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From the study ...

Sadly, summer is drawing to a close. The first sign of this is the arrival of dusk much earlier in the evening. The shorter days, however, signal that the church is starting to hop with activity as a new season begins. You will notice many established programs resuming but also lots of new ones. Many of the new initiatives come from the long-range planning process we completed in the late spring. We learned that the health and vitality of our congregation depends on reaching out into our neighbourhood and listening to the needs of our community. If one of these new projects excites you, don't hesitate to contact Patrick or myself. We'd love to have you participate or help organize.



Churches across North America are experiencing significant transitions as our culture becomes more diverse. One of the key features of our present time is that the largest segment of the population identifies itself as 'spiritual' but not 'religious'. I firmly believe that the Christian faith offers much for the person on a spiritual journey. I also know, sadly, that many people object to the church as an institution. While this is unfortunate, it serves us no good to argue the statistics. People want worship that is accessible and relevant to their lives. They want high quality programs for their children. Their time is at a premium with many competing responsibilities. Yet this is a generation that seeks to address the injustices and inequities of our time. Issues of the environment, poverty and social responsibility are high on their list of priorities. As a congregation that has enjoyed a rich, six decade history in the community, we find ourselves trying to look with fresh eyes and open hearts on the task of being a welcoming, Christ-centred church. We have every reason to celebrate our past while being fully open to our potential in the future.

One of the greatest assets of WPUC, as I frequently tell people when I am giving presentations at conferences, is that it is so ready to try new things. This attitude allows us to do more than simply think outside the box, we actually act outside the box. There is so much joy, optimism and courage in this congregation that allows us to follow the Spirit of Christ boldly.

My wish for all of you, long-time members and newcomers, is that you will find WPUC a place where you find your soul nourished and your heart enlarged to serve the whole Creation. Enjoy the exciting news that follows!

Blessings,

Sharon

Our Church Family

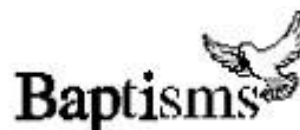
We extend our sympathy to

The Hodgson Family on the passing of Flora
The Caughlin Family on the passing of Bob
The Kvamme Family on the passing of Lawrence
The Krakalovich Family on the passing of Tom
The Newcombe Family on the passing of Ralph
The Cleve Family on the passing of Dennis



We welcome by baptism

Gage Douglas Michael Prystayko (June 23/11), son of Jason & Sandra
Preston Samuel Benjamin Snyder (Mar. 20/08), son of Tracy
Nathan Allan Tanchak (July 17/11), son of Allan & Tanya
Alexis Rae Lashek (Dec. 25/11), daughter of Derek & Cheryl
Eli Mikel Morales (Oct. 17/10), son of Leonnell & Sharla



We congratulate on their marriage, the following

Brian Mason & Faye Blyth on July 21, 2012
Terence Snell & Stacey Heide on August 11, 2012
Chris Goller & Monika Hiebert on August 24, 2012
Ronald Sookhoo & Leanne Ramsomair on August 25, 2012



Church Board

A new season is soon upon us and your church board has been hard at work. We're determined to make the 2012/2013 year an exciting and vibrant one!

We've had meetings and email conversations over the past several months and, if all goes well, we should be greeting September with a new website, a new childcare program, a new custodian, new energy, and new families.

All of these exciting plans and changes are thanks to the hard work of the many dedicated volunteers, the church staff, and the guidance and work of the official board. I stepped into the position of chair without serving as vice-chair first, so it has been a very steep learning curve. As such, I'd like to take a moment to personally thank all of those volunteers, staff, and board members for making this role a lot less frightening. And it is with all of these people, and with all of you (including everyone reading this page) that we will make this a wonderfully vibrant year for the church.

Craig Gibb

Christian Development Council

BabyFold Caregiver Required

WPUC's Christian Development Council (CDC) is pleased to announce that we will be staffing our babyfold with a childcare professional from September through June. At this time, we are seeking an individual (or individuals who would like to share the position) who are interested in minding infants and toddlers during Sunday morning worship. The successful candidate will also be responsible for the maintenance of the babyfold space (in cooperation with the CDC and Sunday School Coordinating Committee).

