



SouthWinds

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Patrick's Words of Wisdom

I have been thinking about the name of the congregational newsletter, 'SouthWinds.' I can see it as a play on the fact that we are located in Windsor Park, and in relation to the entire neighbourhood, I suppose one might say that we are at the south end of the community. And as I was also informed it is also a combination of Southdale and Windsor Park. So SouthWinds makes sense from that perspective. But I think that there might be a deeper meaning to this, at least for myself.

When I think of south winds, I always think of winds that bring warmth and soothing. In the winter, quite often a south wind will bring moderation of the coldness, a soothing to the bitterness of winter. In the summer months a south wind quite often brings the heat of the south, the hot tropical winds that stir things up in the heat of summer. In this way south winds might speak deeper to all of us at this time.

We could say that a south wind can also be seen as a symbol of this community. This community is a place that brings warmth, comfort, and soothing, in the midst of the coldness of life. But it is also a place that should stir us up, it is a place that should ignite the heat of passion and life within each of us. What is this place for you?

We continue to live in a pandemic time, but we also live in hope that we will soon emerge from this time and so we look to both the past and future. This community has been our comfort and warmth in the midst of this time. Like a south wind in the winter, this community has been a comfort for us in the midst of these uncertain times, offering a place of moderation to the coldness and isolation of the world this last year and a half. But was we look to the future let us begin to live into the summer south wind. Let us bring back

our passions, our desires, for who we are called to be in the world. We have lived in a world of limbo for so long, let our lives be enlivened by the south winds now and allow it to stir up our passions for both Windsor Park United Church and our mission in the world.

I challenge you today to think about the south wind of passion in your life today. What are you passionate about here at Windsor Park United Church? How might you be willing and able to help revive the passion of this community as we move forward and hopefully out of this pandemic time? We cannot move forward without your passion, without your south wind to help us enliven and reenergize this community. We are in this together and together we can move forward. So SouthWinds, the name of our newsletter and a way that we might come to see who we are in the world, a community of soothing comfort in the midst of the world's bitterness and the ignited passions that stirs us to action. Let us embody the south winds in our lives and in our community.



Rev. Patrick Woodbeck
Minister, Windsor Park United Church

Join us in-person for
Thanksgiving Sunday Service:
October 10th at 10:30 a.m.

**You must call the office on
Thursday, October 7 to register.**

Reopening for Worship

Reopening Committee

The reopening committee has met and come up with protocols and guidelines and we are very excited to announce an anticipated start date of Sunday October 10 (Thanksgiving)!

1. We strongly encourage that anyone considering attending an in-person service be double vaccinated.
2. Masks will be required inside the building at all times.
3. Social distancing of 2 meters (6 feet) where possible.
4. Standard COVID-19 questions will be asked each week you attend service.
5. **Waivers will need to be signed the first time you enter the building and will be kept on file for one (1) year.**
6. You will be asked to call in for registration to attend the service (Thursday morning prior to that week's service between 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. - more details will follow).
7. **A maximum of 60 people will be able to attend the service and this does include the worship team.**
8. You will be asked to sit in a pew for now, as the back of the church is reserved for our ushers and greeters (social distanced).
9. You can only sit with those from your own household for now.
10. There will be no Bible Adventures at this time.
11. There will be no after church coffee at this time.
12. The basement will not be open at this time.

We are closely following the public health orders, United Church of Canada guidelines, and monitoring how schools and post-secondary education facilities are opening. By waiting until October, we will see how the reopening of schools will fare in regards to the variants of concern. We know it has been a long, and at times, very stressful time for everyone, and we hope that October will bring some long-awaited smiles to everyone in WPUC.

Please note that if for medical or personal reasons you are unable to return to an in-person worship service, the virtual services will be continuing.

We hope to see many of you in October!

Reopening Committee

Gina Grant, June Kaan, Morag Fisher, Laura Steidl, Patrick Woodbeck, and Gloria Saindon

Putting out a "Welcoming Mat"

Doug Waldron

Chair, Finance and Stewardship

As may be mentioned in previous Southwinds, we have secured grants from the Winnipeg Foundation and UCC Embracing the Spirit and hired a Hub Coordinator - **Maddy Vanderhooft**. With this position filled the Finance and Stewardship Council can execute on its vision of using the Church building and resources from the "Stay at Home" grant to bring more self-sufficiency to our building costs while full filling our congregational mission. **Welcome Maddy.**

Earlier this month I happened to be approaching the church around lunch time and watched a motorized wheelchair zip up the ramp to the front door with a helper in tow.

The helper reached into a backpack on the chair and took out some books for the *Little Free Library*. It struck me that we made a design mistake of not having wheelchair access to the library level. I imagine baby carriages and wagons would also find it inconvenient. Talking with Patrick Woodbeck and Bill Belsham we believe a long path with a gentle slope could be built from the street sidewalk near our Memorial Garden entrance to the landing in front of the library. We believe we can secure a grant to assist with the construction costs. If you would like to assist with this project, please contact me to ensure all are truly welcome.

