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Ministers' Message

by Vicki Obedkoff and Hans van Nie

Dear TSP Community,

We've been celebrating *Creation* in our September worship and about bringing this mindfulness to our choices as "consumers". After hearing Patty's story time with the children, has anyone mended an old sweater of theirs?

Our Board retreat on Saturday, Sept. 25th made for a delightful day; Lyn Gaetz, Chair of our Centre for Faith, Justice and the Arts' Implementation Team gave an excellent presentation of recommendations for moving forward. We will all be hearing more after the Oct. 26th Board Meeting.

Christie Neufeldt engaged us with an "anti-oppression" lens developed by the JGER (Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations) Unit of our national church. There will be opportunity for us all to share experiences and feelings of exclusion/inclusion in our lives at TSP to make us aware of what it is like for racialized persons.

The day began with a reflection on the image of "threshold" and I want to share these reflections with you. Originally, the word "threshold" referred to the "doorway" leading to the place where grain was threshed. Beyond the threshold/doorway is where the wheat was separated from the chaff, the culling of that which would become bread. What threshold are you standing on? What are you letting go of and what are you taking on? How are you being accompanied as you risk "crossing over" to a new venture or experience of life?

Some of us arrive at uninvited thresholds in our lives: a challenging health issue, a job loss or the taking on a new job, and others, too numerous to mention. In some inner or outer (social) aspect of our lives, each of us is crossing over. At TSP we create spaces for reflection and of support to assist us in being ready and in taking the risk to cross over!

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A reading on "Thresholds" from John O'Donahue:

"Change arrives in nature when time has ripened...To change is one of the great dreams of every heart - to change the limitations, the sameness, the banality, or the pain. So often we look back on patterns of behaviour, the kind of decisions we make repeatedly and that have failed to serve us well, and we aim for a new and more successful path or way of living. But change is difficult for us. So often we opt to continue the old pattern, rather than risking the danger of difference.

We are also often surprised by change that seems to arrive out of nowhere. We find ourselves crossing some new threshold we had never anticipated.

Like spring secretly at work within the heart of winter, below the surface of our lives huge changes are in fermentation. We never suspect a thing. Then when the grip of some long-enduring winter mentality begins to loosen, we find ourselves vulnerable to a flourish of possibility and we are suddenly negotiating the challenge of a threshold.

At any time you can ask yourself: at which threshold am I now standing? At this time in my life, what am I leaving? Where am I about to enter? What is preventing me from crossing my next threshold? What gift would enable me to do it? A threshold is not a simple boundary; it is a frontier that divides two different territories, rhythms, and atmospheres.

Indeed, it is a lovely testimony to the fullness and integrity of an experience or a stage of life that it intensifies toward the end into a real frontier that cannot be crossed without the heart being passionately engaged and woken up. At this threshold a great complexity of emotion comes alive: confusion, fear, excitement, sadness, hope. This is one of the reasons such vital crossings were always clothed in ritual.

It is wise in your own life to be able to recognize and acknowledge the key thresholds; to take your time; to feel all the varieties of presence that accrue there; to listen inward with complete attention until you hear the inner voice calling you forward.

The time has come to cross."

In our TSP life we offer support for "crossings over" as we journey together in small groups.

- For those of you who have been bereaved, either recently or in years past, we invite you to the "Living with Grief" group starting Wed. afternoon, Nov. 10th. Leadership is provided by Elaine Gort and Vicki Obedkoff.
- For those exploring our United Church's expression of faith, and for those considering membership at TSP, we invite you to the "Seeking a Sense of Faith" sessions on Wednesday evenings, commencing Oct.
- 13th, and facilitated by Paul Stott and Hans van Nie and others from our congregation.
- Many of us will sign up for our signature "Season for Commitment" dinners, part of our annual celebration of Stewardship, led this year by our very able organizing team, Jane Wood and Allison Savaria.

There are ongoing opportunities, for all ages, to join a congregational group, from singing to serving. Please talk to us about how you want to be involved in community life and in our Circles of service and leadership. We are glad to listen and help you discern.