The successful candidate will:

- have Early Childhood Education training
- have valid first aid and CPR certification
- submit to a Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry
- maintain the babyfold space in cooperation with the other groups that use the same space (Youth Group and Sunday School).
- be available for two hours on Sunday mornings between 10am and 12pm
- be available to start in September 2012

*Please note: the CDC is open to having two qualified individuals share the position.

Interested candidates may submit their resumes electronically to wpucwpg@mymts.net or to Windsor Park United Church, 1062 Autumnwood Drive, no later than Friday, September 7, 2012.

Other news:

The Christian Development Council is excited about upcoming events in the 2012-2013 year. We are excited to plan new Family Theme Days throughout the year. Some themes to look forward to are: music, crafts, etc. Keep your eyes peeled for exciting developments in Sunday School, changes to the babyfold program and new WPUC family events! If you're interested in getting involved in this committee, which oversees aspects of the church related to Christian Education, including Sunday School, Youth Group, Young Adults Group, Family Learning Nights and the church library, please find Kelsey Shiaro after worship, or send her an e-mail at kshiaro@gmail.com. Whether you want to take a leadership role on the committee, or feel you might have some skills or talents that you could contribute in a specific area, we would love to hear from you!

Thanks!!!

Kelsey



Watch for news of “Hockey Church” coming in November.

If your family is involved in sports, drama, dance or music that too often conflicts with Sunday worship, then we are planning a guilt-free alternative.



Discover Music and Discover Crafts Days are planned for the coming year.

**You'll learn to play
interesting and
unusual instruments
– or- you'll do great
crafts like scrap-
booking, candy-
making, knitting and
more!**

**Watch for dates and
times!**

Worship Council

As we approach the end of summer, we look forward to a busy and exciting fall season at Windsor Park. On behalf of the Worship Council I would like to welcome everyone back.

Some of the upcoming services include:

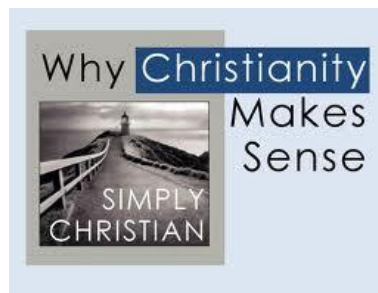
- September 9 - Welcome Back luncheon and the start of Sunday School classes.
- October 7 - World Wide Communion
- October 21 - World Food Day
- October 28 - UCW 50th Anniversary Service
- November 4 – Communion
- November 11 - Remembrance Day Service which will be a contemporary service.
- November 25 - Reign of Christ Sunday
- December 2 - First Sunday in Advent
- December 9 - Second Sunday in Advent
- December 16 - Third Sunday in Advent and Choir Concert
- December 23 - Fourth Sunday in Advent.

We hope that you will join us on Sunday mornings to share in worship and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jennifer Rentz-Wright
Worship Council Chair



Sunday September 9th is “Welcome Back Sunday”! Join us for worship at 10:30 am. Your children can be registered for nursery and Sunday School that day. After the service bring your lawnchair and enjoy a scrumptious lunch of pork on a bun (or hotdogs and veggie dogs), salad and ice cream.



Interested in exploring your faith a bit deeper? This 10-part video series inspires lively discussion about where Christianity fits in our world today.

British theologian and best-selling author N. T. Wright takes us through many of the basic beliefs of the Christian faith and how they play out in daily living.

Dates and times haven't been set because we'd like your input. When is the best time to meet?

Let Sharon know:
wpucwpg@mymts.net

From the Library

Welcome back to all.

Just a reminder to everyone to make use of our library and to note that we have a large number of children's books in the drawer beneath the library shelves. Also please remember to return borrowed books in a timely fashion. Watch for some new additions this fall.

