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PATRICK'S POINTS TO PONDER

We hear in the Gospel of Luke chapter 6:

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

It can be difficult for us to be church in the world today. It seems that we live in a world that, in some way, believes the exact opposite. A world where this verse from Luke's Gospel might actually confuse us because it speaks of a concept that can be a difficult concept for many in our world today.

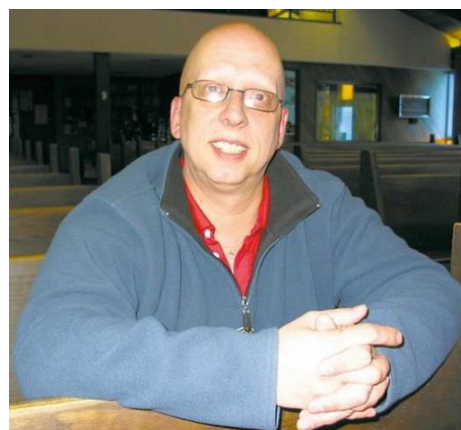
Give and it will be given back to you! It is so easy for us to fall into the trap of this world that tells us that we actually live in a world of scarcity. We are constantly hearing messages that tell us that we don't have enough. We don't have enough possessions; a big enough house, a new enough vehicle, enough toys (for both adults and young one), don't go on enough vacations.

So, we spend our time working to ensure that we have enough, in a world where we might never have enough, for today and tomorrow. We often get trapped in a cycle of not enough; we need to have more. But, if I spend my days thinking that I don't have enough, will I ever be satisfied with

what I do have?

You see for us, God is enough. The scripture verse that I began with speaks to the idea that God is enough. What we give, God will ensure comes back to us, in ways that we can't even imagine.

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The Church of today is struggling and if we fall into believing, as the world would have us believe, that we don't have enough, it becomes easier for us to build walls around ourselves, so that we can keep what we have, so that it is enough.

As the Church we are to live into a different reality, a new way of being. We are to live into a life of abundance. As we give, we receive. When we begin to view the world through the lens of abundance, we begin to see all that we can do, not that which we can no longer do because we don't have enough.



When we live into abundance, possibilities are opened to us that we never thought would have existed. In these possibilities, there is found a new life, a new way of being. In this new life, there is hope.

It is fitting that we see ourselves in this way at this time of the year. Spring is a time of great hope, with new life coming up from the ground. As Christians, we hold onto the hope of new life that was found in the resurrection.

May you all be blessed with all the possibilities that new life brings both today and every day.



We welcome by Baptism:

Owen Darryl Liam WOLOSHYN (August 15, 2016), son of Kevin & Courtney

Viola Amber Marie COWAN (November 29, 2016), daughter of Bobby & Amanda



The Gemmel Family on the passing of Sheila

The Doner Family on the passing of Jacqueline

The Lehman Family on the passing of Lloyd

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

In the last issue, we talked about the PAR offering option and about the “Our Gifts Catalogue” as part of our stewardship campaign. Thank you all who have joined PAR (we are up to 112 contributors!) and to those who have celebrated our programs and talents with the “Our Gifts Catalogue”!



Stewardship requires participation from the whole congregation to maintain and sustain WPUC. These two charts show the breakdown of our congregation’s givings for 2016 & 2017. These offerings pay for the yearly operational costs of our church. Stewardship is not just about monetary offerings but also time and talent from many individuals. Our congregation provides many services and programs for our church and community. What is the value of all these good works?

Each member has to judge the best way that they can be a good steward. Whether it is the amount you give each year, volunteering on committees or sharing ideas and talents, WPUC needs you! Thank you for considering these words and please help WPUC be a strong presence in our community as we near our 60TH anniversary!

Thank you from the Finance & Stewardship Committee!

2016	March	# OF	AMOUNT	% OF	
YEARLY GIVINGS		GIVERS	GIVEN	TOTAL	% OF Total
\$0	\$ 50.00	40	\$ 1,235.70	17.02	2.24
\$ 50.01	\$ 100.00	45	\$ 3,509.04	19.14	6.36
\$ 100.01	\$ 200.00	55	\$ 8,086.00	23.4	14.65
\$ 200.01	\$ 500.00	70	\$ 20,753.00	29.79	37.59
\$ 500.01	\$ 1,000.00	19	\$ 12,332.80	8.09	22.34
\$ 1,000.01	\$ 5,000.00	6	\$ 9,291.00	2.56	16.82
\$ 5,000.01	\$ 10,000.00	0	\$ -	0	0
	\$10,000 +	0	\$ -	0	0
GRAND TOTALS		235	\$ 55,207.54	100	100
AVERAGE YEARLY GIVING PER PERSON			\$ 234.93		

