

South Winds

Windsor Park United Church

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From the study ...

Summer is a time of sunshine, warmth and a bit of a respite from the usual pace of life. It has been, for me, a time of renewal as well as preparation for the new church season. While you were at the beach, I was preparing Advent and Christmas services!!

September is almost here and with it is a packed calendar of events and activities at WPUC. Welcome Back Sunday on September 8th gets our church family back together for worship, fun and food.

In the coming months we'll be mucking with clay on a potter's wheel, blessing our beloved pets, learning more about the work of the United Church in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, dedicating special gifts given to our congregation and worshipping with some of the leaders of church renewal in North America. It is an exciting time indeed.

As most of you know, I served as chair of Winnipeg Presbytery last year. It was an interesting and challenging time to be in leadership in the wider church. One of the blessings of this time was the chance to visit other congregations. There are so many creative people and programs in other churches. Collaborating and sharing our successes helps to make all our churches stronger.

With this goal in mind, we are hosting a conference October 25-27. This is an ambitious project but we are greatly encouraged by the generous grants we have received from various United Church agencies. We have been able to bring in three outstanding keynote speakers with expertise in inspiring churches to reach out and reach deeply. We hope to learn more about ways to become a place of deep meaning and opportunity for service that newcomers want to be part of. There will be twenty workshops on a host of subjects facilitated by clergy and lay folk from around the city, and even a few from within our congregation. Please think about attending this event...and maybe volunteering.

There are some people to thank for their work over the summer. Thanks to everyone who brought in donations to our food cupboard. We had unusually high use of the food bank this summer. Thanks to all the folk who devote so much time and energy to our work at West Broadway Community Ministry. Thanks to Evelyn Day and her army of helpers who sorted, cleaned and distributed three trailer loads of lost and found clothing. The large dirty mountain was transformed into neatly folded gifts to: West Broadway Youth Services, Resource Assistance for Youth (RAY), Rossbrook House, Anishnabe (Presbyterian mission), United Church Halfway Houses and the Andrews Family Centre. It is so satisfying to know that good clothing can go to appreciative families rather than to the landfill. Thanks to Kal Kneeshaw for hosting the summer coffee and conversation—which included yummy goodies



every week! Thanks to Hannah and Tom Grandy for working so hard to weed and landscape the Memorial Garden.

Watch for the exciting innovations to our Sunday School, a book club, Bible study and for a series of evenings on "Mental Health First Aid". As always, if you have suggestions of programs, on anything to do with the life and work of WPUC, feel free to let us know. We are always open to fresh ideas to make this church a place where people feel the welcome of Christ.

Blessings,

Sharon

Windsor Park United Church Art Group

We will be starting our art program on Tuesdays from 1:00 to approximately 3 p.m. beginning Sept. 17th.

Everyone is welcome to come and join us. You can paint in whatever medium you wish. There is an annual fee of \$45 each.

We are going to try and bring in more guest artists this year to instruct us in new ideas.

Respectively submitted,

Carol Belsham



Moms 'n Tots

The Moms 'n Tots program begins on Wednesday, October 16th. The group meets every Wednesday from 9:30 until 11 am. The program gives moms with young children an opportunity to socialize, have coffee and participate in activities that are planned by the group. Some of these activities have included guest speakers, crafts, potluck breakfast and just choosing topics to discuss.



The Moms take turns bringing snacks to have with coffee as well as bringing juice and crackers or fruit for the children.

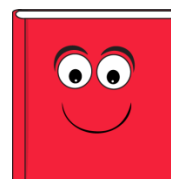
The children are cared for by volunteers from the congregation. Toys, crafts, play dough, games and a snack are all part of the time that the caregivers and the children share together. Each baby is cared for by a special "grandparent". We have been extremely blessed with a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers that love to be with the children and make Wednesday mornings so much fun.

The program is open to everyone. If you wish to participate in Moms 'n Tots please call the church office at 204 256-8792 or Ruth Klein at 256-6390.

We welcome anyone who is interested in having some fun and enjoys children to come out and volunteer. We look forward to a wonderful fall season.

Ruth Klein

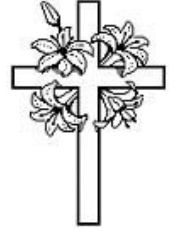
On the second Sunday of every month we will be holding a **USED BOOK SALE**. Donations from the sale of these books will go to the LIFT Fund. So please bring in your gently used, current paperbacks only. You may leave them in the office. No encyclopaedias please.



