



This is the day the
Lord has made.
We will
rejoice and be glad in it!

Psalms 118:24
#LovingJesusChrist

Congratulations and Blessings on your Confirmation

Emily Allin

Brock Fielder

Emma Hendrikse

Jan Douglas Hendrikse



Live In God's Word
Live *With* God's People
Live Out *God's* Love
Live Through God's *Grace*

Bay of Quinte Conference Youth Forum

On the weekend of April 27-29,
five of our Youth attended this event.



*Many thanks to the leaders within
the Bay of Quinte Conference for all
their efforts in putting this weekend
Retreat together.*



WHO:

Youth in Grades 6-9

WHERE:

Westminster Youth Room

WHEN:

Thursday Nights, 7:00pm – 8:30pm
(From April 19th – June 7th)

WHAT:

A Group of your very own,
where you can meet new friends,
reconnect with old ones, have great
discussions, enjoy fun games
and help in the community

**For information please contact our
Youth Leader, Cathy Shaw
at cshaw@westminster-uc.ca
or 905-723-6442**

Celebrating Mental Health Week May 7-13, 2018

Millions of Canadians will be rallying together to celebrate Mental Health Week in their communities. Mental Health Week exists to bring awareness and elicit conversations about the importance of staying mentally healthy, and what to do when you're not.

Why is it important to be aware?

Chances are, you're not well informed. Being properly informed about your mental health can prevent you or a loved one from falling victim to negative beliefs and perceptions propagated by the media and entertainment industry. Being properly informed can also aid in seeking appropriate help to prevent matters from getting worse.

Members of the general public often do not know how to respond. It is not uncommon for people to ignore or feel helpless when a loved one is struggling with their mental health. This may cause the person to feel as though no one is listening which can further their feelings of isolation and lack of communication. Many times, a person who is struggling is looking for an opportunity to talk about it, but feels uncomfortable expressing themselves, thereby making it even more difficult to start a conversation, even if you are prepared or willing to do so.

There is stigma associated with mental health problems and illnesses. Imagine if everyone received the same care and attention to their mental health as they did for, say, a broken arm. Mental health issues are not always as easy to see as an obvious physical injury, or understand – even for the person experiencing it. It is even more difficult to admit to having problems because of the fear of how they will be perceived by the public, or by you.

Mental Health is not just about Mental Illness!

Not everyone who is feeling blue is going to be diagnosed with depression. Not everyone who feels anxiety will have an anxiety disorder. Mental Health is about being aware of the variety and intensity of emotions within ourselves and allowing ourselves to express them accordingly. Mental Health is about resilience: the ability to cope with everyday challenges and the courage to seek out supports when challenges become too much.

How Can You Help?

There are many ways to help yourself or your loved one. The first step is to talk to someone you trust. Tell them how you're feeling. Sometimes just talking about it can help immensely. There are a number of community based organizations who will also help you talk about it and seek the appropriate direction, depending on what you're experiencing. Organizations such as the Canadian Mental Health Association Durham are free of charge and have a number of available resources through their website.

To find out more about what's available in Durham Region, contact Mireille Huneault at mireilleh@cmhadurham.org.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Mosaic Committee



Festival of Faith to "Turn the Church Inside Out"

An interview with Rev. David Moore,
visionary behind the Festival of Faith



Moderator Jordan Cantwell and festival visionary Rev. David Moore (right)
Credit: Courtesy of David Moore

The United Church of Canada is kicking off the 43rd General Council with the Festival of Faith. This celebration of our work and witness through the arts takes place July 21-22, 2018 in Oshawa, Ont.

The festival will be infused with an old-time country fair vibe, and feature an inspiring and joyful line-up of workshops, musicians, authors, dancers, storytellers and craftspeople. There will also be opportunities to connect and offer your own voice and artistry in the coffee house or on the green.

The Rev. David Moore is the minister at Simcoe St. United Church in Oshawa and the Festival of Faith co-ordinator. More noteworthy, he is the festival's chief visionary. Here, Rev. Moore speaks with Kathryn Dorrell (senior editor in the General Council Office's Communications Unit) about how the festival will bring the spirit and message of the church into the wider community and kindle a new spark of optimism and creativity among church people.

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Festival of Faith *(continued)*

What do you want the Festival of Faith to bring to the wider community?

