

PUT YOUR THINKING CAPS ON! Due to popular demand we will be holding another QUIZ NIGHT this year! On Friday January 22nd starting at 7 - 10 pm. form a team of eight and compete with other teams for chocolate and cheesecake prizes The cost per person is \$13 or 2 for \$25. Bring your favourites snacks! There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Thank you to June Kaan and Alana Davis for polishing the silver Communion ware!

One of the most beautiful sights of the holidays was our Mitten Tree! Its branches were adorned with a rainbow of donations from many creative, generous helpers. The toques, gloves, scarves, socks, and mittens that you so kindly made or purchased will warm many youngsters when winter arrives! The items have already been delivered by Laura Steidl to an inner-city school for distribution. We appreciate and applaud your efforts!

Thank-you, also, to everyone for your overwhelming support of the Christmas Hamper project. With so many of you willing to give your time and energy (to help with shopping, sorting, wrapping, phoning, packing and delivering), we found the 'work' light and fun. Your generous donations covered all expenses. You enabled us to share gifts, groceries, and good spirits with needy people in our community. Well-done, Friends!

Please note... we have 4 wooden tables here at the church that are available for sale – for a donation. If you are interested, please contact Bill Belsham 256-5467 or Alana Davis 254-8535.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Howard Ashdown
Graham Fidler
Ryan Kuffner
Sylvia Mann
Jennifer Rentz-Wright

Laura Burnett
Lorraine Johnson
Theresa Lohowy
Sean McKay

Mark Dewiele
Susan Kroeker
Ryan Mallard
Ryder Meilleur

Water Has Held Us

"Water has held us, moved by creation.
Out of dark chaos, broke forth the light.
Up from the deluge, showing God's promise,
Has come a rainbow, gladdening sight.

Water has saved us, as the sea parted
For Israel's children, walled on each side.
This love has led us, helped us in trouble,
On far horizon, God's cloud our guide.

Water has cleansed us, bathed with forgiveness,
Has, with clear blessing, washed sin away.
Jordan's strong currents God's Son announcing,
Made a beginning, baptismal day.

Water has touched us, fresh on our foreheads,
Showing an inward, spiritual grace.
Into God's family we have been welcomed.
As sons and daughters, we take our place."

Here at Jordan's River

"Here at Jordan's river all is washed away.
As God's reign draws nearer, nothing is the same.
Gone are class and status; gone, degrees and fame.
Grace alone can save us on God's judgment day.

We at Jordan's river meet on level ground.
Valleys are uplifted; mountains fall to earth.
None dare trust their lineage, none need doubt their worth.
Still the prophet asks us, "Will you turn around?"
God, reform, renew us; turn us toward your will.
Till our hearts for learning; root us in your work.
May the fruits of action grow from all we've heard.
As we lose our old lives, God, be with us still."

OUR MISSION

Windsor Park United Church seeks to be a welcoming community. Based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, we nurture our faith and spiritual life by: worshipping and learning together, caring for each other, embracing our diversity, reaching out to those who live around us and working together in service to Creation.

THE LIFE & WORK OF WPUC

January 10, 2016 – January 17, 2016

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| Sunday | | USED BOOK SALE |
| Monday | 6:15 pm | Sparks & Brownies |
| Tuesday | 1 pm | Art Group |
| Wednesday | 9:30 am | Tot Time |
| Thursday | 9:30 am | Study Group |
| | 1:30 pm | Little Moccasins |
| | 7:30 pm | Worship Choir Practice |
| Saturday | 4:30 pm | OPEN DOORS |

We would like to thank the Worship Council for serving coffee during the month of January!

Did you know we will be holding services in January called "Open Doors." Come join us for the next service on Saturday January 16th, 2016 at 4:30 pm, we will be gathering for a time of music, conversation and children's activities. Take a half hour to recharge your life each week!

We've been asked to sponsor 6 members of a Syrian Refugee Family. A congregational meeting will be held to discuss this on January 17th right after Worship.



Would someone be available, during the day, to help Peter Harder with the church computers. Please call Luci 256-8792 if you feel you might be able to help.

ERROR! The cost for the OBSERVER MAGAZINE has changed. It has been raised to \$25.00. You may include it in your offering envelope (please mark OBSERVER beside it.)