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Thanksgiving!

As we gather around the turkey, and as we gather in church, we often give thanks for the things that we enjoy in life. It is good to give thanks for the turkey - especially the stuffing! - and for the harvest.

The harvest becomes more and more remote as years go by - most of us have heard stories about children having no idea where milk or vegetables come from, as they only encounter them coming from the store, and do not see them growing, and we know that many young children may have no idea of how wheat becomes bread. Bread comes in a bag. From the store. For you and I - we know where these things come from. But we don't think a lot about it, unless there is a shortage of wheat or pork or oranges, causing prices to go up. So this is a good time to remember where all these foods come from - and to "Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field". (Hymn VU517)

But the 'harvest' has become more and more diverse. That same hymn speaks of "the harvest that's quarried and mined" and "the harvest of science and skill".

Thanksgiving - a time to be aware of all of these things that have a profound affect on our living.

But, having given thanks for all these things, now is the time to give thanks for another element in our lives, an element that is profoundly important: the people whose lives touch ours or whose lives have touched us in the past. We need to pause and give thanks for so many relationships. Take a moment - now - to ponder the people who have contributed to your life through your relationship with them. People you encountered years ago, people who were a part of your growing up, people who are a part of your present-day living..... Think of the relationships that you have had, and do have.

These relationships with these people are profoundly more significant than the loaf of bread or the fresh carrots from the garden. It is our relationships that define our lives in so many ways. Take a moment - now - to ponder the relationships you have and have had. And give thanks to God for the many people who have formed an essential part of your personal history.

Relationships are very important. One of the central elements of our faith is relationship: Relationship with God. Sin has been described as broken relationship with God. And one of the fundamentals of our faith is grace - the grace of God that allows that broken relationship to be mended and made whole.

Sin is also about broken relationship with others. And again - we know grace, by which relationships can be mended.

Relationships and the mending of relationships through grace is central to our faith. So, this Thanksgiving, let us enjoy the turkey. And give thanks for the carrots. But, just as importantly, or even more importantly, let us give thanks for good relationships with God and with people - past and present. For these deserve our deep appreciation.

Peace
Kent Chown, minister

October Happenings

SUNDAY SERVICES - are held at 10.30 a.m. in Wyman Church. Children of all ages are welcome as 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 a special Children's Corner at the back of the Sanctuary

<u>Sunday October 2</u>	World Wide Communion. Beginning of Stewardship Month.
<u>Sunday October 9</u>	Thanksgiving Sunday.
<u>Sunday October 16</u>	World Food Sunday.
<u>Sunday October 23</u>	Peace Sunday.
<u>Sunday October 30</u>	All Saints' Sunday. Sacrament of Holy Communion.
<u>Sunday November 6</u>	Remembrance Day Service



Committee Meetings:

<u>Wednesday October 5</u>	Council Meeting	7.30 p.m.
<u>Thursday October 6</u>	Communications Meeting	11.00 a.m.
<u>Wednesday October 12</u>	Property Meeting	5.30 p.m.
<u>Wednesday October 12</u>	Worship & Fellowship Meeting	7.30 p.m.
<u>Tuesday October 18</u>	Outreach Committee Meeting	1.00 p.m.
<u>Wednesday October 26</u>	Stewardship & Finance Meeting	7.30 p.m.
<u>Wednesday November 2</u>	Council Meeting	7.30 p.m.



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

October is Stewardship Month - The Stewardship Letter and Pledge form will be emailed or mailed out to you soon. You can also check the on-line version at www.wyman-hudson.ca for your convenience. Please do consider contributing through PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)

Bust the Deficit Leaf Campaign



Once again this year we need your help to Bust the Deficit. In keeping with the autumn season, we are asking you to lend a hand in clearing our Deficit tree of leaves. You will find numbered leaves from 1 to 100. Simply pick a leaf, drop it to the ground and place that amount of money in the envelopes provided. We hope to have a bare tree, all the leaves raked, and \$5000.00 by the end of October. You only have to put your name if you need a receipt for tax purposes.

P.S. With any luck, we may need volunteers to help with the raking!!

Your Stewardship Committee thanks you.

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** which will be available on **Sunday Oct. 2** ready for your Thanksgiving Dinner. These desserts come in one size, a two serving size, oven or freezer ready at \$5.00 for one and \$8.00 for two. Please put in your orders soon by calling the church at 450-458-4912, emailing admin@wyman-hudson.ca or visiting our website www.wyman-hudson.ca.*



Fundscrip Appeal

At no extra cost to you, Fundscrip transforms your everyday spending into fundraising dollars for Wyman Church. That means no out-of-pocket donations or sympathy purchases. You just pay for your everyday expenses (groceries, gas, restaurants, or clothing) with gift cards and you earn money towards our campaign target.

Since we began our Fundscrip campaign seven years ago, Wyman has earned \$14,625.51 or about \$2000.00 a year. We would like to increase our earnings to \$5000.00 a year. In order to achieve our goal, more people need to participate. Even 25 families buying gift cards to cover their groceries, gas and pharmacy will earn more than this amount for the congregation!!!* And then there are the extras like Chapters, Reno Depot, Home Depot, Canadian Tire, Bureau en Gros, and many, many more – clothing, restaurants, you name it!

