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## From the study

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken. ~James Dent

Sadly, I write this having walked through frozen puddles this morning. It pays not to plan outdoor activities on the May long weekend in Manitoba! That said, summer is upon us with anticipation for long days and flourishing gardens.

For many of you it will usher in the annual pilgrimage to the cottage. I remember with such fondness the last day of school as a child, rushing home to a car full to bursting with provisions for summer at the lake. For two full months, we were liberated from shoes and so many of the routines of city life. We could ride our bikes for miles, climb trees at our peril, explore forests and farms. It was a time of enormous freedom and happiness.

Some of our regular

programs take a rest over the summer, however, worship and Bible Adventures continue until the end of June.

During that month, we'll be celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the United Church of Canada. On June 14<sup>th</sup> we invite you to arrive early for worship and bring something to make noise—a bell, cymbals, a drum—at 10:15 am on the church lawn.

On June 21<sup>st</sup> we'll celebrate Father's Day, baptism and the last performance of the Worship Choir for the season.

Once again we are blessed to share summer worship with our wonderful neighbours, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. We will be hosting services in July at 10:00 am. If you can help with hosting, coffee or snacks or acting as liturgist, please let me know.



In August we will be worshipping at Prince of Peace. We are so grateful to Rev. John Giroux and the leadership team.

I will be in town throughout July /August this year so feel free to drop by the church or call if you have any concerns.

Patrick will be in Halifax for most of June and all of August. He will also be attending the 42<sup>nd</sup> General Council of the United Church in Cornerbrook, Nfld in mid-August. We are delighted that he has been chosen a delegate by Winnipeg Presbytery and look forward to the stories and insights he will bring back to us.

So, may your summer be filled with lazy days and restful times with family and friends.

Watch special summer activities at WPUC. You never know what good ideas someone will come up with!

Blessings always,  
Sharon

## One Man's Garbage is Another's Treasure

Did you know that we collect the following?

- Bread Bag Date Tabs – These are passed on to St. Martyrs and used in crafts to raise funds for wheelchairs in Third World Countries. Deposit in the corner drawer in the back of the sanctuary.
- Aluminum Pop Cans – (preferably squished flat) These are passed on to the Shriners to help fund travel for sick children from the North. Deposit in the large bin in the upstairs 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.
- Used Postage Stamps – These are passed on to the Bible Society to provide funds for the purchase of Bibles. Remove the corner with stamps from the envelope. We also have a stamp collector who uses some of the stamps. Deposit in the corner

drawer in the back of the sanctuary.

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



## Congregational Involvement

Today feels more like winter than spring, again.

Part of me is glad to curl up in front of the fireplace with a cup of tea instead of doing the annual cleaning routine! Then the guilt sets in and things get done. Sort of like writing for Southwinds, deadline in a mere 13 hours!

It's not as if we haven't been busy serving coffee in February, then with our Curling event in March. We had almost 70 guests with curlers and their plus one's and

almost ran out food!

Our Spring Dinner with the new menu was a big success. And weren't the Barbershop Quartets wonderful!

We are looking for multiple volunteers (and committee members) for future functions on the calendar, such as the annual Picnic in June and the Craft Sale in October.

They are needed as this is my final event as chairman of the CICC. I have thoroughly enjoyed

my time with this energetic group, and plan on helping out when I can because they have truly become friends, without whom there would be no party!

