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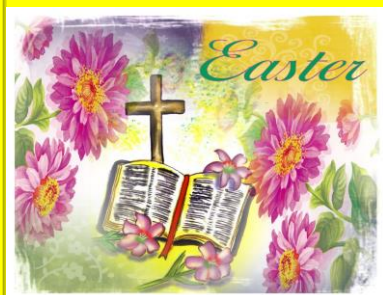
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Patrick's Words of Wisdom!

"This is my living faith, an active faith, a faith of verbs: to question, explore, experiment, experience, walk, run, dance, play, eat, love learn, dare, taste, touch, smell, listen, speak, write, read, draw, provoke, emote, scream, sin, repent, cry, kneel, pray, bow, rise, stand, look, laugh, cajole, create, confront, confound, walk back, walk forward, circle, hide and seek."

Terry Tempest Williams

I find it amazing that we are now entering into another springtime. I am not sure where the time has gone, but in some ways, I am happy that spring has come again. It is a time that we often talk about the coming of new life with the earth refreshed anew after the winter's sleep. It is a time when we will soon expect to see the greening of our world, with new plant life pushing its way through the soil. We have already seen the return of the Canada Geese, a sure sign that spring is on the way.

Spring is a time when many of us anticipate and plan for the future. It is a time when many are looking forward to becoming more active as the weather improves and it becomes much more comfortable being outside. It is a time when we start to busy ourselves around our homes and sometimes in our communities. Many of us are also hoping that this coming summer season will be different from last year in that we will all be able to be more active with those around us. To be active is good. It is good for our bodies, but also for our minds and souls. But we are not just active in what we do. We can also be active in what we believe. I read

this quote above the other day and it spoke deeply to me as it spoke to how I see my faith. The quote that I used at the beginning of this reflection speaks to this idea that our faith is also something that is active. Our faith is something that is not static, no, rather it is something that should be dynamic, growing, changing, and evolving. Our faith is something that should also be active in our lives and by extension our world. Our faith is something that should enliven us. It should encourage us. It should energize us. It should bring us to action in the world as God's people in the world. Our faith should not be just something we believe. It should be something that we do, something that we embody not just on a Sunday, but on every day of our lives. So, as we move further on into springtime, as the weather gets warmer, as our days become busier, as we get more active, remember that your faith is something that should also be active. I wish you a blessed active spring and a blessed active faith, as we move forward into this time of new life.

Peace and blessings,



Rev. Patrick Woodbeck
Minister
Windsor Park United Church

Challenge from the Chair of the Board

Gloria Saindon



With the wind howling outside and a few drifts of snow appearing now and then, it's hard to believe we are at the end of March and that it is certainly going out like a lion. This past week has seen many changes within our church and some familiar things as well. We launched the Windsor Park Community Hub and we travelled with Jesus during Lent and leading us through Holy Week. It's still hard to believe that we haven't been "together" for worship in over a year, but we still manage to reach out to those in our community in other ways.

I was privileged to talk and see some members of our congregation as they picked up Easter/Spring craft kits for our younger members of the congregation. I was able to chat with them and get caught up with the latest news and what had been happening in their lives. One conversation stood out and made me realize that there may be a different way to ask, "How are you" or "How have you been". Did you ever stop and think of how we can ask the question and not leave it so open ended? It really gets you thinking especially after all we have been through, how are we really? The answer is basically the same for everyone, but how can we start the conversation a little different the next time you see someone you haven't talked to in a while. I challenge each of you to come up with a different way to ask someone how they are or what have they been up to. Practice on your family members or the next time you make a phone call to check in on someone, think about how you can start the conversation with something other than "How are you?"

The Story Behind the Windsor Park Community Hub

Doug Waldron

Windsor Park United Church received news in mid-February that it will be awarded a grant from the Stay-At-Home program run by the Manitoba government.

