

South Winds

Windsor Park United Church

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From the study ...

We are in the midst of Lent, the season of death and rebirth. It is a journey most of us would prefer to avoid. Lent entails darkness, sin and confession. It calls on us to reflect honestly and humbly upon our often 'qualified' faith. One of the curiosities of Christianity is that we are anxious to leap over Lent and jump enthusiastically into Easter. While this is understandable, it is also regrettable. It is only when we have wrestled with the limitations of our humanity that the miracle of grace becomes fully valued. When we peer out on our lives from the bleakness of Good Friday, the sunrise of Easter and resurrection takes on a profound and rich meaning.



This faith of ours equips us for the joys and challenges of everyday life. Through faith we have an appreciation for the wonder of Creation and where we fit in this great cosmos. Faith places us in a community that stretches through the ages, far into the future, assuring us that we are never alone. By faith we hold the spiritual tools to discern choices that will sustain our lives and the lives of the people around us. Faith does not make life easy or trouble-free, but it grounds us with wisdom and the over-arching confidence of being loved by God. All of this arises out of our understanding of the Risen Christ--the miracle of Easter. As we live constructively and compassionately we embody that miracle anew.

- Plan to attend the special services of Holy Week as we follow the path of Jesus from pageantry, to tragedy and, finally, to victory.
- Make sure you mark your calendars and program your smart phones for the great events coming up in the next few months:
- A visit to a Sikh Temple to learn about the faith of our neighbours
- "The Baseball Evangelist" a terrific play featuring Winnipeg actor Marc Moir
- Our Spring Supper
- Connecting with our Neighbours-planning for the future of WPUC
- Special outreach projects for all ages.....and much more...

May we pause to offer our thanks for the blessings of life that find their genesis in the love and goodness of God this Easter Season.

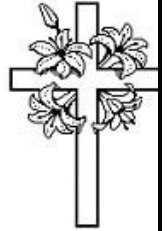
Blessings always,

Sharon

Our Church Family

We extend our sympathy to

The Svaling Family on the passing of Maria
The Murray Family on the passing of Gordon
The Farstad Family on the passing of Karl



We welcome by baptism

Reese Marguerite Horbas (Feb. 14/11), daughter of Gary & Melissa
Kenley Freyja Marion (Oct. 21/11), daughter of Richard & Adrienne
Kaia Riley Lucas (Oct. 23/11), daughter of Ian & Jenny
Xander Sterling Drake Bryson (Jan. 1/12), son of Reagan
Piper Audrey Closen (Nov. 22/12), daughter of Kirtus & Sarah
Valla Raine Jennell Burbank (Jan. 28/11), daughter of Jason & Jennell
Sarah Christina Luise Ludlam (Aug. 14/11), daughter of Allen & Natalie



We congratulate on their marriage, the following

Kris Kamenz and Nicole dePauw on November 19, 2011
Jason Hiebert and Kelsey Smit on November 26, 2011
Skyler Yutzy and Jenna Desmet on March 31, 2012



Worship Council

Spring has arrived and the Worship Council would like to welcome you to our Lenten and Easter services. The services will follow a theme and will take us through Lent, Good Friday and the joyous occasion of Easter.

- April 1 – Palm Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
- April 3 – Faith of Our Neighbours – Traditional Passover Seder Meal with Steven Hyman, 7:00 p.m. at WPUC
- April 6 -- Good Friday Service – 10:30 a.m.
- April 8 -- Easter Sunday. 10:30 a.m.
- April 13 -- Faith of Our Neighbours - Sikhism – We will visit the Sikh Temple on Sturgeon Road and take part in one of their special celebrations.

Come join us and experience the excitement of the season!

See you Sunday morning.

Jennifer Rentz-Wright
Worship Council Chair

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Moms 'n Tots

At the beginning of March, we have 17 Moms, 17 children downstairs and 9 babies upstairs.