Membership and Pastoral Care Council

MPCC welcomes back one of our newest members, Cindy Ayotte, who has been recovering from illness most of 2012. We look forward to her return in September!

Derek Read has sent out many cards this summer to those who are ill or bereaved.

Our council will be meeting soon to plan for fall work such as updating the Historic Roll, setting an October date for our annual Visitor Orientation session, reviewing the Constitution as it relates to the roles and responsibilities of MPPC, and assisting with the plans for a January pastoral care workshop relating to Alzheimer's disease

Watch for upcoming details regarding this worthwhile workshop.

Wilma Hunnie
Chairperson MPPC

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT officewpuc@mymts.net OR 204-256-8792 IF YOU HAVE HAD A CHANGE IN YOUR PHONE NUMBER, ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS.

IF YOU HAVE NOT NOTICED YOUR NAME ON THE BIRTHDAYS OR ANNIVERSARIES LIST PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW ALSO.

Sunday School Report

It's the middle of a hot summer and it's hard to believe we are writing this report for the fall.

Spring Session began on Mother's Day with Maria Will and Gloria Saindon teaching the program. The children learned about "Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness, Faithfulness and Self Control" from the Fruit of the Spirit.

Sunday school finished with a celebration Sunday party for the children by having the grade 7-9 make a cupcake cake with the theme "Fruit of the Spirit". The children made the cupcakes in the shape of a banana, grape and strawberry for everyone to enjoy. Thanks to all the teachers for their continued support and knowledge in teaching the children the stories of the Bible.

Registration for **BIBLE ADVENTURES** will be before and after church on Sunday September 9 in the Narthex. There will be an open session inviting **ALL** children to participate on that day

Sunday, September 16th will be the first Sunday of **Bible Adventures** (ages 3- 14) with registration continuing on that day in the Narthex.

We are thrilled that all the teaching spots have been filled for this coming year. Thanks to the dedication of all our teachers and mentors.

We are going green! We now have an email address bibleadventureswpuc@gmail.com, and information and upcoming events will be sent by email to all families. Please provide current email when registering your child(ren).

Until the 9th.....
Bible Adventures Coordinating Committee (BACC)



Ramblings from the “Extra” Office

Summer is coming to a close and I look back on 10 months of amazing experiences and learning, and contemplate another full year of worship, fellowship and community at Windsor Park United Church.

As we head into the fall, the heat of summer is tempered by the cool fall evenings and the turning of the leaves as the seasons inevitably change. Yet for the church, this is a time to reconnect with those who have been away over the summer; a time to connect with those who are new to our community and a time to look forward to the coming church year.

I continue to be blessed to be working with a community of young people who rise to every challenge, as shown by the amazing Good Friday service they put on this past spring. The youth understood the concept and ran with it and the result was a powerful and moving service that was respectful of our past and relevant to today.

The car rally this year was a great success with five teams driving around half the city finding places and clues and a good time was had by everyone. The Steidl's once again won... although there were some challengers this year, so who knows what might happen next year.

We are hoping to start something new this fall, as we have asked those involved in sports to forward team schedules, that we might as a community support the youth in new ways. This might also be transferred over to those in the arts as we support those youth at recitals, concerts and plays; new ways that we can connect to one another and grow in community.

Young adults have been meeting and many of the meetings in the past few months have been around food. We met for brunch on a Sunday morning, dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory and are now planning the annual summer BBQ. The group has a dedicated core of individuals, but we are always open to new people joining us, so if you consider yourself to be a young adult, consider joining in on the fun.

I look forward to this coming fall as I transition to a resource person for the new Sunday School, with new ideas and ways to engage all of the young people here at WPUC.

As always my door is open, unless it is closed, so please don't hesitate to stop in for a chat, a coffee or a visit.