“The festival will show that the United Church is open to the world, in faith, spiritual practices, and in a practical way. It’s important that it is barrier-free. There is no admission fee and everyone can come. There are no physical barriers such as bleachers in the performance area so people living with disabilities will be able to access the space.

“It is going to be powerful, inspiring and lift up the GC43 message of Risking Faith and Daring Hope. This is important to Oshawa. We are a community that has experienced the crumbling of our economic foundation, manufacturing, and we want people to see that the United Church has a vision and words of hope for our world, and a way to lift people up.”

How did you come up with a vision for the Festival of Faith?

“Over the last couple of generations, we have thought of faith happening inside our building and sanctuaries. I thought about taking the things that we associate with church and spirituality in our buildings—the sanctuary, the church hall, the choir room or loft, the kitchen, the narthex, etc.—and putting them outside.”

Give us an example of “turning the church inside out.”

“Inside our churches, we pray, sing, listen to music and readings, and it is where we congregate. I want the festival to do these things out in the world where anyone in the community can come and participate. The festival is turning the church inside out. [For example,] the church kitchen is the place where we talk about changing the world. It is buzzing with energy and ideas. The festival will replicate this with workshops.”

How will the workshops inspire participants?

“Many churches and congregations are stuck. They are doing the same thing they have done for years but are not getting the same results. The workshops will explore new ways of doing things in churches; using church buildings in a new way is one example. If you want to be the centre of your community, your church has to be a community centre in which renters and ‘outside groups’ that use the space are embraced as part of who the church is. It is their spiritual home, too. We need to reset the idea that church is all about the people who come out on Sunday morning.”

What role will artists and performers play other than offering entertainment?

“There will be a range of artists from musicians, singers, painters, photographers and poets, people reading out loud—people who use their skills, ideas and arts to engage with the world. They will show that God is active in the world and speak to our souls. In my mind, any music and arts festival is spiritual, but most are not connected to a particular faith or denomination. They [embody] that philosophy that we hear so often today of being ‘spiritual but not religious.’ The Festival of Faith will be a new way for the United Church to engage with God in the world.”

Overall, what message do you want church folks to take away from the festival?

“There is bit of a sense in the world today and in the church that the sky is falling. But people will come away from the festival and the GC43 energized and positive about the future. They will see that God is leading us out into the world and showing us the way.”

Follow the [GC43 Festival of Faith Facebook page](#) and stay up-to-date on festival activities and details on performers and workshops—and [let us know if you plan to attend](#) this inspiring event.

A Wonderful Weekend of Music...

First...the United in Praise Concert at Kingsview United,
featuring United Church Praise Bands...including Westminster's S.A.L.T



Then...Spring Sing at Northminster United,
a mass Choir, which included choir members from Westminster and our very own Margaret Motum at the helm for part of the program.



Life Membership

It is with delight and honour, on behalf of the Westminster UCW, that the UCW present UCW Life Membership pins and certificates to Carol O'Neil and Shirley Penny.

The vision of the United Church Women is that as women of faith, we believe in nurturing Christian spirituality by reaching out through commitment and devotion to all God's people in the promotion of truth, justice, peace, caring and respect for all throughout the earth, and God's world.

We believe in honouring God the Creator, and loving others through generous giving and joyful living.

And we believe in affirming and strengthening ourselves both individually and together through creative study, prayer and action.

Both Carol and Shirley exemplify and live out the vision of the UCW in their lives here at Westminster.

Carol, who came to Westminster via Tillsonburg, Ontario, has been co-president and president of the Westminster UCW from January 2013 to June 2017, a member of the ushering team, a member of the Outreach and Wellness Committees and through her and Mark's business – Next Step Solutions – so very helpful in sharing with and providing local agencies with much needed resources and materials. Carol started and continues to lead the Wine, Women and the Word monthly bible study and small group. Carol is a dynamic speaker and she has spoken throughout the country and throughout the Bay of Quinte UCW Presbyterial. She is in the process of completing the last course for her Licenced Lay Worship Leader's Certificate just as she is taking on the duties and responsibilities of Lakeridge Presbyterial's UCW president for the next two years.

