

WINDSOR PARK UNITED CHURCH 2015 Annual Report

MISSION STATEMENT

“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”

**Annual
Congregational
Meeting
February 28,
2016**

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IN MEMORY OF:

Kenneth Delf
Nancy Olensky
Edward Braun
Joan Maxwell
Edward Piki
David Sulkers
John Buckingham
Jean Gibb
Bob Wells
Susan Ward
Allen Roberts
Allan Stephen
Olga Barth

**This Annual Report is in memory of those who died in 2015
and for whom our minister conducted the funeral.**

CHURCH STAFF

Minister

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson

Associate Minister

Patrick Woodbeck

Office Administrator

Luci Toews

Music Director

Laura Steidl

Organist / Pianist

Myrna Hagues

Custodian

Gina Grant

FROM THE STUDY

I've been turning to an eclectic assortment of reading material of late. While reading Anne Lamott's, Grace (Eventually), I ran across a reference she makes to Kathleen Norris. Two more different Christian writers likely don't exist. Lamott is funny, profane, achingly candid and unabashedly spiritual. Norris is gentle, calm, poetic and radiates spirituality.

It all began when I decided to re-read Lamott's essay, "The Ski Patrol". It is a deliciously funny tale of a trip to a ski resort with her son. While she admits to not being an expert skier, she was a solid intermediate. The first problem emerges when the chairlift reaches the mid-station and she can't remember whether or not this is where she wants to get off. As the chair rises out of the station, she jumps off into a pile of snow and is immediately barraged with people full of concern. Upon grasping the height of her fall, she is overwhelmed by nausea....not something one wants to do in pristine snow in full view of everyone on the chair lift! Rescue arrives in the form a volunteer ski host whom she calls the answer to prayer.

This is where Kathleen Norris comes into the narrative. Her book, Amazing Grace, contains a selection of essays about faith. Her faith journey is grounded in her life in tiny Lemon, South Dakota and her deepening relationship with a Benedictine monastery. She has come to this conclusion: "I have learned that prayer is not asking for what you think you want but asking to be changed in ways you can't imagine....People who are in the habit of praying...know that when prayer is answered, it is never in a way that you expect." P. 61

I do a lot of praying. Of course, you all get to experience a tiny fragment of that on Sunday morning in worship, but that is just the tip of the iceberg. My prayers cover the needs and concerns of my family. They touch the many challenges, struggles and joys of the congregation. I also pray with the daily news close to my heart, holding up to God my aching for a world without violence, oppression, ecological change and so much more. I pray looking for answers and am usually amazed at the unfolding of the world. Prayer pulls me to a deeper place where the possibility for change is more real. Prayer releases me from the need to control and manage situations and, instead, opens me to the unexpected. This is where I learn the most about myself and the world. It's in the patient unfolding of God's answers to our prayers that we discern the potential of Christ's Spirit at work in our midst.

What a year this has been at WPUC! We have done all the usual church things with dedication and faithfulness. Good work is done by good people. We exercise kindness, compassion and welcome in ways that sustain and build community within the congregation. It is no small thing to create a safe place where people can bring their needs, their skills and their questions and discover their place.

I am so proud of all those who made the Children at Risk Conference a success. It was part of a larger, on-going commitment to community safety, racial justice and networking. We are better positioned now to be part of the change our city desperately needs so that all people can feel safe. Our visit to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights revealed the historic nature of injustice and brought to our attention some of the figures who dared to challenge the status quo. Another event that addressed systemic injustices in our culture focussed on mental health and crime. Jane Burpee from the Manitoba Schizophrenia Society and Bruce Fourschau from the United Church Halfway Houses facilitated a thought-provoking evening exploring the gaps in mental health care in our city.

Over the year we fed the folks at West Broadway Community Ministry. For the last time we received a mountain of lost and found clothes from schools which were cleaned, sorted and sent to groups serving those in need. We welcomed the community into the church for sessions on Mental Health First Aid and the Alzheimer's Society.

We are a diverse group of people who worship, learn, and serve Christ. But, more than *what* we do, the real blessing is to be found in *how* we do it. From the tiniest tots to the oldest of our seniors, we thrive on our fellowship. Knowing each other and caring about one another adds a dimension of joy to everything we do.

We have a duty to make sure others have an opportunity to experience Christ's love in this place. This means attending to the obligations of finance and stewardship. We have learned this year that it is not enough to have more people in worship. Giving is an expression of our faith that must be learned and nurtured. Serving, whether on committees or special projects, programs or administrative and property, allows us to share in the ministry of this church. It adds meaning and purpose to our lives and transforms the lives of others. All this makes up some of the unexpected consequences of prayer Kathleen Norris spoke of.

My work is sheer delight. Each day is filled with tasks that stretch my mind and soul. I am so grateful to all of you for your support and your gifts. Everything we do at WPUC is the product of a creative, collaborative team. My thanks to the Official Board and to all council members who keep us on track. Finally, I offer my deepest gratitude for Patrick, Luci, Laura, Myrna and Gina; our amazing, gifted staff. They are the unexpected answer to prayer that changes me for the better again and again.

Blessings
Sharon Wilson

RAMBLINGS FROM THE “OTHER” OFFICE

Another year has passed, and I sometimes find it difficult to imagine that I have been with you for just over 4 years and that I am over half way done my degree at the Atlantic School of Theology. I was thinking what I might write for this year's Annual Report as there has been so much that has occurred in the life of this community. But in retrospect I suppose what is important is that we really are a community. 1Peter chapter 4 tells us;”¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.” This really is a place of love and I have been so blessed to be walking this journey with each and every one of you and what a journey it has been. I am not sure if I can adequately convey how much I have truly learned from this community, both about myself and about this work that we all do, called ministry. It has been a joy, a blessing, and at times a challenge, but it has always been filled with love. As would be expected we have experienced the joys of marriages and births and the sadness and grief of sickness and loss. Through it all we have continued forward as a community, celebrating together and supporting each other together.

