

Welcome to Lent. On February 10 we begin an important journey in our faith. We will begin our celebration of Lent. But how do we do that? When I was a child I don't remember Lent. I think I remember Good Friday and certainly Easter, especially the chocolate rabbits. I heard some talk about people giving up things for Lent but it was no real part of my life.

Over the years, certainly as a minister, I have taken more note. In fact, Lent and Holy Week have become a most significant time for me. One thing I've found I need during this time is a greater discipline, a focus for reflection. So I'd like to offer two pieces of scripture to read over and over again during these Lenten days. One is from Hebrew Scripture in the book following Proverbs, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. The other is found in the Gospel of Mark 2:13-22. Both readings speak about change, about movement, about growth and about time.

For me, Lent has become a special time, but what kind of time is it for you? With what attitudes and expectations shall we enter Lent? Is it more like a wedding or a funeral? Is it a time to remember death or prepare for a resurrection? Is it a time for feasting or fasting?

The scripture I've suggested you read and read again each day will share both modes if we look carefully. In Mark's Gospel you will find John the Baptist's disciples asking some 'Why' questions and Jesus will answer in an unusual way. What is Jesus aiming at? Is Jesus providing us with a clue to how we ought to behave in Lent?

Let us keep in mind Lent includes both Good Friday and Easter. As Ecclesiastes says, "There is a time to weep and a time to laugh. A time to mourn and a time to dance." There is a natural rhythm in life. Life moves between two poles and stretches us.

See what you can find in observing Lent this year. Hopefully part of what you will find is an opportunity to begin again. We don't have to choose in advance what kind of time it will be. Rather, let us ask who we are as we come, and let us come into the days of Lent, weeping and laughing, giving thanks and begging forgiveness. In the forty days of Lent (not counting Sundays), let us try every way we can, outward and inward, with and without songs, with and without words, together and alone, to claim the promise of renewal during the days of Lent.

I pray each of us will move closer to our Creator by coming closer to our real selves. Let's discover what kind of time Lent is for us. "For everything there is a season."



Peace to you.

Rev. Dan

Some Ideas for Observing Lent

(Distributed by the Bay of Quinte Conference Office)

“Walking with Jesus through Lent”

The Congregation of St. Andrew's United Church in Peterborough (Shining Waters Presbytery) invites (challenges) other congregations in Bay of Quinte Conference to make a special effort on behalf of Mission & Service during the Season of Lent.

We invite you to join in “Walking with Jesus through Lent”. The goal will be to each walk 100 miles (160km) during the 40 days of Lent. (This is about the distance from Galilee to Jerusalem.) That's about 2.5 miles/4km per day – not counting Sundays. We'll be seeking sponsors for our walking with contributions to Mission & Service.

The Christian Life has often been thought of as a journey. There are many metaphors related to pilgrimage in the Bible. For people of other faiths too, pilgrimage is a spiritual discipline. For example The Haj,(Pilgrimage to Mecca), is one of the five pillars of the Islamic Faith.

Before the twentieth century and the advent of the automobile most people walked great distances as they lived each day. Today we have a sedentary lifestyle. Most of us spend large portions of our days sitting. We sit at our desks. We sit in the car. We sit watching television. We sit in church. Health authorities have determined that extended periods of sitting are as bad for our health as cigarette smoking! For maximum health it is recommended that we walk 10,000 steps per day. The average Canadian does between 3,000 and 4,000.

In his First Letter to the Church at Corinth, St. Paul reminds them that their bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. The care of our bodies is a spiritual matter.

Clothing Fast

This is an invitation throughout the season of Lent to wear only six items of clothing – switching them about to provide your wardrobe for the Lenten season. The six items do not include underwear, socks, shoes and coats/jackets for outdoors. Three of us in the conference office are committed to living this fast through the season of Lent.

It is intended to be a time to reflect on the clothes we own and what we need to live and who makes our clothes.

