



South Winds

Windsor Park United Church

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From the study ...

My desk is piled high with paper in what is supposed to be the quiet time of my year. This summer has been filled with sunshine, hot weather and lots of planning for an exciting new season at WPUC.

Worship is the heartbeat of our community. On Sundays, we gather as the family of faith to learn and grow and celebrate our trust in God's presence in our lives.

We have special services planned for those who are going through tough times in their lives or with people they care about. Our evening healing services feature the wonderful music of Taize and Iona led by a very talented musical group.

The Blessing of the Pets is a chance to thank God for the creatures great and small who bring joy and companionship into our lives.

Ethics will be the focus of the adult learning nights this fall featuring the DVD resource: "A Life Worthy of the Gospel". So often people talk about living by Christian values but cannot actually name those values. Here's an opportunity to learn about how our faith can equip us to deal with the choices and decisions that confront us in the real world.

This fall I will be offering a confirmation program for those wishing to make a commitment to God and our congregation. I've developed a unique approach for this year that will look at faith through the eyes of significant characters in Christian history. If you're interested in confirmation or adult baptism and confirmation, I encourage you to consider these sessions.

There is so much activity about to burst forth at WPUC in September. We strive to offer programs to meet the needs of every age group that help us to grow in faith and in community. There are lots of opportunities to help out in our church and through our various mission activities so watch the Sunday bulletin and join in where you feel called.

Ours is a full and very busy congregation, for which I am most thankful. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome as are your questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact me at wpucwpg@mymts.net or by phone at 256-8792. Also, I expect to be on Facebook and Twitter in the coming months so watch for me there too.

Yours in faith,

Sharon



Our Church Family

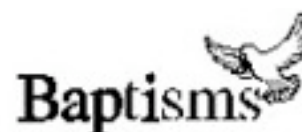
We extend our sympathy to

The Miyata Family on the passing of Robert
The Allan Family on the passing of Margaret
The Cairns Family on the passing of Elmer
The Pearce Family on the passing of Robert
The Taylor Family on the passing of Wallace
The Dean Family on the passing of Brian
The Whitlock Family on the passing of Lillian
The Sells Family on the passing of William
The Horbas Family on the passing of Ted
The Miles Family on the passing of Mary
The Parker Family on the passing of Kathleen
The Ruddock Family on the passing of Sylvia
The Laurie Family on the passing of Marjorie
The Redden Family on the passing of Sheila
The Bergmann Family on the passing of Emily



We welcome by baptism

Alyvia Grace Julianne Shidel (Mar. 4/11), daughter of Anthony & Krista
Ryan Ian Finn Meilleur (Jan. 16/11), son of Ian & Amber
Jennifer Anastasia Karavas (April 5/11), daughter of Demetri & Heather
Gage Ryder Poettcker (Jan. 20/11), son of Ryan & Joanne
Nolan Ryder Land Berthelette (Dec. 19/10), son of Chris & Bonnie



We congratulate on their marriage, the following

T.J. Ehmann & Andrea Jansen on July 9th, 2011
Craig Stephen & Sandra Baars on Aug. 6th, 2011
Thomas Shirliffe & Serena Bjornson on July 29th, 2011



Worship Council

On behalf of the Worship Council, I hope everyone is enjoying this warm, dry summer. Again this year, Windsor Park United shared summer services with Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, with special music provided by both congregations. At Windsor Park United, we are looking forward to a busy fall and some special services: Welcome Back Sunday on Sept. 11th; Blessing of the Pets on Oct. 2nd; and Remembrance Day on Nov. 6th.

On a sadder note, please join us in sending condolences to Sharon on the loss of her mother in July.

Looking forward to seeing you in Church!

Shirley Shirliffe

Finance and Stewardship

I hope everybody had a great summer and took the opportunity to attend services at Prince of Peace.

The Finance and Stewardship Committee continued on with its duties through the summer months. We would like to thank all those on PAR who helped us meet our obligations. It makes the task of counting that much easier.

We could use at least one more pair of counters starting in September. If you don't have a partner, we will assist in finding one. Peter has simplified and documented the counting process so now it takes even less time than before.



As of July 31st, we have a small deficit of \$2,205.23. This is normal in the summer and is less than the deficit we thought we would have at this time.

Our total income, so far, is \$109,261.75 which is \$6,449.91 less than we budgeted and \$11,684.59 lower than this time last year. There are two major factors for the small deficit; we still haven't hired the second staff person, and collections by envelope and PAR are below budget. We did receive at least one significant donation last year that has to date not been repeated this year.



Kathryn Hofley, the United Church Planned Giving Coordinator, has been invited to WPUC on October 11, at 7PM. She is presenting a legacy-giving information session. More details will be published at a later time.

Please remember, donations received by December 31 will get a 2011 Tax Receipt.