I completed my first educational program with this Windsor Park United Church in this past year as we examined Islam through The Jesus Fatwah, which was very well attended with great conversations. This was presented to both a Wednesday evening group, as well as the Thursday Morning Study Group. The Thursday morning group has grown to between 8 to 12 participants weekly and this group continued their study with a series on First Nations/Aboriginal Spirituality. Youth Group has continued on this year with a core group of youth who come to each of the events and as usual our evening at A Maze in Corn was our best attended event with over 30 people. Our evening at the corn maze has become an intergenerational event and we have started to plan more of these events. For the second year in a row we sang in the atrium of St. Boniface Hospital with over 30 people joining together to bring a bit of Christmas cheer. This has also been the first full year of being able to fully participate in the sacraments with Windsor Park United. This has allowed me to fully be a part of this community and to share with all of you in some of those sacred moments, another blessing among many.

I have said before that the only thing that stays the same is that things never stay the same. In other words things always change. We are moving into a time of what could be great change, both for the denomination as a whole, and this community in particular. 2016 will be a year of firsts, a year of change, and a year that will bring new challenges and new opportunities for all of us. If we remember that we are one community, upheld by the love of God, we can move through the changes on the horizon with grace, compassion, and filled with a sense of purpose as a community of God. It may not be easy, but I think our call to be Christians in the world today is rarely easy. Yet, we always have

each other. I look forward to continuing this journey with you as we all continue to grow and learn together.

Respectfully submitted
Patrick Woodbeck

**Windsor Park United Church
Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes
February 22nd, 2015**

Present:- Jane Hares – Don Saindon – Eleanor Lwiwski – John Lwiwski – Sarah Closen – Morris Deveson – Joyce Deveson – Mavis Willson – Bob Harrison – Ginny Lindberg – Helen Smallwood – Cam Wilson – Betty Ann Orr – Kal Kneeshaw – Bob Mann – Sylvia Mann – Doug Waldron – Bill McQuat – Charlie Olson – Par Dumont – Gloria Waldron – Angela Moodie – Karen Gundrum – Don Gundrum – Dale Napper – Dorothy Martin – Isabelle Foster – Lillian Aird – Haruko Miyata – Eleanor Danchuk – Edna Cechvala – Bob Galston – Dorothy Talman – Ray & Lorna Rybuck – Dorothy & Derek Read – Calvin Pattle – Maxine Pattle – Nancy Sulkers – Joyce Muir – Thelma Mallard – Major L. Rodd – Diena Rodd – Alana Davis – Anne Thoroughgood – Edna Erickson – Sue Turley – Patricia L. Todd – Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson – Alice Hastings – Deanna Kernaghan

- Call to Order

Gloria Waldron called the meeting to order at 11:35am

- Opening Prayer

Rev.Dr. Sharon Wilson opened the meeting with a prayer.

- Motion to Confer Voting Privileges

**MOTION: moved by Deanna Kernaghan; seconded by Sue Turley
To confer voting privileges to corresponding members. Motion past**

- Approval of 2014 Annual Report

**MOTION: moved by Edna Erickson; seconded by John Lwiwski
To approve the Annual Report of 2014 as circulated. Motion past**

22/15

- Approval of Minutes of March 2nd, 2014 Congregational Meeting

**MOTION: moved by Pat Todd; seconded by Bob Mann
To accept the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting of March 2nd,2014.
Motion past**

Business Arising from the Minutes

- Update on Boiler

Condition of boiler – Wayne Baldwin

- the present boiler is 50+ years old
- it's present efficiency is 55 – 60%
- a new boiler would be 90 – 95% efficient
- saving on our heating bill (gas) with a new boiler would be approx.. \$ 2,500.00
- have received 4 – 5 quotes of between \$ 25,000.00 – 35,000.00 with an average of \$ 30,000.00
- applying for grants
- tentative installation would be July/August

**MOTION :moved by Wayne Baldwin; seconded by Sue Turley
To replace the existing boiler with a new more efficient boiler**

Discussion:-

There were enquiries as to adding an air conditioning unit. This would require physical renovations to the interior of the building as well as extensive upgrades to the existing wiring.

Motion past

23/15

Boiler Fund – Doug Waldron

- Lift Fund pledges have been transferred to a Boiler Fund
- there was not a one on one contact with Lift Fund contributors to transfer their pledges to a Boiler Fund.
- there were a number of announcements during Worship pertaining to changing the Lift Fund to a Boiler Fund.
- there were two specific celebrations during Worship commemorating paying off the Lift Fund Mortgage and having a Boiler Fund.
- the Capitol Fund Assistance Loan file remains open with a line of credit of \$ 150,000.00

New Business

- **Nominating Committee** – Gloria Waldron

Gloria thanked the Executive for their support and for continuing to serve another term.

Past Chair – Gloria Waldron
Chair – Howard Ashdown
Vice Chair – Laurie Ringaert
Secretary – Sue Turley
Treasurer/Finance – Dale Napper/Doug Waldron

- Nominating Committee cont'd

There are lists on the Sanctuary doors for the various Councils/Committees – please consider updating the information and joining a Council/Committee.

**MOTION: moved by Pat Todd; seconded by Alana Davis
To accept the Nominating Committee Report. Motion past.**

24/15

Community Space – Rev.Dr.Sharon Wilson

- our space is in demand – how do we use it?

Facilities in our building are being rented, mostly by the neighborhood, for showers, birthday parties, family reunions etc. generating extra income.

This congregation tends to “save” things, taking up space that could be put to better use. Storage space is scarce to start with.

There was an offer from an artist to use of the Babyfold Room in exchange for some graphic arts contributions, however there was not enough room for the artists equipment.

It would be to our best interests if groups would re-asses their storage space.

To ponder:

- Who are we? – Who are we here to help?

Our neighborhoods are changing and new ones are growing around us. Our space is being used to run workshops i.e. Mental Health First Aid – conferences i.e. Children at Risk – concerts i.e. Audio Radiance/Gordon Bell's VOX as well as the many outreach programs we do.

- Postcards

It has been about four years since our last blitz. It is an expensive venture but it lets the new neighborhoods know where we are. It does bring in some new people, brings back some who have drifted away.

- Advertising Suggestions

Place an ad in the Saturday papers – this is very expensive

Place an ad in the Southdale Community Flyer

A computerized sign on the corner of the property – cost four years ago approx. \$ 2,500.00.

Changing the name of the church has legal ramifications.

25/15

Placing a large sign on the wall at the local Community Centres

40yrs. and under use – web-sites, Facebook, Twitter, electronic mediums

Reach out with a neighborhood summer party – on a parking lot – in a neighborhood park – form a committee of 3 to organize.

