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From the study

I am writing to you in the midst of my sabbatical. This is a very special time for me. I am able to read, reflect and write in a way that rarely happens in the organized chaos of church life.

This time is special for our family as well. In August, our daughter Erin married Sam Smeaton in an intimate service in Kelowna, BC. We are so happy for them and proud of their many accomplishments. In September, Rick and I will celebrate our 10th wedding anniversary. Son Andrew and his partner Catherine have moved into their first home and will be welcoming our second grandchild in time for Christmas. So it is a busy and significant time for our family.

It has been especially important to focus on family time in this sabbatical. In ministry I have always felt the call to attend to the needs of the congregation in a timely fashion. This has often meant time away from my own family. They have been very flexible and understanding, but I know it has had an impact on

them. Long ago when I was asked to apply for the position at WPUC I included in my package of information my personal mission statement. I started it with this statement: "Created by God, I am called to live in relationships of love with my family, with the church and with the world." As much as I tried to put my family first, it required more than a bit of juggling in the world of ministry where so much is unscheduled, unexpected and urgent.

As we look forward to the coming church year I want to affirm the core values that I hold and I think reflect our congregation.

People matter here. All people matter regardless of age, sex, ethnicity or health. We embody the way of Christ in caring for each other, learning from one another and working together to transform the world.

This is a place where families of two, three and four generations gather to worship and study and play together. You can count on Jesus coming up in conversation here. We

don't shy away from speaking about our faith.

You'll also witness us wrestling to put our faith to work in the world beyond the church. Whether we're a child dealing with a schoolyard bully or an adult encountering a banking error in your favour, we need to know the grounding of decision-making. We need to be equipped to make choices of right and wrong, of good and bad, of just and unfair. We strive to pull all the pieces together so that individually and as a community, we can live faithfully and in balance.

As always, we have a full, diverse and creative program starting now. Come and explore the Spirit's call. You may be surprised where it takes you!

Blessings always,

Sharon



Finance and Stewardship Council

This very short summer season now feels even shorter with September upon us. In June, the Finance Council hosted our volunteer counters and Trustees to a BBQ supper and conversation. The supper was almost as good as the conversation which was about the state of the church finances and what we should do about it. We left that gathering feeling very hopeful and energized for our future.

It was determined that any fund raising efforts should also have an element of stewardship. That element would be fund raisers that should include other members of our community and not just members of the congregation. This is the embodiment of our mission statement -- "...seeks to be a welcoming community..." .

We can also take inspiration from the parable of the sower (Luke 8 1:15) and pray that some seeds fall on fertile ground.

The Board challenged us to have fund raisers that don't involve selling tickets and ensure that all age groups and tastes have an opportunity to participate.

Lastly, the Trustees advised that the Finance Council should share in these opportunities and challenges. To that end, Morris Devenson volunteered to contact the Country Blend Band, which has been booked for Thursday, November 6th.

We have our Applebee's Pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 5th, which needs another 10 volunteers and 150 tickets to be sold.

We should be celebrating the fulfilment of the Lift Loan before 2015 since the current balance is close to \$5,600.

We would like have an event hosted by WPUC every 6 weeks or so as part of Mission Statement and good church stewardship. If we all make use of the common website church calendar that Sharon/Patrick/Luci maintains there shouldn't be any scheduling conflicts.

The Finance and Stewardship Council looks forward to working with you on these important endeavors.

Doug Waldron

Finance and Stewardship Chair

Membership and Pastoral Care

We are the Council that cares for you.

We care that you are well, that you are fed, that you feel your membership in the United Church of Canada is important and that you are not alone when you need someone ... however, we can't do this without the help of everyone in the church. We ask that you call Judy Kuffner (204-256-9101) if you know that someone needs help in any area – if, of course, it requires Sharon's or Patrick's attention, please call the office.

Please let us know when someone you know is not feeling well, is admitted to hospital or is simply alone in their apartment with no

outside connections etc..

We need more members on our Council and drivers to pick up people and bring them to church. In this regard, we are asking anyone interested in the care of their church family to call Judy Kuffner and please volunteer – you will not be asked to do anything that makes you uncomfortable but whatever you choose to do will be very rewarding!

