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From the study ...

What an exciting time of year! I started preparing for the Advent season in July which is why you may have heard me humming Christmas carols during the hottest days of the summer. We will get this important and joyful season of the church year off to a great start with our annual Bonfire, Chili Supper and carol sing on Friday, November 25th beginning at 5:30 pm. This event also includes a magician and a "special" visitor. It's a fun night out for all ages.



Our theme this Advent is: **Messages and Messengers**. This will unfold in scripture, drama, video and music.

Christmas Eve will include three services:

- 5:00 pm which is geared to our younger folk and offers a spot for everyone in the pageant and the music of the Joyful Noise;
- 7:00 pm is the service by and for our teens and young adults (everyone is welcome!) featuring our Praise Band and Singers;
- 11:00 pm is a service of candlelight, carols and communion with our Adult Choir.

Thanks to the calendar, this year we will be holding worship on Christmas morning at 10:30 am for a family-friendly short service of carols and stories. We'll also have a service on Sunday, New Year's Day, at 10:30 am.

Watch for notices of our long-range visioning events that will begin in January. WPUC continues to grow and broaden its ministry and we want to gather the largest number of opinions possible as we set our goals for the future.

Finally, I am delighted to share the good news of the appointment of Patrick Woodbeck as our Staff Associate. Patrick's work will focus on our youth, young adults, Sunday School and social justice ministry. We look forward to the many blessings he brings to our church family.

In this time of celebration and feasting, let us be mindful of the lessons and example of Jesus. This season of love and joy presents us with the challenge to embody our faith in acts of charity and mercy. May we all be open to the Spirit of Christ which inspires us to act with generosity.

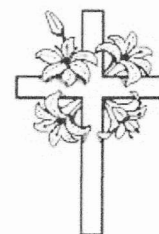
Blessings always,

Sharon

Our Church Family

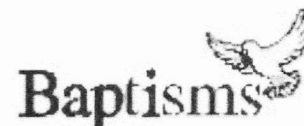
We extend our sympathy to

The Robinson Family on the passing of Jack
The Taylor Family on the passing of Feryne
The Stobbie Family on the passing of May
The Will Family on the passing of Marion
The Stewart Family on the passing of Kelvin
The Nesbitt Family on the passing of Jean



We welcome by baptism

Ava Andrea Samantha Piki (Jan. 25/11), daughter of Edward & Lindsay
Kayla Grace Pacheco (Aug. 30/10), daughter of Danny & Rhonda
Anaya Therese Elyse Chalifour (June 27/11), daughter of Rodrique & Andrea
Kaitlyn Ryann Olivier-Gair (May 5/10), daughter of Danny & Melissa
Trae Michael Worrell (Mar. 10/09), son of Grant & Vanessa
Hailey Ava Worrell (April 12/11), daughter of Grant & Vanessa
Brooklyn Mya Worrell (April 12/11), daughter of Grant & Vanessa
Graeme Jon Saurette (Sept. 26/11), son of Joel & Ashley



We congratulate on their marriage, the following

Donald Hunnie and Wilma Pankiw on August 26, 2011
Kenneth Allan and Merrilee Genyk on September 3, 2011



Worship Council

The Remembrance Day service on Nov. 6 was very moving and educational, focusing on the Internment of Ukrainian Canadians during and after World War I. Thanks to Pat Lumsden for all her hard work in writing the story of the young Ukrainian man, and to Craig Gibb for bringing him to life.

The next Healing Services are Nov. 20 and Dec. 18. Advent Season is almost here, the first Sunday in Advent is Nov. 27th. There are three services Christmas Eve, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm, and there will be church on Christmas morning at 10:30 am, with carols and stories.

It's a busy and exciting time at church, with lots of opportunities to be involved!

On behalf of the Worship Council
Shirley Shirliffe

Ramblings from the "Extra" Office

Although this has been a long journey, I am so happy to finally be with you all here at Windsor Park United. I have been welcomed and made to feel at home by the wonderful hospitality and friendliness of all the members of this community. Thank you for that.

I also want to thank those of you who helped make the office such a welcoming and comfortable place and to those of you who have popped in for a chat as I try to get my bearings.

