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September 16, 2012

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all. All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Gathering Song – MV #10 - "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

Call to Worship

One: Wisdom cries in the street, calling aloud to each of us.

All: Hear her voice, and walk in God's ways.

One: Wisdom speaks of God's truth, proclaiming God's

praise.

All: Heed her counsel, and follow the Lord.

One: The heavens are singing, proclaiming God's creation.

All: Glory to God, and praise to God's name!

One: God's law is perfect; God's teachings are sure.

All: Rejoice, O heart; be revived, O soul! Christ's way is clear; the way is right.

May we follow God's path, and live in Christ's

light!

* Hymn VU #389 – "God is Here"

Prayer of Approach and Confession

God of wisdom and truth, speak to us now. Inspire us with your word. Speak clearly to our hearts, that we may walk in your ways and live in your love. Wise, knowing God, you see our hearts so clearly. You speak to our lives so profoundly. And yet, we are often unable or unwilling to hear your truth and go where you lead. Even as we praise you with our mouths, we disgrace ourselves in words spoken to others with tongues of vicious fire. Forgive us for our hard hearts and stubborn ears. Forgive us for our hateful words and cruel gossip. Forgive us for our willful ignorance of the joy and gift you offer in your law of love. Help us live in your love and walk in your truth, that we might be your people, and you might be our God. In Christ's name, we pray.

AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn – "Whole People of God" (vs 1 - see insert)
Children's Time / Covenanting

* Hymn – "Whole People of God" (vs 2 - see insert)

The Word

Scripture Readings – James 3: 1-12

Mark 8: 27-38

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Meditation – "Who am I?"

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem - "All I Have"

The Response

Announcements / Minute Person – June Kaan

Offering / Response (tune VU #227)

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

- * Hymn VU #562 "Jesus Calls Us"
- * Benediction / Response (tune VU #420)

Go to the world!

Go into every place.

Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister
Luci Toews, Church Administrator
Kelsey Shiaro, "Joyful Noise" Director
Judi & Kendra Chiswell, Liturgists

Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister
Laura Steidl, Music Director
Myrna Hagues, Organist
Gina Grant, Custodian

Greeters: Rosemary & Ken Delf Ushers: Mary Parker and Edna Erickson

BIBLE ADVENTURES

Teacher's Covenanting Service

(*Invite the children forward*)
1Corinthians 12: 4 - 11

(Invite the Coordinating Committee and Teachers forward)

One: Teachers you have heard God's call. Will you seek to develop your gifts for teaching and in so doing help to share our Christian faith?

Teachers: We will, with God's help.

One: Will you support and care for your students?

Teachers: We will, trusting in the Spirit go guide us and nurture us.
One: Will you take seriously your role as both teacher and learner?
Teachers: We will teach and learn, relying on this congregation to

uphold us in this ministry.

(Invite all present to stand)

Congregational Pledge

We love our children and we remember the promises we made to them and each other at baptism, a promise to provide Christian nurture and example for all. We celebrate the response of these teachers to God's call and we promise we will be partners with them in learning and teaching in this ministry. We will try our best to grow with them in faith and support this important work. We pray for the educational ministry of our congregation, as we are united with them in one family of faith.

AMEN.

THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

Come into our church and see who is there,
 The children are dancing there's a song in the air,
 Grandma is sitting in her favorite chair
 And it's high time to worship our God.
 For all of God's children we open the door,
 The young and the old and the rich and the poor,
 We all come together our lives to restore
 As the whole people of God.

Chorus:

For all of God's children we open the door, The young and the old and the rich and the poor, We all come together our lives to restore, As the whole people of God.

2. We open the Book our stories to tell Of Mary and Joseph, we know them so well, From Advent to Pentecost weaving their spell, What a fine way to learn of our God. We know that God's presence is with us today Helping and guiding our work and our play. Love and forgiveness will show us the way To be whole people of God.

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OUR MISSION

Windsor Park United Church seeks to be a welcoming community. Based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, we nurture our faith and spiritual life by: worshipping and learning together, caring for each other, embracing our diversity, reaching out to those who live around us and working together in service to Creation.

THE LIFE & WORK OF WPUC September 16, 2012 – September 23, 2012

Today	SS REGISTRATION AND CLASSES
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2 pm 25th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday 1 pm UCW Unit 5 Mtg.

6:15 pm Sparks & Brownies

Tuesday 1 pm Art Group

Thursday 1:30 pm Little Moccasins

7:45 pm Worship Choir practice

Next Sunday 9:30 am Joyful Noise practice

Noon Praise Singers practice



TODAY is the 25th Annual Church Golf Tournament starting at 2 pm at the Canoe Club. Dinner to follow here at the church. No skill required! Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the office.

