

UNITED NEWS

From Wyman Memorial and Côte St. Charles United Churches

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February Promotions

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Calling All Crafters

Wyman Craft Group has started back on Wednesdays at 1:00PM. All are welcome and we have something for everyone. Even if you think you aren't "crafty", we can prove you are.

 Valentine chocolates, and some other crafts will be sold after the service on **February 12**.

Annual General Meeting

Will take place after the worship service on **Sunday, February 19**. A light luncheon will be served. An important meeting for the congregation with an opportunity to discuss the Remits for the United Church of Canada involving significant changes to structures, policies or procedures as well as matters of interest & importance for Hudson Pastoral Charge. All are encouraged to attend.

From the Minister

On Sunday night we started to hear the bad news: Terrorist attack on a mosque in Québec City. Yes, we have heard rumblings of Islamophobia both in Québec and beyond our borders. Yes, we know that there has been vandalism of mosques in different parts of the province. But this was beyond all of that. This was a horrible attack which one assumes is rooted in hatred and intolerance. We can ask "why now?" and "why here?". But more importantly: "What next?" Let us hope that an element of the "what next" is reflected in the many vigils held on Monday - where an act of hatred and division yields acts of solidarity and compassion, yields new and deeper relationship. Our challenge - use this time to reach out to our Moslem neighbours. Let us communicate that we are a people of inclusion.

(p.s. - on your behalf I attended the vigil at the Dorval Mosque, with over 200 people including six United Church ministers.)

Breakfast Group

The next Wyman Breakfast will take place on **Saturday, February 11 at 9:00AM**, starting with a continental breakfast.  Our guest speaker will be Cote. St Charles resident, Ralph Simpson. He will be talking about that part of Cote St. Charles people call "Up Cote", that little slice of fields and forest which was once home to a determined group of hard-working pioneers and is now fading too quickly into history.

Ralph and his forefathers were part of that group and Ralph has made it his mission to keep their story alive and vibrant. With the aid of slides and riveting tales Ralph will help us discover how life once was "Up Cote" over the past 150 years or so. There is no admission fee; nevertheless a free-will offering (suggested amount \$5:00) is encouraged.

Guess Who

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner." The nights offered are **February 17 & 18 and March 3 & 4**. And possibly a ladies luncheon will be offered if we have enough hosts. See the registration sheets at the back of the church or contact Barbara Dodds at 450-458-7318.

Ash Wednesday Service

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service on **Wednesday, March 1 at 7:30PM** at the Cote Church.

Upcoming - Stay Tuned....

World Day of Prayer

The service for will take place at St-Mary's this year. Check the bulletin for more information.

Messy Church

Has been postponed to a later date in March. Check the next edition of United News for more information.