In gratitude for the gifts of the Spirit so alive in this place,

Your Ministry Team, Vicki Obedkoff and Hans van Nie

A New Season and New Faces for Youth on Bloor

Youth on Bloor is up and running for the 2010-11 year!

Our youth from Bloor Street, Bathurst and Trinity St. Paul's United Churches form what is known as *Youth on Bloor*, a venture which has been running for several years now! This year's plans include spiritual practices, Bible discussions, outings, games, sports, and service projects; we will be attending services and participating in worship leadership in the three churches. Some events will be held in the evenings and on weekends, but for the most part we will meet during service, right after children's time. From week to week our meeting location can change and will depend on programming, so please feel free to email our new coordinator, Sheryl Johnson to know ahead of time where we will be meeting. Her email is sheryl.johnson@utoronto.ca.

A bit about Sheryl; she's excited about working with the youth group and brings a lot of experience with; she worked with both Kimbourne Park and Eglinton Streets' United Churches here in Toronto as well as in Winnipeg, where she's hails from. She's an M.Div student at Emmanuel College and is active in the SCM and a host of others! Please don't hesitate to get in touch with her!

Announcement Guidelines

TSP's Worship Planning Group wishes to remind members of the following *guidelines* with regards to making announcements during service announcement time; The guidelines help ensure announcements run smoothly and efficiently. When invited by the worship leader to make announcements, please remember to;

1. Come to the front and form a line at one of the two microphones
2. Identify yourself
3. Speak slowly and clearly into the microphone
4. Keep your message brief and to the point, preferable under 30 secs. It helps to write it out.
5. For announcements in the Bulletin, we suggest you state only highlights or
6. If your announcement is longer than thirty seconds (e.g. introducing a visitor,
7. Consider the appropriateness of your announcement; those that relate to the
8. **Reminder** of the other sources of media available to you:
The TSP Times; Bulletin Boards; the Order of Service; and our Web Page

Thank you once again for your co-operation in sharing in this important part of our liturgy.

TSP on the Web

Did you know you can re-live Sunday worships whenever you want? Our website has a number of ways to love Sundays again and again! Hans' and Vicki's past sermons are archived along with those of guest speakers like Judy Rebeck's *Living Well: Transforming Power in Bolivia* or Sonya Wu-Winter's *The Discomfort of Job*. And, there is no shortage of music. From your pew you might have heard anthems, hymns or some original music you would like to listen to again. Not enough music, you say? Then check out choir highlights from events such as James MacMillan's *Mass* or Ariel Ramirez' *Misa Criolla*.

Don't forget to feed your mind as well as your spirit with Paul Stott's regular hymn blog, aimed at enhancing your knowledge of the music you sing every Sunday. A recent addition to the TSP Blogspot is the Prayers of the People, submitted by those who have so skilfully touched our hearts during this time of reflection. So, get on the web and rediscover your Sunday experience!!

Restorative Justice at Trinity St. Paul's 2010

By Elda Thomas & B.J. Klassen

As a Centre for Faith Justice and the Arts, Restorative Justice is a fundamental part of our ministry. Since 2006 Trinity St Paul's United Church has hosted the annual conference on **Restorative Justice** during Restorative Justice Week, the third week in November. Sadly, the conference is not being held this year. The contributions of many TSPers over the past four years are much appreciated by the conference planners and participants. During service on Nov. 21st, Restorative Justice Sunday will be observed at TSP.

For those who might not be familiar with the specific goals of such a program, here is a brief summary:

- a) Focus on the harms and consequent needs of victims, the community and the offenders.
- b) Recognize and name the obligations that result from actions of offenders, communities and the society at large.
- c) Involve victims, offenders, community people and society in order to understand the dynamics of what transpires as well be willing to work together to heal and find redirection of life.
- d) Seek to put right the wrongs.