2017	March	# OF	AMOUNT	% OF	
YEARLY GIVINGS		GIVERS	GIVEN	TOTAL	% OF Total
\$0	\$ 50.00	19	\$ 614.30	9.36%	1.07%
\$ 50.01	\$ 100.00	35	\$ 2,795.99	17.24%	4.89%
\$ 100.01	\$ 200.00	63	\$ 9,294.91	31.03%	16.24%
\$ 200.01	\$ 500.00	63	\$ 18,566.23	31.03%	32.45%
\$ 500.01	\$ 1,000.00	19	\$ 12,559.00	9.36%	21.95%
\$ 1,000.01	\$ 5,000.00	3	\$ 8,015.00	1.48%	14.01%
\$ 5,000.01	\$ 10,000.00	1	\$ 5,375.00	0.49%	9.39%
	\$10,000 +	0	\$ -	0.00%	0
GRAND TOTALS		203	\$ 57,220.43	100.00%	100.00%
AVERAGE YEARLY GIVING PER PERSON			\$ 281.87		

TOT TIME



Tot Time meets every Wednesday morning at 9:30 to 11 am from October to the end of April. The moms gather to enjoy some time away from their children and to share conversation and coffee with other moms. They plan their own program and are entertained with guest speakers and activities such as yoga, belly dancing, crafts, breakfast out and preparing a family meal together. This year they have had a Mary Kay

Rep demonstrate how to use their products and a rep from Mayberry come out. The moms made cupcakes and spent a morning decorating them for Valentines. Each week they begin with a time for coffee, goodies and a chat time. Some mornings they just enjoy chatting and getting to know each other. With only four weeks left, they are planning some crafts and a potluck breakfast which they share with all of the caregivers.

Eleven babies kept the caregivers extremely busy upstairs. We are grateful for everyone who has come out to share in the care of these little ones and especially those who were willing to come when some of our volunteers were away for winter vacations.

A total of eight children were registered downstairs. They painted, did crafts played with playdough and the toys. The moms provide a snack for the children. We are very lucky to have a wonderful story teller that also joins us each week.

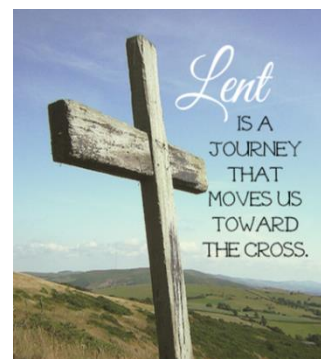
I would like to thank the volunteers that enjoy being with the children and spend their time playing and getting to know each one. Many of our volunteers have been doing this for many years.

Thank you also to all of the moms who have taken leadership in planning for their time together. We are grateful for the fun time that we have all had together.

Tot time will commence again in the fall on Wednesday, October 11th at 9:30. We welcome anyone who would like to join our group. Please call Lucy at Windsor Park United Church at 204-256-8792 or Ruth Klein at 204-256-6390.

Happy Easter from us all and we wish everyone a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Ruth Klein, For Tot Time



JOIN US FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

"The Cross - What does it mean?"

Good Friday Service – April 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Easter Vigil – April 15 at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday Service – April 16 at 10:30 a.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Good Friday April 14th – Office Closed

Easter Monday April 17th – Office Closed

Sunday May 14th – Mother's Day

Monday May 22nd – Victoria Day – Office Closed

Sunday June 18th – Father's Day



A **RUMMAGE SALE** will take place here at the church on

- May 26th , 4 pm – 8 pm
- May 27th, 8 am – 12 noon

Please keep us in mind when you are doing your spring cleaning. We'll gladly accept toys, puzzles, games, DVDs, CDs, small tools in good working order, books, jewelry, small appliances in good working order, purses, shoes and gently used household and kitchen items.

No large items, no clothing/bedding please.

Please do not bring in items for the sale until Tuesday, May 23rd through to Thursday, May 25th between 9 – 3 pm. We just don't have the storage space.

Watch for the sign-up sheet for volunteers to help before, during and after the sale.

Thank you.

STUDY GROUP

On March 2nd this year, Study Group participated in the Anne Frank exhibit at J. H. Bruns School.

This was a very impressive presentation.

There was a video that put the time, place and situation into perspective.



Then we were fortunate to be guided through a series of poster presentations that went into the various situations the Frank Family and friends were confronted with.

During this part of the exhibit our guides, Megan, Ian, Sam, Dimi, Jadyn, and Hope responded to our questions with such ease and patience - the information they had at the ready - the respect they showed for the Frank family and the way they presented it – made this experience personal.

For our group study, we have been using the book An Altar in the World by Barbara Brown Taylor. It is sub-titled - A Geography of Faith – it sets out many and varied suggestions as to how we can manage to respect our beliefs and be a contributing member of society.