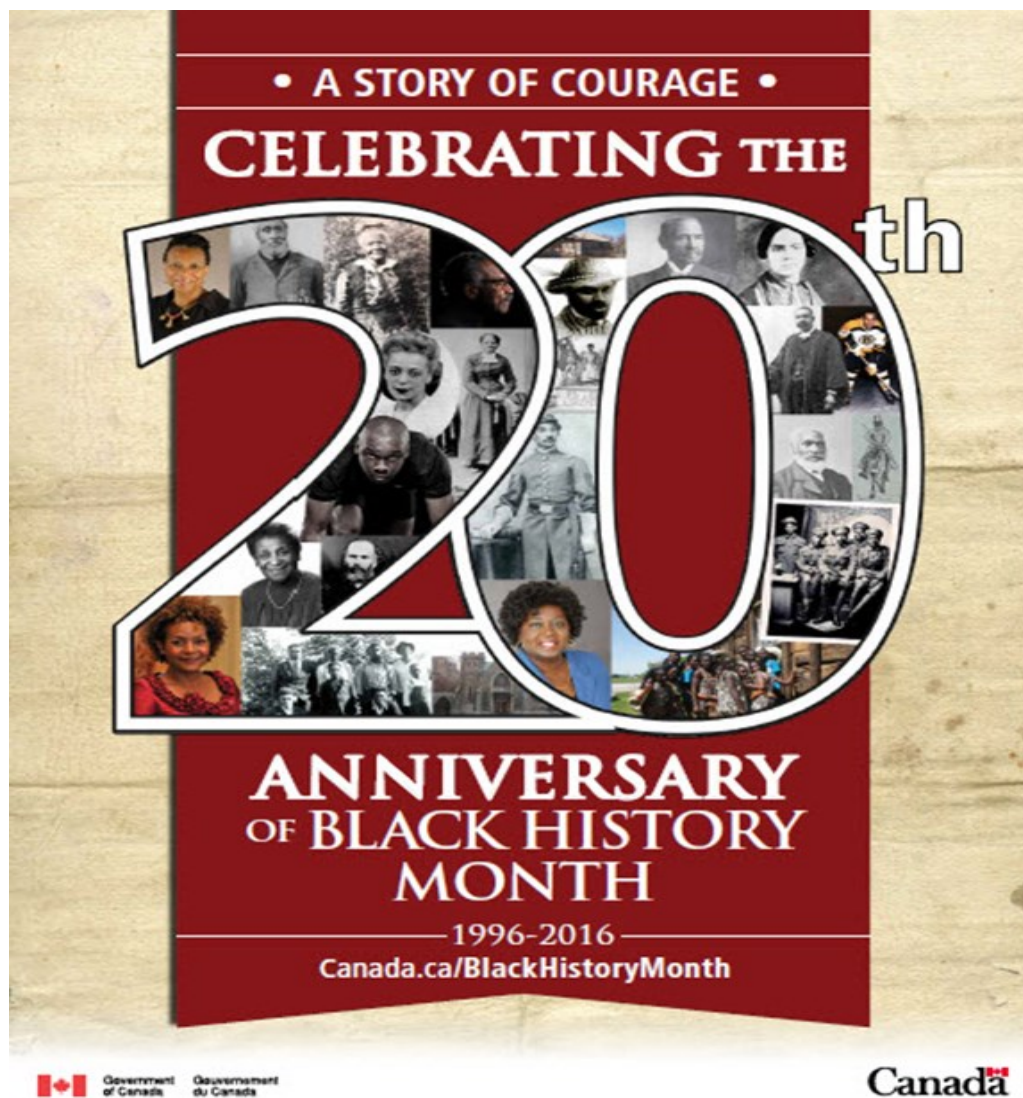
An awareness and educative fast.

40 Acts of Generosity

<http://www.40acts.org.uk/>

DO LENT GENEROUSLY

40 days of giving back, doing good and living generously



Black History Month began in the United States as "Negro History Week" in February 1926, through the work of African American scholar Dr. Carter G. Woodson. His aim was to raise awareness and understanding in the school curriculum of the African experience around the world. The United States began to formally celebrate Black History Month in the 1960s. Through community activities, organizers sought to present a more balanced and accurate picture of Black history.

