

## MINI SOUTHWINDS

This past Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, was Welcome Back Sunday at Windsor Park United Church. The Worship Council thought that it would be a good idea to set up a table on the patio, below the steps at the front of the church, and hand out cookies and lemonade to anyone who passed by the church, or was coming to church. We put on some music to help us all get into the mood and one of the songs was from The Beatles, released in 1967, "All You Need Is Love!" I have spent the last couple of days reflecting on this, as it pertains to the world right now. It seems that we live in a world that has an awful lot of anger in it today. We have protests and violence happening on a regular basis and, as Christians; it can be difficult to know how to respond. I think the idea, that we need love, is something very important for us to remember for we are told that the greatest commandment was to love others, as we have been loved. But this does not only apply to those around us, but rather to ourselves as well. I wonder if we are not called upon to offer ourselves that grace and love that we are called to offer to those around us. This might be a greater challenge for each and every one of us.

At Windsor Park United Church we have started to examine what it really means to be welcoming, to be open to those who are not the same as we are, who believe something different, who look different, who might be from a different background or demographic. This is important work, but we truly take to heart the idea of God's love for us, our acceptance and love for ourselves and our call to love others, we can truly become a place of love and hope in this world. The chaos and confusion of this modern world can be daunting to deal with on a daily basis. I hope that at Windsor Park United we find a place that will renew us, energize us, and prepare us to face the world outside. When life gets overwhelming it is a gift to have a place where we come together to feel the presence of God moving and working. Psalm 46: 10 tells us to "be still and know that I am God." I hope that we all truly find a place of quietness and peace where we feel God at work in our lives and in the world, through Windsor Park United.

Peace and blessings,  
Patrick Woodbeck  
Student Minister



**WPUC MUSIC PROGRAMS have started!**

**THE WORSHIP CHOIR** - Do you enjoy singing and want to have fun with a great group of people who share your love of music? Our youth and adult choir, under the direction of Laura Steidl, practices on Thursday evenings and leads the music in worship each Sunday. Worship Choir practices have begun and are on Thursdays from 7:45-9:15 p.m. We currently have openings in all four voicings (soprano, alto, tenor, bass). From “no experience” to “lots of experience” - if you like to sing, we have a place for you!

**The Praise Team** - This group is open to teen and young adult singers, and musicians of all ages, and leads our contemporary worship services approximately every 6 weeks beginning September 17<sup>th</sup>. Practices are on Sundays from 11:45-1 p.m. If you play an instrument, sing, or would like to work with sound and projection equipment, speak to Laura about ways to be involved in this group.

**The Joyful Noise** - Our children’s choir is for boys and girls from Kindergarten to Grade 6. We have a new director, Gloria Saindon. Practices are on Sundays at 10 am in the downstairs choir room. You don’t have to be here every week, just come and sing! Contact Gloria Saindon for more information at [gloriadrs@shaw.ca](mailto:gloriadrs@shaw.ca)

- For more information about any of our music programs please contact Laura Steidl at [laura.wpuc@gmail.com](mailto:laura.wpuc@gmail.com) or find me at the front of the church on a Sunday mornings!

**Did you know that we have a congregational E-mail list? Did you know that you can subscribe to our website to get an email as soon as we put on something new? By signing up and/or subscribing, we can get information out to you quickly, for example if a service is cancelled due to weather conditions or we have information about an event. Sign-up is easy – Contact Luci/Heather 204-256-8792.**

Our **USED BOOK SALE** will continue, usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month. Make a donation when you pick-up a book and all proceeds will go to the PIANO FUND. Thank you to every one for all the books you bring us!

**Volunteers at West Broadway Community Ministry often serve meals to over 100 guests four days a week. Items that are greatly needed include: sandwich fillings (such as peanut butter, canned meat or tuna, Cheez Whiz), coffee, and sugar. If you are able to contribute any of those items, please place them in the bin labelled WBCM in the church entrance. Two dedicated volunteers will collect and deliver donations to WBCM weekly. Any support that you can provide is greatly appreciated.**

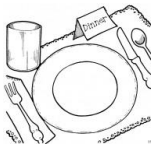


Art Group begins Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. We welcome anyone to come and join us or just drop in to have a look and visit. Annual fee is \$40. We will be having 2-3 guest artists in to do workshops.

Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm join us for the Annual Golf Event at the Canoe Club and then back to WPUC for a supper between 5 and 5:30 pm.

***On Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> Sparks and Brownies begins at 6:15 pm***

On Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 – 1 pm please join us for the first of three Alzheimer's Workshops. The remaining sessions are scheduled for Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Pat Todd for more information.



**The first AOTS Dinner Mtg. will be on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.**

**Soup & Sandwich is the last Wednesday of every month at the Prendergast Centre, beginning September 27<sup>th</sup> at Noon. The cost is \$8.00.**

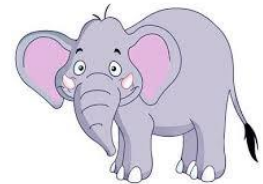
On Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 pm at WPUC **“Reframing the Question” for an evening of Appreciative Inquiry.** Join the executive as we continue our journey of planning for the future at WPUC. Sign-up sheet is in the lobby.

**Join us Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> for our World Wide Communion Service. The theme this year is reconciliation.**

On Thanksgiving Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting food items for West Broadway.

*TOT TIME begins again!*

*When: Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. This program offers parents the opportunity to 'build community' together while volunteers joyfully engage with the infants and toddlers! (all volunteers have the appropriate checks completed)*



**Adult Bible Study – The Gospels with Bob Galston begins on Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 8:30 pm here at WPUC, ending Wed. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.**



**THURSDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP** begins on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. downstairs. We are a lively group, under the guidance of Patrick Woodbeck, who shares many interesting thoughts regarding the video subject presentation. Everyone is welcome!

Join the members of CDC at the Corn Maze Craze! on **FRIDAY THE 13<sup>TH</sup>** of October from 7-10 p.m. Meet at the 'A MAZE IN CORN' at 1351 St. Mary's Rd. The sign-up sheet will be in the lobby!



**Craft Sale this year will be on Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>. Watch for more details. They are looking for volunteers to run the concession.**