One of the caveats of the grant was that Windsor Park Community Hub had to spend the grant money and deliver programming by March 31, 2021. Ryan Kuffner knew an event organizer that would act as the coordinator. They would coordinate the website setup, technology and technicians, programming content and advertising. Within a few days they had a proposed plan and budget that was acceptable to the Windsor Park Community Hub committee. The committee realized that they did not have the luxury of time and decisions needed to be made swiftly. It was on a Sunday in early March around 11:30 a.m. when the website designer reached out to me to see if we had a logo for "the HUB". As is my usual Sunday morning routine, I was partaking in the after-service coffee ZOOM time. I asked for wisdom from the group on what the logo should represent.



Themes like welcoming, inclusion, community were mentioned. The colours should come from the Olympic rings which represents the common colours of the flags of the world. We suggested stylized figures be arranged like spokes with one hand linking inside with the other hand reaching out to others. The conversation took about five minutes and the guidance was passed on to the designer. Later in the week about a half dozen suggested logos were presented. I like to believe that Jesus would approve of the wisdom of the group.

On a personal note, I was the only participant for the virtual tour of the Human Rights Museum. Since I have visited the Museum many times, the

tour guide could go “off script” and share stories and details not covered in the regular tour. I felt blessed for the experience and was extremely impressed by the guide’s knowledge of not only the exhibits but of their understanding of human rights. I complimented them at the end for which they were grateful. They also said they have extremely busy with virtual tours with many of the groups coming from outside of Manitoba.

Catch-Up

Margo Baldwin

May 10, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. at Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson Airport, Windsor Park United Church welcomed “a part” of a family from the Congo. That was almost fourteen years ago and how things have changed for all of us.

That day, we welcomed Lili and her younger son, Merveille, who was ten years old. October 2009, two years later, Lili sponsored her husband Baudain and older son, Patrick through the “Open Window” programme, which was available at that time. That event was a welcome relief for all the family. They were together again. It was a very emotional event!! They had many stories to share with us, some happy and some very sad. We all learned a great deal.



Lili, Julie, Baudain

The family lived in an apartment on Archibald Street for many years. They then moved to a side-by-side home in Elmwood but have returned to Windsor Park in 2020 and are living in a side-by-side on Birkshire Bay. They said they wanted to move back to where they “felt at home” in the Windsor Park area. Lil’s words were “Windsor Park United Church was our first family in Canada.



Julie

They are all working, and Patrick has a daughter Julie, who is five years old that lives with the family of five. Julie attends Lacerté School. She speaks at least three languages. Wow!

The family expresses their thanks to Windsor Park United. They ask about members by name and mention what they did with these members. I have always told them that Windsor Park

United has gained far more than they will ever know by knowing and helping their family.



Baudain, Merveille, Julie

What I Did For My Summer Vacation

Sue Turley

The summer of 2020 proved different for all of us. For me it was the fact that the Winnipeg Fringe Festival had been cancelled. I am not a great traveler so instead of wandering far and wide, I usually narrow my sights on the Exchange District in downtown Winnipeg for a couple of weeks in the summer and travel to the various Fringe Festival venues (usually on foot, but sometimes by orange pumpkin).



Since 2020 saw a cancelled Fringe, I took part in something a little different. I bought eggs online. More specifically I took part in the auction of Egg Art by Peter Czehryn. Peter puts a unique spin on the art of pysanky.

Pysanky (Ukrainian Easter Eggs) is a traditional Folk Art using wax and dyes to decorate eggs. Peter brings forty years of experience in egg writing to this auction.

The auction was held to benefit the Canadian Hemophilia Society, Manitoba Chapter. A dozen plus eggs were auctioned off bringing in a total of \$5,050.00. for the Society.

"The Canadian Hemophilia Society, Manitoba Chapter Inc. (CHS-MC) is a grassroots, not-for-profit organization that was formalized in 1965 and incorporated in 1979. The Chapter was initially created to support individuals and families managing Hemophilia, an inherited bleeding disorder. The Current organization has grown to embrace all inherited bleeding disorders. This includes rare bleeding disorders and the greatest addition being affected by a common disorder, Von Willebrand's disease. The mission of CHS-MC is to: 'improve the quality of life for those affected by hemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders through support, service, research, education, and advocacy.'"