Shirley, who came to Westminster via St. John, New Brunswick was president and co-president of the Westminster UCW from January 2011 to December 2016, and has been active at Westminster as a Sunday School teacher and youth group leader, a vacation bible school teacher, a member of the book club, the Observer discussion group and various study groups. She was very active in and was part of the Affirming Committee and the interfaith dialogue with the Muslim women's group from Pickering. Shirley represents Westminster at Lakeridge Presbytery and at the annual Bay of Quinte Conference. Shirley is chair of the UCW catering committee and presently serves as Westminster's church treasurer.

At this time, we want to recognize and honour the contributions and gifts that Carol and Shirley have given to the Westminster faith community and to the UCW.



ALLERGY ALERT - PLEASE READ!

As our J.a.M Sunday School continues to steadily grow, we find ourselves happily experiencing a diverse group of children each week. With Westminster being such an inclusive, accepting and welcoming space, it is important for us to keep all our children safe while they are in our care.

To that end, we have children in our congregation who have severe, life-threatening allergies to Tree Nuts and especially to Peanuts (we probably have some adults as well).

The Christian Education Committee and J.a.M Teaching Team are asking for your help in preventing any serious incidents of anaphylaxis.

How can you help?

- * The best way to help is to choose not to eat peanut butter or any products containing peanuts/nuts (*peanut butter, granola bars, etc*) before heading to church.
- * Should you need to have these products for breakfast then please brush your teeth thoroughly and wash your hands well with soap and warm water...*unfortunately hand sanitizer does not get rid of the residue left from peanuts and other nut products.*

We are doing our very best in J.a.M to offer programming that will keep our children safe and healthy, and we are extending this request to the rest of our congregation, so that together we can make Westminster a place for all to enjoy.

Please consider taking these simple steps on Sunday morning because you never know who's life you may be affecting. Thank you for helping us help others!



TRIVIA NIGHT

60's 70's 80's 90's



SE #	Team Name	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4	ROUND 5	ROUND 6	Score
1	Frangile Rockers	5						
2	Irish Avengers	4						
3	SPACers	7						
4	Celebration Team	3						
5	XYZ	7						
6	Cosmos Along	7						
7	Irish Tamarisks	28						
8	Irish Blue Stars	6						
9	Village Adventurers	4						
10	Wendy's Adventures	7						
11	West Coast	1						
12	Wendy's Team	7						
13	Wendy's	7						
14	Wendy's	7						
15	Wendy's	7						



THANK YOU
for supporting our
2nd Annual
TRIVIA CHALLENGE!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU
NEXT YEAR!**



The Friendly Visitors and Parish Mosaic would like to thank everyone who joined us for our **'Mix 'n Mingle'** potluck luncheon after service on April 22nd. We were delighted that so many people were able to stay and join us. We had seating for 84 people and most of the seats were filled! As with all potlucks, there was lots to choose from, a lovely variety, and a chance to enjoy some great conversation. We hope you had a chance to meet some new friends or get to know others a little better, and we are delighted that you were able to join us.

Wellness Committee Invitation

Please join us for our annual Special Event on Sunday, May 27th following the worship service, from 12noon to 1:30pm. In keeping with the committee's mission to promote whole health of body, mind and spirit, we'll begin with our famous Sandwich Luncheon followed by some fun and contemplative prayer experiences. We've titled our Special Event *"The Healing Power of Intentional Prayer"*. Come and see - to be nourished and inspired.



UCW NEWS



Thank you to those who donated, sorted, baked, worked, bought and cleaned up at our Yard Sale on Saturday April 21st.

A special thank you to Mary Shepherd and Greta Hope who co-ordinated this year.

Our fundraiser would not have been the success it was without everyone's efforts.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

The Westminster Book Club

will meet from 1:30pm to 3:00pm on

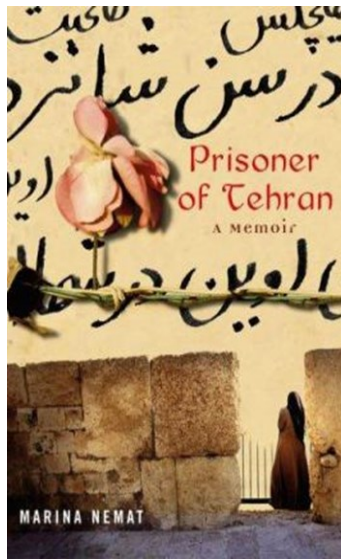
Wednesday May 23, 2018

to discuss

Prisoner of Tehran

by Marina Nemat.

All are invited to join us.