Alice Hastings



**AOTS
MEN'S CLUB
INVITE YOU
TO THEIR
STEAK BBQ
ON MONDAY
MAY 29TH
AT 6:30 PM.**

**TICKETS ARE
LIMITED!**

**PLEASE SEE BILL
MCOUAT OR
MAJOR RODD.**



WORSHIP COUNCIL



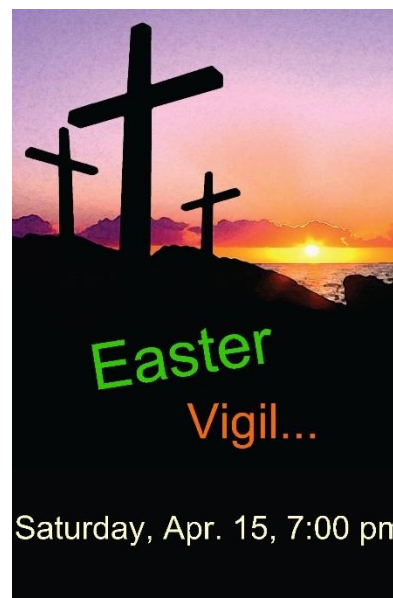
*Worship
Council*

The Worship Council has come through two busy seasons of planning for Advent and Christmas, and now Lent and Easter.

We hope, as we move toward Holy Week that you have

enjoyed the Journey to the Cross, our theme for this Advent and Easter.

As usual there will be services on Good Friday and Easter, however this year we have planned a third service , Easter vigil. It will be a time of reflection and prayer and will take place Saturday, April 15th at 7: pm.



Over the next few weeks, we will be announcing our plans for summer services. Please stay tuned. The Worship council is looking for new members. If any of you are interested in having a say in planning worship, please contact myself or anyone of the council members.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Sulkers

Chair, Worship Council

OUTREACH COUNCIL

In January, all of the wonderful winter accessories were taken from the Mitten Tree and delivered to children in need by Laura Steidl.



Throughout the winter, donations of food and hygiene items were picked up and delivered regularly to West Broadway Community Ministry. On the third Monday of each month, lunch has been prepared and served by WPUC volunteers to the guests of Broadway at Crossroads. While the numbers vary, as many as 150 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 21 hampers at Christmas. With the funds that remained, we have purchased two grocery store gift cards (in lieu of Easter Hampers) to give to some members of our community who are currently struggling financially.

In April, Outreach volunteers will be assisting with the set-up, food preparation, and clean-up 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 and guests particularly appreciate this service being offered at a time of year when support tends to decrease.

We wish to express our appreciation to the family and friends of Lillian Aird for the donations made to the Outreach Council in her memory. Most of the funds have now been used. To date, we have purchased several items for West Broadway Community Ministry including a washing machine, a dryer, two coffee urns, 45 pairs of socks for the Christmas gift bags they prepared and gave to their guests, and non-perishable food items for their pantry when they had a summer shortage. Being able to support WBCM and provide items that were desperately needed (and greatly appreciated) has allowed us to honour Lil in a visible way.



Respectfully yours,

Gwen Polak, Outreach Co-Chair

ADULT CONFIRMATION AND/OR BAPTISM

If anyone is interested **ADULT BAPTISM** and/or **CONFIRMATION**, please contact the office 204-256-8792 or officewpuc@mymts.net to have your name added to the list. It has been decided that we will do this in September or October.

ANNUAL SPRING DINNER

Please join us Sunday,

April 23rd at 5:00 pm

for an evening of fun and fellowship.

The “Sweet Adeline Barbershop Quartet” will be here to entertain us.

Come and enjoy a delicious buffet-style roast beef dinner with all the fixings.

Bring your family and friends.

- Adults \$15
- Youth (13-17) \$12
- Child (6-12) \$10
- 5 years and under Free



LIVING WITH DEMENTIA: FIRST STEPS

A three part information and experiential workshop series for people supporting a person recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia.

❖ Part One – Saturday April 22 9 am – 12 pm

Overview of dementia

Activities to experience what it might be like to have dementia

We're here for you – the Alzheimer Society

❖ Part Two – Saturday, May 13 9 am – 12 pm

Safety for the person with dementia

Family Perspectives

Legal and financial matters

❖ Part Three – Saturday, June 17 9 am – 12 pm

Navigating housing and care options

Advocating for the person with dementia

Care for yourself

SESSIONS LOCATED AT:

Windsor Park United Church

1062 Autumnwood Drive

Cost: **\$10.00 per person**

LIMITED SEATING

Three ways to register:

1. Online at: Alzheimer.mb.ca
2. Email: alzmb@alzheimer.mb.ca
3. Call: 204-943-6622

ALZHEIMER Society



Spring is coming! There are potholes and puddles everywhere!

