



Westminster United Church
"Embracing Our Community"



Weekly Worship Service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
April 8, 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.

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.

New Here?

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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.

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

We Gather Together

Prelude - In the Bleak Mid Springtime/April Wonderland

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Verse

Prayer of Approach and Transformation

Passing the Peace

*** Hymn: VU 224 Sing a Happy Hallelujah**

The Bible is placed, candles lit

To Offer Ourselves

Minute for Mission - Margaret Suepaul

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

Offertory

*** Sung Response: MV 182 Grateful**

Offering Prayer

To Hear God's Word

Time with all God's Children

Hymn: Alleluia, Praise ye, the Lord!
(*Children leave for J.a.M.*)

Ministry of Music

Scripture Background

Song for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 18:15-17

Sermon: Jesus and Joy

Cathy Shaw

To Respond in Faith

Time of Silent Reflection

* Hymn: VU 624 Give to Us Laughter

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

To Go Into the World

* Hymn: VU 232 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

* Blessing and Sending Forth

* Closing Response: If You're Happy and You Know It

* Postlude

Prayer for the Week

Dear Lord, Thank you for fresh grace and a week full of promise. Lead me in your ways and fill my heart with your love and joy. Help me to see others as you see them, with kindness and compassion. Guide every decision, response, effort and conversation that I have, and let what I do and what I say be done in your name and for your glory. Amen.



Upcoming Services

- Apr 15 Lakeridge Presbytery Pulpit Exchange
We welcome Rev. Sue Genge from Kingsview United Church

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

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.

Church on our Conference Prayer Cycle

Christ Church: Lyn, Four Rivers

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.

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!

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.

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 after service. We will be booking the sittings right after Easter. Please set aside time to be sure you are included in this special directory. And remember – the sitting is free, the directory is free and your 8x10 portrait is free.



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 // This exciting (and challenging?) FUNdraiser will test your knowledge of the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. Tickets will be 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.

Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir // SAVE THE DATE of Saturday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. // Westminster United Church // 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).

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 at revsandrafarrow@gmail.com or 905-725-4133 to volunteer.

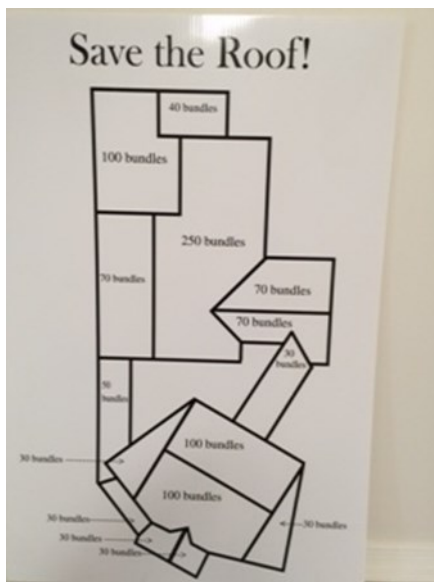
Save the Roof! // Tenders have been issued; contractors are working on their bids and now we, the members of Westminster, must do our part.

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.

Westminster Weekly Calendar

Monday April 9

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM -YDAC (Room 1, Youth & Computer)
09:30 AM - 12:30 PM -Taoism Tai Chi (Gym)
12:00 PM - 02:00 PM -CBI (Founder's Room)
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 (Youth Room)
07:00 PM - 09:30 PM -UCW Meeting (Founder's Room)

Tuesday April 10

09:30 PM - 04:30 PM -Kiwanis Music Festival (Sanctuary)
12:30 PM - 03:00 PM -Stroke Recovery Group (Gym/Kitchen)
06:30 PM - 09:00 PM -Parish Mosaic Meeting (Founder's Room)
06:30 PM - 08:00 PM -Whitby 31st Brownies (Gym)
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM -Myrtle Funds Committee Meeting (Room 1)
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM--Communications Cmte (Youth Room)

Wednesday April 11

09:30 PM - 05:00 PM -Kiwanis Music Festival (Sanctuary)
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-Kiwanis Music Festival (Sanctuary)

Thursday April 12

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

Friday April 13

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM -YDAC (Room 1, Computer Rm, Gym)
04:00 PM - 09:30 PM -Family Dinner and Movie Night (Gym/
Kitchen/Sanctuary)

Saturday April 14

Sunday April 15

10:30 PM - 11:30 PM- Sunday Worship
12:00 PM - 02:00 PM -LifeKeys
12:30 PM - 02:00 PM -Confirmation Class (Founder's Room)

Greeter and Candle lighter Shane and Margaret Suepaul

Scripture Reader Fitz Morrison

Ushers Team 1 - Cathie Howard, Lorne Coe
Ron Kurtz, Wendy and Ed Ekker

Tech Booth Paul Cruz and Arthur Smith

Coffee and Tea Servers Team 1 - Emma Lovasz, Joyce Lowe,
Liz Robinson

Volunteer Custodian(s) Team 2 - Dave Summers (leader),
Ava Tomlinson, Don Fry

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