





# On the Path to Reconciliation

Join the Blanket Exercise for Truth and Reconciliation

*An interactive teaching tool that raises awareness and understanding of the Nation to Nation relationship between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples in Canada.*

**Wednesday, October 12th**

Doors open: 6:30pm, Start time: 7:00pm

Westminster United Church

1850 Rossland Rd. East, Whitby

905-723-6442

For more information on the blanket

exercise go to

[Kairosblanketexercise.org](http://Kairosblanketexercise.org)



Our Inter-church Refugee Sponsorship Committee has been meeting regularly during the past few months in our quest to bring a family to Canada in 2017.

During this time, 5 supporting sub committees have been established. These committees are:

- Fundraising
- Publicity and Communications
- Housing
- Settlement
- Federal Government Application



Volunteers for any of these Committees are needed in addition to financial donations. We are currently in the process of organizing a Community Launch on **Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00 pm** at our co-sponsor's location - the Whitby Central Public Library. The goal of the "Launch" is to share information with our Whitby and Oshawa communities and encourage their participation in this venture. Community leaders are already supportive and will be present to offer their guidance.

"BRIDGE TO A NEW HOME " the beautiful logo shown at the top, was created for us by Caroline Coulson. You will see this logo on all future documents as we encourage our BRIDGE TO A NEW HOME to come together with volunteers from the 4 churches and community residents. We earnestly invite Westminster congregants to the meeting for your support and participation as you are able.

2017 is Canada's 150th birthday. Canada will be celebrating! With everyone's support, let's adopt the birthday present tradition by promoting the BRIDGE TO A NEW HOME and bring a family to Canada as our present. Is there any better way to celebrate Canada than to make space for someone who has lost everything, through no fault of their own, and watch them grow into strong and proud citizens? Let's all be a part of it!

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## August 2016 Financial Update

	August 2016 Actual	2016 Year To Date Actual	Year To Date Budget	YTD Actual vs. YTD Budget (+/-)
<b>Monthly Offerings</b> (Local & Bldg. Funds)	\$25,190	\$193,802	\$189,333	\$4,469
<b>Total Revenue</b> (All sources)	\$36,340	\$321,829	\$363,333	(\$41,504)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$35,065	\$336,022	\$367,494	\$31,472
<b>Net Position</b>	\$1,275	(\$14,193)		

### Notes:

- ◆ Monthly Offerings include all Local and Building Fund contributions.
- ◆ Total Revenues includes all sources of revenue, e.g. Monthly Offerings, Mission & Service, donations, rentals, etc.
- ◆ Loblaws cards inventory at the end of August was \$6140

### Summary comments:

- ◆ August was a positive month with Total Revenues exceeding Total Expenses by \$1275
- ◆ On a Year to Date basis: Total Revenues are \$41,504 below the original 2016 Total Revenue forecast and Total Expenses are \$31,472 below the original forecasted expenses.
- ◆ Through August, WUC is in a deficit position of \$14193 (a significant contributor to this deficit was the purchase of Loblaws cards, which will generate revenues through the coming months.
- ◆ Over the past 2 – 3 years, Westminster has invested in projects and initiatives with a view to long term savings. A shed was constructed and a riding lawn mower was purchased for a total cost of \$4,000. This removed the need for an annual grass cutting contract valued at \$3,000 per year. Recently, we spent \$3,500 to make our air conditioning units more efficient, thus saving money on summer cooling costs. This initiative followed the installation of LED bulbs in the gym which reduces lighting costs. Volunteer custodians have supported rental income activity and after Sunday clean-up in lieu of paid caretaker services.

WUC has come through the “summer slump” in a reasonable manner. However, the balance of 2016 will require “all hands on deck” with regards to maximizing revenues and controlling expenses. Your continued generosity of time, talent and resources is very much appreciated by all.



Looking for a fresh way to explore your faith?  
Want a new and compelling look at the teachings of Jesus?

Then set aside some time to attend the  
**NOOMA DVD Series**

Monday Evenings  
7:00pm - 8:00pm



**October 24, November 7, November 21 and December 5**

NOOMA is a series of short films that promotes spiritual reflections on individual life experiences. Each of the four DVD's is presented in a highly relatable manner, that invites you to search, question and join the discussion.

The name NOOMA comes from a phonetic spelling of the Greek word πνευμα, meaning "wind", "spirit", or "breath".

Each of the films is written and narrated by Rob Bell, an American author, motivational speaker and former pastor.

