

WYMAN MEMORIAL & COTE ST. CHARLES
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NEWSLETTER

FALL 2015

Thanksgiving.

Thanks. Giving.

Many people are feeling many stresses in today's world, many of them financial. But every now and then I am reminded of how much we have, and how much we have to be thankful for. Several years ago my family went to Upper Canada Village, set back in 1861. Having visited all the businesses and homes, one of our foster children at the time turned to us and asked, "so where are the televisions?"

We have so much.

How many times do we complain, or hear complaining, about gas prices as they rise? But then, if we had been around in 1907, when Wyman was built, we probably would not much have cared about gas prices. The price of hay and grain would have been more significant.

We have so much.

How many times have I complained about my internet connection being slow, or my computer needing rebooting? When most of us were born, that was not a concern.

We have so much.

So let us be thankful. Thankful to God for the abundance.

Thanks. Giving.

Giving, because abundance is not the way for everyone. In our own community. In our region. In our country. In our world. Thanks. Giving. Giving because we care, giving because we are thankful.

And giving to and through the church is a good way to reflect our thanks. Giving. For the church reaches out into our local community. And our Mission and Service fund givings reach out to people in our region, our country, and our world.

Thanks. Giving.

Peace

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Kent Chown, Minister



Our Seasonal Calendar

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday Services are held at 10.30 a.m. in Wyman Church, with special Children's Programmes running concurrently.

<u>Sunday October 4</u>	World Wide Communion. Beginning of Stewardship Month.
<u>Sunday October 11</u>	Thanksgiving Sunday.
<u>Sunday October 18</u>	World Food Sunday.
<u>Sunday October 25</u>	Peace Sunday.
<u>Sunday November 1</u>	All Saints' Sunday. Sacrament of Holy Communion.
<u>Sunday November 8</u>	Remembrance Day Service

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**Committee Meetings:**

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| <u>Wednesday October 7</u>  | Executive Meeting             | 7.30 p.m.  |
| <u>Wednesday October 14</u> | Property Meeting              | 5.30 p.m.  |
| <u>Tuesday October 20</u>   | Outreach Committee Meeting    | 1.00 p.m.  |
| <u>Wednesday October 28</u> | Stewardship & Finance Meeting | 7.30 p.m.  |
| <u>Wednesday October 21</u> | Worship & Fellowship Meeting  | 7.30 p.m.  |
| <u>Tuesday October 27</u>   | Communications Meeting        | 11.00 a.m. |
| <u>Wednesday November 4</u> | Executive Meeting             | 7.30 p.m.  |

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STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

October is Stewardship Month - Pledge forms - both printed copies and an on-line version - will be available next week. Please also consider participating in our 'BUST THE DEFICIT ENVELOPE CAMPAIGN'. (See below)

Envelope Fundraiser - BUST THE DEFICIT!

Last year's very successful fundraiser "Bust The Deficit" will be repeated this year. As part of the Stewardship campaign, and to address the deficit, this project involves the whole congregation where members can give as a 'Special' donation according to their ability and their means. By Special we mean 'additional' 'extra' 'as well as'.

The idea works as follows – 100 plain envelopes are numbered from 1 to 100 and are placed unsealed in a box at the back of the church each Sunday in October. The entire congregation is asked to confidentially select an envelope, and donate to the church the dollar value of the number on the envelope you select – so if you choose envelope #8 you give \$8, if you select envelope #92 you give \$92 etc. If the envelope number you would like to choose is taken then select the nearest number and put in the dollar amount you wanted to make.

Please note: This campaign is included in the year-end tax receipts program so if you give cash and need a receipt, then include your name and address in the envelope; you can confidentially hand in the envelopes when we do the collection on Sundays; we only ask that the program be completed by Sunday November 1st when the Stewardship program concludes. The envelope program is designed to raise over \$5,000 (which, thanks to all who participated, we reached last year).

Fundraising

Fundraising is an ongoing activity in the life of our church. In fact it is vital to the health of our financial picture as well as being a lot of fun working together with people in the congregation.

