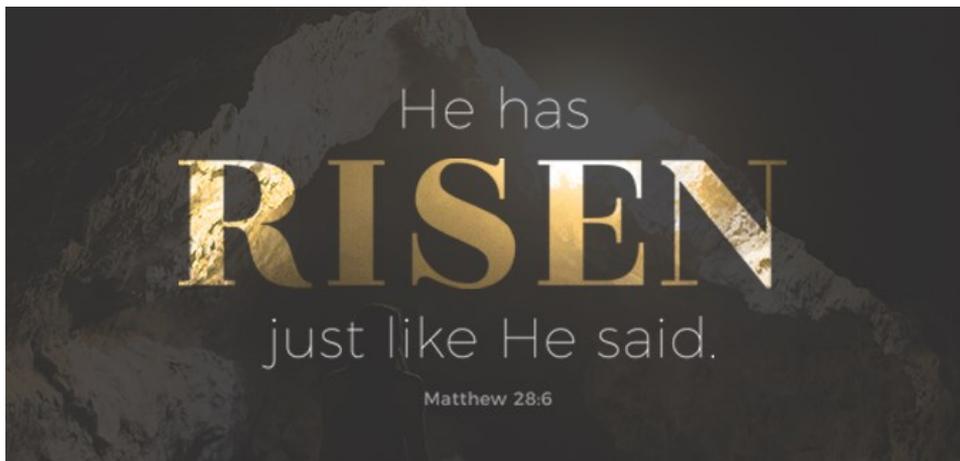




Westminster United Church

"Embracing Our Community"



Weekly Worship Service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
April 1, 2018

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.



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.

New Here? We are so glad you came! Thank you for worshipping at Westminster. We hope you will be encouraged by the teaching you hear and by the people you meet. Please take a moment to fill out "A Westminster Welcome!" card located in the seat pocket in front of you and place it in the offering plate. To stay connected with us, see our Facebook page, website www.westminster-uc.ca or sign up for our weekly email at wuc@westminster-uc.ca.

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

We Gather Together

Today we begin the service with the sanctuary lights turned off.

Prelude - Morning Has Broken - *trad arr. Hopson*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: It is Easter morning
Death is not here.
Christ is risen.

Choir: Christ is risen.

ALL: Christ is risen, indeed!

*Processional Hymn: VU 155 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

*The lights in the sanctuary come on,
the Bible is placed, candles lit*

*Remain standing as you are able

***Passing the Peace** (we greet one another, wishing a Happy Easter, and passing the peace of Christ.)

Opening Prayer

To Offer Ourselves

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

Offertory - An Easter Proclamation - *Vivaldi*

*Sung Response: VU 169

*The Lord of life is risen today!
Offer your gifts, adorn the way;
let every tongue rejoice and say:
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*

*Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*

Prayer of Dedication

To Hear God's Word

Jr. Choir - Happy Day - *Yancy*

Time with all God's Children

Flowering of the Cross

Hymn: VU #178 Because You Live
(Children leave for .J.a.M.)

Ministry of Music - Christ is Arisen, Indeed! - *Sleeth*

Scripture Background

Song for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18

An Easter Sermon

Rev. Michelle Robinson

To Respond in Faith

Time of Silent Reflection

Hymn: VU 176 Who is There on This Easter Morning

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

To Go Into the World

Hymn: VU 232 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You
(with alternative vs.3)

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

***Sung Response:**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, Glory to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude - Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise - *arr. Hopson*

Happy Easter! He is Risen!

Coffee and tea after worship will resume next Sunday, April 8.

J.a.M.
is fun!



Childcare is available for your baby/toddler in the nursery down the hall. Children and youth ages 4 -14 will be invited to head to **J.a.M.** during the service after the Children's Time. Please speak to an usher or greeter for directions or more information.

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Upcoming Services

- April 8 Joy Sunday
Led by Cathy Shaw
- April 15 Lakeridge Presbytery Pulpit Exchange
We welcome Rev. Sue Genge
from Kingsview United Church
Rev. Michelle will be at Newcastle UC

What's
on?

The flowering of the cross represents the transition from Good Friday to Easter, from Jesus' death to the joyful celebration of resurrection. The ceremony transforms a barren cross, a reminder of Jesus' death, into an Easter symbol. Covered with flowers, the cross serves not only as an emblem of Jesus' resurrection but also of the continuing presence of Christ among today's Christians. In another variation of this ceremony worshippers cover the cross with homemade butterflies, another symbol of new life.