From time to time, a small core group of people meet and make supper together in Trinity St. Paul's kitchen. Restorative Justice is our theme and on several occasions we have been joined by some residents of the Keele St. Community Corrections Centre. Our primary goal is to get to know one another and to provide support and friendship.

Dinners at Keele Centre, a residence for long term prisoners in the process of returning to the community, is a program developed by Community Chaplaincy. Many TSP folk participate in the dinners. Members of different GTA

churches make and bring a food dish, which together make for a complete meal, for the residents living at the centre. The residents appreciate and enjoy the home-cooked meal, but find the real gift is the acceptance they feel from the community. Most of these men are uncomfortable talking to "normal" people and expect rejection. Instead, the residents are moved and deeply appreciative that people not only bring them a meal but accept them and care enough to sit and eat with them.

Over the past seven years a group called DISMAS has been holding bi-weekly gatherings at Walmer Road Baptist Church. The program attracts anywhere from 40-100 offenders and local volunteers from various congregations and denominations. The Bible tells us about one of the thieves who was crucified with Jesus and how he asked Jesus to remember him when He came into His kingdom. Legend has it that this man's name was "Dismas".

If you are interested or have questions about Restorative Justice you can contact Elda Thomas at 416-964-2885 or B.J. Klassen at 416-925-7169.



Why Does Brad Play in his Stocking Feet?

By Betsy Anderson

As a member of TSP's choir, this is just one of the questions that come to mind. Unfortunately, the answer is more mundane than you may think; his organ shoes have holes. So, I guess it's best to stick to stockings. Besides, his feet sweat and possibly stink, so letting the air flow is good! Besides, playing in stocking feet helps Brad feel grounded as he literally feels the ground beneath his feet as he plays and directs. And that's how we, as choir and congregational members of TSP, feel about Brad's musical leadership and talented playing -grounded!

This fall you may notice some new faces in the choir. Amber Cunningham, the new soprano lead, is in a first year masters program in Voice at the Faculty of Music at the University of Toronto. Justin Welsh, who will be grounding the baritone section, has a Masters in Voice from the University of British Columbia and is a past member of the Canadian Opera Company ensemble.

And this year, there will be many exciting musical moments to anticipate with TSP Choir;

- *Carols by Candlelight* on the evening of December 19th will also include the VIVA Choir. Mark it on your calendars and invite friends and family to attend as well.
- In February we are excited to present a Congolese Folk Mass - *Missa Luba*, and
- In March we will offer the *Bernstein Mass*. Palm Sunday promises to be amazing with the singing of the *Bach Cantata*, composed specifically for Palm Sunday, with Orchestra--Himmelskonig Sei Willkommen.

Brad is heading into his 18th year here at Trinity-St. Paul's and we are thrilled to have his musical leadership in our worship and other parts of our congregational life. As a new-ish member of the choir, I can testify to what a wonderful experience it is learning music with Brad and the other choristers. There is lots of singing, laughter, theology, hard work and snacks! If you would like to join us, talk to Brad or any choir member. All are welcome!!

Green Gifts for TSP

From Carolyn Barber

Watch for fall colour at our doorstep on Bloor Street this month as our new maple trees begin to show their stuff. Look for the three beautiful Amur maples that are the centre piece of our newly landscaped front garden. The trees are expected to grow to a maximum of only twenty feet, and provide white flowers in the spring, cascades of red keys in summer, and brilliant red leaf colour in the fall.

The cost of these large trees was about \$350 each, resulting in a cost overrun of approximately \$1000 to our annual garden budget. As coordinators of the TSP garden, we wondered if any members of our congregation would like to contribute to the cost of these trees, or perhaps donate one in memoriam for a loved one. If you are interested, please contact Susan Craig, Carolyn Barber or the church office.

The Role of Nurturing Community and Discipleship Circle

By Alexandra Horsky, Convener, Nurturing Community and Discipleship Circle

I wish to outline the mandate of the Nurturing Community and Discipleship Circle (NCDC) - to acknowledge the efforts and contributions of Circle members and congregants and to invite those who feel called, to become involved in our mandate by pursuing aspects of our work that fit with your personal talents, gifts and passion.

