

# South Winds

Windsor Park United Church

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## From the study ...

The sun is blazing, the snow is gently melting and I saw my first geese of 2013! The Easter season of hope and anticipation has begun and it is time for joy! This is such a welcome relief after the long, snowy winter this year. Thankfully we had a couple of pleasant breaks against the darkness and frigid temperatures. Both the Mardi Gras and the Italian Night raised the bar for fun, food and silliness. Thanks to those who organized these terrific events. Another antidote to winter was a very successful walk with an interpreter from "Save our Seine". There is such diversity and wonder just outside our doors.



We are beginning a series of Confirmation classes. While they are designed for those seeking membership in the United Church, these sessions are open to anyone who finds the topics or speakers intriguing.

Patrick and I have been working hard to follow up on some of the suggestions that came out of our long range planning sessions last year. We learned that WPUC needs to work to raise our profile in the neighbourhood. Our parish encompasses a large geographic area with many new homes being built. Connecting with these folks will help to enliven our congregational life and our community.

Some of the ideas we'd like to implement in the coming months include:

- A walking group. We'll meet in locations around our neighbourhood to walk (and maybe bring our four-legged friends). This will be a great way to get fit and get to know the streets and parks outside our door.
- We intend to organize another educational walk along the Seine River. The ecosystem of the river changes with the seasons so it makes sense to take a summer walk
- We look forward to the resumption of the Wednesday afternoon summer coffee and conversation gatherings.
- Another summer book club is in the works. This is a great chance to read some good books, share lively conversation and just have a good time together.
- The big event on our 'wish list' is a **Parking Lot Party**. Our dream (or scheme) is to have a BBQ with a live band in the

church parking lot. This would be a family friendly event! We need a group of about five people to step forward and get this event off the ground. Who doesn't love a party!

We are delighted that Patrick has been accepted into the Distance Master of Divinity Degree Program at the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax. He will begin the class portion of his program with a six-week session in mid-July. It will be exciting for all of us to learn along with him.

Please enjoy this issue of Southwinds and consider what you might be able to share to make WPUC a lively, inspiring and serving fellowship of believers. Your ideas and skills will make all the difference!

Blessings,

*Sharon*

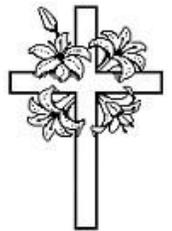
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## Our Church Family

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### We extend our sympathy to

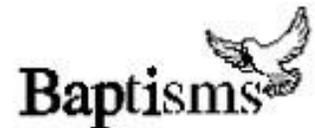
The Ramcharan Family on the passing of Randy (son of Elaine)  
The Henderson Family on the passing of Bill (husband of Joanne)  
The Will Family on the passing of Linda (wife/mother of Dale, Maria and Aaron)



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### We welcome by baptism

Marin Alexander Pierce (February 22/12) daughter of William & Jana  
William Fraser Pierce (February 22/12) son of William & Jana  
Thomas Handford Seadon (March 30/12) son of Dean & Lynette  
Bentley Jordan Magotiaux (September 20/12) son of Chris & Roberta  
Noah Carson Bially (November 7/12) son of Kyle & Christina



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## WPUC Garden Club 2013

Garden Club commenced on Tuesday March 05 with 10 members and as of March 26 there are 19 adult members (7 which are new) plus 3 junior members, (ages 10, 10, and 8) for a total of 22, The club meets every Tuesday at 7.00 pm from now until May 21<sup>st</sup>.

At the first meeting the members chose 22 varieties of flower seeds and 2 types of tomato seeds from the T&T seed catalogue. The next steps will be planting & then transplanting. The 3 junior gardeners have brought a whole new outlook to our club. They are so interested, inquisitive, attentive, and totally involved. They are a real delight. It is as though they are seeds that we are planting who will be part of the future of gardening.



**TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON**

*Ken Craig*

# Confirmation Class

## Session 2 Saturday April 20 10 am – 2 pm

*What do other faith groups believe???*

Donna Harris, President, Humanists, Agnostics and Atheists of Manitoba

Brenda Suderman, Free Press Religion Columnist

Jordan Bighorn, Winnipeg Bahai Community

## Session 3 Saturday May 4 10 am – 2 pm

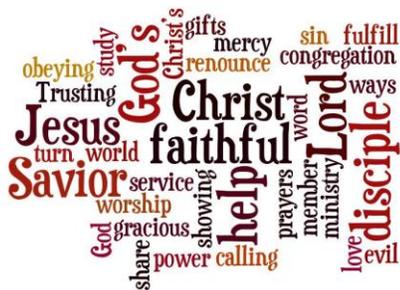
*We'll visit places where faith is in action:*

Rossbrook House

UCC Halfway Houses

The Legislature

CJOB Studio tour with Rev Greg Glatz host of "God Talk"



**Everyone** is welcome to attend  
any of these sessions!



## ITTA WAZZA GOOD!!!

A huge THANK YOU to all who volunteered and attended our Italian Dinner!