Bob Galston commented on this being a very active congregation, rich in caring people and would do well trying evangelism.

Approval of 2015 Budget - Doug Waldron

- Doug started his Finance video presentation with an invitation to everyone present to "Dance, Dance Wherever You May Be" to the catchy tunes of the "Peanuts Gang". Happy Dancing was enjoyed by all.

We were looking at a deficit at the end of the year but actually ended with a surplus.

The pump had to be replaced last year. This has caused some plumbing problems that will be solved with the installation of a new boiler.

There is no Advertising Budget listed in this year's budget. When advertising funds are required make a presentation at an Executive Team Meeting or a Full Board Meeting.

The Boiler Fund is at \$ 6,700.00 now. There are some plumbing repair costs happening.

MOTION: moved by Doug Waldron; seconded by Sue Turley

To accept the 2015 Budget as presented

Motion past

Appreciation was expressed by Bill McOuat for the work the Finance Council does correlating the budget.

26/15

Chair's Comments – Gloria Waldron

Gloria thanked Howard Ashdown for staying on as Chair – Laurie Ringaert for accepting the Vice Chair position – Dale Napper for being a very efficient Treasurer – Finance Council for keeping us on the straight and narrow – Alice Hastings for being Secretary.

Date for next Annual Meeting – February 28th,2016.

Closing Prayer – Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson

Sharon thanked this lively, dancing, unique, special culture congregation for making this a welcoming place. She thanked the C.I.C.C. for the coffee and dainties and then closed the meeting with prayer.

- Meeting adjourned at 12:25pm.

Submitted by

Gloria Waldron, Past Chair

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustees: Derek Read, Sylvia Mann, Angela Moodie, Morris Deveson, June Kaan, Lillian Aird, Bunny Reid, Bill McOuat.

- 1) Informational meeting held May 17, 2015 to discuss duties of trustees and organize required tasks.
- 2) Adequate church property and liability insurance held in good order. Report provided to the Finance Council.
- 3) Necessary signatories in place.
- 4) Assembly and distribution of 2015 year-end tax receipts.
- 5) Sylvia Mann has decided to retire from the Board of Trustees after completing her term as Past Chair. As well, we note with sadness the passing of Lillian Aird.
- 6) Linda Dart has agreed to let her name stand for acceptance as a trustee at the Annual Meeting.

Submitted by
Derek Read, Chair

FROM THE OFFICE

We congratulated the following on the occasion of their marriage:

Murray Kehler and Maria Will (January 17, 2015)
Robert Brown and Carman Davis (February 28, 2015)
Rory Anderson and Hillary Wilson (May 2, 2015)
Kyle Kubik and Katherine Balcaen (August 29, 2015)
Kevin Woloshyn and Courtney McKnight (September 12, 2015)
Kelly Cook and Sarah Markham (October 3, 2015)
Matthew Sieffert and Kayleigh Jephcote (December 31, 2015)

We welcomed the following by baptism:

James Brian Rennie (Jan. 22/15) son of Benjamin and Jessie-Lee
Kaison Andrew Lawrence Chief (Feb. 18/15) son of James and Karen
Rhys Donald Storie Carswell (Jan. 5/15) son of Lyndsay
MacKenzie Brynn Percival (April 7/15) daughter of James and Jasmine
Aiden Nickolas George Thompson (May 31/15) son of Graham and Raylene
Scarlett Iomi Biglow (May 4/12) daughter of David and Vonne
Sophie Elizabeth Jobin (July 28/15) daughter of Remi and Jennifer
Owen Charles Jordan Shiaro (July 15/15) son of Kelsey
Lucas Christopher Bacon (Dec. 14/13) son of Brent and Alana
Jackson Rome Angus (Aug. 18/15) son of John and April

Liam Micheal Reidy (Sept. 23/15) son of Wade and Kara
Willow Kelly Krajewski (Dec. 22/14) daughter of Lyndsey

We extended our sympathy to:

The Delf Family on the passing of Ken on Feb. 3, 2015
The Olensky Family on the passing of Nancy on March 8, 2015
The Braun Family on the passing of Ed on April 4, 2015
The Maxwell Family on the passing of Joan on May 3, 2015
The Piki Family on the passing of Ed on May 13, 2015
The Sulkers Family on the passing of David on May 4, 2015
The Buckingham Family on the passing of John on June 24, 2015
The Gibb Family on the passing of Jean on June 27, 2015
The Wells Family on the passing of Bob on June 29, 2015
The Ward Family on the passing of Sue on July 4, 2015
The Roberts Family on the passing of Allen on Sept. 6, 2015
The Stephen Family on the passing of Allan on Nov. 15, 2015
The Barth Family on the passing of Olga Barth

We received by Transfer:

Dana Stockwell
Laurie Ringaert
Jim Kerr
Diane Kerr

Summary

Number of Marriages	7	(7/14, 5/13, 8/12)
Number of Baptisms	12	(14/14, 10/13, 12/12)
Number of Funerals	13	(18/14, 8/13, 9/12)

MEMBERSHIP ROLL

Total at December 31, 2014	396
Added by Baptism/Confirmation	12
Added by Profession of Faith	0
Added by Transfer	4
Removed by Death	6
Removed by Board Action	4
Total at December 31, 2015	402

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Change is in the air at Windsor Park United Church.

In June of 2015, Sharon Wilson announced her intent to retire effective September 2016. Her last service at WPUC is scheduled for September 4, 2016.

Discussions are under way as to how the ministry team will evolve: What the job duties of Patrick Woodbeck will entail and what skills and qualifications does the congregation want in a second staff person. We are waiting for Winnipeg Presbytery to begin the JNAC process with us.

We are blessed to reap the rewards of having not only Sharon and Patrick on staff but the commitment shown by Laura Steidl, Myrna Hagues, Luci Toews, Dale Napper, Gina Grant, Gloria Waldron and Douglas Gauthier make this an engaged and engaging congregation.

I truly thankful for all of the wisdom and work provided by of Eleanor Lwiwski and Betty Ann Orr.

Ministry and Personnel Committee
Sue Turley, Chair

BUILDING AND PROPERTY

2015 ended with the completed installation of the new boiler system. The new energy system should show a reduced cost in gas consumption for future years.

We have yet to finalize the grant from Community Places which will be completed in February.

