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Patrick's Points to Ponder

Autumn is upon us once again and as such all our programming has started at Windsor Park United and it looks to be a busy year. There will be a lot of activities to choose from and so we hope that you will consider taking part in one of our community building activities.

On November 4th, we will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of this wonderful community of faith. We have been exploring the theme of Remembering, Celebrating, and Imagining. We remember all that the founders of Windsor Park United Church envisioned for this community. We come together each week to celebrate our faith, celebrate this community, and celebrate that we are walking this path together. As we remember and celebrate who we are, we imagine what the future holds for this community. We will be sending out letters of invitation to our anniversary service and we hope that many of you will be able to be present to celebrate with us as a community of faith.

It is an exciting time in the church. We are anticipating a number of changes in the United Church of Canada coming January 2019. Once these changes come into effect it will change how we understand what the Church is and how it functions. It is important at times like these that we always hold what it means for us to be church.

We are brought together in community so that we might learn how to live into the relationship to which we are being called by God.

There also seems to be an energy building at Windsor Park United and we are in the process of looking at ways that we might be able to harness this energy and continue to build on that firm foundation that was laid so many years ago. As we explore and discern our future we find new ways of being in relationship with God.

Exploring, discerning, remembering, celebrating, and imagining all of the ways that God calls us as community to live as God's people in the world. What possibilities lay in front of us? We have but to listen for where God is leading and to have the courage to follow God's lead. It is an exciting time indeed, let us embrace the excitement and move forward, journeying together in community.

Peace and blessings,



Rev. Patrick Woodbeck
Minister
Windsor Park United Church

**Join us for Thanksgiving
Sunday Service:
October 7th at 10:30 a.m.**

Ministry & Personnel Council

Gloria Saindon, Chair

We have had a busy 2nd quarter as we geared up for Patrick's graduation from the Atlantic School of Theology and his ordination into the United Church of Canada at the Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Conference held in Winnipeg May 24-27th.

The members of Windsor Park United presented Patrick with a specially designed stole May 20th during our regular worship service and his mother stoled him during his ordination on May 27th at the Conference Service.

Congratulations Patrick on receiving your Master of Divinity and your valedictorian speech at your graduation!



I would like to thank all our staff members: Heather Karavas, Gina Grant, Laura Steidl and Myrna Hague as they continually surprise me with their dedication to our wonderful community.

Music Ministry at WPUC

Laura Steidl

The Worship Choir

Our worship choir is in full swing for the fall season. Practices are on **Thursdays from 7:45-9:15 p.m.** and new singers are welcome. If you like to sing, we have a place for YOU!



The Joyful Noise

Our children's choir (Grades K-6) practice on Sunday's at 10 a.m. in the downstairs Choir Room. Speak to Gloria Saindon if your child is interested.

The Praise Team

This group is open to teen and young adult singers as well as musicians of all ages. Practices are on Sundays from 11:45-1 p.m.

If you sing, play an instrument, or want to learn about working with sound and projection equipment, speak to Laura about ways to be involved in this group!



Congregational Involvement & Communication Council

Deanna Kernaghan



Annual Spring Dinner

We had our annual **Spring Dinner** on **April 22, 2018** and sold **150** tickets, which is the maximum we planned to sell.

We had a roast beef Buffet Style dinner served with potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, buns and pie and ice cream.



- ★ **Jan Nazarko** sold the tickets.
- ★ Nazarkos ordered the roast beef from the *Lions Club*.
- ★ **Gordon Sargent** arranged to have a barbershop group called *True Harmony* for the entertainment which was in the sanctuary.
- ★ **Cam Wilson** donated a bird house for a door prize.
- ★ We realized a profit of **\$1,747.00**.

The dinner was enjoyed by all.



Church Picnic

We had our **Church Picnic** on **June 10, 2018**. We had **87** people in attendance.