Carol Nichol looks after providing enough caregivers for each baby. Carol sets up the baby room at the back of the church as well as takes care that the blankets are washed and repaired as needed. Most of the caregivers arrive a little early to enjoy coffee, a cookie and some friendly conversation. Once the babies arrive it becomes a very busy hour and a half. Thank you to all of the volunteers that share their love and care with these little ones. Since Christmas, we have had several new babies attending. It is definitely with great delight that the caregivers hold such tiny babies

Lillian Aird has an endless supply of craft ideas each week for the older children to do and to take home. This year, we have four "grandpas" as well as four "grandmas" that entertain the children with toys, play dough, stories and a snack.

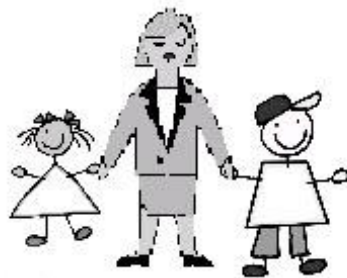
The Moms have had breakfast out, a session on quilting, cupcake decorating, painting pottery and time to chat and enjoy coffee. In April, the Moms have planned a session with Pam on hair care, a chat session, a fire hall tour and a Potluck breakfast with the volunteers. Thank you to Heather Karavas for a great job done leading the Moms group since January.

It is only because of the willing volunteers at Windsor Park United Church that the Moms 'n Tots program has been able to be a part of our church's Outreach Program over the last 16 years. We want to express our thanks to everyone who has come out to share the joy that this time together has given us.

We would like to express our gratitude for the opportunity to be a part of the leadership team with the Moms 'n Tots group. It has been a privilege to get to know so many young moms and all of the children that have come through the doors at Windsor Park United Church on a Wednesday morning. We have also sincerely appreciated the opportunity to be involved and work with so many members of our own congregation. We have all been greatly blessed to have this program within the church.

We are in need of a new leadership team in order to continue the Moms 'n Tots program in the fall. Maxine, Lillian and Ruth will be stepping down and a team of three people willing to work together is needed to continue the Outreach that this program provides. Please give this request some serious thought. The program has been set up with shared responsibilities and most communication is done by computer. The moms plan and run their own Wednesday morning program. If you feel that you could be a part of the leadership team for the Moms 'n Tots program, please contact Ruth Klein at 256-6390 or the Church office at 256-8792.

Ruth Klein
& Maxine Pattle



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Brownies

The 232nd Brownies is an active group of 17 - 7 & 8 year olds. We have covered a variety of topics this year so far.

On February 22nd, we celebrated Thinking Day. Thinking day is the birthday of our founders, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell (it's quite a coincidence that this couple shared a birthday!) Every year on this day, Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from all over the world think about their sister guides in over 110 different countries!

This year, the theme is "We can save our planet". The girls celebrated by making owl light switch covers to ask themselves "WHOOO.... will turn out the lights?" and by making pinwheels out of recycled paper and pencils to illustrate one way the wind is able to generate clean electricity.

In the Fall, the girls baked Brownies to serve to their families on their enrollment, decorated cookies, made papier mache masks and participated in a postcard exchange with other Girl Guides around the world!

We so appreciate the space that you allow us to enjoy!

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Sharon Hadder
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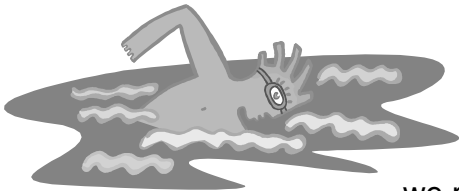
Ramblings from the “Extra” Office

It has now been just over five months that I have been blessed to be with you all here at Windsor Park United and a very busy five months it has been. It has been a pleasure to work with both the Youth Group and the Young Adults.

