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Advent Season

Advent is a waiting season.

Most of us understand the concept of waiting. We've waited in our lives for so many things, the right job, the loving partner, or the children that might come.

We have all waited and been overjoyed by the outcome – that is truly what Advent is about.

We wait and we prepare our hearts and minds to welcome the love God expressed through Jesus.

This is a ritual we do each year reminding us that we are beloved.

Now there are waiting times in our lives when we experience pain during this time, the loss of work, the break-up of a relationship. The loss of a loved one, or difficult medical news.

This is also Advent.

It is easy to think that Advent is only those joyous moments, that so much of December is filled with. What Advent means is the arrival of a notable experience. It is truly welcoming the love that God offers to us.

No matter where we are in this Advent Season – God's love surrounds us and brings us peace.

Christmas Blessings
Janet

Church Events

- Dec 2nd – 1st Sunday of Advent
- Dec 9th – 2nd Sunday of Advent, Christmas Bake sale, following 10:00 a.m. service
- Dec 16th – 3rd Sunday of Advent, Stars for Christmas to be hung
- Dec 23rd – 4th Sunday of Advent
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve, 7:30 p.m. service, Musical Guests and a play
- Dec 30 – Worship around the breakfast table

Minister's Message

My dear friends,
As I begin this medical leave, I leave you in the loving hands of the Ministry & Personnel Committee and the Leadership Team. They will work out a plan.

I want to thank you for your support and encouragement. As a caregiver, it is hard for me to accept help but I know part of my healing is to keep connected with you. So if you have time and want to come by for tea or in time go out for a lunch (low sodium diet),

please be in touch.
I will need motivation to not be a couch potato!

Thank you for everything you do for this community of faith, for the world and for me.

Blessings
Janet



Special Thanks

We would like to give a big thank you to Graham and Allison Bloomer for all of their volunteer work they do around CPUC. Changing light bulbs, fixing lights on the sound booth, putting a new draft board on the front door and repairing banners are just a few of the many odd jobs both have done in the past few months. All this work is much appreciated.

Thanks again to both of you.

Music Ministry

Greetings! The CPUC choir has had a busy fall singing at all our special services: a Service of Remembering with soloist, Atticus McIlraith; a Remembrance Day Service with Celebration of Baptism; and the World Communion Service with musical guest Ken Peters on violin.

Ken returned two weeks later to again accompany our choir at a joint service with the Koreans. We also sang with the Korean choir in a joint anthem and enjoyed an anthem by the Korean choir. To the delight of both congregations, Ken brought more solo violin pieces with him.

Now we are looking forward to the season of

Advent and Christmas and preparing more anthems for these occasions. This season is also going to feature more musical guests, including a choir of flutes under the direction of Monica Bailey; more soloists; Christmas Eve with a play and lots of music, as well as a service of just carols and breakfast Sunday Dec. 30th.

We also want to extend a public welcome to our new choir members, June Drummond and Kim Watts. They joined us for our summer mini-choir and stayed on into the fall! Welcome! We love having you!

Anyone else who would like to celebrate the upcoming seasons with us in music, join us each Sunday morning at 8:45.

Submitted by,
Arlene Baschak, Musical Director

Leadership Team

The thoughts and prayers of our congregation are with our Minister, Reverend Janet Walker, as she deals with health issues. The M&P Committee are working hard to ensure worship leadership and pastoral care continue to be priorities while Reverend Janet is on Restorative Care Leave. We are not being left in the dark about Reverend Janet's health issues, as she has been very open with the congregation about her medical appointments and consultations.

By mutual agreement, Reverend Janet and all of us are "part of the family" as song writer Jim Manley expressed it in Voices United #395.

While in Newfoundland this past July, we spent an enjoyable day with Marion Parry, a long-time friend of my husband John's and a former Moderator. When John mentioned to her that I was chair of the Leadership Team at our church, she asked if our LT followed "Holy Manners", an initiative Marion strongly promoted while Moderator. I admitted that I had never heard that term but that I felt very fortunate to be part of a very harmonious LT. Upon doing more research upon our return home, I learned that the basics are "In our behaviour, our words and our attitudes we promise to relate to one another with: Respect, Humility, Patience, Open Mindedness, Courage, Compassion and we promise to treat ourselves with kindness."