The Sanctuary Committee

We have Hearing Assistance equipment // Every Sunday //

If you are hard of hearing or you wear hearing aids, we can assist you to enjoy the service. There are 2 options: headphones which are worn without hearing aids & neck loops which can be used with hearing aids. If you wish to wear the neck loop you need to ensure that your hearing aids come equipped with a telephone coil (T switch). You may want to try both types of hearing assistance equipment to see which works best for you. // Please ask one of our ushers to assist you.

Easter EGGstravaganza //
Sat., March 31 from 10:00 a.m. -
12:00 p.m. // Hey Kids, If you are 12
years old or younger, come for the
Crafts, Games and Easter Treats and
don't miss the Easter Egg Hunt at
10:15!

United Church Women (UCW) //
Tues., April 3 // Founders Room
Our speaker will be Jill Bates talking
about her trip to Africa (Kenya &
Tanzania). In Tanzania she visited the
Morogoro Women's Training Centre
where maternal health care workers
are trained. On UCW's 50th
anniversary, women across Canada
raised funds for this work so it will be
interesting to see her pictures and
hear her story. Please join us.

Family Dinner and Movie Night //
Friday, April 13 // Dinner: 5:45
p.m. and Movie: 6:30 p.m. // Join
the CE Committee for a Hassle-free
night of food, fun and fellowship!
Make your own Nachos, veggies/dip,
ice cream sandwiches and beverages
are all on the menu, along with the
awesome movie, **FERDINAND!**
Please let us know if you'll be
there. *Contact Cathy Shaw at*
cshaw@westminster-uc.ca.

Mix 'n' Mingle Potluck // Sunday,
April 22 // Following Worship in
the gym // Do you have a favourite
family or national dish you would
like to share with new friends? The
Friendly Visitors & Parish Mosaic are
planning a pot-luck luncheon.
Everyone is invited. There is no cost
and it's a great chance to meet
others! We will be in the gym after
service to answer any questions you
may have and would love for you to
join us on April 22!

LifeKeys...Discover Who You Are //
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. // Sunday
afternoons- Apr 8,15,22 & May
6,13// Why Are You Here? What Do
You Do Best? What Are You
Passionate About? If you have ever
wondered about any of these
questions, or if you just want to
explore the awesome gifts that God
has given you, then join Cathy Shaw,
our Minister of Faith Formation
for this five week program. Light
refreshments will be available, but
please feel free to bring your lunch if
you would like to do so. This Small
Group is offered at no cost but
registration is required and spaces
are limited, so sign up today by
contacting Cathy at: 905 723 6442
or cshaw@westminster-uc.ca

Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir //
SAVE THE DATE of Saturday, May
5 at 7:30 p.m. // Tickets are \$25.00
and will be available at the door,
from Stewardship Committee
Members, and for purchase from the
church office (date to be
announced).

Mother's Day Tea // Saturday,
May 12 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Presented by the United Church
Women, a Victorian Tea with
refreshments, entertainment and
door prizes. Purchase your tickets
now from the office Monday to
Friday 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM or
call 905-723-6442 for more
information.

Volunteering at General Council
43 // Durham College/UOIT
Campus- 2000 Simcoe St. N, //
July 21 – 27, 2018 // There are
many volunteer opportunities from
helping with transportation, first aid,
helping others find their way, being
a runner and more. // Contact Rev.
Sandra Farrow, 905-725-4133 or
revsandralfarrow@gmail.com

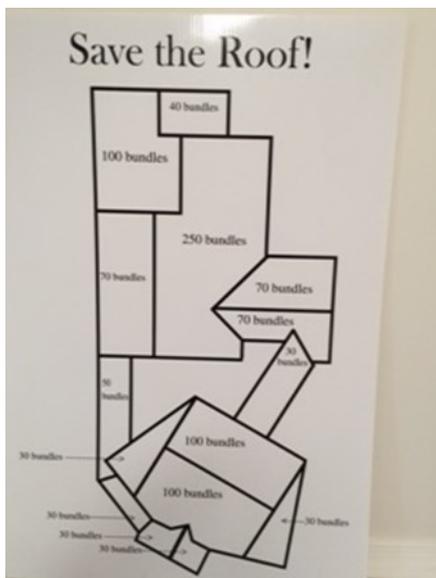
Save the Roof! // Tenders have been issued; contractors are working on their bids and now we, the members of Westminster, must do our part.