- ★ **Doug & Gloria Waldron** donated a piñata and the kids had a great time batting the piñata until the candy fell out.
- ★ **Peter Czehryn & Paulette Cote** looked after the games. We had a shoe scramble and water balloon toss.
- ★ At the end everyone was given a freezee.
- ★ We made a profit of **\$145.90**.



Welcome Back lunch

We had our **Welcome Lunch** on **September 9, 2018** with approximately **70** people in attendance.

- ★ People brought cold meat, veggies, buns and dessert.
- ★ We had a Free Will offering and made **\$144.75**.

Join the CICC

The CICC looks after most of the social events in the Church and are always open to have new members join us. We meet once a month. If you are looking for a fun council to join, the CICC is the one for you.

UCW Report

Alana Davis



As we look ahead to our fall activities, I am extending an invitation to any women who think they might be interested in joining a UCW group.

We have three units that meet as follows:

- ★ Unit 2 meets the *1st Wednesday* of the month @1:00 p.m.
- ★ Unit 5 meets the *3rd Monday* of the month @1:00 p.m.
- ★ YAH's meet the *2nd Friday* of the month @7:30 p.m.

All units meet at the church. Please give **Heather** in the office, a call at **256-8792** and she will put you in touch with someone who attends at the time that interests you.

The Executive of the UCW meets usually the 1st Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Diana Rodd is our *treasurer* and a member of Unit 2. **Margo Baldwin** is our *secretary* and also a member of Unit 2. **Barb Kelly** attends as a representative of Unit 5 and **Stacy Bozak** attends as a representative of the YAH's.

The UCW is a wonderful way to get to know some pretty terrific women. Please think about joining.

Building & Property Council

Bill Belsham & Wayne Baldwin

It has been a busy year.

- ★ A major safety improvement was made. A new cement pad was installed between the parking lot and the steps/wheelchair ramp.
- ★ New cement was replaced on one of the crumbling front steps.
- ★ The corner of the cement pad by the Little Free Library was replaced.
- ★ Little Free Library (built by **Dana Stockwell**) was installed.
- ★ Cigarette butt stand was installed near wheelchair ramp.
- ★ Shingles were replaced on the South end roof, and grants are being applied for replacing the remaining roof shingles.
- ★ Windows were resealed outside (lower portion) below the cross, South end.
- ★ New bulbs were installed behind the cross (south end).
- ★ 30 new grey stacking chairs have been ordered to replace the failing orange ones.

Regular maintenance repairs are completed by the building Managers.



Outreach Council

Gwen Polak, Chair

For many of us, summer offers a welcome break from our routines. For others, there is no break from the daily challenge to meet the basic needs. This season, members of your Outreach Council and supportive friends have been helping in their own ways by...



Giving Thanks

Outreach volunteers prepared stew and salad as part of the meal served at a WBCM Volunteer Appreciation Supper in April. The efforts of over 70 volunteers were recognized for the year-round work that they do at that ministry.

Filling The Plates

The kitchen staff at West Broadway Community Ministry serves lunch to over 100 guests four times each week. Friends and members of the Outreach Council have been preparing and serving a meal each month during the spring and will do two per month during the summer. The visit lasts about 2-3 hours on various Mondays.

If you would be willing to assist us at any time with the preparation and serving of a simple lunch (often sandwiches or hot dogs), we would welcome your help. We also appreciate donations of cookies or fresh fruit.

Please contact any member of the Outreach Council for further information.

Staying On The Cutting Edge

Judi Olson-Chiswell has spent several afternoons volunteering her time and talent at WBCM this season. She makes many visiting guests feel pampered by offering free haircuts and a friendly visit. They greatly appreciate her efforts.



Thank-you so much, Judi!

Stocking The Pantry

Shirley and Gord Goossen, along with Derek Read have been collecting and delivering groceries to West Broadway for its lunch program as well as the emergency supplies it offers to people in need.

Items most urgently required at this time include sandwich-making supplies such as peanut butter, tuna and Cheez Whiz.



If you would like to donate items, please place these in the labelled boxes/bins inside the front entrance of WPUC.