I am pleased to say that in the nine years John and I have been associated with CPUC, Holy Manners are very evident even though they are not posted in the church and the LT does not sign a covenant to uphold them. At a recent LT meeting, I expressed my gratitude to the LT for following Holy Manners without even being aware of them. This makes chairing the LT much easier than it is in some congregations.

As we enter the Advent and Christmas seasons, let us continue to be mindful of the needs of others and celebrate the gift more precious than parcels and cards – the gift of love.

Marlene Oldham
Chair, Leadership Team



Fall Applebee's Breakfast

Korean United Church & Churchill Park United Church

Greetings! In September, we shared the garage sale day for fund-raising. Both churches did very well. It is always such a great opportunity for us to eat our favorite Korean food.

In October, we shared a worship service together. Rev. Cho took the lead in preparing the service and presenting the message. I believe we were all engaged in hearing how North and South Korea were divided and God's great desire for peace and reunification. It is also wonderful that we shared a potluck lunch together.

While Janet is on sick leave, Presbytery has asked Rev. Cho to be the Pastoral Charge Supervisor. He will meet with the Leadership Team and attend any congregational meetings. He will be around to offer support and encouragement.

We all feel blessed to have them in partnership in the building. They offer so many gifts and together, both congregations are stronger.



Treasurer Update

A cold fall this year, that seems to be just racing along. Before you know it, Christmas will be here bringing tidings of peace, hope and joy. In the financial life of the church, that means year-end is coming and a time to make new commitments.

At October's end, expenses for 2018 were at \$154,004 of the \$171,084 budgeted, resulting in a deficit of \$18,960, or about \$4,000 more than approved for coverage by the Planned Gift Fund. Revenues are on track at \$135,044 (87% of budget), however, thanks to higher income from fundraising, grants and rent, so it may still be possible to close the gap at Christmas.

Churchill Park was fortunate to be approved for two grants in 2018: \$8,992 from the Canada Summer Jobs program for three summer student workers who did odd jobs around the church and neighborhood, and recently, \$3,700 from the Manitoba Commercial Community Kitchen/Food Enterprises Program for a new commercial fridge installed in the hallway adjacent to the gym, for use by renters. That grant is expected to be paid by Christmas.

Also in October, the congregation made a new commitment to sponsor three more refugee families over the next couple of years. These families, all relatives of the original sponsored families, will come with the financial resources needed for the 1st year of settlement.



The Korean United Church (KUC) continues to cost-share building expenses with Churchill Park. Building expenses have also exceeded budget for 2018, due to unforeseen expenses like roof repairs, a new stove and new AED equipment. KUC is currently paying monthly instalments on its 5-year loan from the Planned Gift Fund for its 50% share (\$14,240 after the Kropo Foundation grant) of the new sound system installed in the sanctuary last winter.

A second major project approved for 2018, the installation of solar energy panels on the gym roof, is still pending. The project is designed to generate close to the amount of electrical power required for 525 Beresford, and is expected to cost \$41,623 after an off-setting rebate of \$17,980 from Manitoba Hydro. KUC will share that cost under its 5-year repayable loan from the Planned Gift Fund (PGF) which to date has spent \$5,798 on the project.

Many thanks to Janet, Antoniya, Meagan, and other staff and volunteers who have shared in the stewardship work of managing and administering the church's financial resources, especially as Janet begins a time of leave to focus on her health.

Have a joyous and blessed Christmas,

Your treasurer, Joanne

Solar Panels

Solar panels are coming to Churchill Park United Church, but maybe not until the spring. Solar Manitoba has informed us that all the structural investigations and electrical drawings have been completed. They have applied for the final permits (permission to proceed) from both the City of Winnipeg and Manitoba Hydro. This process is averaging approximately two months.