Everyone enjoyed a yummy pasta meal with all the fixings while being serenaded by John Lwiwski, on the accordion and his daughter Tonya, on the violin. The Montebruno Family provided a 'slide show' of their trip to beautiful Italy, while people enjoyed their meal!

And those SUNDAES were fun to make and of course, delicious to eat!

A total of \$728.00 was raised and has been donated to the 'General Fund'.

## Membership and Pastoral Care Council

MPCC members are Derek Read, Cindy Ayotte, Dawn Sherritt, Judy Kuffner, and Joyce Muir.

Here are their positions/duties on council for the next year:

Chair – Judy Kuffner

Co-chair – Cindy Ayotte

Secretary – Joyce Muir

Derek Read continues to send cards of well wishes.

Dawn Sherritt follows up after baptisms.

*Wilma Hunnie*

*Outgoing chairperson/member of MPCC*

## Moms 'n Tots

With only four weeks of Moms 'n Tots left, the Moms will spend their time painting pottery, doing exercises with Gail and planning some summer activities together with their children. This has been a great year for the Moms with lots of time to share stories and ideas. They have enjoyed making cards, wreaths, cupcakes, having breakfast out as well as some wonderful pot luck brunches. They have had guest speakers and book swaps as well as tasty goodies to enjoy with coffee and lots of "chat time". Thank you to Kerri Nelson and Lara Johnson for their leadership with the Mom's group.

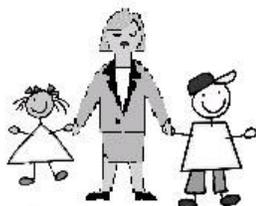
There have been very few babies for our caregivers to hold and cuddle so we were delighted with the arrival of two new babies. Congratulations to Pam Hunt on the arrival of Wyatt and Tracy Hargreaves on the arrival of Alexander. Thank you to Carol Nichol for her leadership upstairs and also to everyone who has provided such loving care for all of these little ones.

The Children downstairs have had lots of play time with the grandmas and grandpas as well as some interesting crafts to do. Thanks to Lillian Aird for preparing these activities with the children. Snack time is always a special time as it is their time with play dough. Thank you to the caregivers who come out each week to enjoy these very special children and also to those what have filled in during the time when our regular caregivers are away. You are greatly appreciated.

We wish everyone a wonderful summer and look forward to being back together on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 until 11:00 am.

Our Moms 'n Tots group is a free program that is run by volunteers from Windsor Park United Church. It is open to anyone in the community and provides an opportunity for moms with young children to come together and enjoy the company of other moms. The ladies plan their own program, take turns bringing a snack to go with coffee and also a snack for the children.

If you wish to join our group or are looking for more information, please call Ruth Klein at 256-6390 or email at [cklein2@mts.net](mailto:cklein2@mts.net). or call Lucy at Windsor park United Church at 256-8792.



## Worship Council

The Worship Council has worked very diligently over the past few months on the Lenten and Easter services. We would like to say a big thank you to all who participated and assisted with the services - your efforts were greatly appreciated.

Now that spring is here we are beginning our planning for summer worship. We are in the process of looking for other area churches with whom we can partner for Sunday worship over the summer months.

Some upcoming events to note are:

April 7th - David Stubel will perform a recitation of "Resurrection"

April 14th - communion

April 28th - Covenanting service for Patrick Woodbeck

May 5th- communion

May 12th - Mother's Day - baptism

May 19th - Pentecost

May 26th - Trinity Sunday

June 2nd - communion

June 9th - picnic

June 16th - Father's Day - baptism

Please come and join us.  
We look forward to seeing you.

Jennifer Rentz-Wright  
Council Chairperson

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## Announcement!

Patrick Woodbeck's application to the Master of Divinity Program has been accepted by the Atlantic School of Theology commencing the Summer Term 2013 in Halifax, NS.



**YAY PATRICK!!!**

## Outreach Council

Through the frosty months of winter, the Outreach Council has been involved in a variety of community activities, with the kind and constant support of the congregation.