*The Stewardship & Finance Committee oversees all fundraising activities and discusses their viability. **All ideas are welcome.** It is very important that the convener of each fundraiser fill out a Project Form prior to the event to be given to the Stewardship Committee for approval and a Project Report Form for after the event. These forms are available from the church office and on the website.*

*This leads to our first fundraiser in October - the Stewardship Committee is making **Apple Crisps/Crumbles** which will be available on **Sunday Oct. 4** ready for your Thanksgiving Dinner. These desserts come in two sizes, the large size will serve 4 people (\$6.00) and the small size will serve 2 people (\$3.00) and they come oven or freezer ready. Please put in your orders next week by calling the church at 450-458-4912 or visiting our website www.wyman-hudson.ca.*



*Please also remember **FUNDSCRIP** is an easy way to fundraise by using gift cards for your everyday purchases (groceries, gas etc.) and Wyman receives 3-5% on these purchases. Special promotions are published each month in the 'United News'.*



***Jams** are lovingly made by Loney Montemagno with proceeds going to the church funds. The next sale will be on **Sunday morning October 18**. Gift-wrapped jams are available upon request by calling Loney at 514-453-9712. These make a lovely hostess gift, birthday gift or just as a gesture of kindness. There are at least 10 varieties and 3 different jar sizes. Wow!*

Welcome to children!

We, as a congregation, love to see children on Sunday mornings in the church. Wyman Church has a special concern for children in faith which starts with welcoming them into the congregation, so with this in mind, we have started a Children's Program. Each week there will be a volunteer ready to go out with children, ages of about 5 - 10. We're ready for you all!



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**Paul Sales, a Financial Development Officer for the United Church**, will speak at our worship service on **Sunday October 4**. He has tons of information around how to help churches be financially viable - a big concern for Wyman. Below is some information about Paul - the consultant and musician!

*Paul Sales is The United Church of Canada's Financial Development Officer for Quebec and Eastern Ontario. He brings a passion for the United Church and its support of local, national and worldwide ministries through Mission and Service. Paul serves as a resource person to congregations on revenue generation and is always willing to speak about the stewardship of our lives through the use of all of our personal gifts. He also meets with donors who indicate an interest in establishing a legacy gift for their congregations or other ministries in the United Church.*

*Paul is also known as a church musician and worship leader. From 1994-2002, he was the Minister of Music at Orleans United Church, and more recently, led the music ministry at First United Church, an Affirming congregation in Ottawa (2010-2012). From 1999-2005, he was Music Editor of Gathering, the worship periodical of The United Church of Canada.*

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♪♪ **Notes from the Choir Loft** ♪♪

Did you know that singing in a choir is good for the health? Really.

According to a 2008 Australian study all types of singing have positive psychological effects, but the one “that seems to have the most dramatic effects on people’s lives” is choral singing. It’s all to do with the endorphins. Really.*

According to the study, it was determined “that on average, choral singers rated their satisfaction with life higher than the public – even when the actual problems faced by those singers were more substantial than those faced by the general public.” Really.

Now we ask you: knowing this, why would anyone want to eschew the magnificent benefits of singing in a choir, especially the Wyman ensemble? Experience the benefits for yourself; take the leap; join the Wyman choir, and put the snap back in your life.



Our Choir Director is Wanda Kaluzny, a brilliant musician and leader who has been with Wyman for nigh on twenty years. She’s the straw that stirs the drink!

Practices are held on Thursday nights at Wyman, beginning at 7:30 pm. You are always welcome.

In other choir news, this past spring we lost long-time member Catherine Van Egmond, a stalwart right to the end. You will remember her, she sat in the choir loft’s lower row on the far right, beside her daughter-in-law June. She will always be remembered.

June is not with the choir this year. We will miss her lovely pure soprano voice, but keep hoping she will soon return. Happily, her niece Lisa, Catherine’s granddaughter, has stepped forward to fill the void, thus ensuring the Van Egmond presence continues to thrive.

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**Full disclosure: Our son Michael, and family, live in Australia, so we can assume the study is accurate: otherwise he would be living somewhere else!*

If you can walk you can run; if you can talk you can sing.

*Bill Young,
On behalf of the choir*



Wyman Craft Group



Doing crafts is wonderful. Doing crafts with other crafty people is even better! It is a great way to learn new crafts, and perhaps to raise a bit of money for the church too! Several people have joined this new group and it will be up to those who get together to decide how often to get together, when, and what crafts to undertake and what the balances will be between learning, having fun, and raising money.

Possibilities..... chocolates, cards, embroidery, crochet, crewel, knitting, soap,

Swedish weaving, dish clothes, infinity scarves, flower arranging, and much, much more!!!

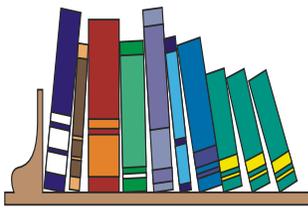
You can join in the fun by calling the church office or signing the sheet at the back of the church.