Monies still remaining in the original grant can be applied to any future improvements within 2016. The improvements we are considering are:
New energy efficient lighting in the basement and new outside window wells.

A reoccurring problem we are facing is the roof leaking in the area of the choir loft. This needs to be addressed this year.

General repairs during the year have been completed by the Property Managers.

Property Managers
Wayne Baldwin
Bill Belsham

WORSHIP COUNCIL

In 2015 we celebrated the baptisms of over 8 children.

On June 14th we rang bells to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada.

A brilliant performance of "Solo Fide" was the focus of Reformation Sunday. This year's Blessing of the Pets was a huge success, raising donations for local animal shelters.

Remembrance Day service focused on peace as we remembered the Anniversary of Hiroshima.

During Advent we explored our faith by studying the genealogy of Jesus.

We held our annual Blue Christmas service on December 21.

Three very different Christmas Eve services were offered on the 24th.

To end off a great year, Patrick hosted a Family New Years' Eve party.

In the beginning of this year we donated a large sum to our sponsored preschool in Gnobi, South Africa.

A pilot project called Open Doors, an alternative to Sunday Worship ran through out January.

Sincerely
Linda Stewart, Chair

MUSIC REPORT

During 2015, the Worship Choir provided music leadership each Sunday from January to June and then from September to December. Singers in the Worship Choir for part/all of 2015 were: Arlene Carswell, Sarah Closen, Paulette Cote, Morag Fisher, Bob James, Heather Karavas, Virginia Lindberg, Eleanor Lwiwski, John Lwiwski, Haruko Miyata, Angela Moodie, Flo Olson, Lynda Paul, Gloria Saindon, Janie Schroeder, Erna Schultz, Kelsey Shiaro, Helen Smallwood, Susan Turley, and Myrna Hagues (accompanist), with an average weekly choir size of 14-16 singers. The Worship Choir led contemporary services on January 25, May 24, July 5, and September 27th and I would like to thank the musicians who accompanied us for those services: Heather Karavas (guitar), Eleanor Lwiwski (double bass), Kelsey Shiaro (flute), Sharon Wilson (guitar) and Myrna Hagues (piano). June Kaan was able to join us for the Advent season this year, with Patrick Woodbeck, Jessica Steidl and Trista Closen joining us for the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service. We would like to thank Joe Kellner and Virginia Lindberg for their many years of service and wish them well as they retire from the choir and rejoin the congregation!

New singers are welcome in the Worship Choir at any time of year. We are especially needing tenor and basses at this time to enable us to do more 4-part singing. If you like to sing and want to be involved in the Worship Choir but can't commit to the whole year, watch for special opportunities to join the choir for the seasons of Advent and/or Lent.

Our children's choir, the Joyful Noise, continued to sing under the leadership of Jessica Steidl and Alex Czehryn. They have a fairly regular group of 6-8 enthusiastic singers each week. As well as singing anthems in church, the Joyful

Noise joined the Praise Team at the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service. All children who like to sing are invited to get involved with the Joyful Noise!

During 2015, the Praise Team (teen & young adult branch of our music ministry), continued to offer leadership and music with a more contemporary Christian flavor. Praise Team services were held on February 1, March 15, April 5 (joint leadership with the Worship Choir for Easter Sunday), June 7, July 12, October 11, and November 15. The Praise Team also provided musical leadership for the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service. The musicians involved in the Praise Team during 2015 were: Amber Cottreau, Alex Czehryn, Nick Czehryn, Myrna Hagues, John Lwiwski, Courtney Maertens, Karyn Maertens, Gordon Nazarko, Chris Saindon, Jessica Steidl and Rebecca Wilson. In September we were pleased to welcome Julia Bateman to the group! We are truly blessed to have so many talented youth who offer leadership at our church! In October, Laura, John, Eleanor, Janessa and Bob Harrison were able to attend Sounds Good II, a workshop on sound in worship, where we were able to get some tips on working with sound in a church setting. A special thank-you goes to Eleanor Lwiwski, Janessa Morin, and John Lwiwski for their continued efforts in managing our mics and sound board.

As we continue into the age of technology, we have been pleased to offer a regular feature on our website - the weekly "Notes on the Notes." When you go to this page (or subscribe to WPUC's website via e-mail), you are able to see what we will be singing on Sunday, read through the poetry of the words and learn about the music. At times you may also be able to watch or listen to video/audio clips of the music we will be using in worship. Our hope is that this site offers an added depth of understanding of the music we share in worship each week.

I would like to thank Sharon, Patrick and the members of the Worship Council for their ongoing support and valuing of the music ministry. At Windsor Park United we have been blessed to have a congregation that loves music and that places so much value on singing their faith. We are blessed to have many talented people who have found a place to share their gifts. In finishing this report, I would once again like to thank everyone who participates in or supports the music programs at WPUC. This vital service to our church congregation would not be successful without you!

Respectfully submitted
Laura Steidl, Music Director

MEMBERSHIP & PASTORAL CARE COUNCIL

2015 was a busy year for the Membership & Pastoral Care Council.

Throughout the year we have sent:
47 Thinking of You cards

23 Get Well cards
34 Sympathy cards
15 Over 90 Birthday cards

The budget was mostly for the stamps. All the cards were donated by the congregation. A huge 'Thank You' goes out to all the individuals that donated cards, as it helped save the church the cost of purchasing them.

We packaged and delivered 60 Thinking of You baskets at Christmas. Many 'Thanks' to all who came out to help. Thank you cards from the families who received the baskets, started pouring in. Thank you to Wilma Hunnie for finding the wonderful baskets we used and finally "Thank you" to all, for the donation of items for the baskets.

Respectfully submitted
Patricia Todd, Chair

FUNERAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

We catered 10 funerals in the last year and the families were grateful for the service we offered at WPUC.

We are actively looking for volunteers to join our kitchen crew. It is enjoyable to work with others from our church family while preparing the funeral lunches. Thank you on behalf of the Funeral Committee.

CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The Christian Development Council is the council who oversees activities nurturing the faith journey of children, youth and adults. The Christian Development Council consists of: co-chairs Paulette Cote and Laura Steidl and council members: Patrick Woodbeck, Pat Lumsden, Heather Burnett and Melissa Horbas.