Please consider joining Cathy Shaw, your Minister of Faith Formation for any, or all of this faith forming series.

## **SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE**

was a HUGE success!

On Sunday, October 2nd, the Westminster Youth Group hosted an event for the Youth of Lakeridge Presbytery.

In total 35 people attended from 6 different churches for a night of sharing our FAVOURITES...

***Favourite Camp Song***  
***Favourite Group Game***  
***Favourite Food***

*Many thanks to our wonderful Westminster Youth Group...*  
***Aidan, Carleigh, Evan, Jocelyn, Kimberley, Leah, Liam, Logan, Madelyn and Meridith***

*And to our Dedicated Leaders...*  
***Annabelle Wilson and Michelle Alston***



NEWS FROM THE WELLNESS COMMITTEE

**Coming up!**

Three free, 6-week self-management workshops offered by the  
Central East Community Care Access Centre:

**Chronic Pain Workshop**

Tuesday, September 20, 2016  
Whitby Public Library

**Chronic Care Conditions Workshop**

Wednesday, October 12, 2016  
Lynde Creek Manor, Whitby

**Chronic Conditions Workshop**

Thursday, October 13, 2016  
Seniors' Activity Centre, Whitby

Contact: [Christine.Fung@ce.ccac-ont.ca](mailto:Christine.Fung@ce.ccac-ont.ca) or 416-750-2444 ext.5830

*WINE, WOMEN and the WORD*

The next WWW is  
**Tuesday, October 18th**  
in the Founder's Room from  
**7:00pm - 9:00pm.**

The topic this month is:

*"Adding a new book to the Bible, in our own words"*

Hope to see you there!  
Bring your bible if you have one.



i am *blessed*

## **Property Committee: Summer Update**

What **lazy**-hazy days of summer??? Hot, yes, but not lazy...although we did not have to cut much grass! Your Property Committee was busy over the summer working on a number of projects.

First, we painted room 2/3. This is one of the spaces rented by the Montessori School and the room had not been painted in 4 to 5 years. In July, the Montessori owner, Zakraf Dastafeer agreed to a new five year contract renewal and we wanted to help him get off to a good September start. We began on a Thursday evening, worked Friday evening and Saturday morning, and the room was back to ship-shape for Monday morning's school. My thanks to the five WPP (Westminster Pro Painters) who volunteered their time and talents.



In mid-July, we became aware of a cost-shared energy conservation initiative which reduces the costs of running air conditioning units. Between 2010 and 2015, the church's hydro expenses have averaged approximately \$16,000 annually. A major part of this expense is the cooling and heating costs. It is not possible to identify only the cooling costs. Church thermostats are programmed to take advantage of off-peak power rates. Most spaces are cooled to 74°F (23°C) when occupied and 78°F during unoccupied times. Advantage AirTech, our contract HVAC company, installed the electronic compressor control units on six of our nine AC units in September, once our application was approved by Whitby Hydro. The cost of the program to Westminster is about \$3,500. As this expenditure was not part of the 2016 Westminster budget, Council reviewed the pros and cons of the initiative and decided to participate in the program.

In early August, we discovered that we have had some unusual visitors to the church, ones that we do not really want...no, not Pokémons but raccoons. Their visit has caused some damage to the soffit structure on the south end of the church, after they were unsuccessful in gaining entry through other roof penetrations such as air vents and sewer vents on the north end. The Property Committee took the liberty of hiring a contractor to invite these guests to leave and to bar the access doors, repair the damage and to prevent further entry. The initial contract has cost us \$825 and that work has been completed. A second contract for further preventative measures should be spent but we will wait and see how persistent these raccoons are and if they find another way in, in which case, we will act immediately. The second contract will cost \$1,100 if we want to implement the full recommendations of AAA Gates' Wildlife Control (<http://www.gateswildlifecontrol.com/>)

In mid-August, we had planned to replace the carpet in Garth's office with carpet donated to the church last fall. We had a carpet installer all lined up so we ripped out the old flooring and we were ready to go but our contractor backed out. A second contractor recommended against using the old carpet due to stains and old glue on the backing which we did not see. We purchased a new piece at an excellent price and completed the project under budget.

**May your stuffing be tasty, may your turkey be plump,  
may your potatoes and gravy have nary a lump.  
May your yams be delicious, and your pies take the prize,  
and may your Thanksgiving dinner  
Stay off of your thighs!**



“Upbeat” and “Uplifting”.  
These two words could well describe  
**The Scott Woods Show**

coming on  
**Wednesday December 14, 2016**  
to Westminster United Church, Whitby.