I have been busy as I jumped in with both feet this fall to continue the great work that has been done with the Youth Group and Young Adults. The Youth Group has had two events so far this fall. Six youth joined us for an evening at St. Vital Park with games, a fire and marshmallows. At the end of October, we travelled to A Maze In Corn for an evening of fun (for those brave souls who risked the Haunted Forest, I salute you), a fire and more marshmallows (am I seeing a pattern here...hmm, fire and marshmallows). We had a great turnout as we had 20 youth and four adults at this event. Thanks to everyone who joined us at these two events -- we are already planning for our next event.

The Young Adults met in October and we had intended to also do A Maze In Corn, but the weather did not cooperate. This turned into an evening of coffee and conversation and was a great way for me to introduce myself to some of the young adults. Our next event is to be 10 pin glow bowling in November (at the time of writing this event had not taken place, so I cannot report on my gutter ball count) and we will be having a pot luck supper in December.

If anyone has any ideas for an event, please feel free to pass them along. Email them to me at wpucrev2@mymts.net. Who knows, the next event might be yours.

My door is always open (unless it is closed hahaha), so please stop in and say "hi". I look forward to our time together and getting to know you all.

Peace,
Patrick Woodbeck

WPUC Garden Club

The Garden Club had a successful year again. Thanks goes out to the three members that grew all the flowers - George Baker, Erich Schroeder and Bill Belsham, as well as the volunteers throughout the summer who maintained the Memorial Garden and the flower beds. Without the volunteers, the gardens would not have looked so nice.

What are our plans for next year? Will we continue with the Garden Club? Again if there are interested members and outside interest we will continue.

This fall volunteers again responded to clean up the Memorial Garden and flower beds. Shrubs were pruned and ten new shrubs replaced the ones that had died. Early next summer, more will be replaced which were not available this fall. Special thanks to the volunteers - Don & Wilma Hunnie, Lillian Aird, Bill & Carol Belsham, Norm Cassie, Morris & Joyce Deveson, Judy Kuffner, and Erich & Janie Schroeder. Dedication of volunteers will keep our gardens looking beautiful.

George Baker/ Bill Belsham
Treasurer, Gary Day

Sunday School

Sunday School at WPUC is back in full swing with an average of 25 children per week. All classrooms are brimming with enthusiastic teachers ready with new and innovative ways of teaching the Bible stories to the children.

To date the children have learned about being Special to Jesus, Fishers of Men and the House Upon the Rock. For the next several weeks, they will be learning about Joseph's dream and Advent. On December 18th, we will once again end the year with a Sunday School Christmas Birthday party for Jesus.

Sunday School will resume on January 8 following the school calendar. Watch for exciting new ideas in the coming months. Remember all children are welcome to join us from Nursery 3 to grade 9 and please register your child(ren) with one of the Sunday School co-ordinators or their teacher.

Sunday School Coordinators:

Maria Will
Robin Ethier
Leanne Falconer

Linda Will
Jay-Lynne Leppky
Gloria Saindon

Finance and Stewardship

At the time of this writing our General Fund deficit is around \$1,350, despite the fact that PAR and Envelopes are \$10,300 below budget. If we manage expenses and our generous congregation follows the giving patterns of the past, we should finish the year at slightly better than break-even. The Barrier Free Project repayment is on budget - we should have less than \$55,000 to repay by the start of 2012. M&S givings are also on budget at \$21,500 as of October 31st.



The formal part of Stewardship will take place in March 2012 after the passing of the budget.

Speaking of the budget, the Councils should now be setting their 2012 budget. We are hoping that the budgeting/planning exercise will result in a 2012 budget that will embody our Mission Statement and empower the Councils to move forward with their plans.

We can always use a few more counters to assist with the Sunday offering. Training is available and the coffee is free. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board beside the office..

As with other Councils we are also in need of new members. Please contact me if you wish to assist.

In closing I would like to thank you for your continued support of WPUC. I am constantly surprised and grateful for the gratitude the congregation shows to WPUC.

Doug Waldron

Chair, Finance

Please note:

For 2011 donations to be included in the 2011 Tax Receipts, those donations must be received on or before December 31, 2011

Chili Supper, Bonfire and Carol Sing



Please mark your calendars for our kick-off to Advent on Friday, Nov. 25th from 5:30-8:30 pm for the

Chili Supper! Bonfire! And Carol Sing! and lots, lots more for the whole family.