The Christian development council oversees the following areas: Bible Adventures, Library, Technology, Confirmation, Christian Vocation, Youth Group, Intergenerational Events, Tot Time, Baby Fold and Adult Education. Each area has a liaison who is contacting and developing a relationship with the people currently working in these areas and offering support where needed.

Highlights for 2015:

- CDC hosted a Quiz night on January 30 with 86 people coming out to join in the fun and raising \$867.50.
- We hosted a Thank You pancake breakfast for the Bible Adventures teachers and coordinating committee on May 3. Bible Adventures officially finished for the year on May 10, with 5 students hired to continue programming for children during May and June.
- A highlight for the year was our inter-generational bus trip to the Human Rights Museum on May 24. Over 45 people participated in this event, which included

a 2-hour guided tour, and we thank Derick Hilliker for providing the bus, which really facilitated an opportunity for good discussion on the return ride to the church.

- Bible Adventures started again on September 17th with a full complement of teachers for children from Nursery to Grade 6 and many eager children. On October 18, we hosted a breakfast meeting for the teachers and the Bible Adventures coordinating committee. We are very grateful for their commitment to the children of the church! We would especially like to thank Gloria Saindon, who keeps things running smoothly from week to week, as well as the Bible Adventures Co-ordinating Committee. Classes are grouped by age and meet each Sunday, with the exception being Praise Team contemporary services and special events, when the children meet as a larger group. Bible Adventures also hosted a Sundaе Sunday and created bulletin covers for the season of Lent.

- The church library is an ongoing project. Jan Shiaro is our current librarian and we thank her for her work in keeping this ministry going! We have begun to reorganize and cull the library so that out-of-date books can be replaced by current ones. An information video about our library was created and is currently on our website. Our presence on-line and on social media continues to grow.

-The Youth Group/Intergenerational Corn Maze Event was a success with over 30 participants. The youth group has begun to meet regularly, approximately every 2-3 weeks with events such as games nights and movie nights.

- The Intergenerational congregational carolling event at St. Boniface Hospital on December 21 was very successful with approximately 30 enthusiastic participants. We would like to thank all the singers as well as the musicians, John Lwiwski (accordion), Nick Czehryn (guitar) and Heather Karavas (guitar).

- A Family New Year's Eve event was held for the first time on December 31 and was well-attended with approx. 25 people taking part.

- Two "meet and greet" events were held after church during coffee time. The first one was in February (Lent) and the second in December (Advent). There was positive feedback about the opportunity to chat with new people.

- Both Tot Time and Thursday morning study group started up for the fall season in October with good attendance. There continues to be a need for volunteers to help with Tot Time, especially during the winter months. The Thursday morning adult education group studied "What's So Amazing About Grace" during the fall months and was facilitated by Patrick. Sharon led the evening adult education group in the study "When Christians Get it Wrong."

The Christian Development Council also provided coffee after church during the month of November.

We are interested in having additional members join the team in supporting both our new minister and our congregation and we continue to learn and grow in faith!

Respectfully submitted
Laura Steidl and Paulette Cote, Co-Chairs

BIBLE ADVENTURES

Bible Adventures has come a long way since we changed the name. We strive to teach the children of Windsor Park United Church both the new and old testament of the Bible with new and innovative ideas from our many talented young people and seasoned mentors of this church.

This past year as brought many positive changes in the life of Bible Adventures. We went from having our own communion services, mostly being blessed and led by Patrick, to our own services, complete with bulletins, prayers and song written by the children of this congregation. This truly has brought a sense of belonging and ownership to the children.

We have used many different teaching methods and continue to have an open door policy that no idea or craft goes unnoticed.

Although we do not have fundraisers for Bible Adventures, we still try and do good to others by holding a yearly Sundae Sunday (for the preschool in Africa), a clean-up of the church yard for Earth day, singing songs for White Gift and Palm Sunday and of course giving gifts to the hampers on White Gift Sunday. This year as we travelled back in time, each class decorated a tree with decorations from the past and we displayed them at the Christmas Eve services for all to enjoy.

I thank each and every one of the teachers, mentors and helpers that continue, despite their busy lives, to show up each week with enthusiasm and ideas for their classes. This past year has given us, Jessica, Alex, Amber, Keeley, Julia, Rebecca, Allison, Mavis, Jannesa, Gordon and Chris.

I would like to thank the members of CDC (Paulette, Laura, Pat, Heather and Melissa) who continue to support us through breakfast meetings and feedback to bring such a positive influence to our teachers.

On a final note I would like to thank the members of the coordinating committee (Douglas, Heather, Sarah, Patrick and Maria) for the ideas and brainstorming we come up with each August. We are getting better and almost have the whole year planned at that meeting!

I encourage you to watch Bible Adventures in the coming year as we bring forth exciting new ideas and themes for our young people of Windsor Park United.

Respectfully Submitted
Gloria Saindon, Co-ordinator

THURSDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Thursday Morning Study Group is a growing, active, safe place to express our thoughts about our faith journey. There are many lively discussions relating to the topic of the day. We have had great success with the DVD presentations of the books we have chosen to study and with the genial leadership of Patrick Woodbeck – there are many different avenues to explore with every part of the presentations.

We started our group study the first Thursday after Thanksgiving in October and will continue until the beginning of May. We gather in the Bible Adventures room downstairs for a cup of coffee or hot water and a quick catch-up of our week. About 9:30am we begin with prayer and then the presentation program for that day, until about 11:00am.

Our first subject, this October was - What's So Amazing About Grace by Philip Yancy. Some of our thoughts were that grace is a kindness that is grounded in faith - grace is a form of forgiveness – grace cannot be bought or earned it is God's gift to us. This was a presentation slated for 10 weeks, however, because of its thought provoking message we took 12 weeks to explore it..

As a Lenten Study, starting February 10th, we have chosen - If You Want To Walk On Water You Have To Get Out Of The Boat by John Ortberg. This study relates to the passage in Matthew 14 when Peter jumps out of the boat and walks on the water toward Jesus. There are many parables in the Bible that we can relate to, and many interpretations to ponder.

For our spring study, we have selected - Vanishing Grace by Philip Yancy. There are many changes happening to the way we are living our faith in this 21st century. How can we, as Christians make a difference? How can we, as individuals make a difference?

Come out on a Thursday morning and add your voice to the discussion.