In a nutshell, the NCDC works at creating and nurturing a strong TSP community - one that reflects the rich diversity of God's creation. Visitors to TSP soon discover that we are an active congregation of diverse passions and commitments. TSP works at creating a strong container from which its members' engagements can unfold both within TSP and the larger community.

The NCDC is one of four "Circles" through which the work of TSP is carried out. The other circles are: Public Witness; Worship and Faith Formation; and Stewardship of Resources. Circles benefit from the contributions of their members (typical commitment of 1-2 year term) and from the working groups who support time-limited projects undertaken by the Circles.

The NCDC mandate includes:

- **Hospitality;** from the welcome table, to the pews, to coffee hour in the narthex, and everything in between.
- **Supporting newcomers;** through small-group discussions, newcomers' dinners and new members' classes.

- **Nurturing new and "old" members;** through community events such as the welcome back lunches, Season of Commitment Dinners, dances, etc.;
- **Pastoral Care;** through our dedicated pastoral care team.
- Encouraging members to discover and live out their gifts through a series of discernment workshops;
- **Spiritual Explorations;** through the Lenten series.
- **Building Inclusive Community** as an affirming congregation and one that engages in an ongoing examination of our practises through an anti-oppression lens.
- **Monitoring accessibility issues** at TSP and responding to needs, for example with our assisted hearing devices

In January we hope to welcome a number of new members into our circle. Practically speaking, being a member of a Circle involves attending five meetings throughout the church year (Circles break during the summer), on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

For those who are interested, an alternative to becoming a member of the Circle is to offer your support at some of our one-time events and activities. To find out more, or to indicate your interest in being a member or a supporter please contact Alexandra at alexandra.horsky@yahoo.com.



While sitting

By Tom Hutchinson

Whether I am sitting in the pew at TSP, in my seat on the plane, or at my desk in Edmonton, I find my mind often drifting to TSP's and the United Church's situation in general. Formed as an attempt to avoid duplication of resources (with the original denominations building churches on opposite street corners), the United Church hit a high in attendance and influence in the 1950s. Buildings were full. Then social trends began to change and the barely-adequate buildings became barely-used as attendance dwindled. St. Paul's response to the situation was to allow other social agencies and groups to use of the excess space. It was a good way to extend the mission of the church and to justify the existence of the large, empty building. Over time, attendance has continued to dwindle and the congregation to age to the point where TSP now needs to get a considerable share of its yearly budget from the rental of its building to both charitable and commercial users. It seems to me that if this trend continues, in 25 years, the building will still be here but the congregation will have gone, or be so small in number that it will be able to meet in the Memorial Room.

Our times and circumstances have changed since St. Paul's Centre first began. At present our dependence on rental income has tended to "monetize" the way we look at the building and its users. We are unable to allow others free use of the building as we might have liked to, since the use could interfere with the renters (example, cancellation of the *Out of the Cold* program was in part due to it interfering with the rental of portions of the building). When the need for income begins to dictate building use, the concept of a Centre for Faith, Justice and the Arts is working against itself.

So, can we look at this another way? Some

time ago, during sermon, Hans discussed *Losing Our Religion*. Does Trinity St. Paul's or the United Church have anything that shouldn't be lost by the time those of us who remember the 50's are dead and gone? Hans used strong language in speaking about some of the "moronic" things people who call themselves Christians do and believe. He spoke for many of us when he said he is sometimes ashamed to state in public that he is part of the Christian tradition. In looking to the future, does the United Church or TSP have anything to offer the City of Toronto or are they simply part of the past?

I believe the United Church has a future and that TSP can be a model for the way religion will progress into the 21st century. We have members who believe in a fairly traditional Christian interpretation, those who do not believe in God and others whose interpretations of God do not conform to traditional Christian dogma. We don't always agree on every-thing yet we get along and keep coming back. We find comfort, solace, and strength within these stone walls and in the people who make up our church. There are people out there who are longing to find such a place! So, do we resign ourselves to continual shrinkage?

