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UNITED NEWS

From the Hudson Pastoral Charge

February 2022

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Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will take place on Sunday, February 27 on Zoom following the service. Documents will be sent out in advance to be read in preparation for the meeting.

Christmas Flowers

Thank you to all those who purchased flowers during the Christmas season! A total of \$600 was donated to Wyman!

Gifts with Vision

Our congregation participated in the Gifts with Vision program again this year. Thanks to all who reached out in generosity! We plan to go back to our previous way of handling this when we approach Christmas 2022 so that we'll have a good idea of our impact. But we know that we make a difference!

From the Minister

From a prayer by the Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly: Ton esprit me fait apprendre de la misère à l'autre bout du monde, et me baptise de larmes d'empathie. Ces larmes me transforment et me rendent encore plus solidaire. (Your spirit makes me learn the misery on the other side of the world, and baptises me in tears of empathy.) In these days, we stare at television screens and newsfeeds with the news from the Ukraine-Russia border. We hear of the suffering in Afghanistan. As I write this, we hear of the US raid against the IS in Syrian territory. Closer to home we learn of the disruption to life with the protests in Ottawa (and, again, as I write, the expected protest in Québec City). We are called to empathy. We are called even to tears. We are called to prayer, and we are called to speak for reconciliation in a broken world. We cannot do it all - it becomes just too overwhelming. But let us respond to the suffering of others as we are able - for in so doing, we are responding to God's call to the work of the kingdom.

From Outreach

Thank you for all the donations of winter coats, boots, and clothing! We have made several trips to Resilience in the last couple of months and all our donations are truly appreciated by the staff and clients. We have started a conversation with the Resilience team about food donations and Margie will be in touch with what we can do in that area also. We will deliver one more load of Winter items around February 25th.

The milk bag collection is also still going strong. We delivered five huge bags of these to Summerlea Church and the ladies who convert these to mats were delighted. Thank you to all who contributed, and keep them coming. For any questions about donations, contact Margie Chesney.

Black History Month

Black History is Canadian history. I was never great on history - but I have come to find out that there is so much to be learned about the past that helps us to understand our present. This month in our worship services we show appreciation for Black History and the contributions of Black people to Canadian society. But let us not stop with that - there is much more material available to us in the media, on-line and in books. Let us be open to learning of our past. It will change us and our country.



February Florals

Don't worry if you miss out on flowers for Valentine's... They will still be available all month long! A perfect way to brighten up your home or give to someone special during the cold winter months!



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Or call: 438-809-7799,

Use meeting ID 493 98 42 064 #

If ever you are asked for a password,
we will use 458

Walking Through Grief

The Walking through Grief program has been gathering on Zoom since the end of December in order to limit contacts to fight COVID. Now, with the restrictions lifting and numbers improving somewhat, we are hitting the streets of Hudson again, meeting each Wednesday at 10:00AM in the parking lot at Selkirk and Main and walking to Jack Layton Park. We have a reading related to grief, and sometimes some discussion is sparked. Those who are comfortable doing so can stay for coffee at a restaurant the gathering chooses. This support group is wide open to anyone in the community who is mourning the loss of an individual - recent or long ago.



Reflections & Connections

Will soon celebrate its two year anniversary - as it began mid-March, 2020. Every Wednesday, without fail, folk from the congregation have gathered together for some general conversation, and then some specific reflection - sometimes on a theme, or on a scripture passage, or on a current issue. Varying viewpoints are heard - not all agree - but there seems to be room for all who have attended. YOU are invited to join in the conversation on Wednesday at 7:30PM.

Ash Wednesday

Each year, people of the congregation gather in the solemn rite of Ash Wednesday. This service marks the beginning of the penitential season of Lent. In this service we reflect on our failings, as well as our fragility as human beings. It is a solemn service - and yet folk have found it deeply meaningful, for out of the shadow comes a renewed sense of call and commitment. You are welcome to join in our service this year on Wednesday, March 2 at 7:30 at our normal Zoom link.

For greater meaning, bring something to mark your hand or forehead. Traditionally, it is a mixture of olive oil and the ashes from last year's palm crosses, but you can use oil, a pen or marker (perhaps erasable if you will be marking your forehead - test it first elsewhere!), or some washable dark makeup. A cross is used to mark ourselves - a sign of our commitment.



Easter Eggs are Coming!

Easter may be late this year, but already Heidi and Frances are getting set for an annual favourite: delicious Easter Eggs! Choose any combination of Fudge, Orange, Maple or Peanut Butter fillings surrounded by Dark, Milk or White Chocolate. A real treat and a great gift for a loved one! Eggs are \$4.50 each, and will be available to order soon. For further information, contact Heidi.



Visioning Committee

As we gradually move toward our new physical space, a new ad hoc committee has been set up to develop a vision of Wyman's current and future identities, and to recommend practices to put that identity into action, with a view to viability in our community. Look for a survey by email, postal mail and possibly by phone, to hear your views on who we are and where we want to go together in the future. For more information, contact Don Wood, Chair; Kim Race, Vice-Chair or Margie Chesney, Secretary.