With you in faith,

*Judi Olson Chiswell*

## Our Church Family

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### We extend our sympathy to:

The Cairns Family on the passing of Dorothy

The Kidd Family on the passing of Muriel

The Mitchell Family on the passing of Marion

The Delf Family on the passing of Ken

The Hunnie Family on the passing of Patricia

The Olensky Family on the passing of Nancy

The Braun Family on the passing of Ed

The Sulkers Family on the passing of Bob

The Pikl Family on the passing of Edward

### We welcome by baptism:

Milo Andreas Caporicci (August 19, 2014) son of Mario & Coleen

James Brian Rennie (January 22, 2015) son of Benjamin & Jessie-Lee

Kaison Andrew Lawrence Chief (February 18, 2015) son of James & Karen

Rhys Donald Storie Carswell (January 5, 2015) son of Lindsay

Mackenzie Brynn Percival (April 7, 2015) daughter of James & Jasmine



### We congratulate on their marriage

Murray Kehler and Maria Will on January 17, 2015

Robert Brown and Carman Davis on February 28, 2015

Rory Anderson and Hillary Wilson on May 2, 2015



## One of Manitoba's Top 40 Under 40!

Dr. Allison Dart is one of only 4 pediatric nephrologists (kidney doctors for children) in Manitoba. She is part of a team that provides highly specialized and technically complicated care to children from Manitoba, Northwestern Ontario and parts of Nunavut.

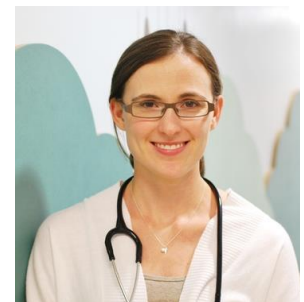
Allison leads in the CRRT program, which provides lifesaving intensive care dialysis to children who are critically ill. Dr. Dart is the pediatric lead on the FINISHED team, which works with First Nations communities throughout Manitoba to screen for early kidney disease.

As a researcher at the Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba, she is also a member of the DREAM (Diabetes Research Envisioned and Accomplished in MB) research team. She is also leading the iCARE study, which is nationally funded to figure out the bio-psycho-social factors contributing to early kidney disease.

To conclude, she is the MB representative and co-chair of 2 CANN NET committees that identifies knowledge translation opportunities aimed at improving the care of patients. She manages to do all this while raising two small boys with her husband

Brent.

Congratulations to Allison!! (and Mom Linda)



# Finance and Stewardship

As we leave the season of Easter with feelings of joy and hope, our current reality is a \$13,485.56 deficit which is \$3,424.84 **more** than last year at this time. We have concern because our current deficit is worse than our budgeted deficit and that by year's end, we may not break even.

We just received another M&S certificate for our very generous givings in 2014.

The Boiler Fund has a current balance of \$13,223.99 and plans are being put in motion to have the new system in place over this summer for a total price of approximately \$30,000. The next hurdle we face is maintaining the service level we value.

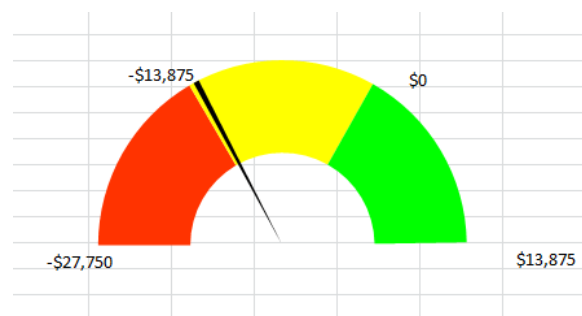
Giving Gifts of Publicly Traded Securities are an attractive option. When you transfer to the Windsor Park United Church gifts of shares, bonds, bills, warrants, futures, or units of mutual funds listed on a prescribed public stock exchange, you will not pay tax on any capital gain. Because you also qualify for a charitable tax receipt based on the asset's fair market value, the net cost of a gift of securities may be less than a gift of an equivalent amount of cash depending on your tax bracket and the amount of capital gain you would incur.

The process of gifting securities is simple. At your direction, your broker will electronically transfer your securities to WPUC. The Finance Council knows the few fine details that your broker requires to make the transfer. The church then sells the stock on the day your gift is received. Based on the sale price, the WPUC issues you a charitable tax receipt for 100 percent of the funds

received. You may also wish to consider donating listed securities in your will instead of making a cash bequest. Because capital gains will not be taxed, your estate may realize considerable tax savings that may increase the amount going to your beneficiaries.