In the 1950s, community organizations such as the Canadian Negro Women's Association began to celebrate the importance of the history of the black community in Toronto. In 1979, Toronto became the first municipality in Canada to proclaim Black History Month through efforts of many individuals and organizations such as the Ontario Black History Society. In 1995, Toronto Area MP Jean Augustine, the first black woman elected to parliament, introduced a motion which was passed unanimously by the House of Commons to recognize Black History Month across Canada.

Black History Month is an opportunity for all of us to recognize the past and present contributions that African Canadians make to the life of all communities, in such areas as education, medicine, art, culture, public service, economic development, politics and human rights.



Our Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)
will take place on
Sunday, February 28th.

Please plan to be part of this special day,
as we gather together,
dine together,
vote together,
worship together,
work together
and
celebrate together!

Lunch and Childcare will be provided,
so please mark your calendar
for this important event!

A Prayer for my Church

Dear God, today I thank you for my church. While some might think of doors and windows, I'm praising you for spirits and hearts. The people whose lives you've intersected, are remarkable through your grace. I cannot praise you enough for the unique way you've blended the talents of individuals into beautiful masterpieces of joy. May we love one another to the fullest and be evidence of your ultimate love, to advance the work of your kingdom. Amen.

**"You must never
be fearful about
what you are
doing when it is
right."**

Rosa Parks

Wellness

On January 10, 2016 following worship, **Wellness** welcomed back Special Guest Speaker, David Clarke, Coordinator of Communications and Training for Durham Mental Health Services.

After a plentiful sandwich luncheon held in the Founders' Room, approximately 40 people gathered in the sanctuary for David's presentation, entitled: "Being Present: An Introduction to Mindfulness".

David is an excellent and relaxed speaker who had us consider aspects of our everyday lives when we are easily distracted and not present in the moment. We practised an exercise in mindfulness meditation. We certainly left this event feeling relaxed and considering how we might put this into practice more in our lives.

Thanks to all who contributed to the luncheon and especially to David Clarke, a special friend of Westminster, and our Wellness Committee.

**"No one is born hating another person
because of the color of his skin,
or his background, or his religion.**

**People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate,
they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally
to the human heart than its opposite."**

Nelson Mandela

WINE, WOMEN and the WORD

The next meeting of Wine, Women and the Word will be on **Tuesday, February 16th** in the **Founders Room** from **7:00pm-9:00pm**.

Our topic this month is: "Mary Magdalene", and the scripture readings to prepare are: Luke 8:1-3, John 19:25 and John 20:14-18.

If you have a bible, please bring it, as we will be reading more passages at our gathering. We always have a lively discussion and we hope to see you there!

To learn more, please call Carol at 905-706-9608.



UCW Fundraiser

Tuesday Feb. 16 *and* Sunday Feb. 21

Hearty, Healthy and Delicious!

3" Turkey Pot Pies



Pint and Quart Jars of Soup



Watch the bulletin for further details.

Easter Flowers

We will be decorating the sanctuary with memorial Easter flowers again this year.

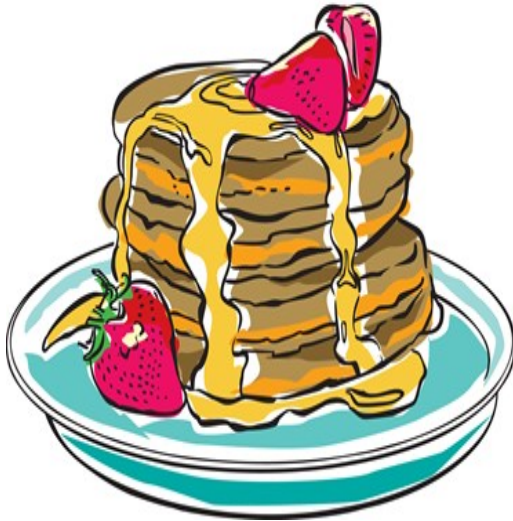
This is a lovely way to beautify our church as well as to remember family members and friends.

