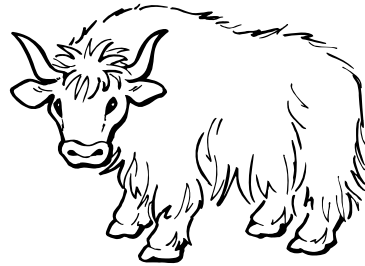


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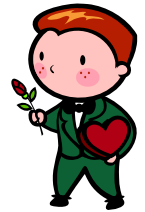
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Top 10 Pickup lines for the pews

10. Your hair is like a flock of goats moving down the slopes of Gilead. Your teeth are like a flock of ewes, that have come up from the washing.
(Song of *Solomon* 4)
9. I've been wondering in a desert of despair for 40 years, waiting for this moment to meet you.
8. What choir of Angels dost thou be from ?
7. So you're a convener eh, how about we convene at my house around eight for dinner.
6. We've been pew buddies for a long time, maybe it's time to take this to the next level and join the choir.
5. If there was a flood coming, you'd be on my ark.
4. I learned everything I need to know from Ricky G. at General Council.
(We know you read this.)
3. Censored—too hot for this newsletter.
2. Solomon had 701 wives, but you'd suit me just fine.
1. After carefully considering his sermon, I'm quite fond of the missionary's position.



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Saskatchewan Conference and beyond!

ASK THE YAK

(The Yak came from the initials of YAYAC.)



Opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the Yak.

Submit your questions to:

theyak@unitedchurchyaya.ca

Dear Yak:

I went on an excursion to Tibet recently, and used my Pentax K-1000SLR to take photos the Yaks. However, they all turned out too dark or too light! Please help me so this travesty won't happen again!

Luv,

Sad photo guy with Awesome Camera



Dear Sad guy with Awesome Camera:

Well, it just so happens I recently took a film 205 class at the university of Yak, so this is right up my alley!

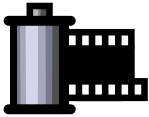
If the photos are too bright, it could be a problem in camera or developing. Try a ND (neutral density) filter on your camera, and always watch your in-camera light meter when adjusting your aperture and shutter speed...but beware of the shutter speed dropping below 1/30. as it may be prone to camera shake.

When developing, make sure to keep it in the developing fluid for the proper amount of time, and when making prints, keep prints in developer for a minute and a half. Then, have it in stop bath for 30 seconds, then in the photo fix for another minutes and a half. Be sure not to expose your photographic paper beforehand!

Hope this helps, and send me the pictures of Yaks that you will take on your next trip. It just might be a relative of mine!

Love,

The Yak, B.FN, BFS, MFS, PhD FS



Katie Curtis answers "How has the United Church helped me with my transition to university?"

When I was asked this question, it took me a second to think of a meaningful response. After a short time pondering the answer, I came up with three ways in which the United Church has helped me with my transition.

The first way the church has helped me, has been to be an opening and welcoming community. As I moved away from home to attend University in Saskatoon, I wondered where I would go to church on Sundays. To my surprise, there was a United Church right on the corner of my street, and to my pleasure they welcomed me with open arms. I have only been there once, because I have been returning home every weekend, but I feel secure in knowing that during the winter, when I am unable to return home, I will have a welcoming church to attend.

The second way the church has helped me with my transition, has been to offer youth orientated programs. With the stress and overwhelming feelings that come along with the first year of university, it has been great to have somewhere to go on Friday nights, and just hang out with my friends. During these times we sometimes talk about current issues, faith or just watch a movie. No matter what it is we do, I am always thankful to have a support group of friends within the United Church to talk with.