What would you give up to protect your loved ones? Your life? In her heartbreaking, triumphant and elegantly written memoir, Prisoner of Tehran, Marina Nemat tells the heart-pounding story of her life as a young girl in Iran during the early days of Ayatollah Khomeini's brutal Islamic Revolution.

In January 1982, Marina Nemat, then just sixteen years old, was arrested, tortured and sentenced to death for political crimes. Sentenced to death for refusing to give up the names of her friends, she was minutes from being executed when she was plucked from the firing squad and had her sentence reduced to life in prison. Lyrical, passionate and suffused throughout with grace and sensitivity, Marina Nemat's memoir is like no other. Her search for emotional redemption envelops her jailers, her husband and his family, and the country of her birth -- each of whom she grants the greatest gift of all: forgiveness.

For the last half of our meeting we will be voting on and choosing the books to read for the next year - September 2018 to May 2019. Each person is asked to submit no more than 3 titles for each of the 3 categories:

General – can be fiction or non-fiction.

Book and movie – a book that has been turned into a movie so that we can both read the book and watch the movie.

Classic – a book that you may have read as a youth or in the past that you would like to re-read.

If possible, please email the titles to
Susan (auntx2@gmail.com)
by Monday, May 21st,
so that the suggestions
can be typed up for our voting.

For more information contact
Susan at 905-493-3122.



The world's first book club.

THE COMMITTEE

CORNER

The United Church Women (UCW)

Westminster's UCW (United Church Women) is a group of women who meet the first Monday of the month (except for July and August) for a time of worship, entertainment/educational programs, business and fellowship.

Some of our activities include: participation in the World Day of Prayer, holding a congregational Yard Sale, holding a Mother's Day Tea, leading the worship service on Conference Sunday, holding a Christmas Bazaar, celebrating Christmas with a potluck supper, catering each month to the Probus and the Living Alone groups.

We collect stamps, hearing aids, eye glasses and pop tabs that are used to fund worthwhile projects locally and worldwide, and we would welcome your contributions of these items. They can be placed in the wooden box in the narthex. We cater to funeral receptions, showers, Christmas dinners and various fundraisers (pies, anyone?) at Westminster UC.

We support the following organizations: Denise House, Gate 3:16, Cornerstone, Muslim Women's Welfare Centre, Grandview Kids Centre, our own Westminster United Youth, St. Vincent de Paul Kitchens, Back Door Missions in Oshawa, Mission and Service Fund, 6 UCW Presbyterian and conference projects, 6 local community charities, but primarily Westminster United Church's General Funds (over \$16,000.00 in 2017).

But we could not have done any of these activities without EACH ONE OF YOU! Our heartfelt gratitude for saying yes when we phone to ask for your help in donating food or serving at a catering; thank you for donating items for the Yard Sale or for our Christmas bazaar; thank you for your attendance and support at our Yard Sale and Christmas Bazaar; thank you for all your donations of toiletries during Advent. With you and your support in so many ways – together we were and are able to plant seeds of change within our church and within our community.

Come join us.

Executive:

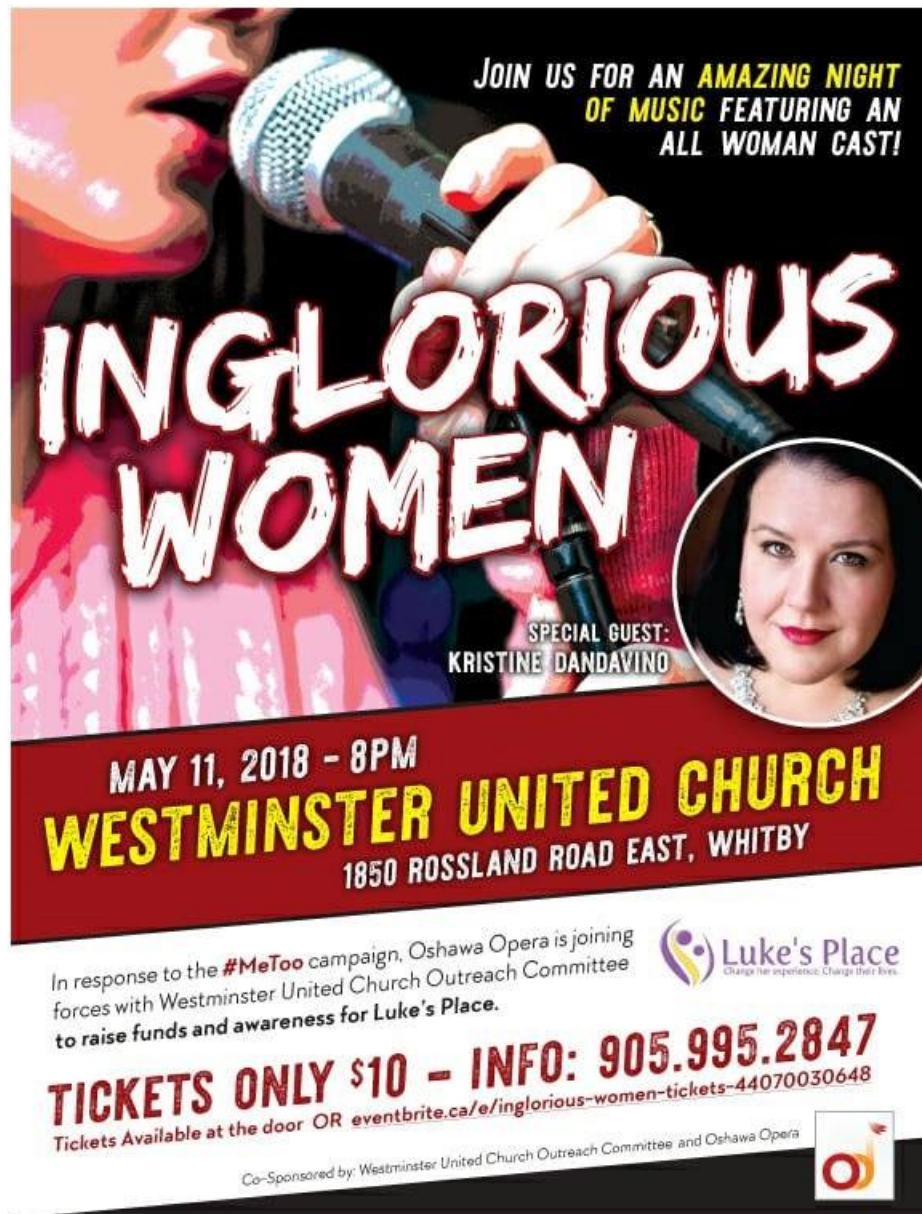
President - Tena Darroch

Past President - Carol O'Neil

Treasurer - Anita Amos

Secretary - Susan Pleasance





Oshawa Opera and Westminster United Church Outreach present *Inglorious Women* - a benefit concert to raise funds and awareness for Luke's Place, an organization that provides family law support and guidance to vulnerable women and their children.

In response to the #MeToo campaign, the concert features an all-female cast of community leaders and artists including Westminster's own, Emma Cullen, Margaret Motum and Rev. Michelle Robinson. A variety of songs will be performed, from pop/rock to classical opera, showcasing the diversity and strengths of our local female singers and songwriters.

All proceeds from the event go to Luke's Place (www.lukesplace.ca). Tickets are \$10.00 each and are available online at: www.eventbrite.ca or at the door.

For more information, please visit the eventbrite.ca website or call: (905)995-2847.

Let's Make a Change

You will notice that in each public washroom there are now Compostable Green Bins. Please put only compostable hand towels and tissues in these Green Bins.

This will greatly reduce garbage placed at the curb for regular pick-up.

All other trash needs to be put in the trash can in the Hall or the Kitchen OR taken home for disposal. Feminine waste should be placed in the designated receptacles.

It is certainly about time we make this change to take one more small step

to **protect the environment** and to **reduce our cost**

for garbage pick-up.

Each garbage bag over the four allowed costs an additional \$2.50 a bag.

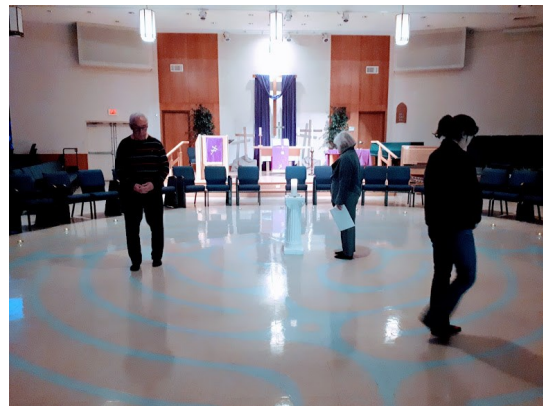
At our last pick-up, there were **20+** bags!