If you wish to donate to the purchase of flowers, there will be envelopes available on a card table outside the sanctuary February 21st, February 28th and March 6th.

Following the Easter service, the flowers will be distributed to people who are shut in or who are experiencing difficult times.



Shrove Tuesday



PANCAKE SUPPER

Mark Tuesday, **February 9th** on your calendar!

Westminster's annual pancake supper will take place
in our gym between
5:30pm and 7:00pm.

You're invited to feast on pancakes –
plain, blueberry and chocolate chip
– and sausages, of course!

A free will offering will be gratefully
received at the door.

If you're interested in helping out with
this fellowship event, we need pancake flippers,
servers, bussers and dishwashers.

Please contact Bev to volunteer at 905-432-9249

SAVE THE DATE



JULY 11-15, 2016

For more information contact: Crystal at 905-725-0074 or Susan at 905-493-3122

BRRR...It's Cold out there!



We're walking again...so come join the team!

Last year, Westminster United Church registered a Team for the
Coldest Night of the Year Walk

...and what a wonderful walk it was...a little tough to push through,
but certainly worth every step!

As a team, we doubled our numbers of members from our first year,
so we had 29 people sign up for our team.

With their donations, our generous congregation
and a special contribution in memory of a loved one,

we raised \$8,439

(up from \$3,358 the previous year)

for The Refuge

and the good works they do for the homeless youth
in our community!

Jesus was an advocate for those who were hurting, alone, hungry, lost and dealing with
tough circumstances in life...so that is what we are called to be as well...lending a hand to lift
someone up and letting this world know that they are not alone and not forgotten...
that God cares...and that we do too!

So, come join us! Walk with us!

Donate to our team! Pray for those who use the Refuge and for those who offer support
...and pray for our team! Any way you wish to help will be greatly appreciated!

To join our Team or to make an online donation, just go to
www.coldestnightoftheyear.org,
search for our team (Westminster United Church) and follow the prompts.

If you have issues while trying to register, contact Cathy Shaw (Team Captain).

You can donate online or visit our display and our team members
in the gym following worship on February 7th and 14th.

They will be thrilled to share their experience with you and
gratefully receive any and all donations for this worthy cause.

The Coldest Night of the Year is a fun, family-friendly walking event.

So, come for a walk, make a difference, make new friends
and help the Refuge keep their doors open to those who need them the most!

You'll be glad you did!

Hope to see you on Saturday, February 20th!

Why is the Affirming Initiative here at Westminster?



*The United Church of Canada seeks to fully honour and celebrate the gifts and diversity of all its members and leaders - including those of different **sexual orientations and gender identities** - and encourages its member congregations and ministries to make a public statement of welcome, inclusion and justice-seeking, by **becoming Affirming Ministries**. This is the preamble on the Affirm United website and the essence of the A-Team's mandate since spring 2014.*

Over 18 months ago, the 7-member Affirming Team started meeting regularly and the learning process began for all of us. It has been a very personal, emotional journey. We all signed on because of individual callings. Some have gay or lesbian family members, including some coming out over the last year or so - some not. Most of the A-Team attended at least one Affirming all-day workshop, held in Pickering, Kingston and Peterborough. We've hosted a number of special speakers, presentations, movies and open discussion events. Early on we set up an Affirming information table in the narthex - with changing posters, info sheets and photos. Various instructional handouts (print and electronic) and monthly newsletter articles have further advanced the process. All has been prayerfully considered; God's guidance requested.

Why are we doing all this at Westminster?

Why has so much time and energy being devoted to this initiative?

We have gone through a deliberate **educational/discernment process** that reflects on what it means to be inclusive, being intentional about how we truly include others within the life and work of our ministries here at Westminster.

The new **Statement of Inclusion** - recently passed at a Congregational vote last November by 94% of attendees - says it all:

"We embrace people of all ages, gender, race, sexual orientations, gender identity, abilities, ethnicity, social and economic circumstances, in the membership, ministry, leadership and life of this congregation."