Our Financial Barometer - after months of meetings and trials, the Finance Committee has developed a visual aid to supplement our monthly financial summary which provides better clarity to our financial position versus the yearly budget.

Like a weather barometer, our barometer has zones that go from "stormy" red, "cloudy" yellow and "sunny" green. The border value from stormy to cloudy is the budgeted deficit of -\$13,875. The border value between cloudy and sunny is \$0. The black pointer shows where the current surplus (deficit) falls on the financial barometer



Doug Waldron

It doesn't seem that long ago that I was writing this and here we are again and it feels a little like Spring.

At the time of this writing we have just completed the Lenten season and now are moving on to the final weeks of the "formal" part of Bible Adventures.

We had a very successful "Sundae Sunday" raising money for the African preschool and thanks to everyone who helped support this important endeavour.

We would like to thank Alice Hastings for obtaining the "little" brown and white chairs

## Bible Adventures

for the nursery and kindergarten area. They are very much appreciated after the tall tippy chairs we had in the past.

As the year begins to wind down, we are already looking towards next year for teachers and assistants.

Windsor Park continues to grow its youth involvement and it particularly shines in its Bible Adventures. If you are interested or know of someone that would like to help us out, please see Patrick or myself.

I would like to welcome

Sarah Clossen and Heather Karavas to the coordinating committee. They both bring a lot of enthusiasm to the Bible Adventures.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Saindon



## PROPERTY

All is progressing fine for the new church boiler. the contract was awarded in April for a new boiler that will be 92 percent efficient. Our current boiler is only 60 percent efficient. The approximate gas heating savings will be over 2000.00 a year. To be installed in July or August 2015. All other maintenance is as usual with snow clearing below budget... as of now.

Submitted by Wayne Baldwin and Bill Belsham.

*Woo Hoo! Community Places' has approved a grant for \$6,500.00 to help offset our costs in the replacement of our boiler.*

THE 2015 AOTS ANNUAL STEAK BBQ WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.

There are a limited number of tickets available at a cost of \$20.00 each (incl. taxes and gratuity.)

Tickets may be purchased from Major Rodd, Gordon Goossen or Bill McOuat.

NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR.



## A.O.T.S

We are coming to the end of a good season. I think we have had some good fun and done some good work.

Some new people along with old friends have shown interest in joining our club.

We have designated West Broadway as our prime mission. Money raised at our B.B.Q. can buy a lot of food for their kitchen.

We have had a very interesting season. If not already a member - come out and join us in the fall. We will be looking for you.



## TOT TIME

It is with great pleasure that we highlight our Tot Time (formerly Moms 'n Tots) program at Windsor Park United Church!

Having begun in 1996 with 8 Moms, 13 children and 14 volunteer caregivers, this successful program has expanded to 16 Moms, 23 children and 23 volunteer caregivers in 2015.

This is a free service offered to parents in the community who are looking for opportunities for adult stimulation while their children are lovingly attended to by doting

grandparents from our church community.

The philosophy has always been that the moms (and dads) and their children are guests and the caregivers have the opportunity to share our church home with them. The Church provides the coffee and the parents provide snacks for the children and take turns bringing goodies for the adult group.

There is one to one care for each baby and a caregiver for every 2 to 3 children downstairs. Everyone is there because they love their time

together.

Some program events planned by the parents this year included making a spring wreath, a workout with Gail, a guest from Supper Central, painting clay, decorating valentine cupcakes, breakfast out, belly dancing and many more fun and stimulating activities for parents.

In the meantime, the children were active with toys, stories, crafts, fingerplays, snacks and songs with all the Grandmas and Grandpa Bill.

A huge thank you to all the caregivers and parents and tots who continue to make this program a highlight in our community. You make our Church home a wonderful and vibrant place filled with love, life and laughter!

