

# UNITED NEWS

From Wyman Memorial and Côte St. Charles United Churches

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January 2015

## Breakfast Group

The date for the Breakfast Group has been rescheduled to Saturday, January 17 at 9:00AM. Heidi Whipple will be speaking about her experience of being a foster parent to over 30 children. She will share facts, challenges, and rewards of this interesting role.

## Fundscrip Goal for 2015

We have been promoting and selling Fundscrip for 7 years now. On average, we make around \$1600 a year. With our current financial situation, fundraising is an important aspect, and Fundscrip is an extremely easy way of raising money. Let's make 2015 a year for the record! We could easily increase our earnings to \$5000.00. L'École secondaire Félix-Leclerc recently raised \$6,112.70 in five months with 38 supporters. College Ste-Anne de Lachine earned \$14,000.00 in 14 months. Think beyond just groceries and gas, use Fundscrip for big purchases you might be planning. Every month, certain retailers give a bigger percentage:  
Chapters/Indigo 5% → 12%  
Starbucks 5% → 6%

## Annual Reports

Reminder to submit annual reports by January 15.

## From the Minister

"Due to the economic downturn and the energy shortage, the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off...." You may have heard similar lines over the last few years.... and while amusing, behind it is a reality that many are finding today's world difficult. As this is sent out, we are fast approaching Epiphany - January 6 - when we remember the Maji who followed the light of the star to find the Light of the world. We are a people who walk with the Maji. We seek the light. But in this world, we also have another challenge: to find the economic potential, and to find the energy within ourselves, so that we might share the Light with our families, neighbours, community - even the world. With our help, may all know that the Light will never be shut off! *Kent Chown, Minister*

## From the Communications Committee

By now many of you have heard that Wyman has a Facebook and Twitter account. You may ask why? Both of these uses of social media work hand in hand with our website. All 3 of these tools allows us to be found, share knowledge, interact and build a community plus free advertising. As an example, Paul Aird, who resides in Toronto, found our website and sent a story he wrote to Rev. Kent which was read during the service on December 28. Families looking to have their child baptized have also found us through the website. I encourage you to go "like" our Facebook page; [Wyman United Church](#), and if you have a Twitter account, go "follow us" on Twitter; [@UnitedWymanCote](#). Click the share button on Facebook, or retweet to share something on Twitter. Let's help get the word out there! *Lisa Van Egmond, Chair of Communications*

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Join us on Sunday, January 25 at Wyman United Church for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service will begin at 5:00PM, with a potluck afterwards in Wyman Hall. The theme this year is *Jesus said to her: "Give me to drink" (John 4:7)*



## Important Dates for February

Sunday, February 15: Annual General Meeting  
Saturday, February 21: Messy Church