Cote St Charles painting crew: spearheaded by **Bill McDonald**, assisted by Ginny Russel, Ralph Simpson, Jeff Cobden, Bob Kemerer, Gordie Bowen, and Colleen Jackson & Dominic Walters from Evergreen. Fans who supported: John Van Egmond, Gary Perry, Mike Elliott (lent us more scaffolding), Robert Rozon.

What a great job - thank you all!





Fall Book Sale - October 30 and 31

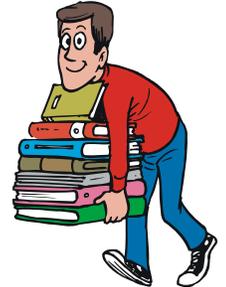
Friday 6 to 9 p.m. & Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A large selection of fiction, non-fiction, reference, children's, special books and magazines (eg. National Geographic, Smithsonian, etc.) available at lowest prices. This is a great chance to stock up on your fall and winter reading

Don't miss this popular event!

Should anyone wish to donate books and/or jigsaw puzzles to the Wyman Outreach Mega Book Sale either put in the bin provided outside or make arrangements with the office at 450-458-4912 between 9am and noon, Tuesday to Friday.

Should anyone wish to volunteer time to make this Book Sale another success, please see the sign up sheets at the back of the church as of Oct 11th. Set-up starts at 10 a.m. on Friday the 30th. We also require help at the end of the sale on Saturday starting at 2:00 p.m. to box the unsold materials and put them away until the spring sale. Any help would be graciously accepted. All proceeds go to local and overseas outreach projects of the Mission and Service Fund.



Thank you for your undying support. **We couldn't do it without you!**

Refugee Crisis - We CAN make a difference.

There is constantly a refugee crisis. From 1989 to 2013, the number of internally displaced persons and refugees in the world increased from 34 million to 51 million. By 2014, the number of refugees was 18 million*, spread around the world. (Internally displaced means those that have had to flee their homes, and are in camps within their own countries.)

The United Church, through its M&S fund, has always been at work in this area in various ways.

After several years of a hidden crisis, the refugee crisis which centres on Syria has broken into the headlines. With the headlines, we are moved to do more, but are not sure what to do.

Certainly, people can get together and sponsor a refugee or refugee family. This is a big commitment, but information is available for anyone interested.

<http://www.united-church.ca/humanrights/refugees/sponsor>

We can continue to pray, individually and as a community.

And we can give. We have two opportunities: one is to give to the Montreal City Mission. This Mission of the United Church reaches out to the vulnerable, and an area of focus are refugees who have come to Montreal. On Oct 3 there is a "Ride for Refuge", and you can support MCM by going to <https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=623863&langPref=en-CA>. Or you can go to the MCM website at any time.

If you want your giving to go beyond our borders, you can give a matching gift through the United Church. (Matching meaning that the Canadian government will match your donation dollar for dollar until December 31.) You can donate through the United Church website at <https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=1955&AID=2915> or place a clearly marked (Emergency Response—Syria Relief) donation on the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

We CAN make a difference.

*United Nations High Commission for Refugees: <http://www.unhcr.org/pages/49c3646c1d.html>

Last call to order **2016 Church Calendars AND**
to subscribe to the **United Church Observer!**
Call the church office next week 450-458-4912

Wyman Breakfast Group

The Wyman Breakfast Group will **not** meet in October.
The next Breakfast will be held on November 14 at 9 a.m. More details later.

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**Food Bank Fundraiser - Saturday October 10**

A Poor Man's Breakfast, a fundraiser for the local Food Bank, organized by the Rotary Club of Hudson and St. Lazare, will be held at St. James Anglican Church on Saturday October 10 from 9 a.m. to noon. Entertainment, Dixieland style, by Bill Riley and Friends, evoking the spirit of the '20s and '30s.

The Food Bank, directed by Carol Laws, is an important service for families in our region to help out with food, basic necessities and school supplies. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased from Clarence & Cripps in Hudson or by calling Linda Eames at 450-458-5919.

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Upcoming in November

All Saints Day Service held on Sunday November 1 when you are invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one. More details in the Sunday bulletins.

Turkey Dinner - Saturday November 21.

Please make note of the date of our popular Turkey Dinner. *Details later.*

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We thank all those who support our church by hosting coffee hours, ushering and reading on Sundays, placing flowers in the sanctuary, collecting used stamps, plastic bread ties and canned drink openers, baking for receptions, washing dishes and all the things that make the church a lively, friendly place to be! We give special thanks to Rachel Cobden who beautifies the narthex with her season displays. Check out

the website [www.wyman-hudson.ca](http://www.wyman-hudson.ca) and Face Book to keep in touch with what is going on at the Hudson Pastoral Charge.

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