In appreciation,  
The CDC Committee



## WPUC Garden Club Final Report

As stated in the 2014 Annual Report regarding the disbandment of the Garden Club, the dispersement of the Garden Club articles is now final.

Dispersement information as follows,

Budget balance of \$214.56 and donations received from dispersment of Garden Club articles turned over to Church Treasurer, Dale Napper to deposit in Memorial Fund Account, and close out Garden Club Account.

The Garden Club was started in 2002 and there was one person whose love of gardening and teaching qualities was responsible for the initiation and duration of the Garden Club, -- that person was, "GEORGE BAKER".

I believe I can speak for all the members that attended during the years of the Garden Club by saying

"THANK YOU GEORGE" for all your work, knowledge, patience, good nature, generosity, and your time.

Submitted by Ken Craig



*"Gardening is a way of  
showing that you  
believe in tomorrow!"*

# Outreach Council

In January, Laura Steidl delivered the wonderful winter accessories from the Mitten Tree to Westgrove School for distribution to children in need.

Throughout the winter, donations of food and hygiene items were picked up and delivered weekly to West Broadway Community Ministry by Gord and Shirley Goossen with support from Derek Read.

One Thursday each month, lunch has been prepared and served by WPUC volunteers - and our friendly mascot, Bill McOuat, - to the guests of Broadway at Crossroads. While the numbers vary, as many as 180 guests arrive. Your contributions of coffee and lunch supplies, as well as the home-baked goodies, go a long way to keeping food on their plates and smiles on their faces.

The generous support of WPUC congregants allowed us to make and deliver 20 hampers at Christmas AND to purchase perishable/non-perishable items for 2 Easter Hampers. In early April, these hampers were delivered to refugee families sponsored by WPUC.

Later in April, Outreach volunteers will be assisting with the set-up and food preparation involved in the annual Volunteer Appreciation Supper at West Broadway Community Ministry.

Continuing a tradition that began several years ago, we plan to again provide and serve bi-weekly lunches to the guests at WBCM during the summer months. Their staff particularly appreciates this service being offered at a time of year when support tends to decrease.

We wish to express our appreciation again to the family of Ian Aird for the suggestion that donations be made to the Outreach Council in his memory. Three special lunches at WBCM were funded with these donations to date. Enough funds remain for one more project in the coming months that will honour Ian and reflect his concern for the welfare of others.

Respectfully yours,  
Gwen Polak  
Outreach CO-Chair



## Ramblings from the Other Office

I was sitting in my office this morning looking out the window (I was actually working, but just taking some time to think) and I realized that we live in a world of contradictions.

It was only yesterday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, that we woke to snow on the ground and yet looking out the window this morning you might never have known that had happened, but it did.

This got me thinking about this journey that I am on and that you are on with me.

The last couple of years have been a time of contradiction in many ways. I have at times been exhausted and energized at the same moment and by the same event or task.

I find my school work to seem so overwhelming some times, yet in the midst of that feeling of being overwhelmed there is an energy and excitement of learning and growing more than I ever imagined possible.

I feel that I came to you, as a community of faith, not really sure of what I can offer and you have embraced me in ways too numerous to mention. As a community you have supported me throughout this journey.

I suppose that this has been on my mind because this past year has seen a transition in how I view myself in this community. I have been given the opportunity to do different things and these initiatives have been embraced.

I have been blessed to be a part of two different Christian Education groups that have helped me find my growing edges, those places where I might be uncomfortable that I need to work on.

I have also been blessed by the trust that many of you have placed in me to be in this place within this community.

As I look forward to this coming summer in Halifax, my 3<sup>rd</sup>, I realize that once I

have completed my courses this summer, I will be half way through my course.

Another place of contradiction as this excites me, (I can't believe I am on the downward slide) but is also a place of anxiety about what the future holds (who will I be when I am not a student).

