



Westminster United Church

"Embracing Our Community"

Sunday, January 14, 2018
10:30am

Our Mission Statement



Westminster United Church is a Christian family sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with the congregation, the community and the world at large. We provide a spiritual home for worship, celebration of the sacraments, and Christian Education.

Statement of Inclusion



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.

Hymns, responsive readings and unison prayers are displayed on screen.

Please do not leave handbags or valuables unattended.

Thank you to those participating in today's service:

Greeters and Candle lighters	Peter & Analicia Coulson
Scripture Reader	Mary Shepherd
Ushers:	Team 1 - Lorne Coe, Ron Kurtz Wendy & Ed Ekker, Cathie Howard
Tech Booth	Bruce Cullen and Adam Cullen
Coffee and Tea Servers	Team 4 - Heather Montague Ken Montague, Dean Mortimer Karen Kennedy, Janet Hendrikse
Volunteer Custodian(s)	Team 1 - Bob Neil* (leader) Sue Neil and Jeanne Yee



Thank you for silencing your cell phone.



(* Indicates to please stand as you are able.)

We Gather Together

Prelude - The Power of Your Love - *arr. Holstein*

Welcome and Announcements- The Life and Work of the Church

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer:

One: Generous God, we come this day
as people in need of your steadfast love:

**All: with you is the fountain of life;
in your Light we see.**

One: We gather this day, Water-changing God,
as people looking for signs:

**All: with you is the fountain of life;
in your Light we see.**

One: We worship this day, Gifting God,
as people open to your overflowing grace

**All: with you is the fountain of life
in your Light we see.**

**Sung: *A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness,
God's radiant love is burning bright, living in the light.***

One: Light of Lights, be with us as we worship this morning.
Transform us with your abiding grace. Amen.

Passing the Peace: We greet one another saying, "The peace of
Christ be with you." "And also with you."

*** Hymn: VU 101 Songs of Thankfulness (tune #516)**

The Bible is placed, candles lit

To Offer Ourselves

Invitation to Offering (*our commitment to support
the Life and Work of the church*)

*(Children and youth are encouraged to place their offerings in the
offering plate at this time, too.)*

Offertory - Let All Things Now Living - *arr. Rodriguez*

*** Sung Response: VU 540 Grant Us, God, the Grace**

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

Offering Prayer

To Hear God's Word

Time with all God's Children

Meaning of Baptism: Words of Introduction

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

One: The sacrament of baptism
proclaims and celebrates the grace of God.

**All: We celebrate and give thanks
for the goodness of God.**

One: By water and the Spirit,
We are called, claimed and commissioned:

**All: We are called God's own,
Welcomed as children of God;
United with one another and the Christian
community of every time and place.**

One: In this sacrament,
in this act of thanksgiving and faith,

All: We celebrate God's love.

Presentation of the Child to be Baptized

(please stand as you are able)

Presenter:

Today we present, this child brought forward for baptism.

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament,
promise your love, support, and care
to this child and his family as he lives and grows in this
Christian community?

All: Child of God, we promise our love, support and care.

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed

Profession of Faith and Promises

The Act of Baptism and Blessing

(Hymn #958 "Halle, Halle, Halle" will be sung in celebration as
the child is introduced to the congregation)

Presentation of candle, prayer shawl and certificate

Sung while children and youth leave for J.a.M.

VU 646 We are Marching in the Light of God

Ministry of Music - Come to Us, Lord Jesus - *McKay*

Scripture Background

Scripture: John 2:1-11 The Wedding at Cana - *Water into Wine*

A Sermon on Abundant Grace

(and other reasons why Jesus is good to have at a party)

To Respond in Faith

Time of Silent Reflection

* **Hymn: Wedding Carol**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

To Go Into the World

* **Hymn: MV 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines**

* **Blessing and Sending Forth**

Sung Response:

God you bless with words assuring
I am with you to the end
Faith and hope and love restoring
May we serve as you intend
And amid the cares that claim us,
Hold in mind eternity
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry.

Postlude - Love Song - *Manley*



As you leave, remember that God is with you through the week.

Prayer for The Week

**God of Abundant Grace,
Your love for the world is overflowing.
Refresh us to wholeness
That we may taste and see your goodness. Amen.**

Church on our Conference Prayer Cycle

Grace UC, Peterborough, Shining Waters

Prayer Requests during the Service

Our weekly worship service provides a time for submitting prayers of concern, thanksgiving and praise. You will find prayer forms in the pew pockets.

Prayer/praise requests are collected along with the offering. Please place the completed prayer cards in the baskets as they are circulated and your weekly offering in the metal plates. The requests are read in the service during our prayer time together and then forwarded to the Prayer Group who will continue to pray for each concern.

What's Happening at Westminster?

Upcoming Services

January into February we'll be exploring the Gospel according to John

- January 21 Communion Sunday
- February 4 Scouting & Guiding Sunday at WUC

All Welcome



Coffee and tea are served after worship in the gym. Purchases of the organic coffee, tea, and Fair Trade chocolate bars we sell every Sunday enable us to provide the organic coffee & tea after church.