During the Christmas season, WPUC members contributed a cheery variety of scarves, toques, gloves, etc. to decorate our Mitten Tree in the sanctuary. In early January, these items were gathered and delivered by Patrick Woodbeck to the Rainbow Ministry Day Care. Staff at the facility gladly accepted the task of distributing the items to children in need. Thank-you to all who contributed hand-made pieces or purchased winter accessories to support this project.



We continue to provide hot lunches to the clients of the West Broadway Community Ministry regularly each month. Our intrepid manager of human resources, Patricia Powell, contacts veteran and rookie volunteers to assist in this effort. Typically, volunteers transport supplies from our church to WBCM and prepare a hot dog lunch for their guests that day. Others send fruit or cookies for an added treat. The WBCM staff regularly thank us for this support and the clients always compliment the 'cuisine', especially the home baking. If you are interested in helping us as we continue this project in the coming months, please contact Patricia or myself for further information.



Donations of food, kitchen supplies and hygiene items that you place in the box at the front entrance of WPUC are picked up regularly and delivered to West Broadway. We appreciate your continued support and recognize with thanks the efforts of Derek Read and Don Saindon to collect and deliver the donations.



In March, Spring Hampers were prepared for the refugee families sponsored by WPUC. Funds remaining from your Christmas Hamper donations typically provide us with the money required to purchase perishable and non-perishable food items. Special thanks to our highly efficient Dena Rodd, for her help with shopping and packing. As well, kudos

must go to the driving/navigational teams of Joanne Stiver/Patricia Powell, Carman Davis/Bobby, and Desiree McKay who delivered the hampers. The families who received the hampers were all surprised and warmed by the gesture.

In April, some Outreach members will be assisting with food preparation and clean-up at the West Broadway Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. This event recognizes the many local volunteers who facilitate the daily operation at WB through their contribution of time and talent.

As well, we will meet with representatives from others churches in our "Upstream Cluster Group" to share experiences and brainstorm for new ways to support the organizations with whom we are partnered: WBCM, Rainbow Ministry, Winnipeg Church of the Deaf, and Aurora Family Therapy.



In the next months, we will continue to prepare and deliver lunches to WBCM. At times, almost 200 people were present on those chilly, winter days and we know that hunger does not take a holiday when the days get warmer. As we have done in the past, we will continue to make and deliver meals bi-monthly through August.

This year, we will be inviting aspiring/inspiring sandwich-makers and cookie-bakers to join us in the church kitchen to stir up a summer storm of our own... Dates and times will be announced in upcoming bulletins.

In closing, we wish to recognize the efforts of parting members, Virginia and Richard Kozicki, Dale Marciski, Dorothy and Derek Read.

In ways unique to each of them, they have given graciously of their time and talents to plan and realize Outreach projects this year and in the past. We will sorely miss Derek's leadership, organization and vision.

Gwen Polak  
Outreach Co-chair  
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**M**any of you are aware that Windsor Park United Church's UCW Unit 5 women have been working at a project since last May 2012

### "IT MAKES SENSE TO SAVE CENTS"

with the hope that \$1000.00 could be raised within 1 year.

The decision was made to give the money to enhance 'Bible Adventures'.



We are excited to report that we have reached over \$800.00 to date and hope to meet our goal by the end of May 2013. We'd like to thank everyone for your support! If you have any pennies and would still like to contribute, please bring them on Sunday for the 'penny jar' or leave them in the office with Luci.

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## Bible Adventures

As we wind down the official end of the regular session of Bible Adventures, we reflect back on what we have accomplished and what we have yet to do. The children are learning each and every week that they come, different Bible stories told in different and innovative ways by our teachers and assistants. We have done the Walk through Holy Week and the children remember from year to year just how this story unfolds. A celebration will be held in each of the classrooms on Sunday May 5 (last official regular session). Spring session begins on Sunday May 12- with HIP HOP HOPE for Jesus! It will be fun and exciting and maybe learn a few moves! We as a coordinating committee, would like to thank all our teachers and assistants for their dedication and hard work for the past 10 months.



Respectfully submitted,

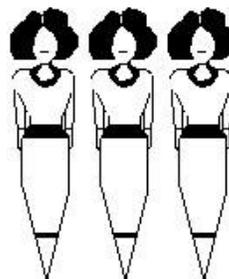
Bible Adventures Coordinating Committee

## United Church Women

The executive meets the first Monday of the month and this past winter has seen us postponing and rescheduling those meetings as it seemed every Monday. There was a snow storm! That being said all the other units managed to meet except for Unit 5 in March – yes, another snow storm!