My first contact with TSP was through Steve Hansen. Steve approached a Board of the United Church which I was on, looking for participants for a study he was conducting. I was "assigned" to work with Steve. We completed the study and afterwards Steve and I spoke a couple of times. As a result, when I ended up in Toronto I included Trinity St. Paul's on my list of churches to check out. When I got here I liked what I found and stayed. But, had I not had the experience with Steve, would I have eventually made my way to TSP? The answer isn't so clear. I do not live

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close to the church and do not frequent this neighborhood. The probability is most likely I would never have heard of it.

I could be a freshman at the University of Toronto or Ryerson or George Brown, a newcomer in the city with a UCC background. Is there information on TSP available in my frosh orientation package which indicates the congregation's values along with an open invitation to drop in on Sundays? If I was to go to the movies, would I see an announcement about TSP on the movie screen before the show? Or how about being able to pick up a brochure when I attend a Tafelmusik concert? As I drive by Honest Ed's, am I able to judge TSP's congregation from its exterior signage? On pride Day or at the TSP Table for the Aids Walk, can I pick up a brochure about TSP? If I am shut-in, can I follow our services on a podcast? Do we have any advertisements on the TTC? How about a page in a theatre program? Does TSP want me to know about the unique character of its congregation, or do we keep our light well hidden under the proverbial bushel?

To come back to where this all started, I am wondering whether can we look at alternatives to renting out our old dusty, cavernous building? One alternative could be the revitalization of our congregation and the doubling or tripling of the number of core contributing members. What must be done to interest 1/2 of 1% of the disaffected Protestants in Toronto in TSP. If we do, every Sunday the balcony and choir loft will be full, the rooms occupied by church groups and meetings, and the PAR bank computer whirring. We need a minimum of 600 contributing members to make things work. Can we make our message unique enough to find another 400 solid, contributing members in the arguably 7 million people who live

around here? If this were achievable, we would no longer have to depend on rental income for our survival.

Can we start with inviting signage out front? One indicative of what happens inside our stone walls! Can we promote, advertise, and have tables at festivals and parades? What about pew cards? Exactly how are people supposed to find out about us? Location, location, location, we are near the University, on the subway, and in the heart of the largest city in Canada. If we can't do it, then what does that say for others and the denomination in general? We are a wonderful, diverse and educated bunch, with wisdom galore.

When you think about it, TSP actually has an amazing gift to offer Torontonians, the United Church and those beyond. Unfortunately, we seem stuck when it comes to getting out there and letting people know we're here. And ironically, our future depends on this. We must use the wisdom and experience of our elders to ensure we have a next generation of willing participants to pass on to the responsibility of what it means to be United Church.

Well, I must get back to my Property Committee duties of finding outside groups to rent the old, empty building and to figure out how we can minimize expenses and prop-up the budget in order to keep the boiler going for another year, while changing light bulbs, fixing stuff, and worrying that we've spent another \$100,000 from the endowment this year. But as you can tell from this message, my mind does wander from time to time.....

Disclaimer: All of the above is intended to suggest and support change and is being presented as a means of provoking thought and discussion.

Visual Accessibility

By the Pastoral Care Team

Did you know that when you approach a visually impaired person with an offer help, the best thing to do is to gently touch your lower arm along the other person's? This allows them to orient themselves to you and to appropriately grasp your arm. The Pastoral Care Team learned this when Debbie Gillespie and Naveesha Maharaj of CNIB visited TSP for an onsite building accessibility review. Down-to-earth suggestions were made: When attending a congregational event and you assemble a plate of food for someone who does not see clearly, place the plate in front of them and tell them where each item of food is placed on the plate according to the clock, e.g., the meat is at 2 O'clock and the potatoes are at 6. Or, when a guide dog accompanies a member or visitor to a day-long event in our building, we need to provide accessible 'washroom' facilities for them.