Now we are asking you collectively as a congregation to take the next step - vote to approve Westminster United Church officially becoming an Affirming congregation.

The vote will take place on **Sunday, February 28th**. **Please plan to attend and vote!**

- ♦ Only Westminster Members can take part in this vote which will take place during the ACM. All, of course, are invited for the lunch and encouraged to stay for the meeting afterwards.
- ♦ Every Sunday until the vote, there will be a table set up in the narthex and staffed with A-Team members so you can confirm privately your member status.
(Please do not call Garth in the office for this information)

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- ◆ No proxy votes or advanced voting will be permitted for this vote. This is in accordance with defined voting requirements by the United Church of Canada. As stated on Page 60 of the UCC Manual:

- *Voting must be by ballot unless the congregation or pastoral charge decides on another way of voting. Proxy voting or voting by mail-in ballots is not permitted.*
- *Voters must be participants in the meeting where the voting takes place. They vote under the Spirit moving in the discussion during the meeting. This allows the Spirit to move in the way that happens when “two or more are gathered.” It often draws us in directions we did not expect. For this reason, proxy voting and voting by mail-in ballots are not permitted.*

Spear-headed by Rev. Michelle, over the past 2-3 years here at Westminster, there has been an ongoing theme of human diversity, inclusion and growing in collective/individual compassion, understanding and Christian love to all. We have been learning more about acceptance and yes, celebration.

There has been a deliberate process of learning more - “living & walking in the shoes” of the LGBTQ community and constituency. Not just words, but personally learning how to make Westminster a safe spiritual home and refuge for all. This will be an ongoing process for all of us: Christian/Christ-like in all that we say and do; walking in Jesus’ shoes (or sandals!) as part of that ongoing learning process. This will not end with the February vote.

No one chooses to be gay or lesbian or transgender or straight - it’s who we are. The LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) community is not asking to be treated special or different - simply to be loved and respected as human beings in God’s image; to be treated normally as fellow citizens and God’s children.

*We are not being asked to change our lifestyles, but we have been encouraged to appreciate and learn more about the challenges and joys of people with various **sexual orientation** and **gender identity** - to walk in their shoes.*

That is our ongoing Christian duty and calling --- to love God and to love one another.

May God continue to guide and direct our lives in this special community at Westminster.

*Edited version of presentation
by Paul Kneebone
A-Team member*

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The Required Steps for Westminster to Become an Affirming Ministry

<http://affirmunited.ause.ca/affirming-ministry-requirements/>

Westminster United is completing the initial **educational/discernment process** that reflects on what it means to be inclusive and evaluates your ministry's openness to the ongoing work of being intentional about how it includes others within the life and work of your ministry.

The following documentation must also be submitted to Affirm United for sign-off:

A. A Vision Statement concerning the inclusion of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in the life and work of the Ministry.

- After development of a new **Statement of Inclusion** by the Affirming Team (A-Team), it was approved by Westminster's Council in October-2014. This was followed by a congregational vote as part of the November 21, 2015 Sunday service. It was passed by 94% of attendees.
- There is also a commitment by Westminster Council to re-visit the present Vision Statement and Mission Statement in the near future (2016 - through possibly early 2017) as part of a periodic review and enhancement process.

B. A continuing Plan of Action for the Ministry

If the February 28th Affirming vote is successful, the present A-Team will end and a new "Diversity and Affirming" committee (or whatever name is agreed upon) will be formed. It will be called by Westminster Council and will report to the Outreach committee.

This Plan, shared widely during the process with the ministry, might include:

- Ongoing work of your committee to reflect on what areas of inclusion can be further worked on.
- Cooperation between this committee and other groups in the ministry to continue the education with new members.
- Ongoing educational events for your Ministry, presbytery, community or other ministries.
- Exploring issues of mission and ministry with people of all sexual orientations and gender identities who live in your community.
- Developing workshops for other ministries within your Presbytery and Conference.
- Getting involved with the local AIDS Committee, PFLAG, hospice, etc.