Hopefully by the next newsletter we will have pictures to show of the panels on the roof.

Wayne Arklie



Oak Table News

Oak Table has evolved in many ways over the years but the core values of providing hospitality, compassion and a good lunch have been both consistent and persistent also. We acknowledge the support from church and scouting people at CPUC through donations of time, talents, financial and food donations!

In the heart of Osborne Village, OT continues to be a beacon of safety, warmth and good-will to people who, for whatever reason, are in need of a nutritional meal. The bonus is fellowship and friendship mixed with hair cuts, foot care, some clothing and hygiene items.

We salute long time/term volunteers on Tuesday and more recent helpers preparing and serving food and visiting our guests. More volunteers will be needed as we move into a new chapter and location in the spring of 2019. Talk with us if you are interested please.

Mar and John O attended a transition planning workshop on Friday, Nov.23 to work on plans related to our big move to the basement area of Augustine United Church which has been gutted and soon will be transformed into a specially designed facility for Oak Table. It will be exciting

and also a change for all involved as we adopt and adapt to a new chapter as part of Augustine Centre that will include space for worship, cultural dance, day care and OT.

OT, under the umbrella of One Just City, in collaboration with other social outreach and justice groups has the expanding support of other church denominations, Winnipeg Harvest, Safeway, Lilac Bakery, Cobb's Bread, Domino's Pizza and the Winnipeg Foundation to name but a few partners.

The bonus for Mar and me in joining CPUC has been the opportunity and satisfaction of feeling we are useful and making a contribution in our retirement years as we follow the Jesus model with bowl and towel in hand being "as one who serves."

One of the highlights of my eight years of volunteering was in an Advent Season watching an older German couple sing "Silent Night" with the rest of us - but they did so in their own language - as it was originally written... "Stille Nacht" from the year 1818.

Submitted on behalf of the Tuesday CPUC Volunteers - John Wesley Oldham



Cans collected by the Scouts at their annual Oak Table Market

Ministry & Personnel

This fall M&P has been blessed with the addition of June Drummond to our committee. Welcome to the team!

It is bitter cold outside today and I know we are going to face many more of these days in the not too distant future. I am reminded of the warm generosity and celebration of the season within our church, our community and within our family (whatever shape they may take).

It is a time for us to remember the blessings of the years. We look forward to the season of advent celebrations with childlike enthusiasm and take time to acknowledge that there are far too many among us that go without.

This time of year we also traditionally recognize and honour those who work so hard to ensure that our church runs smoothly every day. Meagan Baschak, Wayne Arklie, Arlene Baschak, Antoniya Tsvetanova, John McNairnay, Rev. Janet Walker and all of our wonderful and dedicated volunteers. When we walk into a well cared for church building on Sundays, refer to PowerPoint slides, listen to the music or get inspiration from a message, it all invites us to remember and give thanks.

We lift up Rev. Janet Walker in prayer that with the help of the Holy Spirit she recovers quickly and fully so that she will come back early in the new year healthy and ready to take on any mess we may create in her absence.

As always M&P is here to listen to you. Please feel free to contact any member in writing so we may address any questions, suggestions or concerns you may have.

M&P would like to wish you and all our staff the best of the season and blessings for 2019!

Love, Hope, Joy and Peace
Shanon Stewart for
Faye Barsy, June Drummond, Glenn Harrison and Don Young

Library News

Have you noticed the feather dangling near one of our library shelves? It tells you that we have a new section added to our library – “Native Literature”. In this section we have books related to the history and concerns of our First Nations, and of the Metis people of Canada. Stories about the aboriginal people who live in the United States, Mexico, South and Central America are also found in this section. To date there are 27 titles in our collection. Some titles that have piqued my interest are, “The Mound Builders” by Robert Silverberg, “Myths of the North American Indians” by Lewis Spence, and “Dancing with a Ghost” by Rupert Ross. Why don’t you check out this new division of our library and see if some other titles pique your interest as well.

Many thanks go to Margaret Kelly for assisting with this special collection.