An Open meeting was held on Monday, April 8- with Penni Rae Ozuk on Moving Made Easy- How to downsize. This will be an excellent way to gather items for the Annual Rummage Sale being held on Friday, May 24 (from 4-7) and Saturday, May 25 (9-12). Items may be dropped off at the church after Monday, May 20th.

Units are starting to wind down for the summer months but that won't stop anyone from joining any of our three units. Unit 5 meets the first Monday of the month in the afternoon (1pm), Unit 2 meets the second Tuesday of the month (7pm) and YAH's meet 2nd Friday of the month (7:30pm).



It's a wonderful opportunity to meet women for conversation and coffee (and whatever else they plan those days).

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Saindon, Chairperson  
United Church Women  
Executive

## Covenanting Service

Please plan to join us  
on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>  
at the church at  
10:30 am for  
Patrick Woodbeck's  
COVENANTING  
SERVICE!!



## WPUC Art Group

The **WPUC Art Group** is getting back to its full contingent with our snow birds returning. Meetings are held Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 to about 3:30. It is a very informal group with each of us working on our own projects.

We have had a few video workshops to pick up some new watercolor techniques.

On April 23 (1-4) we will have guest artist, Lynda Clogowski come in. If you are interested in attending, call Diena (204255-8627) or Carol (204256-5467) for further information. A nominal fee will be charged for non-members attending this workshop.

Our group will wind up for the summer sometime in late May depending when and if we can get into our gardens by then.

Respectfully submitted by  
Diena Rodd

## Thursday Morning Study Group

The Study Group has just finished an interesting 8 week D V D presentation:- Women Speak of God by the Wesley Ministry Network.

We were very pleased to welcome a few new participants which added to the discussions. We heard about the lives of very profound, dedicated women from the time when women were considered property, to the time when women came into their own. This study made us realize how much of our faith we take for granted and how much we have to be thankful for the courage of these women who came before us.

Starting April 11<sup>th</sup>, we will continue with our look into Rick Warren's series "Purpose Driven Life – What on Earth Am I Here For". There are only 6 more weeks left so why not plan on visiting with us Thursday mornings at 9:30 – 11:00 am for some interesting coffee and conversation.

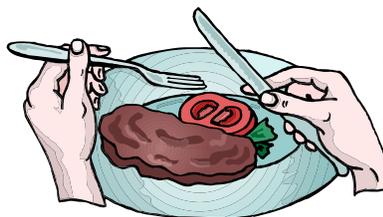
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**Spring Dinner, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.**

BEE  LIEVE or not

Spring is almost here and in celebration of that, we would like you to join us for our Spring Dinner.



There will be a scrumptious family-style roast beef dinner with games and a silent auction to follow.

Bring your family and friends!

For tickets, contact Luci at 256-7982.

Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$7.00 for youth (5-12 years) – five and under are free.

## Ramblings From the “Other” Office

Spring has “sprung” – well... maybe not ... as I sit in my office looking out my window on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of spring, thinking about this past year and a bit at Windsor Park United, and all I can see is snow. But like everything else, I am sure that spring will come. I write this during the season of resurrection and that theme seems to be very fitting this past little while here at the church. There have been some great things happening and some other things that I think might need a bit of resurrection.



Christmas 2012 – we once again went caroling as a congregation and we were blessed by the accompaniment of John Lwiwski on his accordion. We chose this year to go to a couple of senior buildings. The reception was wonderful and I believe we brought some Christmas cheer to all.

We also decided this year to do some caroling, early in the afternoon on a Saturday, just prior to Christmas outside of Safeway at Southdale, and Tim Horton’s at Sage Creek. I am very thankful for the small but mighty group that joined us that day and also for the permission of these two places of business that



allowed us to come on their property to sing. It was even better when one of the listeners decided to join in with us for a few carols at Safeway.

In February Windsor Park United Church hosted its first ever Mardi Gras – Talent Show and Pot-luck. This was a wonderful evening with over 70 persons attending. The food was amazing, and there was so much of it. The entertainment was fantastic; it is wonderful to see ALL of the talented people in this congregation offering their special and unique talents for the enjoyment of others. Last but not least the Emcee for the evening was “fabulous”. (if anyone has any of those pictures of me with the pink boa, how much for the negatives?) There has already been talk of next year’s event being bigger and better.

The youth have been very involved with worship this year, hosting a wonderful Remembrance Day service and the latest youth-led service in March around the theme of bullying. The talent of these young people is amazing and we are blessed to have them in our midst.

Pub Theology seems to be one of those things that is undergoing a resurrection this year. After a few stops and starts there seems to be a group of young adults who have expressed a real interest in getting together in a comfortable environment to have conversation around faith; what it is, what it means to us in the world

today, and how do we live out our faith in the world. I am excited about this possibility and hope that we can get some engaging conversation going.