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YAYAC—National A Prairie Perspective

This past weekend, Oct 19-21, 13 other youth from across Canada and I attended a meeting in Toronto. This meeting's purpose was to get some insight from Youth and Young adults on some new initiatives that have been put forward for planning. Out of the two proposals one was aimed more at youth and the other at Young adults. Youth Year of Service Program, the proposal aimed more at young adults, describes a program where 19 - 25 year olds would travel to a different province or conference and serve with a social justice partner of a local congregation/church for one year, the groups of people selected for the program would be 3-4 people and there would be 6 groups. The second proposal, Youth United for Peace, was more aimed at youth but also focused on young adults. This proposal described a trip for 30 youth and young adults who would travel and visit United Church Global partners to learn more about justice issues and be able to interpret them better. As a group however, we suggested that these proposals be tabled for the time being. Now I went through all this description for a reason, as we discussed these proposals a common theme emerged among our group. This theme was that while these proposals were very good proposals they weren't what was needed right at this time. As a group we felt that these proposals were one step ahead of where we should be. I and the group felt that the church should focus more strongly on attracting more youth to our church, not just those that don't attend church at all but those that come to church only on Easter or Christmas. The last item we dealt with was the Program called A Year of Sabbath; it's a program where 14 youth leaders through the church are taking a pledge of mutual support to engage in Sabbath practices for the length of a year. I was excited about this program (mainly because I'd heard about it over Facebook) because it represented an idea, mainly that spiritual meanings and practices are being lost in today's day and age. This thought has been circulating around in my head. It was this kind of deep thought and powerful discussion that dominated the meeting; frankly it blew us all away. This meeting was an amazing event and a chance to meet some old friends again. I enjoyed myself immensely and would go again in a heartbeat.



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The last way that the church has helped me with my transition has been to offer me a place to express myself spiritually. Whether I go home on the weekends, or stay in Saskatoon I can always count on being able to attend church, to strengthen my faith and to visit with those in the church community. Right now in my life, faith and spirituality are concepts I am just grasping, and trying to develop on my own. The United Church has offered me a place to do that, as they are accepting and supportive.

The community of people within the church have been very supportive and encouraging, which has been a great help in my transition. It seems that any time I need guidance or advice, someone is always willing to help me out, whether it be the minister, youth leader, or just someone in the congregation. What amazed me the most in my transition, from a little city to a big city, was that the networks of United Church people and communities are just as tightly knit in both places. No matter where you live, or which United Church you attend, it is always pleasing to find a place to meet new people, and to experience the support of the community.

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RECIPE SECTION:

If you have any fun, great recipes you'd like to share in the YAK, send them to: theyak@unitedchurchyaya.ca

CJ's Turn up the Awesome Chocolate Chip Cookies

Cream together
1/2 cup margarine
1/2 shortening

Add:
1 cup white sugar
1/2 brown sugar Mix well.

Add:
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla Mix well

Add:
2 cup flour
1/2 sp salt
1 tsp baking soda Mix well

Add:
2 cup chocolate chips Mix.

Drop by spoonful onto an ungreased baking sheet (use an ice cream scoop for jumbo cookies). Bake at 350° for 8-10 minutes

(normal) or 12-14 minutes (jumbo). Cookies should be light to golden brown.

Makes 50 regular cookies or 12 jumbo



Calling Lakes Centre *Event of Interest*



Weekend for Confirmation Class

This event is an opportunity for individuals or groups to come out to explore and discover what it means to be a member of the United Church of Canada. This program is meant to supplement local church confirmation classes, while experiencing activities within the wider church. It is a good time to make some new friends and explore issues around life, faith and our place in the gathered community of the church.

Expect an informative, crazy, mind blowing weekend. Make sure to bring your crazy carpet!

Lynne Clarke is in ministry in Melfort and enjoys working with youth. Karen and Mike Hadwen, program development team, are experienced and creative youth event leaders.

Mark these dates on your calendar now!

Cost: \$180; \$160 for 3 or more from the same pastoral charge. Add \$15 per person after January 18.

To register or for more information, contact:
PCTC – (306) 332-5691

THIS MONTH'S POLL:

In your opinion, what town has the most over-rated paperclip?

- A) Lumsden
- B) Kipling
- C) Dog River
- D) Marsden



LAST MONTH'S POLL

Best phrases ever:

Oh snap! 30%

Hey! Cool it man. 7%

The only reason you're still conscious is because Jack doesn't wanna carry you. 51%

D) Chuck Norris can slam a revolving door. 155%

E) Fantastic! 2.5%



