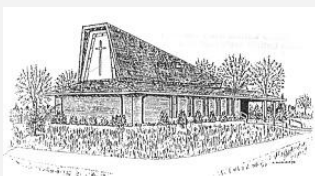




Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson

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From the study

Many of you will have heard by now that this will be my last year in ministry. I will retire on September 4, 2016. This means I am facing a year of 'lasts'. I liken it a bit to an aging rock band's farewell tour. It is a reminder of how vital the rhythm of the church year is to my life.

While many of you have been enjoying vacation travels or stays at the lake, I've been preparing services for Blessing of the Pets, Thanksgiving, Remembrance, Advent, Christmas and beyond. In addition, we've been planning all the fun and interesting activities that help our church family grow and thrive. Look for details in this issue about our Sunday special events, workshops by the Alzheimer's Society, our craft sale, and Tot Time.. Remember, if you have an idea for an event, let us know and we'll do our best to get it organized.

One special event this year will take place on October 24th. I have been selected to be part of a United Church of Canada delegation to China in November. We will be guests of the China Christian Council and visit church groups from

Shanghai to Beijing. Along the way we'll take part in a theological conference at Nanjing University where I will give a paper on my work about spirituality in the workplace. I am anxious for the whole congregation to share in this event so we're planning a Chinese potluck and evening of entertainment. This will be a fun evening for the whole family that we hope to share with members of the Chinese community here in Winnipeg.

I'm excited about the study program we'll be using in the fall. It is a video series featuring Adam Hamilton. He is a United Methodist Church minister from Kansas, the author of many thought-provoking books and a passionate advocate for addressing the difficult questions of faith. This study, When Christians Get It Wrong, arises from a conversation he had with a young man who raised six things he didn't like about Christians. Like many young people, he loves God but doesn't like the church. Hamilton helps us wrestle with this statement with down-to-earth honesty. We'll meet for discussion on Wednesday

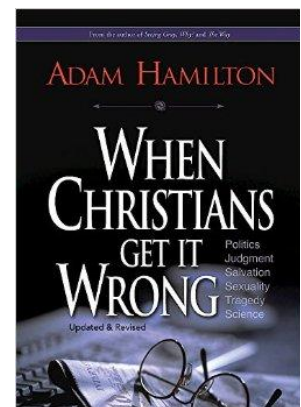


evenings beginning October 14th.

As always, I'm available Tuesday – Friday mornings at the church and happy to visit you at your home or workplace by appointment. Let's do all we can to have meaningful, grateful, compassionate and faithful lives.....and we'll make the world a better place in the process.

Blessings!

Sharon



On September 20th we will be receiving **New Members by Transfer**. If you wish to become a member of WPUC, please contact Sharon or Luci 256-8792 ASAP.

Mark your calendars for **Blessing of the Pets** which will be held on **Sunday Oct. 4, 2015**



The WPUC Mailing List is used to correspond with the Windsor Park United Church congregation. Congregation@windsorparkunitedchurch.com

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

Finance and Stewardship



**Help us move
the barometer
from "cloudy"
to "sunny"**

We enter the Fall season feeling rested, invigorated and hopeful with a current deficit at the end of July of \$7,543.58 deficit which is \$7,640.98 **less** than last year at this time. It is also \$11,175.80 **lower** than budget.

The Boiler Fund has a current balance of \$16,303.89 and the new system should be in place when you read this for a total price of less than \$30,000. We will present the plan to pay off the balance once the final value is known. The next hurdle we face is maintaining the service level we value.

In June, the Finance Council hosted Kathryn Hofley, United Church regional planned giving coordinator, who gave an excellent presentation to the Council, our counters

and Trustees on all the options available. Did you know that WPUC is one of the few churches that has not received a bequest in the last 10 years. She provided some inspirational material that we will be passing on this coming year.

With guidance from Patrick and Sharon and with Worship's blessing ,we will display messages of 'Faith and Gratitude' during offering every Sunday. Once a month we will also provide an update to our Financial Barometer. We are also planning some pleasant surprises throughout the year using the theme "with Faith and Gratitude"

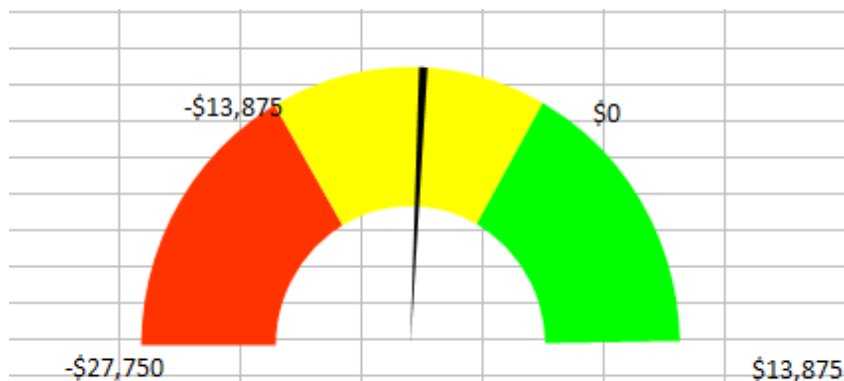
Our Financial Barometer
– after months of meetings and trials the Finance Committee has