Our Church Family

We extend our sympathy to

The Blair Family on the passing of Cecil
The Klein Family on the passing of Charlie
The Goossen Family on the passing of Margaret



We welcome by baptism

Evan Michael Czarnecki (April 10, 2013) son of Stephen & Annalynn
Eric Townes Brunet (May 5, 2013) son of David & Lisa
Caitlyn Joy Yolande Jacques (April 24, 2013) daughter of Patrick & Krista
Bentley Jordan Magotiaux (September 20/12) son of Chris & Roberta



We welcome by baptism and confirmation

William Henry McOuat

We congratulate on their marriage, the following

Matthew MacRae & Jennifer Chlopecki on June 8, 2013
Barclay Smorang & Lisa Hesse on August 3, 2013



WPUC has music programs for all ages!



THE WORSHIP CHOIR – Do you enjoy singing and want to have fun with a great group of people who share your love of music? Our adult choir practices on Thursday evenings and leads the music in worship each Sunday. The first practice is on Thursday, September 12th from 7:45-9:15 p.m. We currently have openings in all four voicings (soprano, alto, tenor, bass). No experience is necessary - if you like to sing, we have a place for you!

The Joyful Noise – Our children's choir is for boys and girls in Grade 1 and older. Practice times are on Sunday mornings in the choir room - watch the bulletin for a start-up date!

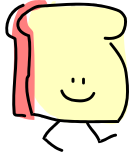
The Praise Team - Made up of the Praise Singers and Praise Band, this group is open to teen singers (Grade 7 and up) and musicians of all ages, and leads our contemporary worship services. Practices are on Sundays from 12-1 p.m. starting September 15th.



If you would like more information about any of our music programs please contact Laura Steidl at lasteidl@shaw.ca.

News from Your Outreach Council

Through the lazy, hazy months of summer, the Outreach Council has been involved in a variety of community activities, with the kind and constant support of the congregation.



We have continued to offer lunches to the clients of the West Broadway Community Ministry during the summer months. The WBCM staff frequently thank us for this bi-weekly support as it varies their menu and comes at a time when most volunteer organizations are taking a break. Diena, Evelyn, Lil, Margo, and Pat have given graciously of their time and talents to prepare the meals. The clients especially enjoy the home baking. (Thank-you, Lil and Glenna!) Muchos gracias to Bill, our newest recruit on the Outreach team. He cheerfully pulls up his WPUC polo shirt sleeves and helps to prepare/serve meals and **socialize** with the guests.

Our tireless manager of human resources, Patricia Powell, is looking for a few good women/men to assist us at West Broadway in the coming months. Typically, two or three volunteers transport supplies from our church to WBCM and prepare a hot dog lunch for their guests that day. Others send fruit or cookies for an added treat. (WBCM volunteers are always on site to assist and TAKE CARE OF THE DISH-WASHING.) If you are interested in helping us as we continue this project in the coming months, please contact Patricia (204-255-3362) or myself (204-256-8661) for further information.

Donations of food, kitchen supplies and hygiene items that you place in the box at the front entrance of WPUC are picked up regularly and delivered to West Broadway. **At this time, "chez whiz" and mayonnaise are items that are greatly needed.** Any support

that you can provide is much appreciated. We also recognize with thanks the efforts of Derek, Evelyn and Bill to collect and deliver all donations.

Shopping for the Christmas Hampers has (already!) begun in earnest. We plan to pack and deliver 20 hampers in December. Members of our shopping team bargain hunt so that our donated budget will s-t-r-e-t-c-h as far as possible (and I'm part Scot so I should know...)

Gwen Polak
Outreach **Co**-chair

Membership & Pastoral Care Council

We are the Council who cares for you. We care that you are well, that you are fed, that you feel your membership in the United Church of Canada is important and that you are not alone when you need someone ... however, we can't do this without the help of everyone in the church. We ask that you call Judy Kuffner (204-256-9101) if you know that someone needs help in any area – if, of course, it requires Sharon's or Patrick's attention, please call the office.

We need more members on our Council and drivers to pick up people and bring them to church. In this regard, we are asking anyone interested in the care of their church family to call Judy Kuffner and please volunteer – you will not be asked to do anything that makes you uncomfortable and it is very rewarding!



We look forward to hearing from you!

Judy
for your M&PC Council

Bible Adventures

Where does the time go? It just seemed like yesterday I sat down to write the report for May and now here we are preparing to start back to school!

Bible Adventures finished off the end of the regular session with a "Fun Day" for all children. Spring session began on May 12 with "Hip Hop Hope for Jesus". This was a new twist with very different Bible stories being read each week.

Regular Bible adventures will begin on September 15 with registration being held on September 8 and 15. Please remember to sign your children up as this helps the teachers and the committee know who's who.

The curriculum for this coming year will be in 6 week blocks with the children having their own service at the end of the 6 weeks. We hope this will encourage the children to come forth and express their hidden talents as they will all be participating and contributing in some way to the service.



We are still in need of a few good adults to take on our Grade 6-9 group. If you are able to contribute a block of time, please see Maria Will, Gloria Saindon or Patrick Woodbeck for more information.



