



Westminster United Church

"Embracing Our Community"

January 7, 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:

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| Greeters and Candle lighters | Property Committee |
| Scripture Reader | Bev Crumb |
| Ushers: | Team 6 - Ed Rosdobutko, Ted Ellis Ron Martin, June Martin Ron Motum, Bob Locksley Glenda Locksley, Kathleen Martin |
| Tech Booth | Paul Cruz and Arthur Smith |
| Coffee and Tea Servers | Team 3 - Tom Medlock, Karen Kennedy and Janet Hendrikse |
| Volunteer Custodian(s) | Team 1 - Bob Neil* (leader) Sue Neil and Jeanne Yee |



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

We Gather Together

Prelude - Morning Has Broken - *arr. Kinney*

Welcome and Announcements-
The Life and Work of the Church

Call to Worship

Gathering Verse: VU 82 A Light is Gleaming

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.

Opening Prayer

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

***Hymn: VU 371 Open My Eyes**

The Bible is placed, candles lit

To Offer Ourselves

Minute for Mission - Fitz Morrison

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 Me Walk With Thee - *arr. Collinsworth*

***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

Sung while children leave for J.a.M.

VU 646 We are Marching in the Light of God

Ministry of Music - You Are Mine - *Haas*

Scripture Background

Scripture: John 1:35-51 *The first disciples of Jesus*

A Sermon on Being Invited, "Come and See"

To Respond in Faith

Time of Silent Reflection

***Hymn: VU 563 Jesus you Have Come to the Lakeshore**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

To Go Into the World

***Hymn: VU 87 I Am the Light of the World**

***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 - Come Follow Me - *Talbot*



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

Prayer for The Week

God of all people,
You called many by name, asking them to follow in your Way.
Call us by name, walk with us, and guide us each day. Amen.

Church on our Conference Prayer Cycle

Petawawa Military Personnel & Chaplains

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 14 Celebration of Baptism
- 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.



Explore Faith is a **confirmation preparation program** for **youth in high school** being offered this year at Westminster. It provides an opportunity for youth to talk about faith, ask questions, and share experiences. Confirmation is not about having the answers, it's about being willing to engage with the questions. 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**. The program will proceed on various dates culminating in the Service of Confirmation, Sunday, May 6, 2018. Highlights include a possible overnight retreat, field trips, guest speakers, videos, as well as fun and meaningful group discussions. *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*

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

Are you a golfer? Are you a “fun” golfer? Looking FORE a few hours outdoors with some friends? Would you be interested in a “fun” golf outing in mid-June?

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 of the initial details, at this time, include: 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. This will be an opportunity to interact and share time with another United Church. This fundraiser will help both churches and half of the proceeds will go to a charity of our choice.

If you are interested in participating in our fun tournament and/or assisting with the organizing of this golf event, please advise either Bob Neil (robertneil@rogers.com) Tom McNown (tom.mcnown@gmail.com) by January 15th, 2018 or leave a note with Beth, our church Administrator (wuc@westminster-uc.ca).



Scavenger Hunt– Women of Westminster United Church

You are invited to join us on **Monday, January 8, 2018** in the Founder’s Room at **7:00pm!** The UCW will have a Scavenger Hunt for the New Year. Bring your sneakers, laughter and friendship. Search alone or with partners. We’re never too old to have fun!



Christmas begins with Christmas Day, December 25, and lasts for **Twelve Days** until **Epiphany**, January 6. *Epiphany* commemorates the visit of the wise men to Jesus (in the West) and the baptism of Jesus (in the East). The white and gold colors of Christmas are changed to green, the color of **Ordinary Time**. During Advent we waited for the light to enter the world at the Nativity. The stars in the Sanctuary are a symbol of this light in which we live. The greenery is a symbol of newness and hope. Reflect upon the meaning of these symbols and embrace the hope as we prepare to face the challenges in our lives that the New Year may bring.



Sanctuary Committee

| Westminster Weekly Calendar |
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| <i>Sunday January 07</i> |
| 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM -Sunday Worship 10:45 AM - 10:50 AM -Minute for Mission |
| <i>Monday January 08</i> |
| 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 -Foodmangroup Meeting (Kitchen) 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM -M&P (Founders Room) 07:00 PM - 09:30 PM -UCW Meeting (Founders Room) |
| <i>Tuesday January 09</i> |
| 12:30 PM - 03:00 PM -Stroke Recovery Group (Gym/Kitchen) 06:30 PM - 08:00 PM -Whitby 31st Brownies (Gym) 07:00 PM - 08:30 PM -Communications Cmte (Founders Room) 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM -1st Mapleshade Rangers (Room 1) |
| <i>Wednesday January 10</i> |
| 07:00 PM - 09:30 PM -Property Committee meeting (Founder's Room) 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM -Wellness Cmte (Room 1) |
| <i>Thursday January 11</i> |
| 09:30 AM - 12:00 PM -Bridge to a New Home Meeting (Founders Room) 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM -Worship Cmte (Founders Room) 07:00 PM - 08:30 PM -Family Karate (Gym) 07:00 PM - 08:30 PM -Choir Practice (Sanctuary) |
| <i>Friday January 12</i> |
| 08:30 AM - 04:30 PM -YDAC (Room 1, Computer Rm, Gym) |
| <i>Saturday January 13</i> |
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The Committee of the Month featured for January is ... *Property Committee*

The Property Committee is charged with ensuring that Church property is maintained, and is safe and secure.

Key responsibilities include: maintaining the insurance policy on the property; maintaining the Fire Safety Plan; managing contracted work; overseeing the work of the church's custodian; and organizing volunteers to help maintain the church.

The committee pro-actively manages a budget of approximately \$100,000 in discretionary and non-discretionary expenses related to the church property. Generally, the volunteers deal with about thirty issues of varying complexity a year. A list of projects may be obtained from the committee. Contractors are used for systems such as electrical, HVAC, fire alarms, security and gas. Over the last two years, we have focused on energy conservation as we consume about 100,000kw per year. We have made changes to the HVAC compress controls and implemented LED lighting in selected areas. Building temperatures are maintained by programmable thermostats.



The Property Committee relies heavily on volunteers from the congregation and organizes their time and talents to keep our house in good order. Examples include: painting rooms, repairing cupboards, installing storage shelves, some custom woodworking, coordinating volunteers to maintain the flower gardens, exterior clean-up in the spring and fall, and assisting the custodian with larger jobs. Three years ago, Westminster took on the responsibility of cutting its own lawn. Not only is this an activity that many can help with but we save the congregation about \$3,000 per year. Several crews of volunteer "Weed Whackers" are organized by the Property Committee to handle this weekly activity. The committee also organizes a group of Volunteer Custodians who help keep the church clean after Sunday services and secure the church after all have left. New volunteers are always needed for these activities.

For Church Council purposes, the Chairman Group and the Tech Booth report to the Property Committee. The former handles the set-up of tables and chairs for both church and rental purposes. The Tech Booth provides AV support for our Sunday services.



The busy, hard-working members of the Property Committee are Bruce C., Jack D., Bob D., Bill F., Larry L., Dean M., Bob N., Dave S., King W., Jim W. (Chairman Group) and William Von Z. (Tech Booth).

The Committee meets about six times a year to determine and coordinate what work needs to be done. All are welcome to sit in on these meetings or join the committee. For any additional information, contact: Bob Neil at robertneil@rogers.com



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