In addition, our Council gives "Thinking of You" baskets to anyone who in the past year, has had issues with health, job loss, bereavement or any other of a myriad of life issues. If you are interested in

donating something to this – please feel free to give jams, jellies, home baked goods (they love those!!), toiletries, etc.

We generally do about 40 baskets so if you have the "where with all " to contribute 40 parcels – it really helps us make up the baskets but, if not, we will work with it.

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR ANY AND ALL YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!!

We look forward to hearing from you!

Judy

for your M&PC Council



"We are the Council that cares for you...with the help of everyone in the Church."

We extend our sympathy to:

- The Field Family on the passing of Sharon
- The Wirth Family on the passing of Douglas
- The Lewis Family on the passing of Joan
- The Muir Family on the passing of Robert
- The Spicer-Bohonos Family on the passing of Pauline



We welcome by baptism:

- Reena Quinn Saurette (Aug. 17, 2013) daughter of Joel & Ashley
- Hunter James Frank Welbers (Jul. 23, 2013) son of Bradley & Kandis
- McKenna Avery Sernowsky (Mar. 29, 2004) daughter of Dwayne & Candace
- Blaikley Arlene Jamie Shidel (Nov. 10, 2013) daughter of Tony & Krista
- Ella Kimberley May Shidel (Nov. 10, 2013) daughter of Tony & Krista
- Maxim Edouard Gregory Jobin (Aug. 4, 2014) son of Remi & Jennifer
- Abram Kye Morales (Aug. 15, 2014) son of Leo & Sharla

We congratulate on their marriage:

- Graeme Brown & Craig Gibb on June 7, 2014
- Wesley Unger & Tanya Tulyk on June 28, 2014
- Denis Durand & Michelle Bottrell on July 19, 2014
- Derrick Proctor & Leanne Mann on August 2, 2014
- Adam Slovinsky & Taylor Wakeham on August 15, 2014
- Brent Bacon & Alana Gallagher on August 31, 2014



Worship Council

We hope that everyone had a fantastic summer!

September 14th is Welcome Back Sunday!

Our Worship Choir will be back in full swing.

Bible Adventure's first class will start September 21st. We are excited about their new format and look forward to exploring the bible together.

We are happy to announce that Patrick is licensed for all the sacraments for a full year. We are also excited that he has completed another term at The Atlantic School of Theology. Way to go Patrick!

We welcome Sharon back from Sabbatical September 28th. We hope her travels were enjoyable.

World Wide Communion will focus on the Syrian Christian Community on October 5th. Come and experience a different communion with incense and Sourdough bread!

October 12th and 19th are Thanksgiving Day Sunday and World Food Sunday respectively. We will be collecting much needed foodstuffs for the West Broadway Community Ministry.

Remembrance Day Sunday, November 9th will focus on the 100 year anniversary of WWI and the

70 year anniversary of WWII with personal memories, stories and vignettes.

There's a promise that will be revealed during our Advent Services this year. We will have three very different services on December 24th; something for everyone!

New members are needed to provide their time and talents on the Worship Council. If you are interested in adding to our worship, learn more about our fantastic Church Community and make new friends please contact Linda Stewart at 204-235-0047 or Luci at the office.

Linda Stewart, Chair

Ramblings from the Other Office

A number of years ago we were visiting my brother, who had an old country kitchen chair hanging by the ceiling of his front porch. On the seat of the chair was a reproduction of Salvador Dali's "The Persistence of Memories." For those of you not familiar with Dali's work this is the painting with the melting clock. What ensued that afternoon was a lively discussion around the idea of memories and what they could possibly have to do with a melting clock. My youngest son was sitting quietly, listening to the conversation, when all of a sudden he said that it all made perfect sense to him. So I asked him to explain it to me. He said that sometimes memories are so strong that time seems to fade away (melting clock) in the face of those memories. I was thinking about that as I prepared to write this submission for the Southwinds.

It has been almost 3 years since I joined you here at Windsor Park United and when I think back to my coming, time truly does fade away, as it seems like only yesterday I was that nervous one coming through those front doors for the first time.

Many things have changed since that time and one of the biggest has been within me. I have grown considerably since coming here and I truly thank God that I have been blessed with a community that has helped me grow, challenged me to become more than what I was, and supported me through some

tough times in life. We truly are on a journey together and I know that there will be times ahead when we might feel lost and set adrift, but trusting in each other and in God will help us all reach the proverbial other shore.