Patrick Woodbeck
Associate Minister

WPUC Garden Club

It seems that not too long ago, the Garden Club members were making plans on what flowers and vegetables they were going to grow and now the summer growing season is coming to an end. A special thanks to the Deveson's cousin who donated all the Hostas and the volunteers who helped plant them along with all the other flowers. The flowers were grown by George Baker, Eric Schroeder and Bill Belsham. Thanks also for all the volunteers who gave their time to look after the watering. A major cleanup, pruning and replacing shrubs in the Memorial Garden was again accomplished by a group of volunteers. Without these wonderful volunteers many of the gardening tasks would not be done. What are our plans for next year? We will have to wait to see if there is still interest.

Submitted by George Baker, Ken Craig-Treasurer, and Bill Belsham

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, under the direction of Laura Steidl, practices on Thursday evenings and leads the music in worship each Sunday. The first practice is on Thursday, September 6th from 7:45-9:15 p.m. We currently have openings in all four voicings (soprano, alto, tenor, bass). If you like to sing, we have a place for you – all are welcome!

The Joyful Noise – Our children's choir, led by Kelsey Shiaro, is for boys and girls in Grade 1 and older. Practice times are on Sunday mornings in the choir room at 9:30 a.m. starting September 9th. See you then!

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 16th.



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



Also: mark your calendars!! A Choral Christmas Concert featuring The Worship Choir, Joyful Noise and Praise Team will be on Sunday, December 16th at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets go on sale in late November!

Art Group

The art group will be meeting in the fall beginning Tuesday, Sept. 18th from 1-4 p.m.

We welcome anyone to come and join us or just drop in to have a look and visit. Annual fee is \$45.00. We will be having 2-3 guest artists in to present workshops.

Respectively submitted,

Carol Belsham

Congregational Involvement and Communications Council

We have had a beautiful summer with fond memories of the WPUC picnic held June 10th. Now we are gearing up for our annual Welcome back Luncheon to be held September 9th with Pork on A Bun! We look forward to seeing you !

Our annual GOLF TOURNAMENT is on Sept. 16th and we will have the sign up sheet posted by Luci's office so you can join us for an exciting round of golf and lasagna dinner to follow!

Hope your summer was enjoyable and we'll catch up with you in September!

Judi Olson Chiswell

United Church Women (UCW)

The women in Windsor Park United Church have been busy over the last couple of months. We held an "Open Meeting" on Tuesday April 24, with "One Hope Winnipeg" and Carol Fletcher as the speaker. Although we had opened it up to everyone as that is what One Hope is about, our turnout was mostly women from the units and a few guests, but we really found out what the program was all about.

We held our "Annual Garage and Rummage Sale" on May 4 and 5 and made a profit of \$614.00. Thank you to all those that helped set up and take down and were there on the Tuesday for the pick up of leftover items.

We helped serve lunch to Habitat for Humanity on July 17. Thank you to Margo, Evelyn and Dena for purchasing and cooking the lasagnas, as well as purchasing coleslaw and bread, and extra thanks to Margo and Evelyn for delivering the food way out on Main Street. Thank you to all those that sent in the baked goods (you know who you are) and it does not go unnoticed.

Coffee and Conversation was hosted once again throughout the summer by Unit 5 on Wednesday afternoons from 2-5 pm. I was able to drop in one Wednesday and the ladies were having a wonderful time visiting.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of United Church Women and there have been services held throughout the year at various churches all across Canada.

Mark your calendars as Windsor Park United Church Women will be having a special service on Sunday October 28 at 10:30 am!

This service will be unique to the women in our church and we hope to see many previous and current UCW members there. The anniversary committee is looking for pictures, articles or anything related to the UCW from WPUC for this service. Please forward any items to a member of the committee: Carol Belsham, Dorothy Talman, Edna Erickson, Alana Davies, Maria Will, Dena Rodd, Ann Thoroughgood, Margo Baldwin or Gloria Saindon; alternatively items may be dropped off at the church office. We look forward to seeing many of you there. If you would like to attend, but require a ride please contact the office and your name will be passed onto the committee so that we can make arrangements for you.

The UCW units will be starting up again in September and all women are welcome to join a unit.