Hearty thanks to all of you who support these efforts with your contributions of time, goods, and talent.

Book Sales

Edna Cechvala

A BIG thank you to all the people who have donated books to the church over this past year.

We had a grand total of \$671.35 from September 2017 to June 2018. There were no book sales during the months of December, July and August. We have started this season strong with sales of \$80.35 on September 16th. Not too shabby!

Board of Trustees Report

Doug Waldron, Board Chair

I am writing this with change in the air - change of temperature, leaf colour, church calendar and a change in the approach of being a neighbourhood church.

Over the past few years with Laurie's help, we have embarked on a journey of imagining what we could/should be. We wanted to tell the neighbourhood "All Are Welcome". We wanted to let the neighbourhood know that we are more than just a Sunday service and it is OK to climb our steps on any day; thus, the Little Free Library was installed with the generous time and talent of **Dana and Laurie**. It just so happened that the old Windsor Park Library closed recently so it was also timely for the new installation to provide an on-going service. Many thanks to **Sue Turley** for keeping the LFL tidy and well stocked with a diverse selection of reading material. We are looking at changing/enhancing our internal and external signage to strengthen our means of communication.

We are also needing to change our shingles in the next 24 months. A grant has been submitted that includes some funding for the roof. The same grant (and others) will also be asking for funding for a "Hub coordinator", a part time position to connect with other institutions in our neighbourhood to let them know we have meeting space and a full kitchen. The coordinator will also seek out those who have a message that needs to be heard - social justice, dealing with health issues, understanding our changing neighbourhood demographics, etc.

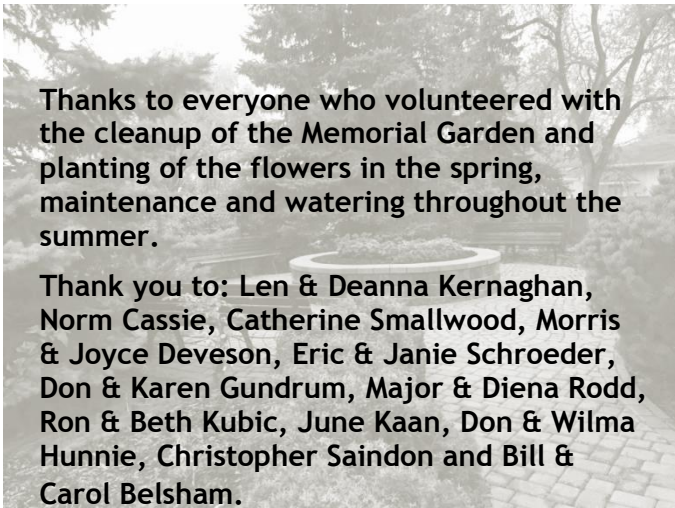
We will also have a new Treasurer around the New Year. After 12+ years of being the Treasurer at WPUC, **Dale Napper** is really retiring. I cannot thank Dale enough for his outstanding contribution to this congregation; we have been truly blessed by his time and talents. Dale plans to assist in the transition to the new Treasurer as much as he can. If you, or somebody you know, are interested in the Treasurer position please let me or the office know.

Of course, some things don't change, that is our love of family, food and fun. A part of our **Homecoming weekend** will be a Potluck Supper on Saturday, November 3rd at 5:30 p.m. We will need some help with setup, providing beverages and clean up. The expectation is that each attending family will provide something, be it a meat, potato/ rice/ pasta/ bread, vegetable or dessert. You don't have to provide for 100 - just 8 - 12 servings will ensure there is enough for everybody. Look for helping and attending signup sheets and take note of what others are bringing so we have a balanced diet.

Memorial Garden

Bill Belsham

TO THE VOLUNTEER GARDENERS AT WPUC



Thanks to everyone who volunteered with the cleanup of the Memorial Garden and planting of the flowers in the spring, maintenance and watering throughout the summer.