The UCW ladies extend an open invitation to all men and women to join them Tuesday, April 11th at 7

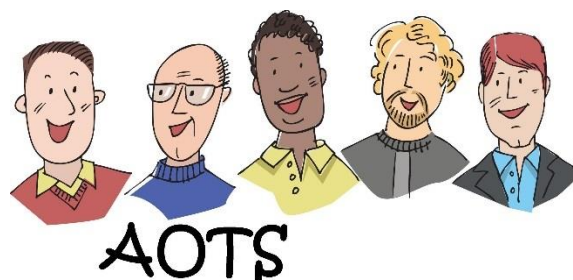


pm to listen to James Favel of the BEAR CLAN PATROL, who will be speaking about their outreach. Refreshments will be served. Free Will Offering.

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 26th and Saturday, May 27th for our Spring Rummage Sale. Items may be brought to the church beginning Tuesday, May 23rd. We gladly accept: purses, shoes, jewelry, books, games, puzzles, CDs, DVDs, small working tools, radios, gently used kitchen items, ornaments, please no large items, bedding or clothing.

There will be a sign-up sheet for the volunteers to help with the set-up, pricing, and for help before, during and after the sale.

Thanks – *Alana Davis*



Our A.O.T.S. group is going strong.

We meet on the fourth Monday of each month. Dinner is supplied by U.C.W. Unit 2 or Y.A.H.s.



We have had a list of really interesting speakers, speaking on many different topics.

This year our group has provided support to our church, Agape Table and West Broadway.



United Church Summer Camp

We have also supplied support to a young church member to attend United Church summer camp.

Please remember our annual BBQ. This is our major fund raiser and allows us to continue our good work.

We still have room for new members. Come on out and enjoy a good and interesting time.

Bill McDuat

EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST !

Sunday, April 16th at 9 am!



The breakfast menu includes: pancakes, bacon, sausage, fresh fruit (cut-up), hot cross buns, coffee, tea and juice .

We need to know how many to prepare for, so please sign-up!

Join in for the EASTER EGG HUNT!!



Free Will Offering

Proceeds will go to the Piano Fund.



We started off 2017 with our Curling event which was held at the Fort Garry Curling Club. Forty-two curlers took part. There were teams from St. Bartholemew, St. Mary's Road, Prince of Peace and Windsor Park United. Ten additional people joined us supper at the Church. Claude Grenier organized the Curling and members of CICC prepared the meal.

We will be holding our annual Spring Dinner on April 23. It will be a buffet style roast beef dinner. We will be entertained by the Sweet Adeline Barbershop Quartets.



Get Your Tickets!

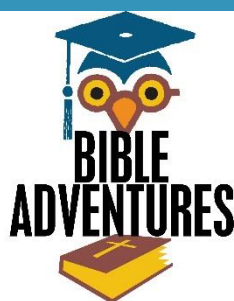
We are selling 150 tickets which can be

purchased after Church on Sundays or at the office during the week. Bring your family and friends for a delicious dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Kernaghan

BIBLE ADVENTURES



I cannot believe we have gone through Advent and the cold weather of winter and are now into LENT and the beginning of new life in Spring!

The past few months have flown by as the children learn the Bible in many unique ways. We closely follow the lectionary upstairs and have learned about family trees, making "rocks" from torn paper, healing the blind man by making "mud pies" and of course skeleton shapes from pasta for the story of Ezekiel and God brings dry bones to life.

As we prepare for the final steps of Lent with Palm Sunday and Easter, the children will be busy creating their own palms and learning different ways to tell the Easter story.



Spring Bible Adventures will begin on May 14 and run until the end of June. Lots of exciting things to come in the next couple of months so watch for young people eager to learn and create exciting items!

WPUC ART CLUB

We are starting to welcome back our snowbirds. Some of us have been participating in various Art shows around the City. The WPUC Art Group meets every Tuesday afternoon at 1 pm from September to May. A small annual fee is charged. This allows us to bring in a guest artist from time to time to teach us something new. We also use some videos to explore the methods of various artists. While most of us do watercolours, some are also exploring acrylics. Many also attend other workshops and groups and then willingly share their experiences. We are a friendly, relaxed group and anyone is welcome to join us. Casual drop ins are also welcome.



WPUC Art Group

Submitted by Diena Rodd

You're invited to our

NEARLY NEW BOUTIQUE CLOTHING and ACCESSORIES

on Sat., May 6th from 9 – 1 p.m. at
Windsor Park United Church
1062 Autumnwood Dr.



**Our Nearly New Boutique
includes men, women &
children's gently used
clothing and accessories!**
(hats, scarves, belts, purses,
shoes and jewelry)

*All donations of clothing must
be dropped off at the church
between 9 - 3 p.m. from
Tuesday, May 2 until Friday,
May 5. All proceeds to the
General Fund.*

Wheelchair Accessible