In December, the Youth Group thought it would be a good idea to do some caroling at Saint Boniface hospital and a few senior’s homes in the neighborhood, where some of our members lived. We opened this event up to the congregation and had at least 20 people join us, ranging in age from young (Dominic Grenier) to the more mature. We had a wonderful and fun time and I hope we can continue to do this in the future.

In January, the Youth Group went paintballing at Paintball Paradise. I will admit there were some injuries and bruises, but it was a great way to spend the afternoon and we had 10 people join us for this event.

In February we enjoyed a nice quiet evening of a movie and snacks at the church. Seven youth joined us for this event and we watched a comedy and by the end of the evening not a potato chip remained.



Although our second event in February was a no go, we made up for it

during our first event in March, swimming at Bonivital pool. We had 15 youth join us for this, including some youth who had never joined us before. Everyone had a great time, which included the youth playing a game of full contact pool basketball!!! There are many more events planned in the upcoming months and I look forward to continuing the work with the youth group and the joy as we walk these roads together.

We had hoped to have our Young Adults’ pot-luck dinner between Christmas and New Years so that some of the young adults who have moved away could join us, but that did not happen and we had our dinner in January. We had 6 people join us for dinner and we all played a number of card games afterwards. It was a wonderful night of fellowship and fun.

It is said that if you want to engage people, you need to go where they are and so we have begun a monthly “Pub Night” as a way to bring together the young adults in a relaxed, fun setting. We are also planning a “Movie and Coffee” night in March, which as of writing this has not happened yet.

With the monthly “Pub Nights” we are now planning two Young Adult events every month and hope to continue to build this program of fun and fellowship for these young people.

I was blessed to be a part of the contemporary worship service in February. it was a wonderful service, so full of energy and joy. We are blessed with many talented young people who add so much to this community and our ministry.

I have learned much during my short time with you and as I begin to contemplate my school plans, I know that my time in this wonderful community will be a great compliment to my learning at theological college. The future seems very bright right now and I look forward to continuing on this journey with all of you.

Always remember that my door is always open, unless it is closed...hahaha.

Peace and blessings,

Patrick Woodbeck

Staff Associate (resident of that “Extra” office)

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Giving from a Sense of Securities

C. Arthur Smith was a real United Church man. He had been a member all his life. In the various congregations that he attended over the years, he had held nearly every volunteer position and had often sung in the choir.

At age 97, Arthur called his minister, Rev. Jim at Britannia United Church in Ottawa and said, "I want to arrange a gift of securities in my will go to the congregation in memory of my wife, Isabel. Who should I talk to?" So Rev. Jim gave him the contact information for the regional Financial Development Officer.

Arthur was a very engaging man: physically able and quick of mind. He told wonderful stories about his life growing up around Magog in the Eastern Townships of Quebec and of his years working for Canada Border Services. He was also very astute about his finances. Over the years, he had taken great pride in his investments and held his broker in high esteem. Arthur Smith knew that it would be to his estate's best advantage if his gift was created by a donation of securities.

- The estate would receive a donation receipt for the full value of the shares to use against its income.
- It would pay no taxes on the capital gains. This would provide a significant tax saving, since he had held some of his stock for many, many years.
- The net result: more of his estate would be left to His family than if the stocks were sold and the proceeds donated.

After discussing the various alternatives with the Financial Development Officer, Arthur went to talk to his broker. And his broker had even another idea. "Arthur," he said, "why don't you donate the shares *now*? You can live without the money; you'll get all the tax advantages now; *and* you'll be able to see the gift in action while you're still living."

So that's what Arthur Smith did. In the spring of 2010, he donated a portfolio of his most favoured stocks to Britannia United Church, creating a sizeable gift to establish The Isabel Elizabeth Smith Memorial Fund. The principal is to be held for a future major capital project, but in the meantime, the congregation can use the income earned by the fund toward current expenses.

