

UNITED NEWS

From Wyman Memorial and Côte St. Charles United Churches

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February Promotions

Starbucks 5% → 6%
La Vie en Rose 8% → 11%
Bikini Village 8% → 11%

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The Congregation Makes a Tough Decision

On Sunday, February 3, many of the congregation met to discuss the future of our Community of Faith. This was a long meeting: long because it was important to give each person a chance to be heard. Differing opinions and ideas and concerns were all heard. Each voice mattered, each individual matters to our life as a Community of Faith. In the end it was time to take a vote, and the decision was made to sell the land in Hudson and redevelop the Côte building to increase its functionality for the whole life of the congregation. This was, is, and will be a tough decision. Even those who are the most in favour of this direction feel sadness at the idea of not worshipping at Wyman. As your minister, I am here to listen to each and every one: those who may be enthusiastic about this direction, those who feel crushed by it, and those who are anywhere in between. At the same time, this is a time when I turn back to the book of Exodus: let us look for the guidance of God as we set out on our journey. And let us journey together, one community of faith.

Black History Month

February is Black History Month. Many will remember last year's "guest speaker", June James. This year Kent will lead a worship service on **February 10** confronting some of the ongoing issues that we still must face in Canada and in our communities.

Annual General Meeting

The congregation will have its Annual Meeting on **February 24** after worship. A light luncheon will be served. As we have struggled with our major decision of the decade on February 3, it is expected that this meeting will be of a normal length. If anyone is interested in serving on a committee or board of the church, contact Mona Van Egmond of the Nominations Committee, or contact the church office.

Upcoming in March...

Be sure to take note of these two events happening at the beginning of March!

World Day of Prayer

"Come – Everything is ready. Come to praise, thank, and proclaim the kingdom of love." This is the theme of the World Day of Prayer for 2019, a service created by people of the Church in Slovenia. Our local service will be held at St-James Anglican Church, 642 Main Road, Hudson, on **Saturday, March 2 at 9:30AM**, including a breakfast.

Ash Wednesday Service

"Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day of prayer, fasting and repentance. It is preceded by Shrove Tuesday and falls on the first day of Lent, the six weeks of penitence before Easter. Ash Wednesday is observed by many Christians." (Wikipedia) We also observe Ash Wednesday - on **March 6 at 7:30** we will gather at the Côte Church (2503 Cote St. Charles, St. Lazare) for a special reflective and penitential service that has been meaningful to Christians for almost 2000 years. All are welcome to begin their Lenten journey with us!



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