Bible Adventures (yes we have a new name) is taking

registration today for the upcoming year, in the lobby (Narthex) as well as downstairs after the service. If you have previously registered your child /children, you need only sign, date and update your information if necessary.



We need all children registered for safety reasons.

(3 years old as of December 31 and up to Grade 9)

Bible Adventures is going "green"! We will be sending out information about upcoming events and reminders through email. If you have any questions regarding the curriculum or anything else regarding Bible Adventures, feel free to contact us at bibleadventureswpuc@gmail.com

On Sunday Sept. 30th after worship, we will be holding a workshop on Ushering, Greeting and Liturgy. Everyone is welcome!

Please fill out your 'Safeway Gift Card Program' order form for delivery on the 30th of September.

'Makes Sense to Save Cents'

The UCW Unit 5 ladies are still on a mission to collect \$1000 to enhance our Sunday School. Please bring any spare pennies you have to the church and leave them with Luci or drop them in the jar at the back of the sanctuary. We will gladly accept any other small change.

REPORT FROM THE REFUGEE SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE Our church has volunteered to sponsor another refugee family. We are pleased to announce that our new family arrived in Winnipeg on July 17th.

The family consists of the mother whose name is Hanifa, along with her four children. They are originally from Afghanistan, but had been living in Pakistan.

Here is how you can help: They are most in need of clothing for all seasons as they came to Canada with very little. We are soliciting donations of all types of clothing for Hanifa and her family. Our suggestions for clothing sizes are: Hanifa—women's size large/X-large, 9 yr.old son—size 9/10 7 yr. old twin girls—7 / 6X, 5 yr. old son—size 5.

Anyone with clothing to help this family can contact Marlene McKay at marlene.mckay@me.com or by phone at 254-5866.

Thank you to everyone for your anticipated generosity.

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 Pattle and myself, Ruth Klein, will help the committee in any way we can.

Mom 'n Tots runs every Wednesday morning from Oct. 10th to April 24th from 9:30 – 11 am. There are no sessions during Christmas or Spring Break.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Position available: Sturgeon Creek UC is seeking a Sunday School facilitator to provide leadership for the spiritual growth of children (ages 3-11) of the congregation through weekly Sunday School (during worship), occasional special events, and pastoral care. This is a paid term position to June 2013. Contact Colin Russell at 204-888-4361 for more information, applications with resume may be emailed to c.russell@uwinnipeg.ca or mailed to SCUC, 207 Thompson Drive, Winnipeg MB, R3I 3E2, attn: Colin Russell.

Rainbow Ministry is again preparing for our Annual Fall Supper on Sunday, October 21st at Crossways in Common. We are looking for the following donations; turkeys (cooked with a container of gravy), desserts (nut free please) and items for our Silent Auction. The Fall Supper is our largest fundraiser. Help the United Church of Canada be a welcoming place. If you are able to donate, please contact Patrick Woodbeck at rainbow@wpgpres.ca or wpucrev2@mymts.net.

The UCW Rummage Sale at Westworth United Church will be held on Sat., Sept. 29th from 9 to 12 noon. Please join us for a wonderful variety of items to shop for! 1750 Grosvenor Ave.

Winnipeg Presbytery Affirming Task Group invites you to participate once or many times. For more information please contact Patrick Woodbeck 256-8792.

Transcona Memorial UC

Theme: Characterization/Morality

1a) Tues. Sept. 25, 7-9pm 1b) Sat. Sept. 29, 10am-12noon

North Kildonan UC

Theme: Abundance/Joy/Happiness/Diversity of relationships 2a) Mon. Oct. 22, 7-9pm 2b) Sat. Oct. 27, 10am-12noon

Westworth UC

Theme: "As"/In the same way/Judgment/Justice
3a) Sat. Nov. 24, 10am-12noon 3b) Wed. Nov. 28, 7-9pm

UC in Meadowood

Theme: Abandoned/Shunned/Where is God?

4a) Wed. Jan. 16, 7-9pm 4b) Sat. Jan 19, 10am-12noon

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Karissa Bateman Paul Morin Christopher Roy Eleanor Danchuk Lynda Paul Cameron Shrimpton Shannon Dewiel Megan Paul Stephanie Wark

Gerald & Nancy David Bill & Joyce Goode Dan & Pamela Makiw John & Lorlie Marschall Charlie & Flo Olson Darren & Carolyn Paul Derek & Dorothy Read Edgar & Sylvia Rempel Mervin & Bernice Sitka

Next Week's Scripture Readings: Psalm 1/ Mark 9: 30-37

The Winnipeg Presbytery Prayer Circle invites our prayers today for Crestview U.C. and those in ministry there:

Beth Rutherford