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Easter 2018 Newsletter

One of the ways I was recently taught to lead a 'reflection' or preach a 'sermon', is to have "four pages". Here's what it looks like:

Page 1: Bad News, in the time of Jesus.

There was a lot of 'bad news' in Jesus' day. Especially as he headed to Jerusalem that last time. Sure, the "hosannas" were a great way to enter the city, but he knew well that the religious leaders were out to get him, tired of his teaching that challenged their judgmental power, incensed that people were turning to him and learning a new perspective on God. They were losing power and status rapidly, and, in their view, they had to put a stop to it. And there was one sure way to stop it: Stop Jesus. Have him killed. Justice would have nothing to do with it: protection of power and status were far too important. And that is what they set out to do.... using their own political power to influence the civil powers, the political powers of the Roman government. And so Jesus was tried in a sham trial, and then brought to Golgotha to die a tortuous death on a cross.

Page 2: Bad News, in your own time.

You can write this part yourself. If I were to write it, I would go in one of a variety of directions - I might write about individuals who were facing tough times with illness, or hospitalization, or difficult treatments. I might write about people who were bearing stresses because of family or personal situations. But you may have your own personal 'bad news' that could fill this page. On the other hand, I might go in a more societal direction. I could write about the terrible conditions and situations that still meet our First Nations peoples, including issues with our justice system, or substandard living conditions and education. I could write about the continued injustices faced by our visible minorities. I could write about gun violence or about fentanyl.

Page 3: Good News, in the time of Jesus.

Well, this is the Easter news. There was all the injustice, there was all the quest to snuff out Jesus' message of God being a God of love and grace, there was even death. And then there was Easter: Jesus rose on the third day. He overcame death. And he overcame a whole lot more: he overcame the whole list of 'bad news' for his time. He overcame those who wished to silence him - for the Good News is still shared, even now. Jesus overcame death. Jesus overcame.

Page 4: Good News, in your own time.

This page is about faith: knowing that Jesus still overcomes, that God overcomes. That overcoming is many forms: sometimes it is in the giving of sufficient strength for us to meet the challenges of health or stress; sometimes it is in giving healing of body or giving of healing of relationships. Sometimes that overcoming is God giving us - the Church - the wisdom and courage to stand up together against what is wrong in today's world. Sometimes that overcoming is in knowing the ultimate Easter promise: Jesus overcame death. God gives to us life. God gives to us eternal life. That is our Easter faith, our Easter hope, our Easter promise. Still today, Jesus overcomes. Hallelujah!

Kent Chown (Rev)
Minister, Hudson Pastoral Charge

Our Seasonal Calendar

Sunday Services are held at 10.30 a.m. in Wyman Church.

<u>Sunday March 18</u>	Lent 5 Worship Service - Lenten Luncheon
<u>Sunday March 25</u>	Palm Sunday Service
<u>Friday March 30</u>	Good Friday Service at 7.30 p.m.
<u>Sunday April 1</u>	Easter Sunday. Sacrament of Holy Communion
<u>Sunday April 8</u>	Worship Service
<u>Sunday April 15</u>	Worship Service



Committee Meetings

<u>Tues. March 20</u>	Outreach Meeting _____	1.00 p.m.
<u>Wed. March 21</u>	Worship & Fellowship	7.30 p.m.
<u>Tues. March 27</u>	Pastoral Care _____	10.30 a.m.
<u>Wed. March 28</u>	Stewardship & Finance	7.30 p.m.
<u>Tues. April 3</u>	Communications Meeting	11.00 a.m.
<u>Wed. April 4</u>	Council Meeting	7.30 p.m.



LENTEN LUNCH – Sunday, March 18th after the morning service. Sponsored by The Outreach Committee.

*This year we are happy to have as a guest speaker a councillor for one of our new charities that we supported in December. **Ms. Carol Perrom** will tell us all about **Arc en Ciel in Vaudreuil**. This non profit organization helps the mentally ill in the area by offering a place to gather where they can participate in many activities both indoors and outdoors. It should be a very informative talk about the many things they provide to the community. There will be a light lunch of a variety of homemade soups, bread, cheese and dessert for everyone to enjoy. The free will offering will go to this worthwhile organization. Don't miss this event and bring friends!*

March Wyman Breakfast You asked...now we deliver!!



We are pleased to inform you that the first Wyman breakfast of 2018 will take place at Wyman Memorial United Church, 513 Main, **Saturday morning, on March 24**, beginning with a continental breakfast at **9:am**.

Our guest speaker will be **Terry O'Shaughnessy**, Executive Director of Hudson's Greenwood Centre for Living History who will be unveiling the Centre's special theme for 2018, "*Hats Off to Greenwood!*" Terry's talk will focus on Greenwood's fascinating history as seen through the prism of the vibrant people who once called Greenwood home.

She will also offer a preview of Greenwood's upcoming events for 2018.