This fast-paced two-hour concert skilfully combines old time fiddling with country gospel songs, perennial favourites, and a generous helping of humour. You’ll be treated to one of Canada’s best talents - the man with the flying fingers and the magic bow - fiddling sensation, Scott Woods. Scott has performed to enthusiastic crowds throughout Canada, the U.S. and in Holland.

This young man has captured all the major Canadian fiddling titles, including Canadian Open Fiddle Champion, Canadian Grand Masters Fiddling Champion, and Canadian Fiddle Entertainer of the year. For seven years, he was the musical director and played the part of Don Messer in *Memories of Don Messer’s Jubilee*, a tribute show which has toured across the country. In addition, he has several recordings to his credit, which will be available at the concert.

There are lots of things to watch for when Scott Woods takes to the stage. His keen sense of timing and his sharp wit will keep you on your toes. And speaking of toes, just try to keep them still as he plays those old time tunes! Scott is backed up by his own band. Together, they stir up a storm of good music to lift your heart and feed your soul.

**Tickets for The Scott Woods Show can be obtained starting Monday October 17<sup>th</sup> at Westminster United Church, 1850 Rossland Road East, Whitby.**





## FROM THE EDITOR...

The goal of the Communication Committee is to facilitate, promote and improve communication at Westminster United Church. Our motto is "Communication Builds Community".

One of our most effective disseminators of information is *The Westminster World* through which we inform you of the life and lives of our Westminster family. And one of the most interesting columns is **News From The Pews/Did You Know?**

If you have a 'good news' item to share, please let us know! We are all interested in reading about milestones reached by our friends. Did your child receive a special honour/award? Are you celebrating a special event/anniversary/birthday? Did you travel somewhere exotic?

Drop a note in the Communication Committee's mailbox in the hallway or email your news item to: [bcrumb@sympatico.ca](mailto:bcrumb@sympatico.ca)



## Grocery Cards

We all buy groceries, so why not support Westminster at the same time?

Grocery gift cards are available for purchase at face value during coffee time after service on Sunday or in the church office during the week.

**5% of the proceeds go to Westminster United Church.**

## Just thought you would like to know...

When you share your prayers during Sunday morning Worship, they don't just stop there.

As your Prayer Team, we want you to know that we continue to pray for you and continue to lift up your prayers of concern, praise and thanksgiving, long after our worship service has ended.



## UCW News

Save the date!

**Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am to 2:00pm.

Treats, treasures and new vendors for all interests and ages!

# FALL BAZAAR



### **Let's LOL**

#### **Family Comedy Night**

Saturday, November 26th, 7:00pm.

Tickets \$10 (under 6 free)

#### **WARNING:**

Attending **Let's LOL** will cause chuckles, chortles, ha-has, hee-hees, ho-hos, yuk-yuks...and guffaws! Outbursts, peals, gales and fits of laughter may also occur.

**Suitable for all ages.**

Presented by Westminster's talented theatre pros:  
Sheldon and Steven Suepaul, Heather Gibb Jules,  
Robert Motum, Iain Beaumont and friends!



## TALKING TURKEY...

**Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm,**  
you can feast on a delicious turkey dinner  
with all the trimmings...and homemade pies for dessert!

Again this year, we will also be offering a vegetarian option.

Get your tickets on Sundays after service or from the  
office during the week.

**Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for children and  
youth. (Kiddies under 6 are free!)**

Please consider helping out ...by monetary donations,  
serving, cleaning up, baking pies...

Whether you dine or work at this delicious fundraising  
event, it is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship.

Come and ... **gobble ... gobble!**



### **Our J.a.M Rotations will begin on Sunday, October 16th.**

The J.a.M classes have been recently adjusted to reflect our newly increased registration.

Thank you for taking the time to register your child(ren) for our Sunday School program,  
**Jesus and Me.**

Part of our new look will include added classes, new grade divisions  
and a couple of added colours to our nametags.

Our classes will now be divided and identified in the following way:

**Junior Kindergarten: Yellow**

**Senior Kindergarten / Grade 1: Orange**

**Grade 2/ Grade 3: Red**

**Grade 4 / Grade 5: Blue**

Now that we have re-scheduled and re-programmed, it our hope and greatest wish that you will  
continue to bring your J.a.M Kid to church every Sunday...because without them,  
it's just not very much fun...and our program simply will not work.