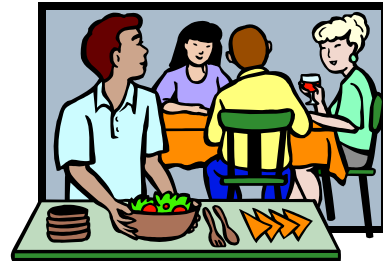
With Arthur and his family present, the congregation celebrated his gift and Isabel's memory at a Sunday morning service in May, 2010. Unfortunately, Arthur

died in January 2011, but he died as he had lived: with both a love and spirit of generosity toward the United Church and his congregation.

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Would you like to know more about donating publicly traded stocks, bonds or mutual funds? Donating them to your congregation and/or the programs, missions or funds of The United Church of Canada is easily done through The United Church of Canada Foundation.

For more information, contact:
Kathryn Hofley, Financial Development Officer
Prairie Region
The United Church of Canada
204-943-4844
khofley@united-church.ca



JOIN US FOR WPUC'S ANNUAL SPRING DINNER

APRIL 29th at 5 pm

SILENT AUCTION

GAMES AND PRIZES FOR
ALL!

Adults \$12, Youth \$7,
5 and under 'FREE'

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Outreach Council News

With your support, your Outreach Council is striving to give others a hand

...in the neighborhood. Preparations are under way to pack Spring Hampers for 10 families in need. The recipients are suggested to us by the administration in local schools. The hampers were delivered on Saturday, March 31st. Thank you to our volunteer drivers. The contents of the Spring Hampers are funded from the surplus left after your Christmas Hamper donations. The total of Christmas Hamper donations in 2011 was \$ 2,971 less the cost to prepare 25 hampers which was \$ 1,790, leaving a surplus of \$ 1,180 from which we will draw for the Spring Hampers.

....across the city. Monthly lunches continue to be prepared and served at West Broadway by our volunteers. If you can occasionally roll up your sleeves and bake some cookies or sling some hot dogs, please contact Diena Rodd for future dates.

If you are handy with a hammer or paintbrush, you might consider joining us for a Habitat for Humanity building project this summer. At this time, we are gauging interest in the congregation before making a commitment to provide a crew. Interested hands are asked to sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board by Luci's office.



....around the world. A refugee settlement committee has been established and an application has been submitted to sponsor a family. We will keep you updated as information becomes available.

In conclusion, we are delighted to welcome the following new members to the Outreach Council: Desiree McKay, Patricia Powell, Lori Pattle and Don Saindon.

Gwen Polak & Derek Read,
Co-Chairs, Outreach Council

Sunday School

Sunday School is always changing and these past few months have been no different. The grade 7-9 class made cakes resembling the five weeks of Advent and served them to the congregation on December 18. They are also busy painting symbols of the church on the wall. Watch as it is being transformed!

Sunday, March 4, was Sunday School's turn to serve coffee. We served cookies along with our famous Sundae Sundays to raise money for the preschool in Africa. Thanks to the generosity of the Windsor Park congregation we were able to raise \$170.82! Thank you to everyone.

All the children participated in the Walk through Holy Week on Sunday, March 18. We had it early because of how Spring break fell this year for the school year. Regular Sunday School will continue until May 6th and then watch for an exciting Spring Sunday School "Fruit of the Spirit" starting on May 13th!

Our library is continuing to grow under the watchful eye of Leanne and we hope to be able to have books for the children to "sign out" in September.

Sunday School was able to purchase their own overhead LCD projector and camera and we are using them to our advantage.

Our doors are always open if you should have any questions.

We continue to enjoy teaching your children and look forward to the coming months.

Respectfully submitted,

Sunday School Coordinating Committee

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United Church Women

We had a very successful cookie walk on Saturday November 26 making almost \$1200.00. We were the ushers, greeters and liturgists for the month of January and were on coffee for the month of February.

World Day of Prayer was held on Friday March 2 at St. Bernadette's.