This past year has been a great year for me at Windsor Park United. I have been given the opportunity to lead worship, become more connected to the community and grow in faith with all of you here. As I begin my education this coming summer, I look forward to many years of growing and learning with this community of faith.



*Patrick*

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## A.O.T.S

The men’s group of our church is open to men of all ages. No, it is not for retired men only. We are a group of all ages. We meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. We start with a great dinner prepared by a U.C.W. group. We follow this with an interesting speaker and then a short meeting.

Our group supplies financial aid to the youth of the church as well as West Broadway Outreach and Agape Table. Many members of our group are involved with various different activities in the church.

We have an evening of good food, good work and good fellowship. Come on out and join a great group of guys! Speak to either Bill or Gary. We are looking for YOU.

Respectfully submitted

Bill McOuat and Gary Garvey  
Co-chairs

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## WPUC Trustees

Thank you to Gordon Whyte, Charlie Klein, and Kal Kneeshaw who have completed their term.

And welcome to Derek Read, June Kaan, and Morris Deveson who have joined Sylvia Mann, Angela Moodie, Bill Harrison, Cal Pattle and Bob Harrison as our current trustees.

## Congregational Involvement and Communications Council

Once upon a time there was a committee called the CICC. They were a merry band of hardworking people who put on events for WPUC to give to the General Fund.

There was trouble in their land though, an evil dragon which they named **Deficit**, and they had to banish him, so they hosted a Mardi Gras with singers and poets and actors who entertained all with much delight!



They played curling games on ice with prizes and games and food a'plenty, all in an effort to raise money for the General Fund.

Alas it was not enough. The evil dragon **Deficit** was threatening to spoil all that the parishioners enjoyed!

So the CICC conspired to have a feast for all, and called it **SPRING DINNER**, in hopes that they would be able to slay the enormous dragon. They will serve mashed potatoes and vegetables and jellied salads for all (along with roast dragon, we hope!) on April 28th, served at your table to help the family be strong.



There will be tables in the 'town square' for the people of the land to buy trinkets and baubles to help 'slay the dragon' in hopes that there will once again be joy in the land of WPUC.

If not, there is always the June picnic!

## Refugee Settlement Committee

We would like to renew your acquaintance with the refugee family our church sponsored last year. Since their arrival in Winnipeg last July, they have become firmly immersed in Canadian life.

Hanifa and her four children live in a three bedroom apartment on Ellen Street. They have quickly adapted to their first winter in Winnipeg and all four children are making excellent progress in school.

### Here is how you can help

After what seems like an exceptionally long winter we are all looking forward to the arrival of warmer weather. In preparation for the summer season, we are soliciting donations of "**gently used**" **summer clothing** for the children and a **Window Air Conditioner** would be most helpful to provide some cooling for their apartment..

Our suggestions for clothing sizes are as follows:

The oldest son—size 9/10

The twin girls—size 7 / 8

The youngest son—size 6

Anyone with availability of any of these items can contact Marlene McKay at [marlene.mckay@me.com](mailto:marlene.mckay@me.com) or by phone at 254-5866.

Thank you to everyone for your anticipated generosity.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Refugee Settlement Committee,  
Derek Read

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## WATCH FOR:

More information about our



Rummage Sale on May  
24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

and the 'Church Picnic on  
June 9th.





Dear congregation of WPUC,

I hope you had a Happy Easter.

As promised at the Annual Meeting, we are updating you on our financial state. Sadly, we still have a deficit of \$13,769.16 and are on track to have a year-end deficit around \$17,500.00. We are in danger of running out of cash over the summer to pay our bills and may be forced to reduce our staffing.

We need 40 of us to pledge to give an extra \$40 per month to the General Fund for the next 2 years starting this month. The term '40-for-40' has been coined to describe this commitment. With this commitment our deficit this year will be much closer to zero and next year's budget will look a lot better. We are also on track to have the Lift loan paid off in 2014.

Please let Luci at [officewpuc@mymts.net](mailto:officewpuc@mymts.net) know that you have made the '40-for-40' commitment, or any other commitment amount. I will be providing regular updates of our financial position and the consequences of that position.

Thanks for your prayerful consideration,

Doug Waldron,  
Chair, Finance and Stewardship

In the interest of good stewardship, we are trying to email the SouthWinds and other communication from the church whenever possible. Please email Luci at [officewpuc@mymts.net](mailto:officewpuc@mymts.net) and you will receive your next SouthWinds online. If your address changes, please let us know. Thank you.