So, let's work together on this...you get them there, we'll offer a program that provides a fun and  
interactive Christian education and the Westminster Community will support all of us in this process.

***Thanks so much for partnering with us in this incredibly important ministry!***



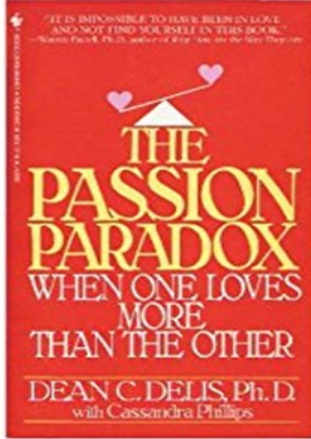
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Thank you to the many people who have donated books to the Westminster Church Library.

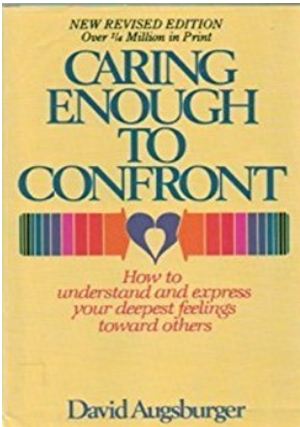
Here are a few of the new (to Westminster Library) titles:

### **Adult Titles:**

#### **The Passion Paradox by Dean C. Delis**

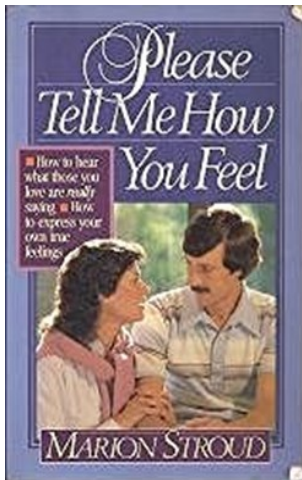


Who Gets Caught in the Passion Trap? It's the catch-22 of romantic relationships: The more deeply one partner falls in love, the more distant the other becomes. This is the passion trap, an emotional dynamic that results in increasing desire and desperation in the "one-down" lover, and dissatisfaction, often mingled with guilt and withdrawal, in the "one-up." Now, Dr. Dean Delis, a renowned psychologist who believes the passion trap is both common and curable, shows you how to change the patterns that threaten your relationship. Drawing from his counseling work with individuals and couples, he offers fresh insights and powerful, proven techniques—from Trial Closeness to Healthy Distance—to help you and your partner rekindle romance and discover a new equilibrium of love and desire for a lifetime of happiness.



#### **Caring Enough to Confront by David W. Augsburger**

Discussing trust, anger, change, prejudice, blame, guilt, loyalty and conscience, David Augsburger describes a lifestyle for Christians who care enough to confront others when conflict arises.



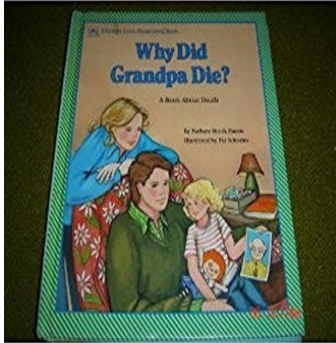
#### **Please Tell Me How You Feel by Marion Stroud**

An effective and practical handbook for improving your marriage, your family life and relationships with friends. With insight, understanding and a touch of humour. Stroud shows that good communications is a skill anyone can learn. Drawing upon many personal experiences from her own life and others, she points out that really listening and really talking involve more than words; the author shows how to “read between the lines” through facial expression, body language and emotional responses.

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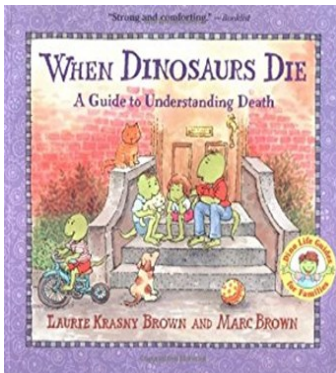
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### Children's Titles:



**Why Did Grandpa Die? A Book About Death**  
by Barbara Shook Hazen

A Golden Learn About Living Book – a book about death for children. Why Did Grandpa Die? opens avenues of communication about death between parent and child. This sensitive story shows children the comfort of sharing feelings, and how the lasting links of memory can help to wash away the sadness of a death.



**When Dinosaurs Die: A Guide to Understanding Death**  
by Laurie Rasky Brown and Marc Brown

The authors explain in simple language the feelings people may have regarding the death of a loved one and the ways to honour the memory of someone who has died. In this book, they address the fears and problems which children face and events like friendship, family, school and pets.