I have completed my second summer at the Atlantic School of Theology and as I prepare to begin my fall class I think back on all I have learned in my classes and from this community as I integrate that learning into my understanding of God, church and community.

I look forward to the coming year. I am excited to once again connect with the youth and young adults of the congregation through the Youth Group and possibly a newly formatted Young Adults Group.

One of my learning goals this year will be regarding Christian Education and so I am excited (and if I am honest a bit terrified) by the prospect of running some type of Christian education this coming year.

Once again it looks like it will be a year of growth. I look forward to the challenges ahead; the new ideas, the new learning and I know that this is where God intends me to be.

Patrick Woodbeck



Bible Adventures

It's hard to believe we have come full circle again and we are ready to begin another exciting year in Windsor Park United Church's Bible Adventures.

We will be taking registration on Sunday September 7 and 14th (but of course it's always open!).

We have many new faces joining us as teachers and assistants with an exciting, adventurous and innovative year planned.

As always, many of our

teachers are involved with the Praise Team- Contemporary services and on those days, we alternate teachers taking on an open session.

We begin regular Bible Adventures on Sunday September 21 but we are having open sessions on September 7 and 14. We welcome all children ages 3- grade 9 and the baby fold is available for those under 3. We are having those younger children join us for sing along to help them integrate into Bible Adventures.

As always, we are available for any questions, suggestions or just to chat.

Please see Gloria Saindon, Patrick Woodbeck, Leanne Falconer, Douglas Gauthier or Maria Will for any questions you may have.

**Bible Adventures
Coordinating Committee**

Christian Development Committee (CDC)

We are pleased to be starting up the CDC committee once again this fall with Heather Burnett, Pat Lumsden, Laura Steidl, Paulette Cote and Patrick Woodbeck. We welcome other members who have an interest in joining.

Our first meeting is planned September 10th at 7:00 pm at the Church. Please contact Luci to join our committee.

Acting Chair, Paulette Cote



Windsor Park United Church

CRAFT SALE

1062 Autumnwod Drive

Saturday, Sept. 27, 10 am to 4 pm

Free Admission

There will be a canteen lunch and a bake sale too!

The cost for renting a table is \$25.00. Please contact Judy 254-1040 or Luci 256-8792.

Bring a friend and check out all the amazing crafts and home baked goods we will have for sale!

Can you help?

The Worship Council is asking for donations of food for WEST BROADWAY on THANKSGIVING DAY SUNDAY OCTOBER 12TH and on WORLD FOOD SUNDAY OCTOBER 19TH.

The list of items is as follows:

- Coffee
- Coffee whitener
- Peanut butter
- Ready to eat canned beans etc.
- Sugar
- Cheese whiz
- Tuna / canned meat

United Church Women (UCW)

I hope everyone had a good summer and enjoyed the time away from structured schedules.

On July 17th, the UCW executive undertook a lunch for 50 volunteers of the Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build happening around Nairn Ave. We delivered a lasagna luncheon with rye bread, coleslaw and dainties. Volunteers at St. Gerard's school did the serving.

The UCW welcomes women who

might be interested in becoming involved in a women's fellowship group here at Windsor Park.

Unit 2: meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 7 pm.

YAH'S: meet the 2nd Friday of the month @ 7:30pm.

Unit 5: meets the 3rd Monday of the month @1pm.

All meetings are held at the

church. Please call Alana Davis@ 254-8535 if you need more information.

The UCW executive members are: President: Alana Davis; Past President: Gloria Saindon; Treasurer: Diena Rodd; Secretary: Margo Baldwin; Representatives from the YAH'S : Maria Will and Stacy Bosak.

We usually meet the 1st Monday of the month@7pm. and try hard to keep our meetings to an

hour.

The UCW has rented a table at the Craft Sale happening on September 27th. Donations of home baking would be much appreciated. Please no refrigerated items or with whipped cream.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alana Davis

2015 Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario

Local Arrangements Committee Needed for the 2015 Conference of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario Annual Meeting - May 28-31, 2015

Do you have talents and gifts of organization? Hospitality?