As always the library is full of books for the children to take out and bring back the following week. Please see Leanne Falconer for more information.

We look forward to another exciting year in Bible Adventures!

Congregational Involvement and Communication Council

Chapter 2

While the sun is hot and the people of WPUC are scattered far and wide enjoying the lack of schedules, our "dragon" is still sleeping. As the days grow shorter we realize it is time to re-connect, In another



brave attempt to slay the "dragon" we will gather on **SEPTEMBER 8th** as the CICC hosts a **WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON** where we will feast on BBQ pork

and fresh home grown garden vegetables (please bring yours to show off!) Cost Adults \$6 and children (12 and under) \$2

On **SEPTEMBER 15** we want you to pick up golf clubs against the dragon! We will take them to green pastures and launch small white balls with them! This annual event is for all skill levels and includes dinner at the church afterwards. If you haven't tried it before, I encourage you to join us this year!

New this year we are hosting a **CRAFT SALE- SEPTEMBER 28**. We are renting tables for this one day sale. If you know anyone interested in renting a table, please contact WPUC, We encourage you to check out our talented vendors.

Coffee tea and goodies will be available throughout the day as well,

Please join CICC after church this month for coffee and goodies, Whew, the CICC is really busy in September!

Faithfully
Judi Olson Chiswell

United Church Women

It seems that summer just arrived and already we are already preparing to start back to all the fall activities .

UCW of Windsor Park United never seem to stop. We held our open meeting on April 8- with guest speaker Penni Rae from “One space at a time”. She spoke about how to downsize but it led to further discussion on how to declutter. This event was a success with over 45 women attending (along with a few good men) and many came away with ideas of how they would begin to get rid of “stuff”.

This was followed by the rummage sale held on Friday May 24 and Saturday May 25. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped set up, price and pack away the items to be picked up after the sale.

July brought the executive preparing and cooking a lasagna luncheon for Habitat volunteers. Thank you to Diena, Margo, Alana and all the others that helped bake goodies and prepare to deliver the items to the Habitat site.

Unit 5 has once again been hosting the “Coffee and Conversation” on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 pm during the summer months.

Units will be starting up again in the fall and everyone is welcome to join in for fun friendship and faith.

- Unit 5 meets the second Monday of the month at 1pm
- Unit 2-meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm
- YAH's (young at heart) meet second Friday of the month at 7:30pm

You can also call the church office for more details.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Saindon

Chairperson UCW Executive

Food for Thought

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, ‘Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like.’

The Lord led the holy man to two doors.

He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man’s mouth water.

The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful.

But because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering.

The Lord said, ‘You have seen Hell.’

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man’s mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well-nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, ‘I don’t understand.’

‘It is simple,’ said the Lord. ‘It requires but one skill. You see they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves.’

Let’s all strive to share our spoon with others!

We will be hosting the
GOODNESS & GRACE 2

October 25th to 27th, 2013
1062 Autumnwood Drive
Windsor Park United Church
Winnipeg, MB

*A conference for congregations
who want to reach out and reach deep!*

Registration (including Saturday meals)
\$60 before September 15th
\$75 after September 15th

www.goodnessandgrace2.com

Plan to attend and Plan to volunteer!



WPUC Youth Group and YAH's present
'AMAZING RACE' VOL #1
Sunday September 29th
Mass start at 12:30 pm from WPUC
Teams to include Youth, Yahs and 1 vehicle
More information coming soon!



September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 AM Worship	2	3	4	5 1:30 PM Little Moccasins	6	7
8 10:00 AM Used Book Sale 10:30 AM Worship Welcome Back Luncheon	9	10 9:30 AM Fr. Healthy Babies 7:30 PM UCW Unit 2 Mtg.	11	12 1:30 PM Little Moccasins 7:45 PM Choir Practice	13 7:30 PM UCW (YAH) Mtg.	14
15 10:30 AM Worship 2:00 PM CICC Golf Tournament Baptism	16 1:00 PM UCW Unit 5 Mtg. 6:15 PM Sparks & Brownies	17 1:00 PM Art Group	18	19 1:30 PM Little Moccasins 7:00 PM Executive Team Mtg. 7:45 PM Choir Practice	20	21
22 10:30 AM Worship	23 6:15 PM Sparks & Brownies 6:30 PM AOTS Dinner Mtg.	24 9:30 AM Fr. Healthy Babies 1:00 PM Art Group	25 11:30 AM Soup & Sandwich	26 1:30 PM Little Moccasins 7:45 PM Choir Practice	27 CICC Craft Sale <i>3pm Wedding</i>	28 CICC Craft Sale
29 10:30 AM Worship	30 6:15 PM Sparks & Brownies	1 1:00 PM Art Group	2	3 1:30 PM Little Moccasins 7:45 PM Choir Practice	4	5