Debbie and her guide dog Nike walked around our building pointing out areas where mobility may be made easier. Debbie and Naveesha also provided us with a written report. A few of their suggestions:

- The number of doors opening off our hallways can be confusing. Signs placed to the right of each door at shoulder height and written in raised print and/or Braille would be helpful.
- To make the stairs to the balcony safer we can place wide coloured textured strips on the top and bottom steps of each staircase and a narrow textured strip on every other step.
- To provide secure guidance and support on the foyer staircases, banisters can be extended on the bottom of the staircases.
- The arrangement of furnishings in the foyer presents as an obstacle course therefore arranging the furniture in a straight line would help improve the situation.

The Property & Maintenance Committee will discuss these suggestions and decide what can be done.

As well as learning about accessibility at TSP, the Pastoral Care Team exists to ensure folks who are ill, in need of support during challenging life changes or who live with disabilities do not feel alone. We rely on all congregational members to let us know how we can be of help. In order to know who to ask for assistance, here are the names of our Pastoral Care Team members:

Pat Ashwin, Sheila Browne, Susan Craig, Kay Fallis, Gillian Graham, Georgia Helleiner, Shirley Marescaux, Ann McKenzie, Jeanne Moffat, Vicki Obedkoff, Marion Pope, Ann Russell, Allison Savaria, Mary Simpson, Yvonne Stewart, Lynne Stott, Hans van Nie, Marilyn Vivian



Ink Painting (Nature) Classes at TSP

For: Adults and Youth (+ 10 years)
All levels of experience welcome.

Start: Tuesday, October 5th, 7 – 8 p.m.

Cost: \$80 (incl.art materials) for 6 classes

Instructor: Natalie Griller (BFA), Painting Instructor at Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, and TSP choir member

Contact : 647-341-8424 or ngriller@hotmail.com.

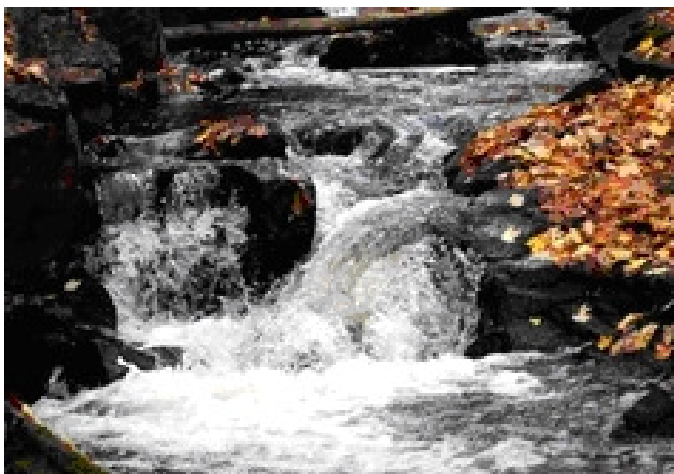
My Yearning for Spirituality

By Ken Chaplin

Since my Brother Craig's accidental death in 2007, I find that many of my spiritual beliefs and ideas about God and how we pray have changed. When I close my eyes during service prayers, my mind goes into high gear and I think about how many different Gods and concepts of God there are out there and whether or not I have blindly signed up for one; and, in my mind, I want to know just what it is I have signed up for! The way between my heart and my head seems to be blocked.

When my mind is in constant *thinking* mode (particularly during prayer or meditation), I'm prevented from being in touch with what is transpiring in the moment. It's like watching my life through a camera viewfinder with me adding my personal commentary about what's going on. Because of this, I'm not able to be an active participant - listening and in touch with my reality and with what is transpiring in the moment.

One way I practice spirituality is through meetings with friends in 12-Step meetings. It is telling, perhaps, that people there often remark how they would never be in a church otherwise, not even the basement, were it not for their recovery. Yet, "a power greater than themselves", (often called God) is identified as their spiritual source.