I know that this community is a place where I can explore all of these contradictions with all of you and we can continue to grow together in a community of faith, love and hope.

Peace and love,  
Patrick



*"Who will I be  
when I am not  
a student?"*



# Thursday Morning Study Group

Our year has come to a close and it is time to think about what we would like to study in the fall. There is a world out there that we need to learn about. Thursday Morning Study Group is a safe place to ask questions.

We begin the Thursday after Thanksgiving in October and usually end the year on the Thursday before the long week-end in May.

This year we did three distinctly different DVD programs. "Religions of the World" was a presentation about six prominent religions - Buddhism - Hinduism - Islam - Judaism - Protestantism - Catholicism. It was a look into how each religion's customs and struggles changed the course of history.

Then we did a presentation on Native Spirituality. This was a series of individual DVDs we found on the internet:-

- Spirit Doctors( loaned from the U of MB)
- Dakota 38 (You Tube) -
- Circle of the Sun (NFB) a documentary
- The Northern Lights (NFB) a documentary
- Kainayssiwa: The People Go (NFB) a documentary
- Native Spirit (purchased from Amazon)
- and The Sun Dance Way (purchased from Amazon).

These were narrated by Aboriginal people and spoke of their great respect for nature. They learn about the different ceremonies from their Elders. When sent to the city to complete their education, they seem to lose their connection with nature and are usually too shy to ask for help. These DVD's are very interesting.

We have now just finished The Jesus Fatwah presentation that Patrick Woodbeck did Wednesday evening this winter. He very generously agreed to do it again for us. This was also interesting to learn how similar a Muslim is to a Christian, their sense of

family - belief in one God (Allah) - belief in angels - prophets - the Holy Book (Bible/Qu'ran).

Fatwah - is a noun - a spiritually instructive opinion usually given as the answer to a question about religious law.

The Jesus Fatwah - When asked to name the greatest commandment - Jesus issued a Fatwah

Matthew 22:27 - Love God with all your heart - with all your soul - with all your mind.

Our numbers have grown this year and with the addition of Patrick, as our technical advisor, our discussions are very interesting. Our time together will have ended when you receive this SouthWinds, therefore giving you time to plan on checking us out when we start up again in October

There is always room for more at our table, so come and join us Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00am. A cup of coffee/hot water and a warm welcome awaits you.

*Alice Hastings*

**Hello all Youth!**

**Bring a friend and join Patrick for 'FAITH NIGHT AT THE GOLDEYES' on Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> beginning 6:15 pm (game starts at 7 pm) at the CanWest Global Park.**

**Cost is approximately \$13.00 per person.**

**Please let Patrick know by Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup> if you'll be attending. He will need to know ahead of time in order to purchase tickets.**

# Manitoba Agriculture Hall of Fame

Eight inductees will be going into the Manitoba Ag Hall of Fame on July 16, 2015 at the William Glesby Centre in Portage la Prairie. The list includes:

Harry Airey of Rivers  
Clarence Baker formerly of Beausejour Area  
**Morris Deveson of Winnipeg**  
Glen Findlay of Shoal Lake  
William Gregor of Brandon  
Robert Hopley of Brandon  
David Jeffries of Portage la Prairie  
Robert Roehle of Winnipeg

The mandate of the Manitoba Agriculture Hall of Fame Inc. is to formally and publicly recognize persons who, in the course of their residence in Manitoba, have made an outstanding contribution to the improvement of agriculture and the betterment of rural living in the province.

**Morris Deveson, Winnipeg, Manitoba:** Morris grew up on a farm in the Arden, Manitoba area and attended the University of Manitoba graduating with his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. He began his professional career in Hamiota with the Manitoba Department of Agriculture. This allowed him to work with the 4-H program, something that had been important in his youth. Morris went on to work in Brandon and Winnipeg in various capacities with Manitoba Agriculture. Believing that agriculture is both a physical and social science, Morris was committed to policies and actions that improved rural life. Morris served his profession as president and director of several professional organizations and is currently the chair of the Farm Family of the Year committee for the Red River Exhibition Association. Morris has made, and continues to make, a significant contribution to his family, his chosen profession, his community and his country.

