival, departure Sunday after lunch)**

**Where: CPCV Houlgate Retreat Center, Normandy**

Transportation arrangements included Further details will be published in the worship bulletins and on the ACP website [www.acparis.org](http://www.acparis.org) in the following weeks.

*It is truly an honor that Rev. Don Postema has graciously offered to return to ACP's fall retreat. His focus will be: "Sabbath: Cultivating a God-Conscious Life" For more than 25 years, Rev. Postema has provided guidance for spiritual living through readings, art, meditation, and prayer. He is the author of Space for God, a classic in which offers a series of meditative readings and spiritual exercises to help the faith of individuals and small groups, using the art of Van Gogh and the writings of John Calvin, Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen, C. S. Lewis, and others.*

We ( the ACP) are recruiting a General Maintenance Person, full-time, beginning August 15th through the end of June 2012. The candidate should have several years of experience in similar positions, with strong electricity, plumbing, and carpentry skills. Must be trustworthy and used to working for different kinds of people; often in emergency situations ( floods, blocked toilets, etc..) Working papers required.

For more information or to submit your candidacy, please contact the Business Administrator at [bizadmin@acparis.org](mailto:bizadmin@acparis.org) or 01.40.62.05.03

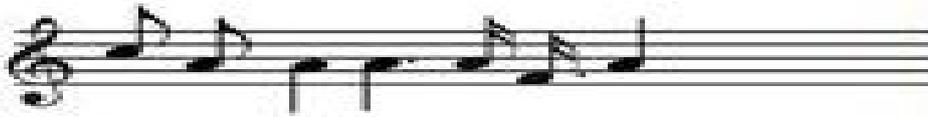
Please plan to attend a special event organized by the Multi-cultural Couples Group and OPEN to ALL couples:

\*\*\*September 24, 7:30 pm Potluck in the Thurber room\*\*\*  
\*\*\*Parenting from the Heart\*\*\*

Most parents comes to the job without much training, but with a lot of cultural baggage! And when partners come from different cultures, what is a child to do? There are thousands of parenting books, how to choose? What approach really works, whether your child is a baby or an adolescent? We'll show you a DVD explaining Dr. John Gottmann's approach. Bring a dish, an appetite, and your baggage if you must!

Introduction and facilitation by Cindy Davis, a Paris-based psychotherapist.

RSVP: [monica.bassett@free.fr](mailto:monica.bassett@free.fr)



## SPECIAL GUEST CHOIRS



Sunday, July 3 for the 11:00 Worship Service  
The 50-Voice ***Kantorei Enge*** from the *Kirche Enge* in Zurich, Switzerland  
Ulrich Meldau, director

Sunday, July 10 for the 11:00 Worship Service  
The ***Choir of St. George's College*** at Weybridge, Surrey (UK)  
Tansy Castledine, director

Sunday, July 17 for the 1:00 Worship Service  
The ***Chorale St. Jean*** from Alberta, Canada  
Laurier Fagnan, director

Saturday, July 23 at 8 pm - sanctuary - free admission  
***The Australian Chamber Choir In Concert***  
Douglas Lawrence, director

## Adult Education Opportunities

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES FOLLOWING THE 9AM & 11AM SERVICES:** Adult Bible studies meet between the services. The Bible studies meet 15 minutes after the end of the worship service in room G2 (Basement level).

### OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

**EVERY FRIDAY, THE MISSION LUNCH PROGRAM** provides a free, cooked lunch at the host church (American Cathedral, 23 avenue George V, Paris 8e) to those in need. ACP organizes the lunch on the second Friday of each month, but volunteers are needed every week for cooking, serving and cleaning-up. Contact: Kristie.

**KNITTING GROUP:** We are now meeting in The Catacombs, still on **Mondays** from 5 pm-6:40 pm. Come beginners, come experts, bring a friend, check it out! You can even tat, quilt, crochet or just enjoy the fellowship. Contacts: Antoinette Wolfe or Elizabeth Rand.

**ACP PRAYER CARE TEAM:** Members of the Prayer Care Team invite you to join them after the 11 am service if you would like to pray together for your special concerns. Look for the team on the left side aisle under the chandelier.

**DOCENT TOURS** needs more members! If you like learning and sharing history, archaeology, or just love trivia, you will enjoy giving 20-minute docent tours. For more info or to join the docent team, contact Alison Benney.

**LITURGIST MINISTRY:** We have a wonderful team of lay readers (liturgists) who assist in leading worship at the 9 and 11 am worship services each week. If you are interested in being considered for this ministry, please contact the church secretary at [secretary@acparis.org](mailto:secretary@acparis.org).

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Offering altar flowers is a beautiful way to honor God, or people dear to you, to celebrate special occasions in your lives, or to remember your loved ones. If you would like to donate flowers, please contact the church secretary at [secretary@acparis.org](mailto:secretary@acparis.org).

**MOVIE DISCUSSION GROUP:** The movie group's choices for July are Beginners by Mike Mills, Meek's Cutoff (La Dernière piste) by Kelly Reichardt, La Prima Cosa Bella by Palo Virzi and Hanna by Joe Wright. See any or all in the cinema at your convenience, then join the group for discussion on Thursday, July 21, at 7:30pm in the church basement.

**LADIES:** Put on your walking or running shoes and join other women from the church as we participate in the 2011 La Parisienne. This is a 5 km women-only race that starts and ends at the Champs de Mars and is scheduled for Sunday, September 11. You don't have to be a runner as time is not what is important. We will be representing the church and participating in order to raise awareness of Breast Cancer!! We'd like to get a group together at ACP on Monday mornings from 9:30-10:30 to begin preparing for this event. Just show up with your running/walking shoes! If you'd like to participate or find out more, please contact Kim Herr. You can go to the La Parisienne website to register for the race.

**DO YOU HAVE AN IRON WILL? ARE YOU BRIMMING WITH "SAVOIR FER"? WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET RID OF SOME WRINKLES?** Then perhaps you might consider volunteering to iron a few choir robes during the month of July. To find the room, go down the ACP hallway until you find a door that says "Press here", and open it to find a group of seemingly uptight people letting off steam and quoting Shakespeare: "A robe by any other name would still be wrinkled." Please speak with 35-year Fred or send him an email if you would like to plug into this hot project. We promise that you won't be board.