Thank you from The Property Committee

The next meeting of
WINE, WOMEN and the WORD
will take place on
Tuesday, May 8
7:00pm
Founder's Room

This month's topic is
Hope and Belief

Please read:
Psalm 34:18
Romans 15:13
Hebrews 11:1



Pentecost Labyrinth Prayer Walk

Wednesday, May 16
7:00pm—8:00pm

Come and find your quiet centre
as you prepare for Pentecost.

Save the Roof!

Why are we doing this?

In the beginning, when the church was being built in 2003ish, one of the shingling products on the market was one called “organic” shingles. Everybody sold them. We in Canada and the US were, and still are, going through an organic revolution. Yes, we the church, need to be environmentally friendly, and we are. However, there is always more we can do.

What are Organic shingles? People are becoming more and more interested in all-natural products. But did you know that organic shingles have been around for centuries? Simply put, they are a basic, pure asphalt shingle. They consist of a felt paper soaked in asphalt and then covered in asphalt granules.

So what's the problem? Well, the good news is that the roof is not leaking...but how long can we afford to wait? Though organic shingles are a good, environmentally friendly option, they have a tendency to lose their granules easily and start curling prematurely. Often times the organic shingle manufacturer would warrant them for 25, 30 years or longer. However, many homeowners and



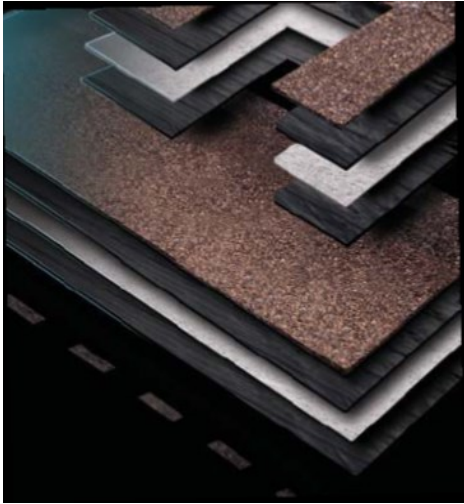
businesses with organic shingles noticed the shingles they had purchased started to curl up or crumble after only a few years from the time they were installed. The premature failure of organic shingles is particularly prevalent in northern and western parts of the United States and Canada where rain, snow, sleet, hail, high-winds and extreme temperature variations occur. The bottom line - manufacturers oversold their warranty with these “superior” shingles having a lifetime of 12 years less than the composite (asphalt and fiberglass mix) shingles available in this market.

What about our warranty? While class action lawsuits have been settled with several manufacturers, we are not able to benefit from this legal action due to the age of the roof and the lack of records identifying our roofing material and contractor.

Is the roof important? Well, maybe that's a rhetorical question! Having a physical presence in the community has provided us not only a place of worship but it has also fostered a very diverse outreach program. Just to name some activities: a local daycare centre; a place to celebrate music (in the sanctuary); a community meeting centre for Vacation Bible School, Brownies, senior exercise classes and karate classes; and community services such as Canadian Blood Services blood donor clinics, food bank and election polling centre.

Save the Roof! (continued)

So, what are we doing about it? A Request for Proposal (RFP) stating our needs was issued in February. Several companies, large and small, local and GTA-based responded. Your Property Committee is now reviewing all the proposals and talking to the companies to better understand what our choices are. The shingles being proposed are laminated, fiberglass core/asphalt/granular coated and are part of the overall roofing system, which includes ice/water shield, complete roof coverage with a membrane, and proper ventilation. The warranty - now that is a challenge to understand. If you are asking us to be environmentally friendly, the fiberglass is actually better on the environment and easier to recycle than 'organic' shingles. Our committee hopes to provide a recommendation to the Council in mid-May.



...and what is it going to cost, you ask? At Westminster, we are very fortunate. We have a very generous congregation. We have some reserve funds and we are part of a resourceful larger presbytery. Our Stewardship Committee will be trying to make the most of those options to develop their recommendations to Council for paying the bill. In the interim, we did start the "Save the Roof" campaign. Please consider supporting this initiative as best you can. All bundles of shingles count!