Respectfully submitted
Alice Hastings

TOT TIME

January began with 16 moms, 14, children downstairs and 9 babies upstairs. The “Grandmas” upstairs have been thrilled to have several new babies to hold.

For the children downstairs it is a time to be with other children, make new friends and be entertained by the many caring adults that love to be with them.

It has been a wonderful year with lots of fun and laughter coming from the Moms, many of them expressing their gratitude for the opportunity to be a part of this group. Tot Time provides the occasion for them to get to know other moms. It creates a chance for moms to have time away from their children with

the knowledge that the children are well cared for by our church volunteers. They have enjoyed playing games with a guest from a Game store, shared their baby pictures and learned how to arm knit scarves. They have also decorated cupcakes, had breakfast out and made spring wreaths.

Tot Time finished on April 29 giving everyone an opportunity to enjoy the warmer weather.

The fall program began on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. We welcomed 17 moms, 14 children and 8 babies. The first few weeks are a time for everyone to get to know one another. The children explore their new surroundings, make new friends and enjoy the toys, puzzles, play dough, do crafts and love the story time with Cathy and interacting with the caregivers.

Moms spend time chatting and having coffee and planning the programming for the year. These plans included painting their nails, a guest from McNally Robinson, making cards, a baking exchange, a Christmas party with the children and Santa and a wonderful potluck breakfast which they share with the caregivers.

We would like to thank our 18 volunteers who come out every week and also thank all those who come to fill in while our volunteers are on holidays. They are all very special people who love and care for the children and make the Tot Time program a success.

Tot Time is a wonderful program for all who attend the Wednesday morning event and a meaningful outreach program for Windsor Park United Church.

Thank you also to the moms who give us the opportunity to get to know them as well as their children. It is our pleasure to have each one of you attend Tot Time and welcome you into our church. If you know of anyone who would like to join our group please call the church office at 204-256-8792 or Ruth Klein at 204-256-6390.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth Klein, Co-ordinator

LIBRARY

Thank you to all the people who have donated books to the library this year. We have culled some very old and under-used books to make room for new additions. Such culling, while adding to our library, will continue on an ongoing basis. In cases where we have duplicate items donated, extra copies are sent to the Sunday book sale table if they are deemed to be appropriate for that purpose.

Recently, it has been announced in the bulletin that users of our library are welcome to write a short review of any book from our library that they have

read and enjoyed, or found helpful. Such reviews would be included in future bulletins in hope of encouraging more people to make use of our library.

Also recently, CDC has made a short video highlighting aspects of our library. It can be accessed on the WPUC website (go to Councils--Christian Development) and is worth checking out.

Please take the opportunity to use, enjoy, and learn from our library which has something for everyone, from the very young to the old, and all those in between.

Submitted by
Jan Shiaro

ART GROUP

We meet every Tuesday from 1:00 - 3:30 P.M. mid-September to mid-May. We mainly paint with watercolours but some do acrylics. Occasionally we bring in an instructional artist. This year we experimented with alcohol ink art as a group and had an instructor in for portrait painting. Our annual fee is \$40. We are a relaxed and fun group. Anyone is welcome. Come and join us or pop in for a visit or coffee.

Respectively submitted
Carol Belsham

CONGREGATIONAL INVOLVEMENT & COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL

In March, we held our annual Curling event at the Fort Garry Curling Club. People from St. Bartholomew's and St. Mary's Road churches were invited to come. There were 48 curlers and an additional 18 people who came back to the church for a lasagna dinner.

In April, we had our annual Spring Dinner. Food tables were set-up in the north room and people went through the east door and exited the west door. We had 2 rows of food so the lines moved quickly. We were entertained by groups of Barber Shop Quartets and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

June came and we hosted the Church picnic on the church parking lot and side grass. We had fairly good attendance. The fee for hot dogs may have to go up as our cost for wieners has increased. We had a total of 116 people (adults & children) in attendance.

September rolled around and we had the Welcome Back Luncheon. We served pork on a bun, hot dogs, potato salad, cole slaw, veggies and cookies. We had 90 people attend. The Golf Tournament was held at the Canoe Club followed by supper at the church. We had 28 golfers.

In October we hosted our 3rd Craft Sale. Jan Nazarko and Judi Chiswell looked after the event and took the reservations for the 30 tables. The Youth Group staffed the canteen. The Craft Sale was very successful.

	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	Proposed 2016 Budget
Craft Sale	0.00	743.00	0.00
Curling	100.00	61.78	100.00
Picnic	50.00	1.45	75.00
Golf Tournament	50.00	61.78	50.00
Welcome Back Lunch	500.00	254.92	500.00
Miscellaneous	25.00	0.00	25.00

Submitted by
Deanna Kernaghan

OUTREACH

On behalf of the WPUC Outreach Council, I am pleased to provide the following update on our activities during 2015.

Throughout the year, we provided supplies and people-power to support West Broadway Community Ministry. Shirley and Gord Goossen transported donations of grocery and hygiene items regularly to W.B.C.M. to keep their pantry stocked. Our friendly mascot, Bill McOuat, recruited volunteers to bake cookies, cook and serve meals, and visit with the guests at WBCM each month. In the spring, we purchased, packed and delivered items for two of our refugees families. We also supplied, prepared and served items for the meal served at the W.B.C.M. Volunteer Appreciation supper.

Last summer, we began planning and shopping for the Christmas Hampers! We also stretched our budget so that we could provide twice as many meals to WBCM guests during the summer months when their outside support tends to decrease.

In October, we cooked turkeys and desserts to support the Fall Supper fundraiser at Rainbow Ministry.

In December, our members were able to pack 19 and deliver hampers for families in the community with the direction of the Christmas Cheer Board. Besides perishable and non-perishable grocery items, we were able to include gifts for all members of those families. As we were unable to deliver the 20th hamper, the items were delivered to West Broadway Community Ministry to use in their emergency pantry. We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of

the WPUC congregation for their donations of time, muscle, and financial resources. We also want to thank the Sunday School staff and children, the U.C.W. units 2 and 5, and Jack Sill (Angela's brother-in-law) for helping us provide gifts for all members of the families. A surplus of funds remained so we are planning to use this to prepare some Spring Hampers in 2015.

Donations of winter clothing that were placed on the Mitten Tree were gathered after Christmas and delivered by Laura Steidl to an inner-city school for distribution to children in need. The kindness of our congregation surely warmed those children as much as the clothing did.