Although cards may be purchased Sundays at church at coffee hour, there is another easy way for you to purchase cards and have them mailed directly to your house on a weekly or monthly basis. Simply go to www.fundscrip.com and click on Support Your Group. Complete the information and enter our group's Invitation Code GW8YBV. You then place your order, pay by electronic funds transfer (ETF) and chose direct shipping. You can even set up a recurring order and never worry about forgetting to place your order. Having your cards mailed – instead of picking them up – does cost \$0.92 for up to four cards.... But that means you are, in effect, paying \$0.92 to make a \$5.00 donation**. Not bad!

If you would like more information or assistance, including setting up your EFT, please contact Mona Van Egmond 450-458-7545 or the church office 450-458-4912.

*assumes \$200 per week for groceries, gas and pharmacy @ 2% earnings. Most earnings are 3% or more.

**example: 1x\$100 and 1x\$50 grocery cards at 3%; 1x\$50 pharmacy card (good at Metro too); 1x\$25 gas card earns total of \$6.50!!! (and in a year.... That will be over 300\$.)



Another delicious fundraising project

Jams are lovingly made by Loney Montemagno with proceeds going to the church funds. The next two sales will be on **Sunday mornings October 9 and November 13**. 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.

Quarter-Notes and Choir Lofts

Joyful, Joyful we adore you...

Indeed we do! We choristers of Wyman, we adore YOU all. We adore YOU as individuals worshipping at Wyman; we adore YOU as members of the congregation. YOU are our audience, our only audience...and each Sunday we sing only for YOU (well, mostly – we do derive a certain amount of personal satisfaction as well).

Hence we keep coming back week after week. Why? Because YOU keep coming back week after week and that in itself is enough to keep us going.

We are a choir of 20 or so members, larger this year because we welcome three new choristers. **Christina Sergerie** and **Jill Ratcliffe** are neighbors at home and as of now, neighbors in the Alto section as well. And **Olivia Norby** will soon be joining the Soprano section.

We welcome you, ladies: we're delighted you have joined the Wyman Choir. As some wise man once said about choral singing: "Experience the benefits for yourself; take the leap; join the [Wyman] choir, and put the snap back in your life."

The same goes for all those Wyman-ites reading this newsletter. Knowing what you know now, why not think again of the magnificent benefits that accrue from singing in a choir, especially the Wyman ensemble? We practice Thursday nights at Wyman, beginning at 7:30 pm. We are holding a place for you.

Our Choir is led by Director of Music **Wanda Kaluzny**, a Wyman inspiration for close to twenty years. A brilliant musician whose fame extends beyond all borders, Wanda is still the straw that stirs the drink!

Looking ahead, this Sunday the choir will be presenting a new communion anthem, "Taste and See". And next week, Thanksgiving Sunday, they introduce another new anthem, "Many Gifts, One Spirit". Also note the Candlelight Service entitled "The Gift" is set for December 11, 7:30.

Now for something completely different: As you might suspect, choir members lead very busy lives. And for many of us, because many of us are grandparents, much of that "busy" is associated with grandchildren. We do our part, but the wee kiddies just keep on coming.

Why this year alone our Wyman chorister/grandparents have amassed 6 little ones. The Bowens, Gord and Barb, account for three all by themselves – **Henry James, Claire Elizabeth and Jackson Robert**; Then add Lynn Poirier's **Evelynn Marie** and Sharron Repper's newly born grandson to the list. And our Australian grandson, **Hudson**. God bless us all.

Bill Young
October 2, 2016

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



Fall Book Sale - October 28 and 29

Friday 6 to 9p.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.) CDs and Videos available at lowest prices. This is a great chance to stock up on your fall and

winter reading

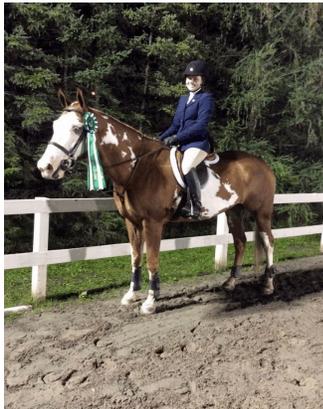
Don't miss this popular event!

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. 2. Set-up starts on Thursday at 1 p.m. and on Friday at 10 a.m. 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. Please call **Loney Montemagno at 514-453-9712 to volunteer your time.** All proceeds go to local and overseas outreach projects.*



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



Profile Of One Our Young Members Of The Congregation

(Previously written by Bill Young for the Montreal Gazette)

The Hudson area has long been a hotbed of equestrian activity. This I know, because for many of the 46 years our family has lived here we were deeply committed to the horsey world.

My wife Sandra rode into her 50s, until health issues slowed her down. Daughter Kerry collected a wall full of ribbons well into her late teens, and son Michael earned championship honours at an international Pony Club Tetrathlon held outside Boston in 1980. But as we all got older, we inevitably drifted away from the universe that once held us close. So when Sandra and I were invited in late August to watch Lisa Van Egmond, a young and promising local rider, undertake an outdoor lesson at Hodgson's Stables in St-Lazare, we were delighted.