Wine, Women and the Word

The next meeting of this monthly Bible Study is **Wednesday, January 17** from **7-9p.m.** in the Founders Room.
Topic- New Year's resolutions and the Bible.

Grocery Cards

Grocery gift cards are available for purchase at face value during coffee time after service on Sunday or from office during the week. 5% of the proceeds go to Westminster UC.

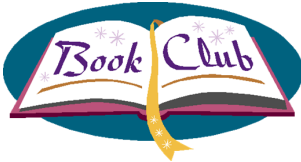


Canadian Blood Services report from our clinic on January 2; 73 people attended and 67 units were collected.

We really appreciate those that took their time to give blood and help someone. Our blood is needed more than you realize.



Please book your appointment for the next clinic on **Tuesday, March 6** by calling 1-888-236-6283



The next gathering of the Book Club is Wednesday, **January 24** starting at **1:30 -3:00 pm** in the **Founder's Room** to discuss the book entitled *Roughing It In the Bush* by Susanna Moodie. **All are invited to join us.**

"Part documentary, part psychological parable, *Roughing It in the Bush* is, above all, an honest account of how one woman coped not only in a new world, but, more importantly, with herself." To borrow the book or for more information, please call Susan at 905-493-3122.

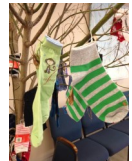
Explore Faith is a **confirmation preparation program** for **youth in high school** being offered this year at Westminster.

Led by Rev. Michelle, the program begins on **Sunday, January 21st** after the worship service with an **information session for interested teens and their parents.**



For more information, or if you are interested in participating please talk to Rev. Michelle Robinson ph: 905-723-6442, or email: mrobinson@westminster-uc.ca

The Westminster Outreach Committee invites everyone to help keep people warm and dry this winter. Please be generous and contribute socks for the **Sock Tree**. All kinds are needed, for both Adults and Children. All items will be donated to local charities.



Scripture Readers, Greeters & Candlelighters



Please check your schedule and sign-up on the clipboard outside of the office after worship today.

Westminster's



Westminster's Got Talent Season 3 is coming!

When: Saturday, **February 3** at **7:00 pm**

Registration forms available from Margaret Motum after church. Please consider participating!

Tickets \$10, under 12 free available starting next week and at the door.

Looking **FORE** Golfing Folks (or anyone interested in having a fun day outside)

Westminster United Church and Pickering Village United Church are considering organizing a fun golf tournament at a local, executive style golf course. We would like to know the level of interest at Westminster to determine if we should proceed.

Some initial details: mid-June date, cost of approximately \$100 which would include lunch, dinner and golf fees. If you are not a golfer, no worries, tickets for only dinner will be available.

If you are interested in participating in this tournament and/or assisting with the organizing of this golf event, please advise either Bob Neil (robertneil@rogers.com) or Tom McNown (tom.mcnown@gmail.com) by January 15th, 2018.



Happy 60th Anniversary Westminster United Church



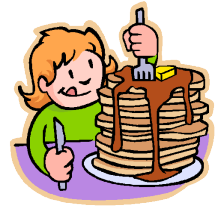
This year we will be celebrating Westminster United Church's 60th Anniversary! We want to celebrate in a way that includes all church members and highlights our rich history. To that end, we are creating a "60th Anniversary" working group to plan and lead the celebration activities and events. If you are interested in being a part of this group please let us know by providing your name and contact information with Tom

McNown (tom.mcnown@gmail.com or 289-927-4666) or Beth (wuc@westminster-uc.ca). An initial planning session will be scheduled in early January.

The tradition continues!

Westminster's annual Shrove Tuesday **PANCAKE SUPPER** is on **February 13**, from **5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

Bring your family and friends for a pancake feast (with sausages and fruit) ... smothered in syrup! A free-will offering will be gratefully received at the door. If you would like to help out with this fellowship event, please contact Bev Crumb.



Westminster Weekly Calendar

Sunday January 14

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM-Sunday Worship (Baptism)
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM-Sign-up for Westminster's Got Talent (Gym)

Monday January 15

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM-YDAC (Room 1, Youth & Computer)
09:30 AM - 12:30 PM-Taoism Tai Chi (Gym)
06:30 PM - 08:30 PM-Guides 18th group (Gym)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Outreach Cmtee Mtg (Founder's Room)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Foodmangroup Meeting (Kitchen)

Tuesday January 16

12:30 PM - 03:00 PM-Stroke Recovery Group (Gym/Kitchen)
06:30 PM - 08:00 PM-Whitby 31st Brownies (Gym)

Wednesday January 17

07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Wine, Women and The Word (Founders Room)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Stewardship Cmte (Room 1)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-MEWS Directors (Youth Room)

Thursday January 18

09:00 AM - 10:00 AM-Safety Working Group (Founder's Rm)
09:30 AM - 12:00 PM-Labyrinth Group (Room 1)
09:30 AM - 01:30 PM-We Care Health Services (Gym)
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM-Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM-Family Karate (Gym)

Friday January 19

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM-YDAC (Room 1, Computer Rm, Gym)

Saturday January 20

Sunday January 21

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM-Sunday Worship (Communion)
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM-Confirmation Info Session (Founder's Rm)
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM-Sign-up for Westminster's Got Talent (Gym)

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