After many years of having between 90 and 105 PAR participants we are now down to 89 and the number of Canada Helps donations has leveled off. The number of envelopes being dropped at the church has also dwindled. There is hope this may rebound in October. The \$15,000 we received in MB Government COVID grants offset the loss in expected rental income. We do not expect anymore of those grants but are currently unsure how many past renters will return. A constant is our congregational staffing costs which expanded since some staff worked during their usual "down time" while other were owed for past missed vacation days. The Finance and Stewardship Council has asked the Executive to make some hard choices on how to fund our expenses with just a promise to replace the funds when we "return to normal".

Everybody has a hand in the "Welcome Mat" to our church programming, at this time it represents what was expected from the past, but it may reflect what we can afford in the future.

Building & Property

Wayne Baldwin and Bill Belsham

After a long, hot, dry summer we are pleased with the gardens. This is due to excellent volunteers who weeded and watered the gardens on a regular basis throughout the summer. The volunteers were: **June Kaan, Ron and Beth Kubic, Norm Cassie, Morris and Joyce Deveson, Major and Dena Rodd, Gwen Polak, Don and Wilma Hunnie, Catherine Smallwood and Bill and Carol Belsham.**

A special thank you to **Don and Wilma Hunnie** for sanding and staining the three memorial benches. They look great!

Plans were to paint the exterior window frames, window wells and doors but due to the hot weather and then rain, we had to put it on hold. On August 30, 2021 the window frames and doors were all pressure washed.

Finally, on September 8 and 9, 2021 we were able to prepare, prime where necessary and repaint the exterior.

We had a very efficient crew of **Leo Grandy, Dwayne Kennard** and the property managers. We all enjoyed a well-deserved coffee break after and a visit with our custodian, **Gina.**

Thank you to all our volunteers. You are appreciated. Our church will be beautiful and ready for you when we reopen for services, October 10, 2021.

UCW

Alana Davis

The UCW executive has given \$1,500.00 to the General Fund of the church in the month of August 2021.



Hidden Gem

Edna Erickson

On Sept. 8th, a dear friend and I went to Assiniboine Park to check out **The Leaf**, our new Conservatory in the works. What an impressive structure and now we wait in anticipation to see the inside when finished.



The *Diversity Gardens*, in front of The Leaf, includes a Kitchen Garden, Sensory Garden, Performance Garden, Indigenous Peoples Garden, Seasonal Garden, and the Grove. Bright red Adirondack chairs are scattered throughout these areas for visitors to use to relax, read, or just enjoy the surroundings. Benches are situated around the perimeter if one needs a rest from walking.

From there, we explored the *English Garden* where one is still welcomed by the *Boy With the Boot* sculpture since 1967.

A striking array of flowers of all sizes, textures, and colours delight one's senses.

Next to this area, we entered the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden, a tranquil oasis in our busy City. Water lilies blooming in the huge pool welcomed us and made for a great photo opportunity which we used!



We Winnipeggers are so fortunate to have been the recipients of so many beautiful sculptures courtesy of the late Leo Mol. I feel so privileged to have met Mr. Mol in person. He was a humble, extremely talented man known worldwide for his artistry.

One of the most enjoyable days of my summer! My Staycation and all free!

Summer Memories

Gladys Thorvaldson Wirth

I enjoyed my summer and read some books I had been meaning to read.

It was nice I had some family visit and had visitors from Iceland.

I went swimming a few times and thoroughly enjoyed our nice summer in beautiful Manitoba. Hope we will be able to get back to church in the near future.

Love and Prayers

Gladys

Rental Committee!

For the last few months, you might have noticed in our Sunday morning congregational email a request for you to consider offering your time and talent to Windsor Park United Church. That can be difficult when one doesn't know what one is signing up to do, so here is an opportunity for you to consider.

We are working at connecting to the wider community and one of the ways that we are doing this is through the offering of our building space to outside organizations. We have a resource in our building and others might just be looking for what we have, so we are asking for your help to make this a reality.

We are looking for a few people who would be willing to take the following roles. We don't expect anyone to sign up for all the roles but maybe one of these is something that you could see yourself doing.

Are you friendly and excited about Windsor Park United Church?

We are looking for a few people that would be willing to meet with potential long-term renters and show them around the building, basically you would be a tour guide, offering them a look at what we have to offer, the spaces we have that might be available. These might be evening tours of the building and so you would meet with potential renters, show them the building, and give them a rental request form. If this is something that you might be interested in doing please reach out to Doug Waldron at dwaldronca@shaw.ca

Are you a detailed oriented person who likes the fine print?

We are looking for a couple of individuals who would be willing to be on a Rental Committee. This would be a committee that would review any rental applications and

using the guidelines provided by the Finance and Stewardship Committee decide on a rental fee and then contact the groups or individuals and finalize the rentals, ensuring that any renters understand that there are waivers that will need to be signed and then communicating any information to both the Finance and Stewardship Committee and the office. You would be meeting either in person, or via electronic means and most of the information would be shared via email. If this is something that you think that you would be good at, please contact Doug Waldron at dwaldronca@shaw.ca

As we become more involved in the community, we are finding more long-term renters are reaching out to us. This is a good thing!