In the coming year, we plan to continue and extend our support of the West Broadway Community and Rainbow Ministries. We are also hoping to become involved in the sponsorship of more refugees in the coming year.

As we look back on the projects undertaken, we are greatly encouraged by the efforts of our small, but hard-working council and by the consistent, amazing support of our church family. A sincere thank you to everyone.

Respectfully submitted
Gwen Polak, Co-Chair

AUDIT COMMITTEE

This is to advise that the 2015 financial review has been completed by the Audit Committee. The financial portion of the review covered a review of the year with special emphasis on the months of June and December, 2015.

The scope of the financial review covered receipts and disbursements, balance sheet, bank statements, government reporting requirements, and minutes of the Executive Team and Official Board. We are pleased to advise that no material discrepancies were discovered during the course of the review.

We wish to thank the Treasurer for his assistance during the audit.

Respectfully submitted
Wilma Hunnie
Nancy Sulkers
Major Rodd

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERY – HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015

January – Our General Meeting was an all-day meeting that was held at Sturgeon Creek United Church. The co-hosts of the meeting were Crestview United Church, Kirkfield Park United Church, Silver Heights United Church and St. Charles United Church/Headingley United Church. We were very fortunate in having Ovide Mercredi as a guest speaker, who spoke on the recent MacLean's magazine article about the City of Winnipeg being the most racist city in

Canada. The court picked the new name 1JustCity to rebrand 1Hope Winnipeg. Judy Hare, the Conference Personnel Minister and Shelly Manley-Tannis, the Co-Convener of the Conference Coordinating Committee for the Sexual Abuse Prevention & Response Policy & Procedures Committee, led a Boundaries and Social Media workshop.

March – The General Meeting was held at St. Mary's Road United Church with co-hosts of the meeting being Churchill Park United Church, Korean United Church, Hungarian United Church and St. Matthew's-Maryland Community Ministry. The idea of creating a unified Board to represent all five community ministries was presented. The court received a Conference Report from Shannon McCarthy, the Executive Secretary of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. Winnipeg Presbytery adopted the M&S Grants ad hoc Task Group's Criteria for Making Mission Support Decisions in Winnipeg Presbytery.

April – Our General Meeting was held at John Black Memorial United Church with co-hosts of the meeting being Immanuel United Church, Gordon-King Memorial United Church, North Kildonan United Church and North End Stella Community Ministry. Shannon McCarthy, the Executive Secretary of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario spoke about the document "United in God's Work" (Comprehensive Review) which would be discussed and voted on at GC42 in August.

May – The May General Meeting was held at St. Andrew's River Heights, with a pizza dinner beforehand. Co-hosts of the meeting were Atlantic-Garden City United Church, Sparling United Church, Kildonan United Church and Fred Douglas Lodge. Roslyn Garofalo presented the history of the Fred Douglas Society. The main topic of discussion was the document "United in God's Work". Table groups discussed various sections of the document.

June – Our General Meeting was held at The United Church in Meadowood with co-hosts of the meeting being Trinity United Church, McClure United Church and Oak Table Community Ministry. Janet Walker was installed as the new Chair of Presbytery. The opening worship included a covenanting service for the incoming Executive. Table discussions surrounding the future direction of Winnipeg Presbytery took place. There was a PowerPoint presentation which recognized the retirees and people leaving Winnipeg Presbytery – Bonita Garrett, Ray Cuthbert, Ted Dodd and Mona Denton.

September – The General Meeting was held at John Black Memorial United Church with co-hosts of the meeting being Immanuel United Church, Gordon-King Memorial United Church, North Kildonan United Church and North End Stella Community Ministry. The court heard reports from the GC42 General Council Commissioners who were present – Patrick Woodbeck, Tim Crouch, Bill Millar as well as Julia Antonyshyn, who was a visitor at GC youth forum, and Shannon McCarthy, the Executive Secretary of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. Further to the table discussions surrounding the

future direction of Winnipeg Presbytery that took place in June, Presbyters picked their top three favourite topics. The top three priorities chosen were: Truth and Reconciliation, Refugees/Migrants and Healthy Congregations-How to Help Right Now.

October – Our General Meeting was held at Harrow United Church with co-hosts of the meeting being Westworth United Church, Fort Garry United Church and Crescent Fort Rouge United Church. The Conference President, Joey Dearborn, brought greetings from the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. Tessa Blaikie Whitecloud introduced the Social Innovation Challenge, November 27 and 28. Cole Grambo gave a report on Spirit Path's ecumenical partnership with the Anglican Church and Lutheran Church. The 2016 Mission & Service (M&S) Fund Block Grant was approved.

November - The General Meeting was held at Sturgeon Creek United Church with co-hosts Crestview United Church, Kirkfield Park United Church, Silver Heights United Church and St. Charles United Church/Headingley United Church. The court separated into two groups for the blanket exercise, coordinated by the local Kairos group. The court referred the 2016 Budget and Congregational Assessments to the Executive to be finalized. Janet Walker announced that plans were underway for a city-wide United Church service in 2016. More details will come in the New Year.

UCW and Financial Statement

Our UCW is made up of Units 2 & 5 who meet monthly in the afternoon and the YAH'S who meet in the evening. In 2015 there were 55 active members.

In January, the greeters, ushers, and liturgist were UCW members.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church hosted World Day of Prayer on March 6th. The program was written by the women of the Bahamas.

An Open Meeting was held the evening of April 22nd. Shirley Watt, from Westworth United Church and Gail Fones spoke on the Buy-a-Net Program in Uganda. Handmade jewelry by the women of Uganda was available for sale. A \$100 honourarium was given to the Buy-a-Net Program.

A rummage sale happened on June 5 & 6. Many UCW members were involved in all phases of the sale but members of the congregation willingly helped also. Flavie-Laurent picked up what was left over.

The UCW executive provided a hot lunch for 35 Habitat for Humanity volunteers on July 13th. At the build on Ross Ave.

During July and August Coffee and Conversation was being held on Wednesday afternoons. Unit 5 spearheads the organizing but reaches out to the congregation for help on individual Wednesdays.

After worship in September UCW members served coffee and dainties.

Gloria Saindon stepped down as past president in September. Gloria was a vital member and shall be missed.