Thank you to: Len & Deanna Kernaghan, Norm Cassie, Catherine Smallwood, Morris & Joyce Deveson, Eric & Janie Schroeder, Don & Karen Gundrum, Major & Diena Rodd, Ron & Beth Kubic, June Kaan, Don & Wilma Hunnie, Christopher Saindon and Bill & Carol Belsham.

Tot Time

Ruth Klein



Tot time begins on **Wednesday, October 10th** from **9:30 to 11 a.m.** It is an opportunity for the moms to socialize while enjoying coffee and conversation or participating in activities that are planned by the group. In past years some

of the activities have included guest speakers, crafts, breakfast out, Yoga and food preparation.

Coffee is provided by the church. The parents take turns bringing a snack for themselves as well as juice and a snack for the children. The program is free.

The children are cared for by volunteers from the congregation. Toys, crafts, play dough, games and a snack are all part of the time that the caregivers and the children share together. A professional story teller joins us each Wednesday to tell the children stories. The babies are cared for upstairs by a special grandparent. We have been extremely blessed with a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers that love to be with the children and make Wednesday morning so much fun.

Anyone wishing to participate in this program should call:

- ★ The church office at 204-256-8792
- ★ or Ruth Klein at 204-256-6390
- ★ or email ruthklein1084@hotmail.com

We look forward to a fun filled Fall season and a chance to reconnect with friends as well as making some new ones.

All are welcome.

Kids in Care

Gloria Saindon

This spring WPUC embarked on an ongoing project called "Kids In Care".

The project collects new and gently used suitcases (small carry on size), totes and backpacks for children that have been removed from a home whether it be foster or otherwise so they have a bit of dignity when they leave under such circumstances.

We have partnered with an ambitious gentleman in River Park South, who is determined that no child will be taken from a foster home or otherwise without his/her own suitcase.

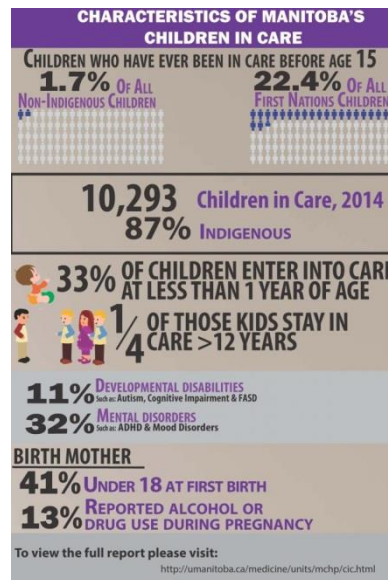
WPUC joined in on this crusade and as of July 9, 2018, we delivered over 20 suitcases, totes and backpacks to this cause. We are committed to continue on as, Gary has already delivered to MacDonald Youth services, women's shelters and CFS!

For those that wish to donate money for us to purchase the bags can do so through the church-mark your envelopes "Kids in Care" or there is a gofundme page under :

- ★ [bagsofdignity](https://www.gofundme.com/bagsofdignity)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you all who have donated to this cause already and I will keep you posted throughout the year on the progress.