Safeway cards will be offered again this Fall starting on September 25th. This is a major fund raiser for WPUC.

The Finance Committee has teamed up with Dorothy Talman to bring the award-winning, highly acclaimed play, Padre X, to WPUC on Nov 10.

This play of "remembrance" is based on the true story behind Reverend John Weir Foote, a Presbyterian minister, who served as a padre to the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry. John persuaded his commanding officer to allow him to join in the 1942 Dieppe Raid and serve as a stretcher bearer.

As the battle drew to a close, the wounded tried to convince this padre to escape with them by boat back to the safety of England. John chose to stay with the wounded and surrendered to the Germans.

He spent the remaining three years of the war in various prisoner-of-war camps, where the challenges ministering to his fellow soldiers, were far greater than on the beaches of Dieppe. For his valour and courage, John Foote was awarded the Victoria Cross.

Tickets will be \$10 and be sold at the same time as the Safeway cards. Net proceeds will go to the Lift Fund.

The balance remaining on our Barrier Free Project loan as of July 31 is \$70,147.38. The WPUC congregation has contributed \$15,116.62 to the loan repayment so far this year.

Doug Waldron
Chair, Finance and Stewardship

We should be proud of our achievement.

Plan to Attend These Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 11:

Sunday School Registration and Welcome Back Luncheon

Sunday, September 25:

“Getting it Right...Living Well/Dying Wisely” , noon–1:30 pm This seminar offers an overview of such important issues as health care directives, funeral planning and estate planning. Learn what steps you can take to be informed and get what you want from life.

Sunday, October 2:

“Blessing of the Pets” , 2:00 pm Bring your pet for a celebration of thanks and blessing. All pets that walk, hop, slither, fly or swim are welcome!! Watch for suggestions of donations you can bring to help the Winnipeg Humane Society!

Services of Prayer and Healing will be offered on

- Sunday October 16, 8:00 pm
- Sunday, November 20, 8:00 pm and
- Sunday, December 18, 8:00 pm

featuring the music of Taize and Iona. Bring your cares and concerns to this worship of song, silence and contemplation.

Thursday, November 10th:

We are hosting, for one night only, a performance of the award-winning play **“Padre-X”** on November 10th at 7:30 pm. Padre X is the amazing true story of WWII chaplain John Weir Foote, the only Canadian chaplain to win the Victoria Cross. After displaying tremendous heroism on the fire-soaked beaches of Dieppe, Foote stayed behind and spent three years as a POW so he could continue to minister to the men in his care. Tickets will be available from the church office. Seating is limited so don't delay!!!

Beginning Wednesday, October 26th:

Adult study resumes with an exceptionally good resource, the video series, **“A Life Worthy of the Gospel”** featuring Dr. Sondra Wheeler of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Over six weeks we'll wrestle with what

Christian ethics are? How should we live in the world? Does our faith inform the decisions we have to make at home and work? Sessions begin on Wednesday October 26 from 6–8pm and begin with dinner. Be sure to sign up by calling the office or using the sign up sheet next to Lucy's office.

Sharon is waiting for your invitation to **“Take your minister**

to work” . You can provide her with an



invaluable experience to understand better how to connect work and faith by sharing part of the day with Sharon at your workplace. Call her to arrange a time.

Gardening Club

We have had lots of compliments on the lovely flowers at the church. The profusion of zinnias have really taken off with huge bright blossoms. The large planters of petunias are beautiful. How do you like the grasses in the centre of the round flower bed? We've had to replace a

couple of hydrangeas so hopefully next year they will all look great.

A big “thank you” to everyone for helping us plant the flowers and keeping up with the watering all summer. The watering group have each taken a week at a time and water Mon- Wed- Fri. As a result, people only have to take their turn about three times over the summer.

In the fall, we will be having a big work bee to work in the Memorial Garden. Many of the dogwood bushes need to be replaced and other maintenance is required. We will be putting up a sign-up sheet and would appreciate lots of help.

Future plans are to have a group to strictly take care of the Memorial Garden.

Art Group

On Tuesday, Sept. 20th, our art group will commence meeting again. We meet every Tuesday at 1:00 P.M. and we charge only a nominal fee.

Although our media is usually water colour, you are welcome to paint in any other media.

Drop in and meet our friendly group.

Submitted by ,

Carol Belsham

Sunday School

We finished off the year with a “Celebration Sunday” on May 8, with a cupcake cake made by Robin Ethier and devoured by all the children.

Spring Sunday School began on May 15th with Gloria Saindon and Maria Will taking on the “Bible Boot Camp”. The children learned about being a warrior of God and by the end of the seven weeks had the “Full armour of God”. This was well attended with an average of 10 children per week. Special thanks to all the “helpers” (you know who you are) each week, as we couldn’t have done it without their help.