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve:

- 5:00 pm
- 7:00 pm
- 11:00 pm

Christmas Day:

- 10:30 am

New Year's Day:

- 10:30 am



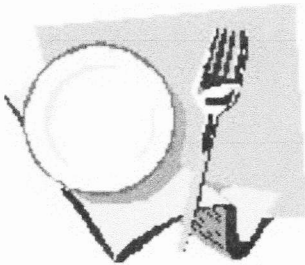
The ladies from UCW are hosting a "COOKIE WALK" fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 26th from 10 am-noon. Pay \$6 at the door and have a take-out container filled with home-made cookies of your choice. We are asking for donations of home baked cookies: oatmeal, shortbread, gingerbread, and fancy Christmas cookies. A suggested donation is 6 dozen. (Cookies may be dropped off at the church on Friday, November 25th.) This event is being held as a Christmas fundraiser for the UCW.

For more information, please call Jan Crielaard at 663-2445
or Isabelle Foster at 255-2958.

UCW (United Church Women)

The UCW of WPUC meet at three different times throughout the month and ladies are always welcome to join.

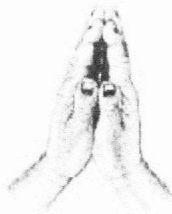
With the season of Advent almost upon us, Unit 2 has organized a "Cookie Walk" to take place on Saturday November 26 from 10:00 am - noon. They are looking for donations of "nut free" cookies to help with this major fundraiser of the year.



Over the summer, UCW provide lunch for those helping build the Habitat homes on Nairn Avenue. This year we made lasagna, caesar salad and

home made baking to take to the luncheon site. Thank you to the executive for baking the lasagna and for those that brought in baking. It never goes unnoticed!

This past year we also hosted the World Day of Prayer with the country of Chile featured. This event was held on the first Friday in March and was attended by over 70 people. Thank you to Alana and her team of organizers for hosting a wonderful event.



We continue to serve the AOTS men's club at their dinner meeting once a month. They do enjoy the wonderful meals prepared by the ladies!

- Unit 2 meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month 7 pm @ the church
- Unit 5 meets the 3rd Monday of the month 1 pm @ the church
- YAH'S (Young at Heart) meet the 2nd Friday of month 7:30 pm @ the church

We welcome any new ladies to join one of these units. Ask at the church office to be put in touch with one of the members of the unit for more information.

Gloria Saindon,
Chairperson, UCW Executive

Thursday Morning Study Group

We are deep into the study of Uppity Women of the Bible and thoroughly enjoying learning from the video and our discussions that follow the viewing of the DVD. Meetings take place each Thursday morning at 9:15 am and are finished promptly at 10:45 am. Our fall session will conclude with Christmas dinner at Bistro in the Park on December 15, 2011.

Perhaps a New Year's resolution would be to join us for coffee and fellowship as we commence our study on January 12, 2012. You will be most welcome.

Anne Thoroughgood

Outreach Council

We are into the season for **Christmas Hampers**.

Windsor Park United Church has volunteered to prepare and deliver 24 hampers on behalf of the Christmas Cheer Board and we need your help to be successful with this task. The hampers we prepare include a combination of non perishable food and perishable items such as turkeys, milk and vegetables plus some presents to help these 24 families have a Merry Christmas.

1. This year your Outreach Council has followed the pattern we started last year in an effort to stretch the Christmas dollars as far as possible. For the past four or five months, members of the Outreach Council have been taking advantage of sale opportunities at all the grocery stores. Through the diligent work of some very careful shoppers, we are pleased to advise you that all of the non perishable food items have been purchased. The purchases to date have been paid from funds borrowed from our church. The perishable food items will be purchased on the day that the hampers are delivered which is December 17th.
2. This is where we respectfully ask for your financial assistance to provide us with the funds to make the Christmas Hamper program a success. Enclosed with your paper copy of the SouthWinds is an envelope for Christmas Hamper donations. For a couple of Sundays, members of the Outreach Council will also be handing out "hamper donation" envelopes for those who receive their copy of SouthWinds electronically. If you are inclined toward helping in this manner, please return your contribution in this envelope and drop it in the collection plate. Please ensure that your contribution for the hamper program is clearly marked for that purpose. The need for your monetary donations is even greater this year, as we are doing more hampers than last year. In addition, we have to repay the money we have borrowed from our church for the non perishable food, as well as provide for the purchase of perishable items.
3. (As an aside, for the past several years we have been delivering spring hampers to needy people in our area. We want you to be aware that the spring hamper program is funded from your surplus monetary donations collected during the Christmas season. **This is definitely a gift that goes on giving.**)
4. As in past years, the Sunday School children will be provided with specific people from our hamper list for whom to buy a gift. These gifts can be brought to the church and presented on