Many other groups and individuals have shared with me their ideas and experiences of spirituality over the years. I think of the former healing circle which used to meet in the AIDS Committee of Toronto offices each Sunday night; of various First Nations groups and individuals who so generously showed me their practices; of meditation groups. And, there are many more examples.

In addition to the visual wonder I experience through photography, I am so appreciative of my love for music imparted to me by my mother and grandmother. I cannot listen to recordings of the world's great pipe organs without thinking of the devotion of Mom, Sunday after Sunday, splendidly playing the two-console Casavant organ in Valleyfield and I thank her for the forty or so years of piano lessons she gave to kids in Perth, in Valleyfield, and back in Perth again - myself included. The spirituality of music, and the enthusiastic sharing of this gift by so many, was one of the first things that attracted me to TSP. And, there is a power greater than myself in photography and music - in anything creative.

God" can be short-hand for many wonderful and meaningful ideas, although the baggage the word carries can go flying off in all directions at times. During prayer, rather than focusing on the need to know exactly what God is, and isn't, perhaps I might try to experience a wide variety of ideas as expressed by others - with my eyes open!

Update from the TSP Property Committee

By Bob Fugere, Treasurer

When last you heard from us, our newly established committee was furiously trying to deal with the long-feared collapse of our steam boiler and urgently considering alternatives. We are happy to report that in May that same boiler was taken apart and rebuilt for only \$7,500, buying us badly needed time to assess heating alternatives and items such as steam over hot-water and separate area temperature controls. We also needed more accurate costing for these upgrades to allow us to present realistic recommendations to the Board, hopefully by February.

For those of us who use the West doors by the office when entering TSP, you will have noted improvements made over the past two summers; new entrance ramp, repainted and opened-up hallway, new washrooms and renewed Studio. We want to thank the contractors and the many TSP-ers who contributed with their time, painting talents (to the Studio and second-floor stairways) and even new carpeting. These efforts have given a fresh new face to our West End. We also appreciate and welcome the Garden Group's beautiful re-development of the front garden.

Downstairs we welcomed the arrival of the Annex Montessori School and the joint upgrading of their facilities along with the play yard. Out-of-sight but not any less important, are the fifty-year steel shingles we



installed on the cupola along with the constructed "stage under the stars" for monitoring roof settling.

Jackie van t'Voort, our Building Coordinator, has been crucial in all these efforts and deserves all TSP-ers' and building users' huge thanks and applause. Many thanks, Jackie!

Our focus is now shifting to the Sanctuary and discussions are underway with Tafelmusik on specific joint upgrading and modernizing projects to create a more welcoming atmosphere for this large and central space. Our new architects are working on integrating the heating system renewal with the sanctuary re-visioning which will likely be done in stages. We are seeking outside grants to supplement the funds of a TSP capital drive.

This coming year the Property Committee is tackling two central challenges of our Board mandate:

- To design and implement a marketing strategy that will help us fill the empty times and spaces at TSP.
- To review and re-build staffing that will accommodate greater facility use at a higher level of service. We are attempting to work closely with the CFJA and M & P Committees. As well, we are drawing upon the advice of friends knowledgeable in these areas to assist us.

Your support through your PAR offerings, your feedback and your suggestions make these improvements feasible. Feel free to contact any member of the committee.

Bob Fugere-Chair, Chris Gort, , Hans van Nie, Lorna Niebergall, Tom Hutchinson, Walter Whiteley, Sumiko Jin and Jackie van t'Voort.

Are you on the List?

TSP has an on-line **list serve** that sends out information on activities, upcoming events, the weekly announcements, and other items of interest to people at TSP. You can get each email message or a daily digest. It is an easy way to keep track of what is going on. To join the list serve, log into the website. (You will need to register if you haven't already) On the right side of the page, there is a grey box with your name at the top of it. Click on the "My Account / Mailing Lists" link. Scroll down to TSP list on the left and click on the button for emails. Then you too can be up-to-date!

Alternatively, you can go to: <http://lists.trinitystpauls.ca/listinfo.cgi/tsplist-trinitystpauls.ca> and provide your name and e-mail.

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