The Sunday School Coordinating Committee is busy planning for next year and will begin with an open session on September 11 and regular classes starting on Sunday, September 18. Registration will be on September 11 and 18. We look forward to having a fun and exciting year.

Sunday School Coordinating Committee

Robin Ethier

Many hands make light work.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Belsham,
Gary Day and
George Baker

Shannon Surgeoner

Maria Will

Linda Will

Young Adults Group

The Young Adults Group had a great summer, which included our two annual summer events: July’s Old Spaghetti Factory dinner and August’s BBQ/Bonfire at the Shiaro household!

Our events are regularly attended by ten or more young adults. We enjoy great conversations and activities each month. This fall, we are looking forward to including the new staff person in our group.

Respectfully Submitted by

Kelsey Shiaro,

Chair of Christian Development Council

Youth Group

Windsor Park United Church’s Youth Group meets regularly from September – June. This group takes part in a variety of events and activities, meeting twice a month, usually on Saturdays.

The Youth Group’s first event of the fall will be Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 7-9 pm. We invite all the youth in grades 6 – 12 to join us at the church for a BBQ and games night! Bring a friend and come prepared to have fun!

Please let us know if you are coming by e-mailing the church at officewpuc@mymts.net.

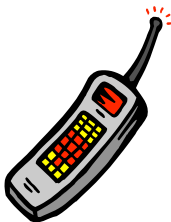
Respectfully Submitted by

Kelsey Shiaro,

Chair of Christian Development Council

In Appreciation

Thanks to everyone who called, emailed, sent cards and flowers to my family and I on the passing of my Mom, Lillian Wilson, on July 21st. She found her way into a lot of my sermons over the last thirty years so I know you felt like you knew her. As a family, we have been grateful to be able to care for her, in spite of the considerable distance between us, with the kind of love and generosity that she has shown to us throughout her life.



**THANK YOU
FOR THE CALL!**

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson

Moms 'n Tots

The Moms 'n Tots program is held each Wednesday morning from 9:30 am until 11:00 am. We will begin on October 12th and welcome any moms wishing to participate in this program.

The program gives moms with young children an opportunity to socialize and have coffee with other moms. They participate in activities which are planned by the moms' group. In past years, some of the activities have included guest speakers, crafts, breakfast out and contributing items to a hamper for the Christmas Cheer Board.

Coffee is provided by the church and the ladies take turns bringing a snack for themselves, as well as juice and a snack 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.

Any moms wishing to participate in this program should call the church office at 256-8792 or Ruth Klein at 256-6390.

Moms 'n Tots is an Outreach program for Windsor Park United Church and is one way in which we fulfill our mission statement of reaching out to those who live around us.

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

AOTS (As One That Serves)

We had a very successful past season, with our membership remaining at approximately twenty-five members. The winter meetings have a slightly smaller attendance as many of our men take a winter vacation.

Meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month at the church, with a delicious meal prepared and served by ladies of the UCW. We have a guest speaker following the meal and then a brief business meeting.

In February, we had a Valentine brunch with spouses and guests. It was enjoyed by all. Our windup BBQ, attended by members and spouses, was held at the church again in May. Delicious steaks were prepared with the able assistance of Gary Garvey, Major Rodd and Cam Wilson. Our thanks to Bill Belsham and Bob Harrison for cooking the potatoes, and to Allan Stephen who, with the help of Cheryl, prepared the salads and desserts.

AOTS assists many functions in the church including the June church picnic and the bonfire Carol Sing. The duties of chairing the meetings are shared by Charlie Klein and Gordon Whyte.

We extend an open invitation to members of the congregation to join us at our Monday evening meetings for food and fellowship. We

anticipate the fall season will commence on September 26th.

Charlie Klein

High Steppers Seniors Club



Outreach Report

This is our opportunity to bring you up to date with some of the things that are happening with your Outreach Council.

The focus of much of our attention over the past few months has been West Broadway Community Ministry.

This summer, we prepared and served two lunches per month to the guests at West Broadway. Each time, we fed about 100 residents from the West Broadway area.

A special thank you to Diena Rodd, Gwen Polak and Evelyn Day who have coordinated the volunteers and food for these lunches. Thank you also to our volunteers who are critical to the success of our efforts at West Broadway and a special mention for those who have baked cookies. Our guests at



West Broadway find it an especially great treat to be served homemade cookies.

Bob Gilbert expresses his thanks for our periodic collection of food items for the regular lunch program, as well as to restock their emergency food pantry. We are assigned food items to be collected for West Broadway every second month. Please watch for details in our Sunday church bulletins.

The Outreach Council has obtained approval from the official board of WPUC to start the process for sponsorship of a new refugee family.