The Winnipeg Presbytery will be hosting the 2015 Conference of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario Annual Meeting, May 28-31, 2015 at the Duckworth Centre, University of Winnipeg.

We are in need of people who would be willing and able to be a part of the **Local Arrangements Committee**.

There are a wide variety of talents and gifts needed to coordinate the arrangements for up to 350 delegates for:

- food/coffee breaks
- receptions;
- flowers;
- transportation;
- accommodations;
- organization
- coordination;

- setting up/taking down/clean-up;
- audio-visuals and displays to name a few.

If you would be willing to work together with other like-minded people for this important venture, please contact Maggie Zoske in the Winnipeg Presbytery office at 204-954-2900 or mzoske@wpgpres.ca

Can't wait to hear from you!



"There are a wide variety of talent and gifts needed to co-ordinate this event."

Miscellaneous

A REMINDER!

Because of the high cost of postage we will not be mailing the SouthWinds anymore. You may receive your copy of the SouthWinds by email or pick-up a hard copy at the church.

If you are not receiving the SouthWinds and wish to receive our newsletter, along with emails from the church, to **Subscribe** to our bulk email list, go to: <http://www.windsorparkunitedchurch.com/congregation-email-subscribe/>

If you have changed your email address, go to the site below to **Unsubscribe** your old email address. Then go to the above link to **subscribe** with your new email address.

<http://www.windsorparkunitedchurch.com/congregation-email-unsubscribe/>

Sign-up for GOLF DAY! on Sunday September 21st beginning at 2 pm at the Canoe Club followed by supper here at WPUC between 5 – 5:30 pm.

Bring a prize... Get a prize!

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the water cooler.



WPUC Art Group

The art group will be commencing Tuesday, Sept. 9th. We meet every Tuesday from 1-3:30 P.M. In the South room.

An annual membership fee of \$40 is collected. This goes toward bringing in guest artists to enhance our art work.

All are welcome as well as any medium. Drop in for a visit and see what we are about!

Respectively submitted,
Carol Belsham

Coffee and Conversation

July and August 2014

Thank you to all the ladies who volunteered their time to set up, clean up and provide delicious goodies to enjoy with the refreshments provided.

These Wednesday afternoon gatherings were well attended and enjoyed.

There were times when fresh garden vegetables were available for the taking!

Alana Davis



“Enjoy a
short stack
for a tall
cause..”

Applebee's

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You are invited to an Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast to support

WINDSOR PARK UNITED CHURCH

Tickets are \$10.00

70% of the proceeds will be donated to the church.

When: Sunday, October 5, 8:00 am to 10:00 am

Where: Applebee's 1598 Regent
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Thursday Morning Study Group

We have had a number of “Moody Manitoba Mornings”, (as the song goes), that took over our usual sunshine this summer however this has not dampened our groups curiosity about how our beliefs came to be.

We are looking forward to a new and very informative DVD presentation titled “Religions of the World” narrated by Ben Kingsley. It's a look into how religions and their customs evolved.

Journey with us as we discover:- why we believe - what we believe – where our beliefs originated and how those struggles changed history –

This presentation is exploring Buddhism – Hinduism – Islam – Judaism – Protestantism and Catholicism – It is done in such a way that each religion is a separate presentation. This way you can decide to come to all or only to those that interest you. Each

presentation is always followed by a thought provoking interesting discussion.

So please feel free to join us Thursday mornings starting October 16th, 2014 at 9:30 until approx. 11:00am where you will find a welcoming enthusiastic group having a cup of coffee and preparing to learn about the religions of our neighbors.

Alice Hastings

Communication and Congregational Involvement Council

I think I need a starter pistol. September is always a hurdle race, with the **Welcome Back Luncheon** on *September 14* (\$5 adults/\$2 children under 12) as our 1st jump.

Keep running until

September 21 for our **Golf Tournament** (\$25 adults/\$20 youth or \$5 dinner guest) Sign up as a team or individual beside Luci's office ;0)

But wait! The race isn't over yet! We have the **Craft Sale** on

September 27 (10 am- 4:00pm) complete with CICC Canteen for lunch. Whew! Good thing it's a relay, and I have a wonderful team of "runners".

Judi Olson Chiswell

Outreach Council

For many of us, summer offers a welcome break from our routines. For others, there is no break from the daily challenge to meet basic survival needs. This season, members of your Outreach Council and supportive friends have been helping in their own ways by...