Submitted by Ginny Braid

Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree is up and ready to be decorated. Toques and scarves for the adults at Oak Table, (They don’t want woolen mittens but will take leather), Toques and mittens for the children. Please no scarves for the children. The children’s items will go to Fort Rouge School on Dec. 17.

New Commercial Fridge

At Churchill Park United we have operated a licensed commercial kitchen for several years. This kitchen allows us to generate revenue to support the cost of operating the building. It also allows us to support the community by acting as an incubator for new food businesses.

The kitchen has relied on three residential refrigerators. This has occasionally meant some complex juggling of food to meet refrigeration needs. For some time we have wanted to purchase a commercial fridge to have a reliable and secure place for our renters to store product and material and so we can separate church needs from renter needs.

We have now purchased that commercial fridge and it is in place and operating. This means renters can now securely lock their product in the commercial fridge and the church can have exclusive use of the remaining kitchen fridge (we are removing the two hallway fridges). The cost was \$5061.58, including all taxes and delivery. That's a lot of money.

We were only able to do this thanks to the support of the **Manitoba Department of Agriculture's Commercial Community Kitchen – Food Enterprise Program**.

That program has covered 75% of the cost of this new fridge. This would not have been possible without this support and we are extremely grateful for this assistance. This significantly reduces the cost we would have to pay and was VERY good news.



But that wasn't the last of the good news. I had a call from a member of the congregation, Janie Watt, telling me that she and her husband Alex wanted to pay the remaining costs for the fridge. Janie, who is a Registered Dietitian, appreciates the importance of good equipment in a commercial kitchen like ours. So we also extend our thanks to **Janie and Alex Watt** for completing this project for us.

The upshot of all this generosity is that, thanks to Manitoba Agriculture and the Watt Family, we will not have to withdraw anything from our Planned Gift Fund for this project.

Once again, we are blessed.
John McNairnay

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and Meagan Baschak
for designing this newsletter



Winnipeg Presbytery Report

On January 1, 2019 a major structural change occurs in the United Church in Canada (UCC). All Presbyteries will cease to exist, and Conferences will morph into Regions. Ours is Region 5, essentially the same as the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario with an eastern border ending at the time zone transition.

The Regional Transition Commission, whose membership includes Sherri McConnell, current chair of Winnipeg Presbytery (WpgPres), is already hard at work with the changes in our region. They will bring that work to the Inaugural Regional Meeting (IRM), which is scheduled for June 13-16 at the Keystone Centre in Brandon. At that time authority over Region 5 will be handed over to the body elected at that meeting. CPUC is entitled to elect voting members to the IRM according to the following formula. These elections will occur at our next annual meeting.

- One rep/congregation with 100 or fewer members
- Two reps/congregation with 101 to 200 members
- Three reps/congregation with 201-300 members

The life of the church will continue

CPUC will continue to live out our mission in the community. WpgPres will continue to operate until the end of 2018, and all business and accountability (including things unfinished) will be transferred to Region 5.

Want more info?

More info about Remit implementation, including the most up-to-date versions of the Financial info Checklist for Treasurers can be found on the UCC website <https://unitedchurch.ca/leadership/church-administration/remit-implementation>. If you have questions more specific to Region 5, or if you have an idea for a name for our region, you can direct them to the RTC at region5commission@gmail.com.

Richard Baschak



Christmas Bake Sale

Sunday, December 9th 2018

After 10 a.m. service

Donations of baked goods are appreciated.

Please drop off to the office by noon Dec 7th

Stars For Christmas

We are inviting you to consider a Christmas Gift to Churchill Park United to support our church and our ministries. We have a deficit, which Joanne explains in the Treasurer's report – instead of ending the year with this we would like all of us to consider responding from our abundance.

This might be the perfect gift for your children who have everything, a gift to the church they grew up in; or to your neighbours who enjoy the activities of Churchill Park; or your friends who know the importance of church in your life.

Gift certificates will be available for each gift and a star will be hung for each gift on Sunday December 16th.

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