We will be having an Open Meeting on Tuesday, April 24 at 7 pm in the lower level of the church. This meeting is open to ALL members of the church. Carol Fletcher will be speaking on One Hope Winnipeg. Monetary donations will be accepted at the door for One Hope.

This year is the 50th Anniversary of United Church Women and the UCW of Windsor Park United Church will be having a special service on Sunday October 28, 2012. Please watch for further details.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Saindon

UCW Executive President

AOTS (As One That Serves)

Windsor Park AOTS had one dinner meeting in January 2012 and the Valentine Brunch in February. Both events were very well attended, with good exchanges of ideas and fellowship. Our March meeting was held on March 26th at the church.

Upcoming events will include our help with the church services during the five Sundays in April when we supply liturgists, ushers and greeters.

In May we hold our windup barbecue dinner with spouses and friends. Anyone wishing more information, or desiring to attend one of our meetings, please contact Gordon Whyte or Charlie Klein through the church office.

In faith and service,

Charlie & Gordon.

Sparks

Sparks meet on Mondays from 6:30-7:30. We have regular meetings where we learn things like how to wash hands. We also do crafts, and learn about events and things around the world.

We have taken tours of the Firehall, learned about morse code on wave radio. We have had sleepovers at the aviation museum, been to a Goldeyes game, toured the zoo and had a camp fire by the Forks.

Every year it's a new adventure.

Thank you

Dawn

Guider for the 300th Sparks

WPUC Art Group

The art group has been meeting every Tuesday afternoon throughout the winter months.

Some of our artists will have their art for sale at the St. Vital Art Show at Meadowood U.C April 20 & 21. Others have their art on display and for sale at other art shows in the city.

We have some very gifted artists in our group. Come downstairs and visit us anytime.

You are welcome to join us. On May 1st, we will be having a watercolour workshop by Lil Gibson.

We will have our windup late May and begin again mid Sept. [Home](#)

Lent – Easter at Windsor Park United Church

April 3rd at 7 pm – Jewish Passover Seder

We are delighted to have Steven Hyman lead us
in a traditional family Seder here at WPUC.

April 6th at 10:30 am – Good Friday

April 8th at 10:30 am – Easter Sunday

THE FAITH OF OUR NEIGHBOURS

Friday, April 13th – **Sikhism**

We'll visit the Sikh Temple on Sturgeon Road and take part in one of their special celebrations.

Are you wrestling with something in your life that causes you sadness, grief or uncertainty? You may find prayer a great source of comfort and insight.

Services of Healing Prayer will be offered here at Windsor Park United Church on

Sunday April 22, 2012 at 7:30 pm

Come for a time of quiet worship featuring the music of Iona, Scotland and Taize, France.



LOOKING AT OUR FUTURE

Wednesday, April 25th 7:30-9:00 pm - **“Social media and websites - our church’s welcome mat at WPUC”**

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THE Baseball EVANGELIST

*By Garry Moir
Starring Marc Moir as Billy Sunday
From Looking Glass Productions, who brought us "Padre X"
"The Baseball Evangelist" is the story of baseball player turned evangelist Billy Sunday.
Full of action, music and is fun for the whole family.*



Friday, April 20th 7:30 PM
Windsor Park United Church
1062 Autumnwood Drive
Contact Lucy
256-8792
OFFICEWPUC@MYMTS.NET
To reserve a ticket
\$10



Exercises to Avoid

Appropriate exercise is important in maintaining good health, but the following activities can be injurious to your well-being and should be avoided:

- Jumping to conclusions
- Spinning your wheels
- Throwing your weight around
- Running down the other fellow
- Climbing the walls
- Pushing your luck
- Carrying a grudge
- Flying off the handle

One Man's Garbage

One man's garbage is another man's treasure. Did You Know 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.

Blankets for MB (for the needy and nursing homes) – Blankets that are knitted by several of our members. Wool may be dropped off at the church and left with Luci in the office.

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. [Home](#)