- Unit 2 meets 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the church
- Unit 5 meets 3rd Monday at 1:00 pm at the church
- YAH's meet 2nd Friday at 7:30 pm in the lower level of the church

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Saindon

Chairperson UCW Executive



**Children
get a
great
boost
from our
support.
If your
child plays
a sport or is involved in
the arts, let us know at
the church and we'll be
there to cheer them on!**

**Don't miss the
15th annual
Chili Supper
and Bonfire on
Friday
November
30th.**



**Kick off the Advent season with a
fun and yummy evening for the
whole family.**

Refugee Settlement Committee

Many of you will be aware that our church has volunteered to sponsor another refugee family. We are pleased to announce that our new family arrived in Winnipeg on July 17th, very tired after many hours of travel, but happy to be in Canada.

The family consists of the mother whose name is Hanifa, along with her four children including her nine year old son (Idrees), seven year old twin girls (Faiza & Rahila) and a five year old son whose name is Yahya. They are originally from Afghanistan, but had been living in Pakistan.

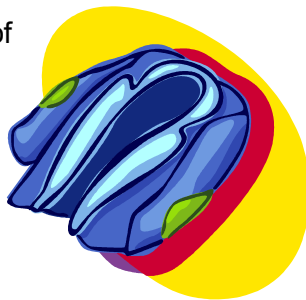
Since their arrival in Winnipeg, Hanifa has been consumed with the many things she has to learn in order to function in Canada. The task of finding a suitable apartment has proven to be very daunting and at the time of this writing, she had yet to be accepted for an apartment.

Many members of our congregation have asked us how they can help and offers have been made of a variety of items that will be needed when they move into an apartment of their own. They are most in need of clothing for **all seasons** as they came to Canada with very little.

Here is how you can help

We are soliciting donations of all types of clothing for Hanifa and her family. Our suggestions for clothing sizes are as follows:

Hanifa—women's size large
The oldest son—size 9/10
The twin girls—7 / 6X
youngest son—size 5



In addition to clothing, they are in need of a stroller.

Anyone with clothing to help this family can contact Marlene McKay at marlene.mckay@me.com or by phone at 254-5866. Marlene has volunteered to maintain a master list of all donations.

Thank you to everyone for your anticipated generosity and we will keep you advised of further developments.

On behalf of the Refugee Settlement Committee
Derek Read



How can we make our homes and our community safer for everyone? We'll learn how to work with other groups in our community to make Southeast Winnipeg a great place to live!



Is there a better way to cope in these tough financial times? What makes us happy? What should we know about home ownership, retirement planning, managing debt and credit? Is there any room in the family budget to give to charity? We'll bring in experts to help us wrestle with these important and often perplexing issues.



Manitoba Metis Federation Inc. Metis Community Liaison Department

Greetings, my name is Vicky Allard and I am the Metis Community Liaison Worker for the Winnipeg Region, which is one of seven Regional offices of the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF). I have been employed with the MMF for nearly seven years.

The Metis Community Liaison Department (MCLD) was established to provide advocacy and voluntary support services to the Metis Children and Families across Manitoba. Program areas include: client & family support, referral & advocacy, reunification, elder support & repatriation. MCLD also assists with the Bereavement Fund and Elder's Firewood Program.

The Little Moccasins Healthy Baby Program is for both pre and post natal moms with babies up to one year of age. This program is facilitated by MCLD as we also provide programming. In the Windsor Park area of Winnipeg, this program is delivered, however it is open to any and all participants who fit the criteria. In addition, the Little Metis Sing with Me program, an initiative of Louis Riel Institute, has also been incorporated into the Little Moccasins program. As the facilitator, I meet with the Little Moccasins Team, which consists of a Public Health Nurse and Public Health Dietician quarterly to plan upcoming sessions that will be of both interest and necessity to the participants.

I am available in the Winnipeg Regional Office, Monday to Wednesday and Fridays, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Thursdays I am available from 9:30 am to 11:00 am at the Home Office, and then off to facilitate Little Moccasins for the remainder of the day.