We estimate that we need to raise approximately \$40,000 to support the overall cost of this project. To do this, we are launching a **"Save the Roof"** campaign in which congregation members can purchase bundles of shingles. Each bundle will cost \$40 and members can purchase as many bundles as desired. We have created a "roof thermometer" to track our progress. As donations are received, we will show the progress by filling in sections of the roof, starting at the bottom and working up.

What can you do? Purchase bundles at \$40/bundle to support this initiative. There is no limit to the number of bundles that a member or a family can purchase.

How do I purchase bundles? There are several methods, but be sure to identify your donation as **"Save the Roof" project**:

- By cheque using your personal offering envelope.
- By cash using a generic offering envelope, include your name on the envelope and "Save the Roof" project.
- Via our Westminster United Church website, <http://westminster-uc.ca/>, click on the Donate button and complete your credit purchase, noting in the message section that your donation is for the "Save the Roof" project.
- Via Canada Helps, <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/> . Here you can use your credit card to submit your purchase. Follow these directions: type in "Westminster United Church, Whitby ON" in the Get Started: Find your charity section (centre of the page), once the picture of Westminster appears, click on it and then continue to complete your purchase. Please note in the message section that your donation is for the "Save the Roof" project.



Thank you for your generosity in this important project.

The Lakeshore Winds presented in concert by Bridge to a New Home // Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. // Durham Christian Homes 200 Glen Hill Dr. Whitby // Tickets are \$20.00 each and are available from Joanne MacPherson after church or by contacting Joanne at 905-720-2046.

The UCW Yard Sale is coming // Saturday, April 21 // 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. // Please help us by donating your clean yard sale items and we'll turn them into cash for Westminster! Drop off day is the day before when volunteers will be available to accept your donations. If you can help with time, muscles or deliveries please call Mary Shepherd at 905-728-7346 or Greta Hope at 905-668-4919.

Trivia Night #2 – Four Decades of Trivia // Saturday, April 28 // Doors open at 6:00 p.m. // Game starts at 7:00 p.m. // Gym // Tickets are on sale Sundays in the gym or from the office during the week. A team of 6 is \$100; individuals (who will be placed on a team) are \$20. Check out the posters for more details.

PHOTO Directory – 60th Anniversary Edition! // April 27,28 and May 4,5 // Founders' Room // Please pick up an information package at the Welcome table or in the gym. Bookings for your sittings can be made right after Easter.

Greeter and Candle lighter Christian Education Committee

Scripture Reader Fitz Morrison

Ushers Team 6 - Ed Rosdubutko, Ron and June Martin, Glenda and Bob Locksley
Ron Motum, Kathleen Martin, Ted Ellis

Tech Booth Jim Fielder and Brock Fielder

Volunteer Custodian(s) Team 6 - Neville Wright (leader),
Dean Mortimer, Bruce Cullen

Rev. Michelle Robinson, Minister of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care
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Westminster Weekly Calendar

Sunday April 01

- 08:15 AM - 08:45 AM**-Easter Early Morning Communion (Outside)
09:00 AM - 10:30 AM-Easter Breakfast (Kitchen, Gym, Founders Rm)
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM-Sunday Worship

Monday April 02

-EASTER MONDAY

-- Church and Office CLOSED --

Tuesday April 03

- 09:30 AM - 02:00 PM**-Living Alone Prep (Kitchen)
12:30 PM - 03:00 PM-Stroke Recovery Group (Gym/Kitchen)
06:30 PM - 08:00 PM-Whitby 31st Brownies (Gym)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-UCW Meeting (Founders Room)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-1st Mapleshade Rangers (Room 1)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Parish Mosaic Cmte (Youth Room)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-11th Whitby Scouts (Computer Room)

Wednesday April 04

- 12:00 PM - 03:30 PM**-Living Alone Luncheon (Gym, Kitchen)
03:00 PM - 07:00 PM-St. Vincent's Kitchen Volunteers (at St. Vincent's)
06:30 PM - 08:30 PM-PB&J- Plant Based & Joyful (vegan cooking) Sm Grp
(Kitchen, Founder's Room)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Wellness Cmte (Youth Room)

Thursday April 05

- 07:00 PM - 08:30 PM**-Choir Practice (Founder's Room/Sanctuary)
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM-Family Karate (Gym)

Friday April 06

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

Saturday April 07

Sunday April 08

- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**-Sunday Worship
10:45 AM - 10:50 AM-Minute for Mission
11:45 AM - 12:15 PM-Blood Pressure Checks (Founder's Room)
12:00 PM - 02:00 PM-LifeKeys (Founder's Rm)
12:30 PM - 02:00 PM-Confirmation Class (Founder's Room)