FILLING THE PLATES.

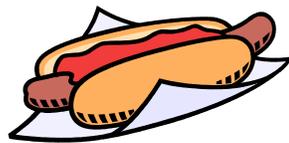
The kitchen staff at West Broadway Community Ministry has seen an increase this summer in the number of guests who line up for the lunches served there. Our volunteers served between 90 and 150 people during our bi-weekly visits. We prepared and offered 4 meals this summer. One lunch that was particularly enjoyed by the WBCM guests featured pancakes and sausages.

The funds for that special lunch were provided by donations made in memory of Ian Aird. Upcoming lunches are planned to use the remaining funds. We sincerely thank Lil and her family for supporting Outreach and WBCM while honouring Ian.

Kudos must also go to Lil Aird, Margo and Wayne Baldwin, Diena Rodd, Joyce Deveson, Evelyn and Gary Day, Patricia Powell, and Dorothy Allen for donating their time and talents to prepare/serve various lunches over

the summer. Many hands make light work...and incredibly light, fluffy pancakes...

We plan to continue providing lunches throughout the coming year. Each visit lasts about 2-3 hours one Thursday each month. If you would be willing to assist us at any time with the preparation and serving of a simple lunch (often hot dogs), we would welcome your help. Car-pooling can often be arranged. Please contact our loyal and friendly mascot, Bill McQuat, or myself for further information.



FILLING MORE PLATES. In October, volunteers will donate turkeys and pies for the Fall Supper organized by the Rainbow Ministry. The supper is the main fundraiser for the ministry.

STOCKING THE PANTRY. Gord and Shirley Goossen have kindly taken on the task of collecting and delivering groceries to West Broadway since spring. The groceries are used for the lunch program as well as to stock their emergency supply pantry. Items most urgently required at this time include hygiene items, coffee,

creamer, sugar, and sandwich-making supplies such as peanut butter and cheez whiz. If you would like to donate items, please place these in the labelled boxes/bins inside the front entrance of WPUC.

We are also looking for individuals to pick up/deliver non-perishables to West Broadway in the coming months to give the Goossens some much-deserved time off. If you are interested, please speak with me.

SHOPPING FOR CHRISTMAS. We have made our shopping list and begun bargain-hunting for the non-perishable items needed for Christmas hampers. We plan to prepare and deliver 20 hampers to families in the area who are referred to us by the Christmas Cheer Board. Further information about how you can support this effort will be announced in November.



Respectfully submitted,
Gwen Polak



“Many hands make light work.”

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Moms 'n Tots

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The Moms 'n Tots program begins on Wednesday October 15th from 9:30 am until 11:00 am. We welcome any Moms wishing to participate in this program.

The program gives Moms with young children an opportunity to socialize, have coffee and participate in activities that are planned by the group. Coffee is provided by the church and the ladies take turns bringing a snack to have with their coffee as well as juice and a snack for the children.

The children are cared for

by volunteers from our congregation. Toys, crafts, play dough, games, storytelling 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 spend time 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 fun and enjoys children, to come out and volunteer.

Join us for a wonderful fall season.

Ruth Klein

A.O.T.S.

What a great social evening we had at our annual B.B.Q. wind up. It gives one a good feeling to see how important our club is to the fellowship of our church. And yes, ladies, men can cook.

To gather together with such a great group of people gives a person a nice warm feeling. And it did not hurt that it was also a successful fund raiser for our club. The upcoming year will be a very interesting and enjoyable one. We have some informative speakers and delicious meals provided by U.C.W.

Come out and give our club a try. If you were a member in the past and have drifted away, come on back. We have a new life and direction which we are sure you will enjoy.

The fellowship in our club is some thing to experience,

Gary Garvey & Bill McOuat

WPUC Garden Club Report

After all is said and done, the 2014 Garden Club can be deemed a real success, considering that we only had 10 members. During the 12 times that we met, we accomplished more than we expected. With friendship, fellowship, and "gardenship", we had a good harvest and made a bit of money.

Garden Club financial report balance as of May 20, is \$214.56.

We will have to assess the continuation of the Garden Club for 2015 as the membership numbers continues to lessen.

Submitted, Ken Craig