C. An Inclusive Marriage Policy (for Affirming Ministries that offer marriage services)

- A Marriage Policy in which couples of all gender combinations are treated equitably.
- Westminster held a congregational vote in 2006, which passed this new inclusive Marriage Policy.

D. A Ministry Voting Requirement

Once Westminster has sent in our Inclusive Marriage Policy, received approval of the Vision Statement (i.e. Statement of Inclusion) and Plan of Action from your Affirming Ministry Program Coordinator, we must seek approval of our ministry (i.e. Westminster congregation) to become an Affirming Ministry through a vote in which we strongly advise a minimum of 75% approval.

E. A commitment to the Affirming Ministry Program nationally by becoming a member of Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble

Contact the Affirming Ministry Coordinator/s via email to:

- Provide a contact name (with e-mail) to be added to our network list. This contact would receive information and report annually the ongoing work of your Ministry. They also may participate in ongoing discussions between Affirming Ministries.
- Give an annual financial contribution to Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble. There is an annual institutional membership fee of \$100 to assist in advocacy and support (i.e. the Affirming Ministry Program, workshops, conferences, working in partnership with United Church courts), communications (i.e. website, e-mail, conference calls, news releases), and providing resources for the national program (i.e. Open Hearts, Consensus blog). We recognize that some Ministries will be able to contribute more and others less. We ask that you notify our membership coordinator if you are unable to contribute in any given year with a short explanation of circumstances that prevents a contribution.

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F. A Public Celebration

Once requirements A-E are complete, we are expected to hold a public service of celebration for our congregation, our community and the wider United Church (congregations, presbytery members, etc.). Some ministries choose to have their service at an alternate time that allows for wider participation, and some will have it at their regular time with an invitation for other congregations to come and worship with them. It is at this service that Westminster would receive a certificate from Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble to mark this step within your ongoing commitment. Following this celebration, Westminster would join the growing list of Affirming Ministries throughout Canada and will be listed on the Affirm United web site, www.affirmunited.ca

G. If the February Affirming vote is successful on February 28th, such a celebration will be held at Westminster in either April or May-2016.

J a M (Jesus and Me) - News

February 7: Regular Nursery and J.a.M Classes – Disciples (week 1)

February 14: Regular Nursery and J.a.M Classes – Disciples (week 2)

February 21: J.a.M Session - Music

February 28: J.a.M Session - Music



...that Jesus loves you?

...that after 20 years of being involved with the Youth Christmas play on Christmas Eve, Kit Bauldry has said goodbye to the Lights, Camera and Action? Kit has done it all...researching and writing scripts, presiding over auditions, editing, making props, sets and costumes, and so much more. Are we grateful? The answer is a huge YES! It's time to enjoy the service from the other side of the boards, Kit.

...that Kyle Cullen is teaching in Cairo, Egypt? Have a good year, Kyle.

...that Emma Cullen, Kyle's sister, placed in the top 15 in the Senior Ladies division of Skate Canada in the recent national competition in Halifax? Congratulations, Emma!

...that Susan Pleasance has stepped down as our J.a.M co-ordinator? Our gratitude to Susan for sharing her many gifts with the children and youth of Westminster.

...that Elizabeth Hatter celebrated her 80th birthday with a "Come and Go" party on January 31st? Congratulations, Elizabeth! We wish you health and happiness.

...that our high school students are in the midst of exams? We wish all of them well.

...that Cathy Shaw, our Minister of Faith Formation, will be travelling to Dallas, Texas to attend a Progressive Youth Ministries Conference? Cathy will be away from Feb.17-23 and we wish her well.

Westminster's



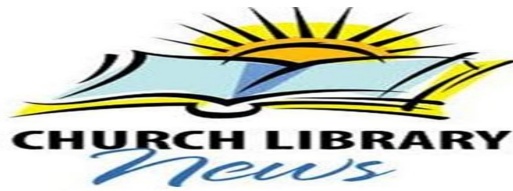
WHAT AN EVENT!