## WORSHIP COUNCIL

Our theme for Lent and Easter was "Where is Your God?" We heard many unique stories and pondered different questions related to where God can be found.

June 7th will be our annual Church Picnic rain or shine!

Join us June 14th and celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. Bring your bell and let it ring!

Services during July will be held here at 10:00 am. During August, our friends at Prince of Peace will be host.

We congratulate Patrick on earning top marks and a scholarship this past month. We wish him well as he continues his studies this summer.

Linda Stewart  
Chair Worship Council

## UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

A Rummage Sale will be held at the church June 5th 4-8 pm and June 6th 9- noon.

Please keep us in mind as you are doing your spring cleaning. We'll gladly accept: shoes, purses, jewellery, books, toys, puzzles, games, DVD's and CD's, tools, and gently used household and kitchen appliances. No large items or bedding or clothing.

There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help price and setup and also to help during and after the sale. Items can be brought in the week of May 31st.

The UCW executive will be supplying a lasagna lunch for 75 workers at the Habitat for Humanity build at Ross Ave. off Keewatin on July 13th.

Enjoy the summer that is sure to come!  
Submitted by Alana Davis

## CONGRATULATIONS PATRICK!



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May 1, 2015

Patrick Woodbeck  
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Dear Patrick:

Congratulations!

You are the recipient of the **Harvey MacHattie Memorial Scholarship**.  
 This Prize is awarded to the student with 1st standing after 10 credits at A.S.T.

On behalf of the United Church Faculty Group, a cheque for \$500 is enclosed for this award.

The award will be announced on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at Pine Hill's Spring Prize and Scholarship award ceremony at A.S.T. Although you will not be able to be present, your achievement will be celebrated with joy. The entire list of awardees is enclosed.

Looking forward to see you soon for Faith and Fitness,  
 Blessings,

Brenda Munro, on behalf of the PH Board of Governors  
[pinehill@astheology.ns.ca](mailto:pinehill@astheology.ns.ca)

### Trustee's Report

At this time we wish to thank retiring Trustees Bob Harrison and Cal Pattle for their dedicated service on the Board of Trustees. Also thank you to Sylvia Mann for her leadership over the past year.

We are pleased to welcome the following new Trustees; Bunny Reid, Lillian Aird and Bill McOuat.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Derek Read, chair

### Membership and Pastoral Care Council

As chair of the Membership and Pastoral Care Council I have been busy learning the ropes. I think I "might" have a handle on this job. To date I have sent 12 "Thinking of your Cards", 4 "Get well", 11 "Sympathy" and 6 memorable "Birthday" cards. When I am sending out the cards I do look in the church photo album and then I try and pick them out at church. So if you see a strange looking woman looking at you, it's me!!

Pat Todd, M&PCC

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**NOT CRIMINALLY RESPONSIBLE**

What do we do when crime and mental illness intersect? Come to watch the Doc Zone video by John Kastner about Sean Clifton who attacked a women while he was in a psychotic state. Also joining us will be the Rev. Bruce Faurschou, director of the United Church Halfway Houses in Winnipeg. Thurs. June 4 at 7:00 pm.

## WPUC Art Group

The art group meets in the church basement Tuesday afternoons. We learn from each other, videos and paid guest artists/instructors.

This February we had a guest artist giving us some lessons in doing portraits. This provided quite a challenge to some of us along with a few laughs.

We are looking forward to our snow birds return as they bring some new ideas back from their Southern workshops.

Our members range from beginners to local "artists" so all are welcome with no experience necessary. Drop in and have a coffee with us and see what we're all about. In mid-May, we will take a break until September.

Diana Rodd