The Cookie Walk, co-ordinated by Unit 2 was held in November. UCW Members and the congregation baked up a storm of cookies and the sale was sold out quickly!

Throughout the year the units take turns cleaning both kitchens. Unit 2 and the YAH'S provide a delicious home cooked meal for our AOTS members six times during the year.

West Broadway, Agape Table and the Christmas Cheer Board have been recipients of UCW member's outreach.

The UCW executive members are: Diena Rodd, treasurer; Margo Baldwin, secretary; past president, Gloria Saindon; president, Alana Davis and representing the YAH'S, Stacy Bosak.

WINDSOR PARK UNITED CHURCH WOMEN TREASURER'S REPORT for the year 2015

Balance on Hand,	\$		23,356.57
December 31, 2014			
Income			
Cookie Walk		1,441.00	
Rummage Sale		1,223.50	
Units : Unit 2		1,000.00	
Unit 5			
YAH's			
Least Coin		114.92	
Interest		217.50	
Total Income	\$		3,996.92
Disbursements			
Rummage Sale		27.40	
Cookie Walk		22.93	
All Native Mission		100.00	
Manitoba & North West Ont. Bursary		100.00	
Camp Wasaga		100.00	
UCW Dues MNWO		165.00	
Buy a Net Program		100.00	
Least Coin		114.61	
Windsor Park United Church-Gen. Fund		1,000.00	
Boiler Fund		3,000.00	
China trip		200.00	
Habitat		171.13	
Bank Charges		4.57	
Miscellaneous		46.32	
Total Disbursements		5,151.96	
Balance at end of period	\$		22,201.53
GIC (Mat. 30/01/2017)		15,217.50	

Available Funds \$ 6,984.03

Respectfully submitted by
Alana Davis

AOTS and Financial Statement

Our men's club continues to be a strong and vibrant part of our church. We continue to attract new members. Take a look around the church and you will see AOTS members on most councils. A great deal of the hard work is done by our club members.

At our monthly meetings we have had a great group of guest speakers. We have heard all about the amazing work they have done and are doing with Winnipeg's less fortunate people. How can one not be impressed with the devotion of these folks. Their work is an inspiration to us all. We must take care of our own homeless first.

This year West Broadway and Agape Table have received funds from AOTS.

We continue to meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 pm for dinner provided by either Unit 2 or YAH of UCW. We listen to our guest speaker followed by a question period. This is followed by a short business meeting. COME OUT AND GIVE US A TRY.

Submitted by
Bill McQuat
Gary Garvey

A. O. T. S. WPUC

Financial Statement for year ending December 31, 2015

	2014	2015
REVENUE:		
WPUC - Devoted to you Ministry	685.63	
Dinner Meetings - net		
Membership Fees	225.00	300.00
May BBQ	1,477.61	1260
Donation - Stephen Family		200.00
Total Revenue	\$2,388.24	\$1,760.00

EXPENDITURES:

Memberships - AOTS National	270.00	240.00
S.S. Xmas / Easter	120.74	54.19
Coffee / Cookies	86.90	6.45
May BBQ	357.05	434.12
Dinner meetings	14.00	42.81
Agape Table	300.00	200.00
West Broadway	700.00	600.00
Devoted to you Ministry	800.00	
Bank Expense	19.46	30.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,668.15	\$1,607.57
Revenue: over (under) Expenditures	-\$279.91	\$152.43

CASH

Balance Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 2014	\$608.69
Revenue over Expense- 2015	152.43
Balance Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 2015	\$761.12

NOTE - Cash on hand as at Dec. 31, 2015 includes \$300.00 membership dues owing to AOTS National.

Major L. Rodd
Treasurer

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Last year's report included this line *"We will be writing another financial story in 2015 which will undoubtedly have another set of circumstances but as always there will be the ongoing theme of our amazing faith and generosity."* 2015 started like 2014, attendance was down and giving's did not meet our needs. During the Spring we received some very large donations as some of our congregation switched to a lump sum gift in the form of stocks. This allowed us to keep paying the bills over summer. By October it looked like we would have a deficit around \$7,000 which was better than the budgeted \$13,000 loss. We were not blessed with many more angels and on December 31st our **loss was just over \$12,790**. The Boiler Fund has paid off the boiler and we will probably see a surplus of over \$3,500 in that fund once the Community Place funding is secured.

We continue to be outstanding with our M&S giving's, the 2015 budget was \$24,000 and we provided \$23,544.40. More proof that we are an amazing, compassionate and generous church family.

This chart below is known as a 'step' chart which shows how many contributors are on each step. The amount given is for all causes and from both Envelope and PAR – General Fund, M&S, and Boiler Fund etc.

2015		# OF	AMOUNT	% OF TOTAL	% OF Total
YEARLY GIVINGS		GIVERS	GIVEN	GIVERS	Amount
\$0	\$50.00	23	\$ 670.00	7.88	0.28
\$50.01	\$100.00	22	\$ 1,943.05	7.53	0.8
\$100.01	\$200.00	27	\$ 4,379.35	9.25	1.81
\$200.01	\$500.00	70	\$ 25,712.86	23.97	10.62
\$500.01	\$1,000.00	74	\$ 54,980.19	25.35	22.71
\$1,000.01	\$5,000.00	73	\$ 131,725.98	25	54.41
\$5,000.01	\$10,000.00	3	\$ 22,695.28	1.02	9.37
	\$10,000 +	0	\$ -	0	0
GRAND TOTALS		292	\$ 242,106.71	100	100
AVERAGE YEARLY GIVING PER PERSON			\$ 829.13		

We will still face financial challenges in 2016 for our General Fund. If you can find it in your heart to provide more to the General Fund it would be very much appreciated. Our Stewardship goal for 2016 is to complete a pledge campaign and have 125 people using PAR which will get us closer to no deficit at the end of 2016. At the end of 2015 we had 107 people using PAR for a monthly total of \$8,291.83 which was down from 2014 when it was 112 givers for a total of \$9,003.83.

Please remember that being a contributing member of WPUC is also about contributing your time and talent. All the councils need new members every year, including Finance and Stewardship. There are also opportunities throughout the year to assist with other activities – like Greeting, Ushering, Liturgists, delivering hampers and Thinking-of-you baskets, Tot Time, Coffee, Choir, and Counting.

In God's Service
Doug Waldron