<https://www.hemophiliamb.ca/aboutus/history-2/>



I started each morning at 9:00 a.m. with an opening bid. Sometimes I made it in first but not always. My first winning bid was for "Paisley". This is a pattern that Peter wanted to try for a long time, the curved tear drops lend themselves to the shape of the egg and most paisley designs incorporate a lot of colour.

My second successful bid was "The Poppy". The Poppy is a traditional symbol of the Ukraine. The seeds are used in cooking and baking and the varieties in colour make it a very popular plant. On the band of the egg, Peter tried to be colourful and bright to make it a spring-like motif. One of my favourite flowers, we had poppies growing in our yard on Heather Road when I was growing up.



My third and final successful bid was on “Art Nouveau Floral”. This design was inspired by artists Mucha and Mackintosh posters.

Visit “It’s Folk, no Yolk. Egg Art by Peter” on FaceBook or Instagram to check out more of his amazing designs.

Church Gardens

Bill Belsham

With spring and gardening arriving just around the corner we are thinking of getting the Memorial, Perennial, and Annual gardens ready for planting.

We are planning to replace six or seven small global cedars around the Memorial Garden that have died over the last few years. Also two or three shrubs have died on the east and west side.

The west side of the Memorial Garden is in need of some major clean up. It is over run with quack grass. Many hands make light work. We will likely start this project in mid-April. Please call Bill Belsham at (204) 256-5467 or the church office if you can help out.

Thank you to those who have already sent in a donation.


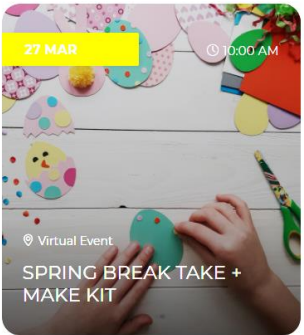

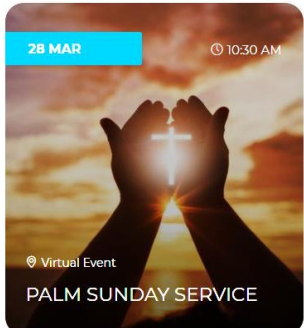
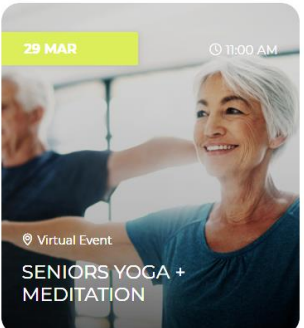



