



# Wyman Memorial & Cote St. Charles United Churches Hudson Pastoral Charge

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We read:  
"Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem." (Luke 9:51b, NRSV)

That is, Jesus, though still with a long way to go, turned to begin his journey to the city of Jerusalem. He knew that this was to be his final journey. He had already made statements about Jerusalem, and he knew the dangers. He commented – in words found a few chapters later in Luke – "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you..." (Luke 13:34, NIV)

And he knew that he was a prophet, and he knew that the political and religious leadership were against him. He knew.

And yet he went. Willingly went to the city where he was to be betrayed, arrested, tried unjustly, condemned, tortured and executed. Went to the city where he would look down upon his grieving mother as he died on the cross.

Do we ever wonder if God understands our troubles? Not talking about a cracked nail, but talking about our real troubles - chronic ailments, difficult conditions, diseases including but not just cancer, grief for many kinds of losses - death of loved ones, moving, loss of independence.... Do we ever wonder if God has the depth of understanding?

Its okay to wonder. But it is also good to come to the conclusion: Yes. God, who in compassion sent Jesus to live amongst us; God, who in love, watched as Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem; God who mourned through holy week: Yes, God has the depth of understanding for all that we face, for all that we may face.

As Jesus approaches the cross, let us approach the cross in his company. As Jesus is raised upon the cross, let us lay our troubles, our griefs, our anxieties and worries at the foot of the cross.

Let us pause. Three days. For this world's troubles are real, and not to be ignored.

And then let us hear the Easter news: Even death is vanquished.

God walks with us to the cross.  
And in the cross, even death is vanquished.

May all the blessings of the Lenten and Easter season be with you all.

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## Our Seasonal Calendar

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

Sunday March 6

Lent 4 Worship Service.

Sunday March 13

Lent 5 Worship Service

Sunday March 20

Palm Sunday Service

Friday March 25

Good Friday Service at 7.30 p.m.



Sunday March 27 Easter Sunday.  
Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated.



### **Committee Meetings**

<u>Wed. March 9</u>	Property Meeting	5.30 p.m.
<u>Wed. March 16</u>	Worship & Fellowship Meeting	7.30 p.m.
<u>Wed. March 23</u>	Stewardship & Finance Meeting	7.30 p.m.
<u>Tues. March 29</u>	Communications Meeting	11.00 a.m.
<u>Wed. April 6</u>	Council Meeting	7.30 p.m.

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### **Wyman Children's Program**

*Children are invited and welcomed to attend church services at any time during the year. We will make sure that there is a programme and someone to supervise for those 4+. For younger children, there is always colouring, foam blocks and other activities at the back of the Sanctuary. Just turn up at 10.30 a.m. - we will be happy to see you.*

Any youth or adults interested in becoming full members of the congregation, either by **Confirmation** or **Transfer of Membership**, are invited to contact Rev.Kent through the office (450-458-4912) or by e-mail ([minister@wyman-hudson.ca](mailto:minister@wyman-hudson.ca)).

### **Wyman Breakfast Group - World Day of Prayer**

On **Saturday March 12**, we will celebrate **World Day of Prayer** in conjunction with our Wyman Breakfast Group. The theme of this year's World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service is "Receive Children. Receive Me" and is written by the women of Cuba.

A Continental Breakfast will be provided at 9.00 a.m. followed by a celebration of the World Day of Prayer.

Please RSVP by signing the list on the bulletin board, by calling the church at 450-458-4912 or by email [admin@wyman-hudson.ca](mailto:admin@wyman-hudson.ca)



**Lenten Luncheon - Sunday March 13**

You are invited to a  
Lenten Luncheon of home-made soup and sandwiches  
following the Worship Service on March 13.  
**Theme:** Refugees of Syria



*View from the choir Loft .....*

March came in like a lion this year....So cross our fingers and hope the old adage holds true, that the month slides quietly into April, Spotless as a Lamb.

But, no matter what, by then we will have celebrated Easter. It's early this year, with Good Friday falling on March 25 and Easter Sunday on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

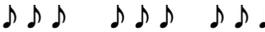
Already the Wyman Choir has begun singing the haunting and uplifting music of Lent on Sundays: And as we get closer to Easter, we will be adding three new (to us) anthems to the repertoire.

The first of these, *Holy is the Lord: Sing out His praises and Bless His name*, will be performed on Palm Sunday, while the other two, *Glorious Risen Christ* and *You are the Bread*, comprise the anthems selected for Easter Sunday. All three are lovely pieces although somewhat challenging to sing, but we know that with the warm smiles of the congregation urging us on we should do fine.

Just a reminder that the Wyman Choir is led by our celebrated director Wanda Kaluzny and composed of upward of 15 enthusiastic choristers, all delighting in drawing on our humble **talents to enhance Sunday services**.