So...stayed tuned. We will be getting back to you with what we hope will be a solution that is acceptable to the congregation.

Bob Neil, Chair, Property Committee

Vacation Bible School - Help Needed

July 9th – 13th from 9am - 4pm

Theme: All God's Critters Have a Place



We need your help – **we are in need of adult and teen helpers – for a day or two or three or all five days for our camp.**

Our theme this year is All God's Critters Have a Place – celebrating and looking at bible stories from the animal's perspective – Noah's Ark, Rebecca watering the camels, the donkey carrying the beaten man, how the whale and worm changed Jonah's attitude, and the horse's overheard conversation between Philip and the Ethiopian.

Please see and fill in the Camp Volunteer Application Form within this newsletter and hand to or send to either: Crystal (905-725-0074) or Susan (905-493-3122).

Westminster United Church Camp Volunteer Application Form

"By sharing your time and talents, you can help others, meet new friends and learn new skills"

Name:

Home Address:

E-mail Address:

Mobile Number:

Home Number:

Date of Birth (if student) _____ Security Clearance (adults only) _____

Adult volunteers must provide a Criminal Reference check including a Vulnerable Sector Clearance from Durham Regional Police as per Westminster's Security Policy. Please ask at the church office for a letter for DRPS if you do not already have a clearance.

2018 Camp will be the week of July 9 to 13. The Theme is "All God's Critters" and looks like it is going to be another fun event for all involved. Volunteers are required from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You are welcome to join us the entire time or just for a portion of a day or only on specific days. Will you be available the entire time period? Yes or No. If not, please give more information on your availability.

Which role are you interested in? Group Leader, Assistant Group Leader, Programming Support, other.

What would you like to get out of volunteering?

What skills or experience could you bring to your chosen role?

Is there any other relevant information that you think we should know?

Please provide 2 character references (*no more than 1 family member*):

Name

Name

Relationship

Relationship

Phone #

Phone#

Applicant's Signature

Date

Forms may be dropped off at the church office to the attention of Crystal Smith. For more information, please contact Crystal at 905-725-0074 or Susan Pleasance at 905-493-3122

As per Westminster's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Policy, the information given will be used only for this specific program.



DURHAM OUTLOOK'S BOWL FOR THE BUILDING



7TH ANNUAL BOWL-O-RAMA

MAY.31.18 | "LET'S BUILD TOGETHER" FOR DURHAM OUTLOOK

Founded in 1990, Durham Outlook operates the only 365 - days a year Soup Kitchen, serving the most vulnerable members of Durham Region.

On the first Wednesday of every month, approximately 30 volunteers from Westminster United Church help out at St. Vincent's Kitchen.

Our dedicated Westminster volunteers at St Vincent's will have 12 bowlers (2 teams) at this fund raising event!

The money raised will help fund the much needed new building for Durham Outlook. Not only will those in need be able to have an affordable nutritious meal, but there will also be a support centre and affordable access to day-to-day items like toiletries!

Please support our Westminster Bowlers!

**They will be accepting your generous donations after church on
Sunday, May 13 and Sunday, May 27**

Just a Reminder from the Wellness Committee!

We have Hearing Assistance equipment available every Sunday! If you are hard of hearing and/or you wear hearing aids, we can assist you to enjoy the service.

There are 2 alternatives:

1. Headphones which are worn without hearing aids
2. 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 assist to see which works best for you.

Please ask one of our ushers to assist you.

The equipment is kept in the Tech Booth and our Tech Booth *assistants are also helpful.*



NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

Did you know...

...that during the worship service on April 22nd, Carol O'Neil and Shirley Penny were surprised with a presentation of Life Membership pins and certificates? These acknowledge and honour the commitment that Carol and Shirley have made to our local UCW and also in many other church organizations.

...that there are three upcoming weddings to be celebrated by families in our congregation? Stay tuned for photos of these summer events – in our September issue!

...that phase one of our new church directory is underway? On April 27th, 28th and 29th, Lifetouch completed 79 sittings of Westminster families and individuals. If you missed the first opportunity to have your portrait taken for the upcoming Directory, be sure you're included by booking an appointment for the September sittings.

...that our Foodbank is in need of donations of coffee, tea, creamer, juice, toilet paper and personal hygiene products?