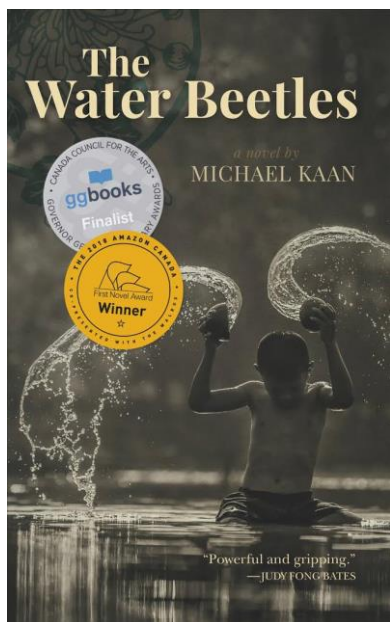


Book Review

WATER BEETLES by Michael Kaan

Reviewed by Joan Marshall

In this powerful story set in Japanese occupied Hong Kong in 1942, the wealthy Leung family reluctantly sends their younger sons, daughter and daughter-in-law into the countryside where they will be safer. 12-year-old Chung-Man, his 14-year-old brother Leuk, their 8-year-old sister Wei-Ming and their young sister in-law Yee-Lin travel to the country home of their father's brother where they stay briefly until their magistrate uncle's brutal decisions and punishments of his own people drive the family to run away. In the village of Wah Ling they meet the Lee family, Ming and Kei, who take them in, and the slave Ling who has been sold to cover her father's debts.



The countryside proves to be more dangerous than they had hoped, as the Japanese army bombs villages and captures Ling and the family, marching them to a prisoners' camp where they toil away cleaning up under the Japanese brutality,

surviving on meagre rations. By June of 1942 Chung-Man and Leuk cover for the women as they escape through the forest to walk back to Hong Kong.

A few days later the boys escape, too, and with the help of strangers navigate rivers and roads back to the city where a former friend of their father shelters them in a quilt factory. As the fighting dies down in January of 1943, the family returns to their ancestral home where their mother and brothers greet them with open arms.

This wartime narrative, told in Chung-Man's boyhood voice, is interspersed with 86-year-old Chung-Man's present day wandering thoughts which allow the reader the relief of knowing that he will survive the war. Now a respected physician in Chicago, Chung-Man, who has outlived his wife and all his contemporaries in Hong Kong except his brother Leuk, sinks into old age, still suffering from PTSD, mourning the death of his wife, and struggling to hold together the sense of his entire life.

This novel is based on the wartime memories and diaries of the author's father who was a boy of nine when he escaped from Hong Kong to the Chinese countryside to avoid the Japanese occupation. Part of the compelling nature of this novel is that the narrator is a child, seeing the war as an abstract political thought until its horrors affect his own family. As the war continues, Chung-Man grows up very quickly, taking on the responsibility of keeping his siblings, sister-in-law and Ling together and as safe as possible. He suffers as no child should ever suffer, sees brutality no one should see, and emerges physically safe but mentally troubled. That he can pull himself together and make a life for himself is a testament to all those whose lives were terrorized at that time.

Strong characters, a can't put it down plot and the promise of redemption will pull readers into this compelling novel which was short listed for the 2017 Governor General's Literary Award.

*Changes are afoot for the
WPUC Library.*

TAKE A BOOK – LEAVE A BOOK



First and foremost, as you come up to the building, you will notice our Free Little Library. The Windsor Park (and beyond) neighbourhood is invited to help themselves to an array of reading materials. No due date and no fines, enjoy. If bringing material to share in the library, no textbooks, old manuals, etc. This is reading for fun.

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED

We are in the process of culling materials in our inside library. An electronic database is under construction and a link should be on the WPUC website in early 2019.

We are in need of help in determining what type of materials YOU would like to have in the library.

Please email you suggests of topics, titles, authors, to sclairreturley@yahoo.ca or corner me on Sunday.

Your ideas are greatly appreciated.



Have a yen to jump in a bouncy castle, think about a rainbow on your forehead would look cool, how about throwing a ball and watching the minister get all wet...have we got something for you.

But before anything can happen, we need several volunteers to aid in organizing a neighbourhood family and friends fun day. The day will be happening on a Saturday in August 2019 outside//inside WPUC.

It would be fabulous if you had a little time and a few ideas to make this happen. If you are able, please leave a message with Heather in the office. A planning meeting will take place in early 2019.

Humour Corner

*This is a story about four people
Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.
There was an important job to be done
and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody
was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody
could have done it, but Nobody did it.
Somebody got angry about that because
it was Everybody's job. Everybody
thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody
realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.
It ended up that Everybody blamed
Somebody when actually Nobody asked
Anybody...*

*Watch for the
December edition
of Southwinds.
Available late
November.*