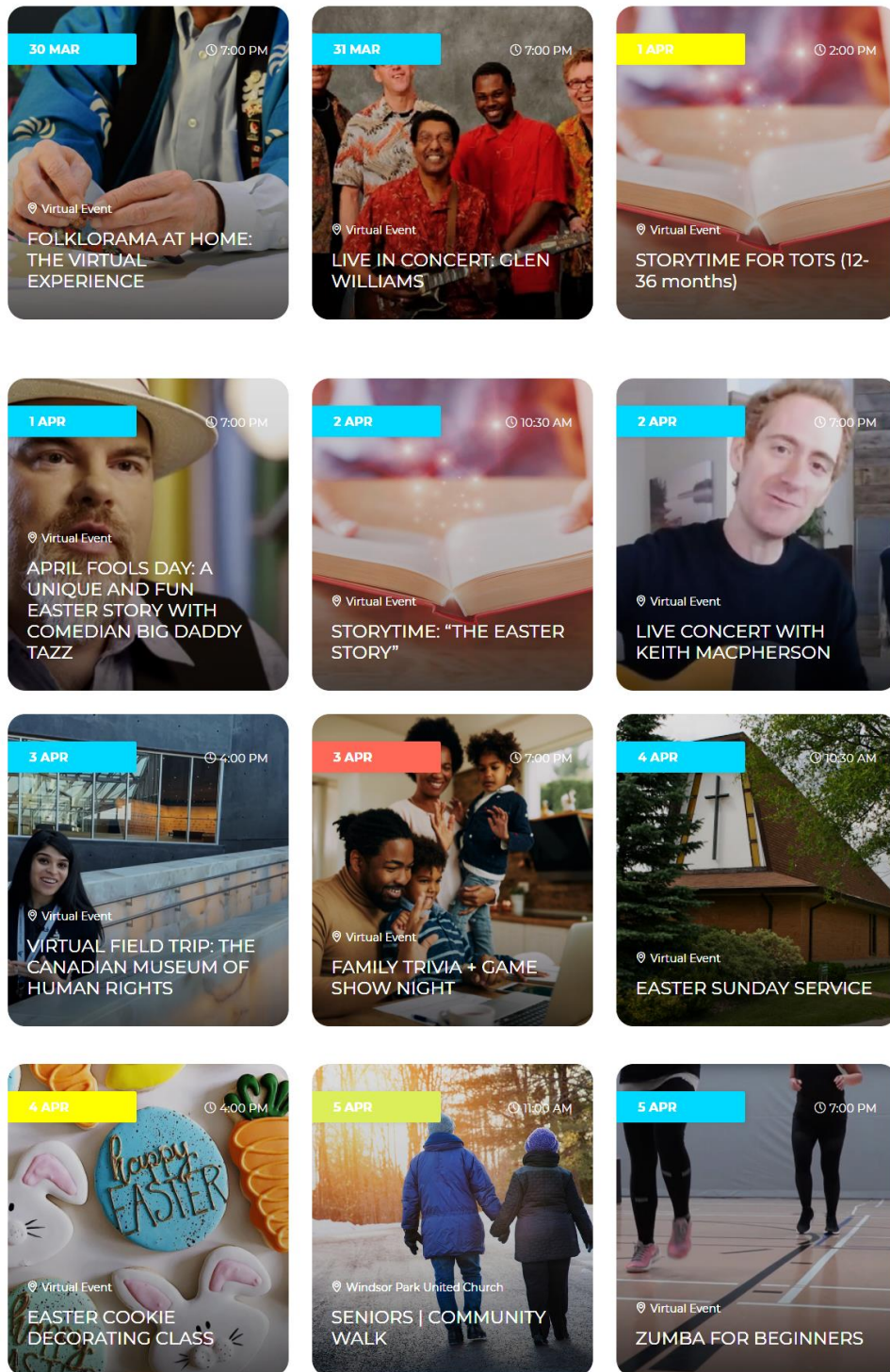
Windsor Park Community Hub – March 27 through April 5

John Lwiwski

WPUC launched their programs for the **Windsor Park Community Hub** just in time for Easter and the Spring Break. The [Community Hub](#) was accessible through the [WPUC Website](#) or through the Manitoba Provincial Government [safeathomemb.ca](#) site. Overall, we had 18 offerings for the Community Hub website with each program approximately 45 minutes in duration.

Here are the programs that we had just completed.

Family Group Activities (red)	All Age Activities (blue)	Child Activities (yellow)	Senior Activities (green)
 <p>27 MAR 10:00 AM Windsor Park United Church NEIGHBOURHOOD EASTER EGG SCAVENGER HUNT</p>	 <p>27 MAR 10:00 AM Virtual Event SPRING BREAK TAKE + MAKE KIT</p>	 <p>27 MAR 4:00 PM Virtual Event VIRTUAL ESCAPE ROOM: CURSE OF THE EVIL GENIE</p>	
 <p>28 MAR 10:30 AM Virtual Event PALM SUNDAY SERVICE</p>	 <p>29 MAR 11:00 AM Virtual Event SENIORS YOGA + MEDITATION</p>	 <p>29 MAR 7:00 PM Virtual Event HIP HOP FOR BEGINNERS</p>	



Eight of the programs were recorded at our new “Virtual Studio” at WPUC with a variety of talented artists including our own Rev. Patrick Woodbeck, Glen Williams, Big Daddy Tazz, Keith Macpherson and several others.

Over the coming months, we will be planning many more events to host on the Windsor Park Community Hub. If you have a suggestion of what you would like to see, send us an email at the following address:

info@WindsorParkCommunityHub.com

Stay tuned !!