We are building community within our community.

Please consider helping out with this valuable work.

Movie Reviews

Patrick Woodbeck

CRUELLA, DISNEY 2021

Many of us have grown up with many of the Disney animated films and as such we recognize many of the iconic names that come to be associated with these films. When we hear *Maleficent*, we immediately think of *Sleeping Beauty*. When we hear *Ariel*, we immediately think of the *Little Mermaid*. When we hear *Sleepy, Doc, Grumpy, Dopey*, well, we immediately think of *Snow White*. And when we hear *Cruella*, we immediately think of *Cruella DeVil* from *101 Dalmatians*. Many of us know this story, the story of *Pongo* and *Perdita* and their 101 puppies. It is the story of the evil Cruella who wants to make a coat out of the puppies and as is usual in a

Disney film what transpires is a comedy of errors as Cruella and her sidekicks, *Jasper* and *Horace*, try to kidnap the puppies.



Disney has released, in 2021, a prequel to the 1961 animated original, and the 1996 live action version of 101 Dalmatians, titled *Cruella*. This film starring Emma Stone as the young *Estella* (spoiler alert, who becomes Cruella) and Emma Thompson as *The Baroness*, tells the story of how Estella became the villain we love to hate, Cruella DeVil.

It is the story of a very unique young girl who finds herself alone in London. She meets a young Jasper and Horace and the three of them become good friends and survive together by being thieves and con artists. Estella, who has dreams of working in the fashion industry, eventually is given the opportunity to work for the renowned fashion designer, The Baroness, and it is here when Estella's crazy begins to come out. It is a comedy as much as it is a drama. The story speaks to family, those we are born into and those we choose as family. It speaks to the desire to excel at all costs and to what lengths some will go to be the best and remain on top. The film will make you laugh, but also make you think about the cost of success. It takes a well-known villain and makes us think twice about what we thought we knew.

I enjoyed this movie immensely. It was a good way to spend a few hours.

After Worship Coffee

Ann Onomous

For the last few months, you might have noticed in our Sunday morning congregational email a request for you to consider offering your time and talent to Windsor Park United Church. That can be difficult when one doesn't know what one is signing up to do, so here is an opportunity for you to consider.

After Church Coffee Time

Do you enjoy the fellowship of after church coffee? Getting together with fellow members of the congregation and sharing laughs?

Who doesn't like to be the "host" of get togethers? Then we need you!

We are looking for a few people to "host" after church coffee via ZOOM.



What will this entail?

- ★ be ready to open the "meeting" at 12:00 noon on a Sunday
- ★ a quick ZOOM intro
- ★ let people into the "room"
- ★ let everyone have a chance to chat
- ★ a chance to help our community gather and support our ministry

Then this is the perfect job for you. Please contact the office to have your name added to the list of "Hosts".

Some Pandemic Stats from WPUC

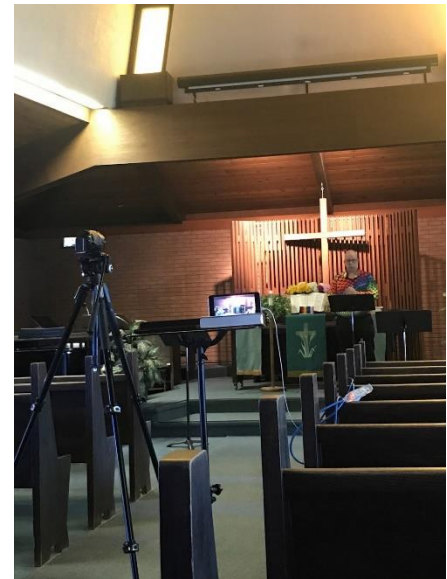
Laura Steidl

- ★ Last live service - [March 2020](#)
- ★ Total recorded services to date - [78](#)
- ★ Average number of views since Easter 2021 (YouTube and website combined) - [150](#) views per service
- ★ Total number of views on YouTube since March 2020 - 5,230 (2020) + 4,423 (Jan. 2021 to date) = [11,653](#)
- ★ Number of subscribers to our YouTube channel - [52](#)
- ★ Number of subscribers to the WPUC website - [173](#)
- ★ Number of posts published to the website to date (since March 2020)- [365](#)
- ★ Number of hymns/songs recorded - Over [400](#)

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support and connect through our online ministry! As you can see from the above statistics, we have a vibrant online community.

Even apart, we have stayed together and grown! Whether you are a new viewer or have been along for the whole ride (with a very steep learning curve for virtual services at the start!), we hope that you have found our online to be meaningful and offer a taste of “church” during these difficult times.

Thank you so much to our Worship Leaders, musicians and volunteer guest readers for their commitment and dedication!



Editor's Corner

John Lwiwski

Here are a few cartoons to put a smile on your face.

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