My contact information is as follows:

Vicky Allard, Metis Community Liaison Worker – Winnipeg Region
Winnipeg Metis Association, 412 McGregor Street, Winnipeg MB R2W 4X5
Ph: (204) 589-4327 ext. 234 Fax: (204) 582-2711 vicky.allard@mmf.mb.ca

Moms 'n Tots

The Moms 'n Tots group is looking forward to another fun and eventful year. Thank you to Carol Nichol who has agreed to look after the caregivers and run the program for the babies upstairs. We also have one more volunteer who is prepared to become a part of the management team when the program begins on October 10, 2012. We need one or two more willing persons to be a part of this committee.

Fifteen Moms and their children are registered for the fall program. Our volunteer caregivers are willing to come out and Maxine and I will help the committee in any way we can. Mom 'n Tots runs every Wednesday morning from October 10 to April 24th. There are no sessions during Christmas or Spring Break. That leaves a commitment of 24 Wednesday mornings from 9:30 until 11.

As the people of Windsor Park United Church, I hope that we will be able to make a commitment to the Moms 'n Tots and continue this wonderful outreach program within the community.

This is a fun and rewarding program that requires your thoughtful and prayerful consideration. Please make it happen. Call the Church office at 256-8792 or Ruth Klein at 256-6390



Simply Remarkable

The **UCW** (United Church Women) is simply remarkable!

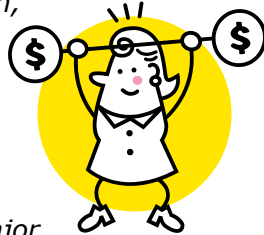
For 50 years, the UCW has upheld the faith and commitment of the women of the past while taking on the challenges of each new decade and forming an equally impressive legacy for women of the future.

[from the UCC website]

As former Moderator, the Very Rev. Marion Pardy has said:

"I know of no other group that is able to care about heat, lights, furnishings, the faith formation of children, youth, and adults in a local congregation while also caring about local outreach concerns. I know of no other group that is able to do all this while highlighting our major concern for the whole of God's world through the Mission and Service Fund – some \$125 million in 50 years."

[from Ordinary Heroes: Celebrating United Church Women, UCPH]



The UCW shows us the noble tradition of generosity. It keeps teaching us that God cares for people through people. The UCW shows us how to put faith into action.

50 years of Faith in Action!

Why not consider putting *your* faith into action, too, in a whole new way? What about a Gift of Life Insurance to the church?

Ever thought of it? Life insurance is a surprisingly wonderful Legacy Gift. Once your family needs are covered, there are several life insurance options to consider:

- Assign an amount from an existing policy by naming the church as one of your beneficiaries;
- Gift an entire existing policy to the church by naming it as your sole beneficiary; or
- Purchase a new policy naming the church as the owner.

Depending upon which option you choose, charitable tax receipts are issued either to you now or to your estate.



You could designate United Church Women to be the recipient of your legacy gift!

Or you could name your congregation,

Mission and Service, or any other United Church ministry, fund or program.

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Would you like to explore some ideas about other legacy gifts? Or would you like some help with sample wording to take to your lawyer to update your will with a bequest? I am here to help you.

Kathryn Hofley

Financial Development Officer

khofley@united-church.ca

or 204-943-4844



Want to learn more about our own neighbourhood? Watch for the announcement of our environmental walk along the Seine River this fall. Learn the history and geography of this important environmental gem.

You probably read the fabulous article in the recent Lance about the amazing work of Ruth Klein as the co-founder of Moms and Tots at WPUC. With Maxine Pattle, Ruth created a group that is highly prized in our southeast Winnipeg neighbourhood.



With the retirement of Ruth and Maxine, we need two special people to take on the task of organizing this vital group. We have one person in place and are looking for a second “angel” to ensure that Moms and Tots continues its excellent work in the community.

The task is primarily to organize our large, enthusiastic corps of volunteers. If you can help, please contact us:



Kelsey Shiaro (kshiaro@gmail.com)
Sharon 256-8792 or wpucwpg@mymts.net

***Please note that we cannot set a start date for Moms and Tots until we have both of our coordinators in place!**