Sunday, December 11th which is White Gift Sunday.

5. We require volunteer drivers to deliver the Christmas Hampers on Saturday, December 17th. Check for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex at church.
6. We will once again have the **Mitten Tree** set up at the back of the sanctuary until the end of December. Anyone wishing to donate mitts, gloves, hats, socks, etc. please just hang them on the tree. These are donated to schools in our area.

As you can see, we have some wonderful opportunities for you to help make a difference in the lives of people who are less fortunate than us. Every year at Christmas, this congregation amazes us with its generosity and we know this year will be no exception. On behalf of the needy families and children, thank you in advance, because we know your support will be terrific.

Gwen Polak & Derek Read

Co-Chairs, Outreach Council

Congregational Involvement and Communications Council

Looking out the window, I see winter upon us and all the fall activities we hosted seem a distant memory! From our profitable Welcome Back Luncheon to our Golf Tournament we were busy, busy, busy!

Carol Belsham, Carol Breckman, Sheryl Cale, Morris (& Joyce) Deveson, Claude Grenier, Deanna Kernaghan, Tanya Montebruno, Gloria Waldron, and Susan Zinyk have all been faithfully serving coffee and goodies after church since the beginning of October! Thank you!

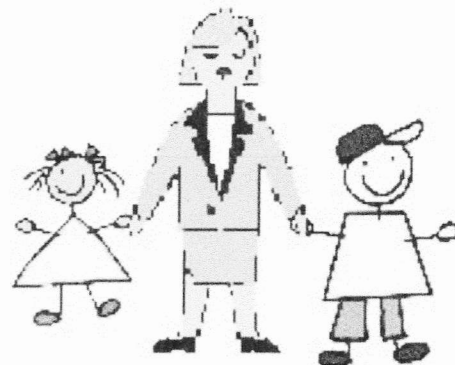
Watch for details regarding BINGO BOWL for January 14th and our CURLING BONSPIEL on March 4th! Watch your bulletin for our other events as they happen!

Merry Christmas from CICC

Judi Olson Chiswell

Moms 'n Tots

Moms 'n Tots began the fall season on October 12th. We welcomed 13 Moms, 13 children and 6 babies into the group as well as our many caregivers. The ladies take turns bringing snacks for the children as well as treats to enjoy with their coffee.



The Moms plan their own program which includes time each morning for visiting and getting to know one another. Time is also spent discussing topics of interest to the group. A favorite activity was making and sampling soups and stews and sharing their recipes.

For the Month of November, the ladies will participate in a book presentation from McNally Robinson, card making, a breakfast out at the Southdale Family Restaurant and a yoga class presented by Faralee. In December the group will enjoy a potluck breakfast as well as a visit with Santa for all of the children.

Thank you to all of the Moms that contributed toward the Christmas Hampers. Thank you also to Faralee Wilson who has done a great job providing leadership for the Moms' group.



The children continue to do crafts, play with toys and etc. They enjoy a snack and spend lots of time with the caregivers. The babies are providing the "grandmas" upstairs with lots of cuddle time and enjoyment. In January, we are also looking forward to welcoming three new Moms with new babies into the group.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who come out each week to look after the children and also to those who volunteer their time as caregivers whenever we need them.

We are looking for two volunteers to run this program. It is a very easy, rewarding, and gratifying position. Most communication is done on the computer and the moms look after and plan their own program. We have appreciated the opportunity to get to know all of the volunteers and the "Moms". The children are delightful. As caregivers we watch them grow from a tiny infant into the four or five year old child just beginning school. We have all felt blessed to have the opportunity to be a part of their lives. This program is a wonderful outreach project for our church and we see it as an opportunity for anyone who enjoys being involved with all age groups.