Van Egmond and her horse Blue were readying themselves for the Concours hippique de Lévis scheduled for early September. For the first time in their career they would be competing in the prestigious François Ferland Medal Class. Remarkably, she was one of only 20 riders province-wide to make the final cut. "I was not surprised," says Sandra. "Lisa is a beautiful rider. In fact, her style and grace, and the elegance of horse and rider together had me in tears."

The Concours, held near Lévis, across from Quebec City, concluded two weeks ago. When asked how she fared, a weary but all-smiles Van Egmond replied: "Poor weather conditions made for a very wet horse show. Organizers delayed some classes and changed rings around. And they rescheduled the François Ferland Medal to 9 p.m. Friday. Under the lights! Still, all went well! We scored 75 in the gymnastic phase on Friday earning a second place. And although the Saturday evening jumping phase had both good and bad moments, with our two scores combined, we finished 5th overall! Not bad for first time out!"

Van Egmond and Blue also competed in Adult Hunters, "where we got fourth, seventh and fourth again." On Sunday, the tandem wrapped up their week with a fifth in the Aubert Brillant Medal. As for what was most challenging about the Concours, Van Egmond points to rain delays. "Because of them, we had to show under the lights! That was so different – but what a great experience!"

Van Egmond began riding at age 10; almost from the moment she first accosted her father with the dramatic: "Dad, I want to start riding." Suddenly, there she was, up on school horses at Hodgson's stables. And loving it.

By 2010, parents Mona and John decided it was time Lisa had her own horse, and leased Blue. Their plan worked so well that on the following Christmas Day, mom and dad surprised their daughter by slipping a certificate of ownership into the festive stocking hanging outside Blue's stall.

When their young rider peeked in and glimpsed the certificate, she was flummoxed. "The good news took a minute to register," she says. "Then, I became ecstatic." And so, it appears, did Blue. He's a Paint, a breed prized for colour and markings but not usually found in hunter rings.

Since coming together in 2011, Van Egmond and Blue have enjoyed success at both regional and provincial horse shows. In 2013, on the provincial circuit, they won gold in the Adult Medal. Then followed what Van Egmond considers her most exhilarating accomplishment: She earned a spot in the 2014 Adult Equitation finals at the Jeux Équestre du Québec, a field restricted to each regional division's top four riders – and came second overall! She still smiles recounting those moments.

And today she joyfully celebrates the achievements this year has delivered.

Looking ahead, Van Egmond radiates optimism. "Blue and I have improved with every season," she says. "No reason to stop now."

No Indeed.

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 which meets on Wednesday afternoons and will decide together 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 emailing Heidi at heidi@whipple.ca

United Church Calendars - 2017

This bilingual Canadian Church Calendar features colourful photographs of United Churches from across the country, and notes special days and church seasons. A wonderful way to celebrate United Church heritage all year round. Call the Church office or see sign-up sheet at church to order. \$6.00 each.



Operation Christmas Child



You will soon be able to get your shoe boxes to fill with gifts for children living in war, poverty and disaster. The gifts this year will be delivered to children in Chile, Costa Rica, Senegal, Haiti and Gambia. Your filled boxes need to be returned to the church by Sunday November 13.

Thank you - you will make a difference!

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Upcoming.....

**All Saints Day Service** held on Sunday October 30 when you are invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one. Please let us know if you would like to light a candle in memory of a loved one.

### **Wyman Breakfast Group**

The Wyman Breakfast Group will **not** meet in October.

The next Breakfast will be held on November 12 at 9 a.m. More details later.

### **Turkey Dinner - Saturday November 26.**

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

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### **Moses Sighting .....**

*Making headlines this summer in Pincourt, Qc a supposed sighting of Moses and a burning bush.*

*The residents of Pincourt travelling on Lussier St, near the city community centre were shocked and amazed at what appeared to be Moses and a burning bush at the Park parking lot.*

*This happened mid morning on a weekday when many children and parents were going to and from the municipal pool for lessons and team practices. Folk were so shocked by what they saw, no one even thought to get a photo, but then if this was Moses would he even show up in a photo.*

*There in the middle of the street, stopping traffic was a barefoot, white bearded man in somewhat raggedy clothes and to his side were several small cedars in flames, going up one after another like torches.*

*The purported Moses calmly told folk not to panic as he had called the Fire Department on his cell phone and they would be arriving momentarily to extinguish the blaze.*

*This was when the possibility of a divine occurrence lost ground... "his cell phone? Wouldn't Moses call on God?" The Fire Department arrived and doused the flames and as the smoke cleared folk could see that "Moses" was none other than Kent Chown on his way home from the pool.*

*It seems Kent saw a small bit of smoke coming up from the mulch and then the cedars rapidly catching flame with the severe dryness and their own combustibility, he parked in such a way as to keep folk from getting too near and also allowing room for the Fire engines, called 911 and directed traffic until they arrived. All in a day's work for the good Rev.*

*So the mystery was cleared up probably... although some still look at the charred remains of the bushes and wonder...*

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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 drinks 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 seasonal 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.