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,

Chair, Finance and Stewardship



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. Our volunteers prepared and served four lunches at West Broadway Community Ministry (WBCM) this summer. On each occasion, we offered meals to between 60 and 100 guests. They particularly enjoyed the fresh produce and home-baked treats. We thank all of our volunteers for their contributions.

In particular, we would like to recognize Lil Aird. Last year, she requested that donations in memory of her husband, Ian, could be made to the Outreach Council so that we could fund different projects at WBCM. With the funds, we were able to fund two special lunches last year and another this summer. We sincerely thank Lil, her family and friends for honouring Ian through their support of Outreach and WBCM.

We plan to continue providing lunches throughout the coming year. Our visits last about 2 hours (11:30 – 1:30) and will take place on the second Thursday of each month. If you would be willing to assist us at any time with the preparation and serving of a simple lunch, we would welcome your help. While we generally make hot dogs, we are also hoping to prepare some hot meals. As well, we gratefully accept donations of baking and fresh fruit which provide special treats for the guests. Car-pooling can often be arranged. Please contact our loyal and friendly mascot, Bill McQuat, or myself for further information.

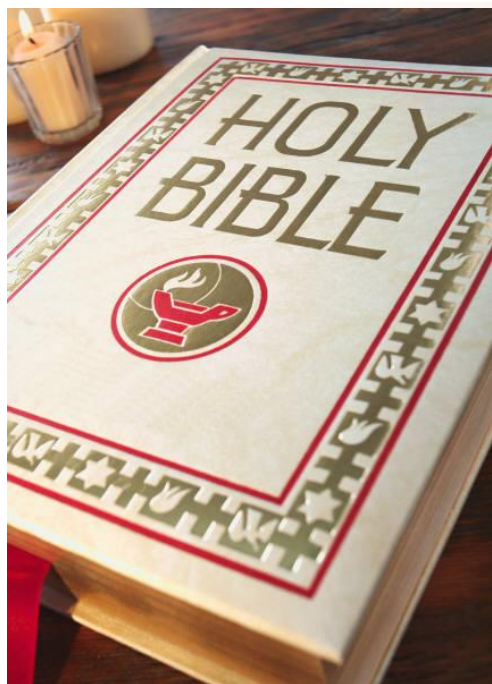


MEET OUR NEIGHBOURS. On September 26th, representatives from WPUC - Outreach will participate in a new event, **WALK A MILE IN MY SHOES.** The purpose of the event is educational, as well as to raise funds on behalf of WBCM. As participants follow a mile-long course through the community, they will meet some members of the West Broadway neighbourhood and engage in geo-caching/scavenger-hunting. Lunch (including sticky buns...) will be enjoyed after the walk. If you would be interested in supporting this fund-raiser with your participation as a team member or volunteer or by contributing a pledge, please speak with me by September 20th.

STOCKING THE PANTRY. Gord and Shirley Goossen have kindly assumed the task of collecting and delivering groceries to West Broadway each week. The groceries are used for the lunch program as well as to stock the WBCM emergency supply pantry. Items most urgently required at this time include hygiene items, coffee, sugar, and sandwich-making supplies such as peanut butter and cheez whiz. As well, if you have surplus produce from your garden, we can make arrangements to pick it up and transport it to WBCM. If you would like to donate items, please place these in the labelled boxes/bins inside the front entrance of WPUC.

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 by
Gwen Polak



Bible Adventures

As we begin to write the SouthWinds at this time of year, the children are just winding down from their summer vacation and parents are wondering where did the time go!

Bible Adventures finished officially on June 28 with the summer session being taught by five talented young adults from our church community: Gordon, Chris, Amber, Allison and Keeley – thank you for a wonderful job well done!

We have now completed the planning of our 2015-2016 Curriculum for the coming year and are looking forward to another exciting year in the lower level. All our teachers have returned from last year and are eager to get the year started.

Bible Adventures will begin with registration and open session on Sunday

September 13, 2015. We encourage and welcome all ages to come down for Bible Adventures.

If you have any questions about Bible Adventures, please do not hesitate to ask one of the coordinating committee members. We are looking forward to another exciting year!

Bible Adventures Committee Members:

Gloria Saindon
Maria Will
Heather Karavas
Sarah Closen
Douglas Gauthier
Patrick Woodbeck

Donations of School Supplies

Here is the list for the donated school supplies we want. Please bring them to the church on September 6th and the 13th.