**Why not join us. YOU TOO can become a Wyman chorister. Really! After all, it's Spring, as good a time as any to dust off those pipes and take the plunge. So don't hesitate – give it a shot.**

Happy Easter  
Your friends in the Wyman Choir



Spring dropped in to Wyman Church for an early visit last Sunday - thanks to the generosity of Hudson Greenhouses - Lisa Van Egmond sold seventy three bunches of tulips. Members of the congregation went home with a smile and a spring in their step!

All proceeds went to church funds. Thank you!



**Messy Church** - On Saturday February 6, we enjoyed a very successful 'Messy Church' experience with 23 adults and 5 children attending. One result was a beautiful large poster which has been on display in the sanctuary. Thanks to all who helped.

**Annual General Meeting** - our AGM was held on Sunday February 21 following the Worship Service. Preceded by a not-so-light luncheon, the meeting was called to order. The members of the congregation approved a proposal that the Board Structure be replaced with a **Council Structure** which just means that the former Executive Committee will now be called the Council and there will no longer be Board Meetings which were supposed to be held twice a year but only were called once a year with very low attendances.

All members are welcome to attend any Committee or Council Meeting with the exception of the Ministry & Personnel Committee and Pastoral Care.

**Wyman Sanctuary**

You may have noticed some improvements in the sanctuary. Thanks to Bill McDonald's expertise we now have two handrails leading up and down from the choir loft. If you have not noticed them, it is because they blend in so well with the decor! Bill also built a storage cupboard at the back of the narthex cloakroom. A useful and tidy addition to that area.

The choir members now have monitors visible only to them which are are synchronized with the congregation's monitor.

**Wyman Craft Group**

*Our Craft Group have been very busy these last few weeks! For Valentine's Day there was a chocolatey display of goodies. . . On March 9 Chocolates will be made for St. Patrick's Day and Crosses on March 16. Leading up to Easter and Spring Fling, flower pots have been painted. Anyone is welcome to join the group on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Looking ahead to summer - **Spring Fling** this year will be held on Saturday June 4.*

**News from the Outreach Committee.....**

- As mentioned above, the **Lenten Luncheon** on Sunday March 13 is hosted by this committee. Three different kinds of home-made soup will be available. Please plan to attend this luncheon. Theme - Refugees of Syria.
  
- In April from around the 15<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> the '**Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?**' event will take place. Sign up sheets will soon be available for you to sign up as hosts or guests.
  
- SPRING BOOK SALE**  
**APRIL 29/30**  
Friday 6:00-9:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



## **Fundscrip**

Promotions during March are *M & M; Stokes; Kernels*. Fundscrip cards may be purchased each Sunday at Coffee Hours.

## **Long Range Calendars**

On the wall at the entrance to the church office you will find a four-month calendar with long term and short term rentals and church events. This will prove helpful when you are planning your event - and help avoid conflicting dates. In due time, there will be calendars installed for the whole year.

## **Evergreen Community Church**

We were sad to learn a few weeks ago that the congregation of Evergreen Community Church has ended their ministry. We have enjoyed a wonderful relationship with Evergreen over the years and looked forward to worshipping with them on Sundays during July and August. Their last service will be held there on March 6.

## **Memo from the Finance and Extension Board of the Montreal Presbytery .....**

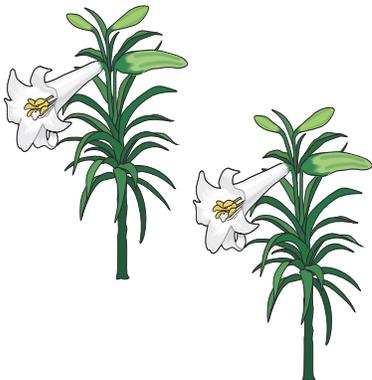
The Finance and Extension Board is responsible for two small bursary funds provided by the Hugh Duncan Estate and the Institut Français Évangélique. These are available to active members in the congregation who are registered as students in universities and other post-secondary institutions. More information on the bulletin in the narthex. Applications must be submitted by June 10, 2016.

## **What is Par?**

PAR, or Pre-Authorized Remittance - is a programme administered by The United Church of Canada that allows you to contribute to your church through a monthly withdrawal from your bank. You can designate your gift to local church expenses or to the Mission & Service Fund. This is a convenient way for you to support your church and the church appreciates the regular income for ongoing weekly commitments. You can join Par at any time by contacting the church office. The more people who use PAR makes the programme more valuable and viable for us all. Thank you for considering this option.

## **Coffee hours**

Thanks to all who hosted coffee hours during February We still need hosts for March 20. Check the sign-up sheet. Your help is always appreciated.



Happy Easter !