Merry Christmas to everyone and may you share a wonderful holiday with your family and friends.

Ruth Klein and Maxine Pattle



Ministry & Personnel Committee

We have been diligently working towards our goals and objectives. We have completed job descriptions for all staff positions. Staff has been invited to give input regarding their evaluations which we will use to establish a new evaluation policy and an evaluation model. Input was also invited with regard to compensation as to make recommendations for Budget 2012. Our target date is early 2012 for these tasks to be completed.

While M&P was not allowed to participate in the JNAC process, we were represented on the Search Committee. We are pleased to welcome Patrick Woodbeck as our new Staff Associate. He is working with us on a half-time basis, giving support to Sharon in ministry activities, with a primary focus on youth and Sunday School. This position may evolve as Patrick becomes more familiar with us and us with him. Our whole committee welcomes Patrick as he is finally able to join us at WPUC.

Again I thank the committee members: Sylvia Cassie, Mark Crielaard and Diane Segger (often from afar). For a little committee we have done a lot of good work.

Terms are up for a couple of us this February so we are looking for new or gently used members (we should be at least six!!!).

Since we intend to get our work completed before our terms end, the committee work will be far less onerous. Please speak to one of us if you are interested, curious or just wanting to know what is going on in the area of personnel.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Atkins

AOTS (Men's Club)

Our executive of Charlie Klein, Gordon Whyte (co-chairs), Major Rodd (treasurer), and Allan Stephen (secretary) invite men of our Congregation to share our Fellowship the 4th Monday of each month excluding December, February and the summer months of June, July, and August.

In February, we enjoy a luncheon with our wives and friends at Maxime's Restaurant.

At our last meeting on October 24th, a video was shown called "Boat Lift". The video described the evacuation of Manhattan Island after 9/11.

Plan on having supper with us, and please join us to listen to a guest speaker, participate in a short business meeting and finally a meditation. You will leave fully energized!!!!
We look forward to getting to know you.

Charlie Klein and Gordon Whyte

Membership & Pastoral Care Council

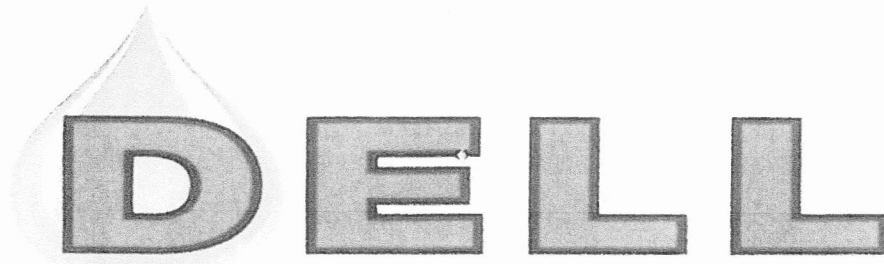
M&PCC is pleased to announce the addition of two new members to our council! Judy Kuffner and Cindy Ayotte have joined with Derek Read, Pat Dumont, Dawn Sherritt and Wilma Hunnie to make a council of six members.

We currently have approximately 26 persons on our visitors/phoners/drivers list. We are always in need of new volunteers – call Judy to offer your help.

M&PCC has had two speakers this fall: Phyllis Campbell/Fieber, pastor at Golden Links Lodge, and Sheenagh Campbell from Charleswood United Church. Both provided valuable insights into our job as pastoral workers.

M&PCC will again be preparing about 50 "Thinking of You Baskets" on Dec. 17 at the church. We are in need of DRIVERS to deliver the baskets. To offer your help as a driver, call Wilma at 256-4665 or email wilmap@shaw.ca. Also we are in need of Xmas mugs, goodies, teas etc. Such can be dropped off at the church in December.

Wilma Hunnie, Chair



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11 White Gift Sunday Advent 3	12 6:15 PM Sparks & Brownies	13 1:00 PM Art Group 7:00 PM Executive Team Mtg. 7:30 PM UCW Unit 2 Meeting	14 9:30 AM Moms 'n' Tots	15 9:00 AM Bible Study Group 1:30 PM Healthy Babies	16	17 am "Thinking of You" Basket Preparation
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