Schools Top 10 Donation List

No used supplies please.

Why the brand names? These are brands that tend to have a higher quality and more staying power!

1. Duotangs – 3 prong
2. Packages of looseleaf
3. Pencils
4. Student scissors
5. Crayola crayons
6. Crayola markers – thick and thin
7. Crayola pencil crayons
8. Hilroy scribblers
9. Glue sticks
10. New back packs

Our Church Family

We extend our sympathy to:

The Sulkers Family on the passing of David

The Buckingham Family on the passing of John

The Gibb Family on the passing of Jean

The Wells Family on the passing of Wilfred

The Ward Family on the passing of Susan



We welcome by baptism:

Aiden Nickolas George Thompson (May 31, 2015), son of Graham & Raylene

Scarlett Iomi Biglow (May 4, 2012), daughter of David & Vonne



We congratulate on their marriage:

Kyle Kubik and Katherine Balcaen on August 29, 2015

Kevin Woloshyn and Courtney McKnight on September 12, 2015



Ramblings from the Other Office

Heraclitus of Ephesos (c. 500 BCE), an ancient philosopher whom many find difficult to understand, believed that there is one thing that affects everyone, regardless of who they are, and that is that life is always in flux. This is where we get that saying, "the only thing constant in life is change."

I came home this year, after being away for almost nine straight weeks to a concrete example of this concept. I walked into my office to see that many leaves on the tree that occupies a spot near the window, had turned yellow and many others had fallen off. Now this could be due to a lack of watering, but it also illustrated to me much of what this summer had been about and that was change.

Change can mean many things to many people, it can be as simple as taking a new way to work (my luck would be getting caught in a construction caused traffic jam), to revamping one's life completely. Regardless of the change, it can usually send ripples through

much of the rest of one's life.

This next little while will be a time of change for many of us. I have come to understand that as I progress along the path to ordination, I am constantly being shaped and changed as I learn more, acquire more experience, and generally grow more in my faith and understanding. When I return from being away at school I am full of ideas and new thoughts about how I understand my faith in the world today and I am excited to pass along these to you here at Windsor Park United Church. I can see and understand how I have been changed as I have been away at school and I am excited about that change but I am also aware that this coming year will be a change for all of us in many ways.

The church is about to change. The General Council meeting in Corner Brook, Newfoundland voted to send out to the church, for approval, a new church structure, a new understanding of ministry, new understandings of

what might constitute a "community of faith," and new assessments for communities of faith. There will be a lot of learning for all of us as we work our way through the educational components of these proposals and we might have to change the way we understand church.

Another change will come about with the ending of a long-term pastoral relationship in the coming year. This will impact us all as Sharon has been a large part of all of our lives. Change can be scary, but know that all of us, and I mean all of us, will walk these roads together being guided by our love and faithfulness of God.

Know that there is no other community where I would rather be and that this year will be a year of learning and growing together in community.

Peace,

Patrick Woodbeck



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understand
church."*



Music Programs

The first **WORSHIP CHOIR** practice of the fall season was held on Thursday, September 10 from 7:45 to 9:15 pm.

Practices are every Thursday at 7:45 pm. If you like to sing, you'll fit right in.

THE JOYFUL NOISE

Jessica and Alex will be having the first practice on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 10 a.m. downstairs in the choir room. The Joyful Noise welcomes children who like to sing and are in K-Grade 6.

See you there!

The first practice of the **PRAISE TEAM** will be on Sunday, Sept. 20th after church. Youth and young adults who sing or play an instrument are welcome to join us. We are also looking for another person to be part of our "tech team" running the sound board for rehearsals and contemporary services.

Rehearsals are on Sundays from 12 – 1 p.m.

WPUC Art Group

The Art Group meets in the church basement Tuesday afternoons (1:00 – approx. 3:30). We learn from each other, videos and paid guest artists/instructors.

Our members range from beginners to local "artists" so all are welcome with no experience necessary.

Mostly we work on our own projects in various mediums unless we have a "workshop".

We are looking forward to a fall session with a workshop led by Pauline Korol on Alcohol Inks. (Sept. 29: 10 – 3) This is a new and fascinating medium worked on

various surfaces.

Our startup date is Sept. 8. Drop in and have a coffee with us and see what we're all about.

For more information contact Dena (204-255-8627).

Summer Coffee and Conversation

We had another successful summer of getting together on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 until 4:00 during July and August. There were on average 15 to 18 ladies that came out. This year we had a gentleman bring his guitar for a sing song that was enjoyed by everyone.

All this was possible because those who were able, volunteered to bring

delicious goodies, make the iced tea, the lemonade, the coffee and set up a lovely table of light refreshments. In August, some of the ladies very generously shared the bounty of their gardens with us. Nothing can compare with fresh from the garden veggies or right off the tree Manitoba apples. Thank you to everyone for such a scrumptious treat. A special thank you to

Hannah and Thomas Grandy for helping to set up and put away, the table and chairs and for all the carrying, bending and lifting. We really appreciated all your help. Thank you.