A gifted speaker, Terry's presentation is sure to lead you on a fascinating romp through Greenwood's past, one filled with surprises and the unusual. **You won't want to miss it!**

Note: there is no admission fee but a freewill offering is suggested.

(See April Wyman Breakfast information below)

An Essential Ingredient



*I would like to encourage you to attend our **Good Friday** service (or one somewhere else, if you are travelling). If you have read my letter on the front page, you can see how the "Good News" becomes so much more real when we fully recognize the "Bad News", and when we see how our bad news is connected to the bad news which Jesus faced as he headed to the cross.*

*By coming to **Good Friday**, where we do not so much talk about the bad news as feel it, we are ready for the full impact of Easter. I fear that without Good Friday, Easter just becomes a really nice Sunday.*

When we come together on Easter Sunday feeling the experience of having been there at the cross on Golgotha on Good Friday.... it means so much more. We feel the difference, we know the difference, we experience the full depth and height of the Gospel story, of the Good News for us today. So - I invite you to be with us on Good Friday as we worship with drama and with music beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Wyman Church.

Rev. Kent Chown

FROM THE CHOIR LOFT...March 2018

With Easter just around the corner, we invited Wyman's gifted Director of Music, Wanda Kaluzny, to tell us something about the anthems she has selected for our upcoming services and how they were chosen. This is what she wrote:

Although Christmas is the holiday that gets the most attention in the Church year, it is, in fact, Easter that is the most important event for Christians.

This year I have chosen powerful Lenten and Easter anthems that I hope will help give greater depth of insight and emotion as we remember what Christ has done for us. Our anthems reflect the Lenten readings and musically depict Christ's Passion and glorious Resurrection.

Highlights of this year are John Stainer's beloved God So Loved the World, and a solo by Andrea Fraser entitled Lamb of God. The very moving For Love of You by John Carter, which we will sing on Good Friday, tells of Christ's sacrifice, and, of course, there will be joyous celebration on Easter morning!

We in the choir look forward to joining voices with the congregation as we mark the miracle that is Easter Sunday.



**GUESS WHAT!!!!!!
GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER IS BACK!!!!**

The Outreach Committee once again will be organizing "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner", the nights offered are **Fridays April 13th and April 20th and Saturdays, April 14th and April 21st.**

Possibly a ladies luncheon will be offered if we have enough hosts.

CAN YOU BELIEVE WE HAVE BEEN HAVING THIS EVENT FOR OVER 20 YEARS and have raised thousands of dollars for charity.

Each year about 40-45 people participate, some from our congregation and some from the area. The cost is only \$25 per person, which you give to your hosts the night of the dinner who then give it to The Outreach Committee.

We hope past hosts and guests will again support this wonderful fellowship opportunity and bring friends and neighbours.

If you have not for some reason been unable to participate, we encourage you to look over the forms and information at the back of the church and sign up, you will be glad you did!

We guarantee a pleasant evening, delicious food, a chance to meet new people and reacquaint yourself with old friends.

This is a wonderful way to support the work of Outreach who donate all money raised to charities around Hudson, Montreal and International organizations. Contact Barbara Dodds at 450-458-7318 for more info.



April Wyman Breakfast

On **Saturday April 14** we are pleased to welcome a 'home-grown' guest speaker to our Wyman Breakfast to be held in Wyman Church at 9 a.m.

G. Scott MacLeod was born in Hudson, Quebec, of Norse and Scottish lineage. Scott is a multimedia artist and filmmaker with a special interest in peoples and histories — Montreal's, Canada's, the Scottish Highlands', and the Vikings'. His work has been exhibited, screened and collected by cultural institutions and individuals around the world.

In June of 2017 Scott attended the SIM Residency in Reykjavik, Iceland and he wrote a travel memoir on his day-to-day sagas, including drawings, photos and other curios as well as enjoying the best arctic char and salmon imaginable!

His work can be seen at www.macleod9.com.





Our on-going fundraiser, Fundscrip, is in place on Sunday mornings when you can purchase various cards. By simply buying groceries, household items, gas etc. the church receives a percentage (normally around 3%) of the sale. An excellent and easy way to support your church by buying items you need! We encourage you to participate. Special

Promotions for March are:

Amazon 2.5% , Stokes/Think Kitchen, 8%, Build a Bear 9%.



Coffee Fellowship

Thanks to all who host coffee hours. Coffee hour after worship service is a very popular and uplifting time - a chance to get to know new people and to keep up to date with our church family. Our coffee hour hosts are very appreciative of Travis Crout setting up and putting on the coffee early on Sunday mornings.

*Upcoming in May Spring Book Sale.
The book sale will be held a little later this year on May 11 and 12.*

*When you walk through the doors on Sunday morning,
it should feel like coming home.
- From our Mission Statement*

Happy Easter to all!