Saturday, January 30th marked the first (annual?!) **Westminster's Got Talent** show. More than 25 acts – musical numbers, dances, skits, recitations and even a skating performance – were presented to a very appreciative audience. Kudos to the performers, the emcees, the organizers, the stage/tech crew, the choir (who hosted the event and baked all the delicious cookies) and especially to our Minister of Music whose germ of an idea blossomed into a truly spectacular event. The evening closed with Margaret's poem which is a tribute to all the talents we share and witness at Westminster United Church.

A Westminster's Got Talent Tribute

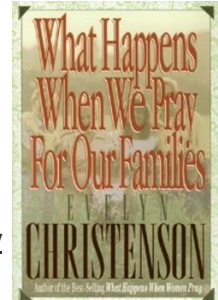
Westminster's Got Talent
That fact is so right
We've witnessed some pretty
Cool acts here tonight!
But here is a truth
We wish you to ponder
To contemplate well
Wherever you wander.
The folks on the stage
Had some mighty fine feats
But you in the audience
Yes, you, in the seats!
You knit and you sew
You cook turkeys and stews
You visit our shut-ins
And share our church news.

You manage and fix things
Add artistic grace
Hang banners and stars
And honour God's place.
You cater for luncheons
Make coffee and clean
Work with small groups
Our children, our teens.
You pastor, write sermons
(That's not for the meek!
A sermon, you know,
Is an essay a week!)
You give of your money
Your time, talents, too.
What in the world
Would we do without you?

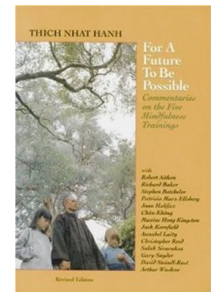


Recently donated books to our library –

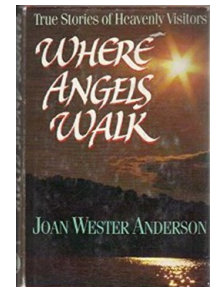
Do you worry about your children's safety? Is your family facing financial disaster? More than ever today, our families need to be surrounded and upheld by a power greater than our own. PRAYER provides that power. And you can learn to be more effective in praying for your loved ones. From her many years of experience and ministry in the area of prayer, and from her own personal experience as a wife, a mother, and grandmother, Evelyn Christensen shares what God has shown her about **What Happens When We Pray For Our Families.**



The Five Mindfulness Trainings—protecting life, acting with generosity, behaving responsibly in sexual relationships, speaking and listening deeply and mindfully, and avoiding substance abuse—are the basic statements of ethics and morality in Buddhism. In **For a Future to be Possible**, Zen master and peace activist Thich Nhat Hanh and fourteen prominent co-authors discuss these Five Mindfulness Trainings and offer insights and challenges for how they might play an important role in our personal lives and in society.

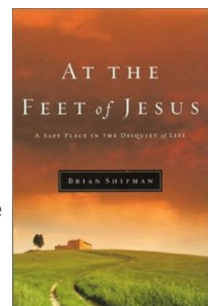


Where Angels Walk - the heartwarming, spine-tingling, true account of people's encounters with angels. People who, in a time of need, found themselves in the loving presence of Beings who led them out of the threatening darkness and into the light of hope. For years, many of these people have cherished their extraordinary experiences in the secret depths of their hearts. And then author Joan Wester Anderson encouraged them to come forward with their spiritual treasures.



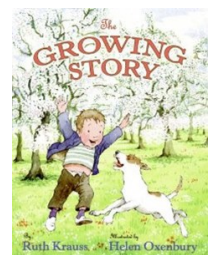
It's okay to fall down. We all despair in the futility of life at times, but when we stumble in these moments there is a place we can "fall" that will offer peace from the struggles of life. At some time or another, the world spins too fast for everyone. In the noise of life - busy schedules, career pressures, sudden tragedies and unanswered prayers - we all seek a place to fall - not in despair - but in hope. The gospels offer such a place -

At The Feet of Jesus. There are stories of people just like you, who at the end of life's rope turn and fall literally at the feet of Jesus. It is here that He listens, understands and acts on our behalf. Author Brian Shipman offers an inspirational look at the people in the gospels who are found at the feet of Jesus.