On **Friday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>**, your CE Committee is hoping that you and your family will join them for a Hassle-free night of food, fun and fellowship!

You don't have to bring a thing, except yourself...and your family!

Make your own Tacos,  
enjoy ice cream for dessert  
and watch the newest "Ice Age" movie!

Come and join the fun!

**Dinner: 5:45pm.**

**Movie: 6:30pm.**

***So we know how many meals to prepare,  
please take a moment and RSVP to  
Cathy Shaw at [cshaw@westminster-uc.ca](mailto:cshaw@westminster-uc.ca).***





# NEWS FROM THE PEWS...DID YOU KNOW?

...that our "Welcome Back" Sunday was a huge success? We had a grand turnout with twice as many children signed up for J.a.M as last year. A wonderful lunch followed the service and was enjoyed by all in attendance. Many thanks to the Foodman Group for their culinary contributions and to all who helped with this meal and special service.

...that our website has been updated and that the Communication Committee is endeavouring to send out our special program events to other churches in the area?

...that the *Events Guide* for the fall is now available on the Welcome Kiosk in the Narthex?

...that it will soon be time to renew or become a new subscriber to the monthly magazine, *The United Church Observer*?

...that Marilyn and Brian Cook have moved to Peterborough? We will miss them and their willingness to help where needed. We wish them contented days in their new surroundings and we hope they will return frequently to visit with us at WUC.

...that Mark Ekker, son of Wendy and Ed, married Kathy Rudolf at Kingsview United Church in Oshawa on September 30<sup>th</sup>? Mark's aunt, Rev. Susan Genge officiated. In addition to their marriage Mark recently started working at OPG and Kathy began work at Lakeridge Health Oshawa on the Post Surgical Thoracic Surgery floor as an RN. Happy days in your new life together and in your new jobs.

...that Eric, son of Lori and Ed Rosdobutko will be marrying Jamie Kraft on October 22, 2016 at Dominion Chalmers United Church in Ottawa? May they enjoy their special day and the days following as they begin a new journey together.

...that we should be watching the bulletin, *Events Guide*, website and the newsletter for all the exciting activities that are happening at Westminster this fall? There's something for everyone!

...that in September, the Chairman Group, under the direction of Jim Ward, cleaned all of the collapsible tables and chairs that have been used for literally hundreds of events over the years? They had not been deep-cleaned for many years and the Chairman Group worked very hard to remove the grime, crayon markings, coffee stains, etc. that had accumulated since the tables and chairs went into service. Many thanks again to a very hard working volunteer group!

# You're invited...

<b>Worship Service - Thanksgiving</b> 10:30am	Sunday, October 9
<b>Blanket Exercise</b> <i>Hosted by Outreach and KAIROS</i> Doors open:6:30pm Event begins:7:00pm	Wednesday, October 12
<b>Worship Service</b> 10:30am <i>J.a.M Rotations Begin</i>	Sunday, October 16
<b>Wine, Women and the Word</b> 7:00pm - 9:00pm <i>Small Group, open to all women</i>	Tuesday, October 18
<b>Bridge to a New Home:</b> <b>Inter-Church Refugee Sponsorship</b> <b>Community Launch</b> 7:00pm <i>Whitby Public Library</i>	Wednesday, October 19
<b>Worship Service - New Sermon Series begins...</b> <b>Everyday Spirituality</b> 10:30am	Sunday, October 23
<b>Faith Formation DVD Series (NOOMA)</b> 7:00pm - 8:00pm <i>All welcome, for any or all of the four sessions</i> <i>Led by Cathy Shaw</i>	Monday, October 24, November 7 November 21, December 5
<b>Family Dinner and Movie Night</b> <i>Hosted by Christian Education</i> Dinner: 5:45pm Movie: 6:30pm	Friday, October 28
<b>Worship Service</b> 10:30am	Sunday, October 30
<b>Turkey Dinner</b> <i>Tickets Required</i> 5:30pm	Saturday, November 5
<b>Worship Service</b> 10:30am	Sunday, November 6
<b>Worship Service</b> 10:30am	Sunday, November 13
<b>Fall Bazaar</b> <i>Hosted by the UCW</i> 9:00am - 2:00pm	Saturday, November 19
<b>Let's LOL - Family Comedy Night</b> <i>Church Fundraiser</i> 7:00pm	Saturday, November 26