If this wonderful get together is to continue, we need more volunteers for Wednesday afternoons during July and August. So don't be shy – give it a try, next year. I know you'll enjoy it.

Family Education: First Steps – Part One

First Steps is a complimentary and experiential workshop for people supporting a person recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia.

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

- Overview of dementia
- Activities to experience what it might be like to have dementia
- What the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba can do for you.

Saturday, September 26, 2015, 9 am – 12 pm
Windsor Park United Church, 1062 Autumnwood Dr.

Seating is limited. Three ways to register:

- Online at alzheimer.mb.ca
- Email: alzmb@alzheimer.mb.ca
- Call: 204-943-6622 or 1-800-378-6699

Resources and refreshments will be available
compliments of Windsor Park United Church.



GOLF DAY!

**WHEN: on Sun. Sept.
20, 2015 at 2 pm**

**WHERE: at the Canoe
Club - followed by
supper at WPUC
between 5 – 5:30**

**COST: Adults \$25
Children 12 and under
\$20.**

**(3 people from St.
Mary's Rd. U.C. have
already signed-up)**

**Bring a prize... get
a prize!**

Windsor Park United Church **CRAFT SALE**

Saturday, October 3, 2015
10 am to 3 pm
FREE ADMISSION

The cost for renting a table is \$25.00. For
more information, please contact Jan
at 233-2735, jnazarko@mymts.net
or Luci at 256-8792

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

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

Tot Time

Tot Time begins on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 from 9:30 to 11:00. We warmly welcome all new Moms and their children as well as those who will be returning to participate in the group.

The program provides an opportunity for the Moms to have coffee and socialize while participating in such things as chat time, crafts, guest speakers, potluck breakfasts or going out for breakfast as a group.



The Moms plan their own program and every mom has the opportunity to present their ideas and also take part in the leadership of the group.

The moms take turns bringing

goodies to go with their coffee and also providing a snack and juice for the children.

Volunteers from the church care for the children. They cuddle and play with the babies upstairs or spend time with the children downstairs.

Toys, crafts, play dough, games, music and storytelling are all part of the children's morning. They also enjoy a snack and juice.



We welcome anyone wishing to join our team of volunteers to help care for the children. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know these little ones and become a part of their lives every Wednesday morning.

Tot Time is an outreach program of Windsor Park United Church and is our way of fulfilling the church's mission statement of "reaching out to those who live around us." It provides the moms with an hour and a half to socialize with other adults and gives the caregivers and the children a wonderful opportunity to share time together.

Please contact Ruth Klein at 204-256-6390 or Windsor Park United Church office at 204-256-8792 if you would like to be involved in the Tot Time Program.

Thank you to the many volunteers who make Tot Time so much fun and such a success.

We look forward to a wonderful fall season.

Ruth Klein



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AOTS

So our hot wet summer has come to an end. Our members have spent the time at lakes, cabins, fishing, playing with grandchildren and – oh yes – chasing little white balls around with a club.

Many of our men have been busy around the church and the grounds as well as helping out with other projects such as West Broadway.

Our next meeting will take place September 28 at 6:30 p.m. We will have a great meal and a good time for fellowship. If not already a members, come on out and join us. I promise you a good time.

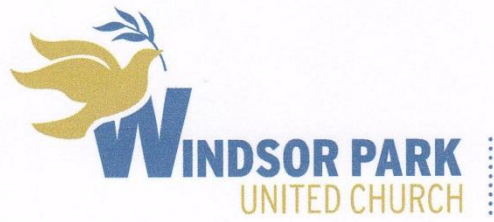
Bill McOuat and Gary Garvey

Reminders and Thanks

- Get your BOO on and join Patrick and the Youth Group at 'A Maze in Corn' on October 16th at 7 pm.
- A big THANK YOU goes out to all the hardworking, faithful people from each council who have set up and served coffee and dainties after every Sunday worship service!

The key to our success rest in people like you who embody the spirit of greatness by saying, "Yes I can, and you can too!"

- A huge THANK YOU goes out to Bill Belsham, Kent Stewart, Gordon Stewart, Thomas Grandy, Sharon Wilson and Wayne Baldwin for their help in painting the bright yellow lines in our parking lot. If you can walk across the street, please remember to park across the street on Sunday mornings!
- To all our Gardeners: Can you spare 15 minutes to weed around the shrubs and the Memorial Garden? Please come whenever you can.
- Membership and Pastoral Care Council will have a meeting at 9:45 am, before worship on Sunday, Sept. 20th.



We're on the Web!
See us at:
windsorparkunitedchurch.com