...that our 2nd Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser was both challenging and a great deal of fun? Thanks to all who participated and had a hand in making this event a huge success. Together we raised over \$2,300.00 to help with the many ministries at Westminster!



WESTMINSTER'S 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!

The organizing committee of this year's 60th Anniversary celebrations is planning a number of activities and events throughout the year. We are pleased to share the above "Westminster United 60th Anniversary Logo" that was created for the celebrations. The festivities will culminate on our Anniversary Weekend, November 16th, 17th and 18th.

We are hoping to have ALL of our Westminster Family (PAST AND PRESENT) join us for ALL of our celebrations, particularly on the Anniversary weekend. We plan to have activities for families and adults with plenty of opportunities to socialize and catch up on where Westminster has been and where we are going. This should be a weekend full of fun with something for everyone.

In order to have as much participation as possible, we would ask you:

- ◇ First, mark the dates of November 16th, 17th and 18th on your calendars.
- ◇ If you are aware of members of the Westminster family that are not connected to electronic media, please make sure that they are aware of this occasion, so that they can also reserve the weekend.
- ◇ If you know of past members of the Westminster family that no longer attend because of reasons such as geography or health, please reach out and make them aware that they are very welcome and wanted as a valued part of our celebrations.

We are still in the planning stages as to activities, and we will be keeping you updated as individual activity plans become finalized. Stay tuned for more details.

Planning Committee:

Tom McKnown, Shane Suepaul, Jeanne Yee, Brian Woodlock, Arlene Jones,
Pat Artymko, Elizabeth Hatter, Lori Rosdobutko, Don Fry, Margaret Motum

March 31, 2018

	March 31, 2018 Actual	2018 To Date Actual	2017 Year To Date Actual
Offerings	\$19,069	\$70,263	\$58,844
(Local & Bldg. Funds)			
Total Revenue	\$26,846	\$99,541	\$94,701
Total Expenses	\$43,774	\$112,798	\$108,588
Net Position	-\$16,928	-\$13,257	-\$13,887



Scent Free ZONE

**LET'S KEEP EVERYONE
BREATHING WELL!**

**FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY
AND WELL-BEING OF ALL ,
PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING SCENTED
PRODUCTS WHILE AT WESTMINSTER!**

THANK YOU!

Pray, Praise, Ponder

Loving God,
Your Creativity expands
with the universe,
evolves with life,
unfolds within us
in our hopes and dreams.

May we become
all we can be
and all you intend.

With you all things
are possible.

Amen.



Volunteers Needed for
General Council 43

Durham College/UOIT Campus
(2000 Simcoe St. N, Oshawa)

July 21 – 27, 2018

There are many, many volunteer opportunities: helping with transportation, first aid, meeting and greeting, helping others find their way, being a runner, helping to move items from one place to another.

Contact: Rev. Sandra Farrow at revsandrafarrow@gmail.com or 905-725-4133.

General Council is also looking for colourful canvas, cotton or polyester fabric to make fabric tote bags for the General Council commissioners
– fabric must be at least 20 X 20 inches or 50 X 50 cm.

Directions and instructions are available to make the tote bags.
Please speak to Susan for a copy of the instructions or contact her at: auntx2@gmail.com



You're invited...

Worship Service - Confirmation Sunday 10:30am	Sunday, May 6
Wine, Women and the Word Bible Study 7:00pm	Tuesday, May 8
Youth Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm	Thursday, May 10, 17, 24, 31 June 7
Inglorious Women Benefit Concert 8:00pm <i>Tickets available at the door</i>	Friday, May 11
Mother's Day Tea 2:00pm - 4:00pm <i>Tickets required</i>	Saturday, May 12
Worship Service - Christian Family Sunday and Baptism 10:30am	Sunday, May 13
Pentecost Labyrinth Prayer Walk 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Wednesday, May 16
Worship Service - Pentecost Sunday with Communion J.a.M Pentecost Party 10:30am	Sunday, May 20
Book Club	Wednesday, May 23
Worship Service - Led by Paul Kneebone 10:30am Special Wellness Event: The Healing Power of Intentional Prayer 12:00pm - 1:30pm	Sunday, May 27
Multi-Faith Pride Service <i>Stay tuned for more information</i>	Sunday, June 3
Blood Donor Clinic - URGENT NEED - PLEASE GIVE! 4:00pm - 7:00pm	Sunday, June 5

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