For Children:

From this simple beginning grows a story that celebrates those little changes that tell us we're growing up! This Ruth Krauss classic enchants young readers with lush illustrations by one of the world's best-loved illustrators: Helen Oxenbury.



A Note from the Treasurer

Thank you to everyone for getting expenses in on time.

Explanation of the deficit...

I would like to say we have a surplus of several thousand dollars but that is not the case. We have a deficit of \$32,000. This is due to some unexpected and not budgeted for costs. When a staff member is off, costs are incurred. Although we do get 85% reimbursement of the salary, we are still responsible for the remaining 15% plus all the additional costs an employer would pay. Also for the first two weeks an employee is off, there is no reimbursement for salary and last year we had 3 employees off due to medical reasons. While we pay these costs, we also are paying for a person to replace them. All of these expenses resulted in an additional expense of \$15,000 not budgeted. A \$10,000 reimbursement cheque for 2015 from the Restorative Care Plan did not arrive until early Jan. 2016. This is not reflected on our 2015 statements.

Also, our offerings were down by \$30,000.

Early in the year we had a campaign that raised \$20,000 for a sign and a projector, however, this was not in the budget. It made our bottom line look good for a few months until it was spent at the end of the year.

With these facts in mind, we did well to keep our deficit as low as we did.

We gave \$21,263.30 (offerings \$20,711.30 + UCW \$552) which exceeded our goal of \$21,000 for M & S. Great job supporting this important work of our church.

The Audit.

The audit went well. On Dec. 14th and 15th, the auditor spent her time reviewing our structure, who we were and what we did. She looked at our mission statement, bulletins, events guide, constitution and policies, and asked for a history of the church. This was with the intent to verify we are a church and the work we do as a charity agrees with our mission statement. Needless to say, we are who we say we are and we do what we say we do. The second half of the audit was Jan. 11th and 12th when the auditor looked at our financials. I feel there will be some suggestions for improvements but we will wait until we get the official report in 4 to 6 weeks.

There is one area, however, I would like to address and it is something I have mentioned before; this was also brought up by our accountant and the auditor. We should not be accepting gifts in kind.

For example: a church group puts on a meal and someone says I will give these potatoes as a gift in kind and here is the \$20 receipt and you can add it to my donations.

We will no longer be accepting donations this way. Everything needs to be paid by cheque. So please submit the expense/receipt and a cheque will be issued which you can then sign back over to the church as a donation, if you wish to do so.

Shirley Penny, Treasurer

Name: _____

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love



You're invited...

Senior Fitness with Katie <i>(for registered participants)</i> 10:30am-11:30am	Thursday, February 4, 11, 18, 25
Worship Service 10:30am Support Westminster's Coldest Night of the Year Team In the Gym, following the Service.	Sunday, February 7
LifeKeys with Cathy <i>(for registered participants)</i> 12:00pm-2:00pm	Sunday, February 7, 14
Shrove Tuesday...Pancake Supper! 5:30pm-7:00pm <i>(free-will offering/activities for children)</i>	Tuesday, February 9
Worship Service 10:30am Support Westminster's Coldest Night of the Year Team In the Gym, following the Service.	Sunday, February 14
Wine, Women and the Word <i>(Small Group, open to all women)</i> 7:00pm-9:00pm - Founder's Room UCW Fundraiser - Jars of Soup and Pot Pies for Sale	Tuesday, February 16
Coldest Night of the Year A fundraising walk in support of The Refuge <i>Held at Central Collegiate - Gibb Street in Oshawa</i>	Saturday, February 20
Worship Service - Baptism 10:30am UCW Fundraiser - Jars of Soup and Pot Pies for Sale	Sunday, February 21
Worship Service 10:30am Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) Following service, includes a luncheon and the vote to become an Affirming Congregation - Childcare provided.	Sunday, February 28

HERE'S THE LATEST WEATHER REPORT...GOD STILL REIGNS!