However, prior to continuing with the approval process, we feel it is necessary to recruit at least three volunteers to be actively involved in helping the family through settlement issues. This would typically involve things like getting health cards, grocery shopping, setting up banking facilities and probably the most important task which is finding affordable housing. Anyone interested in taking on this challenge would not have to be a member of the Outreach Council, but we would provide direction and assistance as needed. **If you are interested in finding out more about what could be involved, please contact the undersigned or present or past members of the Outreach Council.**



As this fall progresses, your Outreach Council will once again be involved in coordinating the Christmas hamper program. Details will be forthcoming on how you can help.

Thanks again to everyone who helps with our activities. To find out more about our church's Outreach activities, please contact the writer at 255-2105.

Respectfully submitted

Derek Read, Chair
Outreach Council

SouthWinds by Mail or Email. If you are not receiving the SouthWinds the way you would prefer, please contact Lucy in the office at 256-8792 or email her at officewpuc@mymts.net

- Sat., October 22nd 10am-2 pm,
- Sat., November 5th 10 am-2pm and
- Sat., November 19th 10am-2 pm.

We'll explore the history and beliefs of the Christian faith through some of the most



interesting characters from each era.

For our second gathering, we'll visit places of worship from other faith traditions including a Bar Mitzvah!

Our third session will explore what it means to be a Christian in the world today and will feature some interesting guests.



If you are baptized and wish to be confirmed or if you've never been baptized and are ready to consider this as a teen or adult, these classes are essential.

Please contact the church office by September 16th to confirm your participation.

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Congregational Involvement and Communications Council

What a glorious summer we are having! Fun in the sun and gatherings galore! Time to connect with friends old and new, and where will we do

that? at WPUC of course! Our WELCOME BACK lunch will be held once again on September 11th, immediately following the service. Pork on a Bun and Hot Dogs, along with side salads and drinks will all be available at a nominal fee. Please join us for fellowship and fun! We have many new things happening with CICC so keep your eyes peeled for all our exciting events!

Judi Olson Chiswell

THE WORSHIP CHOIR – Our adult choir, under the direction of Laura Steidl, leads the singing in worship each week. The first practice is on Thursday, September 8th from 7:45-9:15 p.m. If you like to sing, we have a place for you – all are welcome!

The Joyful children's Shiaro, is for Grade 1 and are on 9:30 a.m. 18th. See

WPUC has music programs for all ages!

Noise – Our choir, led by Kelsey boys and girls in older. Practice times Sunday mornings at starting September you then!

The Praise Singers – This musical group is made up of teen singers who lead our contemporary worship services (Grade 7 and up). Practices are on Sundays from 12-1 p.m. with the first practice on September 18th.

The Praise Band – Musicians of all ages come together to play for our contemporary services. Practice times are on Sundays from 12-1 p.m. Please speak to Laura Steidl, Sharon Field or call the church office if you are interested.

One man's garbage is another man's treasure!

Did you know that we collect the following?

Bread Bag Date Tabs – These are passed on to St. Martyrs and used in crafts to raise funds for wheelchairs in Third World Countries. Deposit in the corner drawer in the back of the Sanctuary.

Aluminum Pop Cans – (preferably squished flat.) These are passed on to the Shriners to help fund travel for sick children from the North. Deposit in the large bin in the kitchen.

Glasses - These are passed on to optometrists, then forwarded to Third world countries. Deposit in the corner drawer in the back of the Sanctuary.

Aluminum Pop Can Tabs – passed on to Holy Cross where they are redeemed for wheel chairs. Deposit in the corner drawer in the back of the Sanctuary.

Campbell Labels – Soups – Broths – Sauces – These are redeemed for items used in the church. Currently the choir has some needs. Deposit in the corner drawer in the back of the Sanctuary.

Used Postage Stamps – These are passed on to The Bible Society to provide funds for the purchase of Bibles. Remove the corner with stamps from the envelope. We also have a stamp collector who uses some of the stamps. Deposit in the corner drawer in the back of the Sanctuary.

Various people look after these projects, counting and delivering them. By setting any of these items aside and bringing them to church, you are benefitting others.

REMEMBER THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!



dogs

WELCOME
September
Luncheon -



BACK SUNDAY
11th
Pork on a bun and hot

Sunday School Registration



Golf Tournament and Dinner

Sunday September 18th from 2-9 pm. Dinner at the church.

YOUTH GROUP BBQ

Saturday Sept. 24th from 7-9 pm
at the church. Grade 6-12 welcome.

RSVP wpucwpg@mymts.net

Bring your friends!



can

Blessing of the Pets Service

On Sunday October 2nd at 2 pm

ALL CRITTERS WELCOME! Watch for suggestions of donations you

bring to help the Winnipeg Humane Society!

HEALING SERVICES will be offered on

- Sunday October 16, 8:00 pm
- Sunday, November 20, 8:00 pm and
- Sunday, December 18, 8:00 pm



Remembrance Day Play “Padre-X”

on November 10th at 7:30 pm here at the church