



Westminster United Church

"Embracing Our Community"



*Truth and Reconciliation
Partnership in Justice*

Weekly Worship Service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
September 16, 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!



A children's program 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

Music for Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Verse

Opening Prayer

* **Passing the Peace**

* **Hymn: MV 135 Called by Earth and Sky**

The Bible is placed, candles lit

To Offer Ourselves

Invitation to Offering

Offertory - Be Thou My Vision - arr. Althouse

* **Sung Response**

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

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)

* **Hymn: MV 117 By the Well, a Thirsty Woman**

(Children can leave for **J.a.M.** during the hymn)

Scripture Background

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-12

Yvonne McNulty

Truth and Reconciliation

Rev. Michelle Robinson

Video: Reconciliation – The United Church of Canada

Ministry of Music - Sweet Grass and Candle - *Klusmeier*
Duet - *Katie Bonikowsky & Heather Von Zuben*

To Respond in Faith

Time of Silent Reflection

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn: VU 578 As A Fire Is Meant for Burning

To Go Into the World

* Blessing and Sending Forth

* Closing Sung Response

* Postlude - Creator God, You Gave Us - *Snowdon*

Upcoming Services



- Sunday, September 23 Guest Speaker: Mim Harder
Truth & Reconciliation Part 2
The Seven Grandfather Teachings
- Sunday, September 30 Loving Our Neighbour
Stewardship Series Begins

Church on our Conference Prayer Cycle

Trinity St. Andrew's, Upper Valley

Baptism today



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 plates. The requests are read in the service during our prayer time together and then forwarded to our Prayer Team who will continue to pray for each concern.

We have Hearing Assistance equipment available every Sunday //

If you are hard of hearing or you wear hearing aids, we can assist you to enjoy the service. Either headphones can be worn without hearing aids or 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 can ask one of our ushers for assistance.



Coffee and tea served after worship in the gym // Join us!

Come down to the gym to visit our organic coffee and tea table and satisfy your sweet tooth with a choice of 12 flavors of organic Fair Trade chocolate bars. Your purchases help to cover the cost of serving beverages each week. Thank you and enjoy!

60th Anniversary of WUC // Amongst the slides of announcements this morning we hope you enjoyed some photos celebrating 60 years of the Ministry of Music at Westminster!



Thank you!! //

A BIG thanks to the Foodman Group for the wonderful lunch they provided for us last week for Welcome Sunday!

60th Anniversary Church Christmas Bazaar // Sat., November 17th

Westminster will be holding the 60th Anniversary Church Bazaar on November 17, 2018! Mark your calendar!

Christmas Bazaar Meeting // Tuesday, September

18 at 7:00 pm in the Founders' Room // This meeting is a time touch base with volunteers and answer any questions. Questions? Email Brian at brianwoodlock@rogers.com.



**Book Club // Wednesday,
September 26 at 1:30 p.m**

Join us at the church to discuss the movie and book entitled *Indian Horse* by *Richard Wagamese*. All are welcome! To borrow the book or for more information, please call Susan at 905-493-3122. See the September newsletter for full details!

**Canadian Blood Services report
from our clinic on Sept 4 //**

107 people attended and 94 units were collected.

Thank you to those who attended and helped. We need you all! Please book for the next clinic on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 between 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. by calling 1-888-236-6283.



Jr. Choir Sundaes Social // Friday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. // Westminster gym

This is an invitation to all who would like to be involved in Junior Choir and their families! You are welcome to join us for a sundae and an introduction to Jr. Choir. See you there!

Church Directory Update //

The deadline for completion of our 2018 Church Directory is here! If you worship at Westminster, "you are a part of the family" and your picture should be in the family album.

**Church Photo
Directory**



If you have not yet booked a photo session for your free portrait, please do it immediately! The dates for sittings are: **September 21st and 22nd**. There are only a couple spots open for online booking at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y9n2gv58/>, HOWEVER, Lifetouch has opened up more session times. You can **book an appointment for one of these newly available times on Sept 21 or 22 through the church office (905-723-6442) or through Bev C. (905-432-9249)**

Westminster's 60th Anniversary Commemorative Pens // \$3.00

60% of our pens have been sold!!! Now is a great time to purchase your pens. Use them for - Stocking stuffers - Advent calendar gifts - Thank you gift for a neighbour or friend. Available after service in the gym or weekdays from the church office.

This is me! from your Nominations Committee //

If you have not already done so, please complete the "This is me!" form that has been a bulletin insert. Copies of the questionnaire are found at the Welcome Table where you can complete one and leave for the office. Thank you!

Church Council

This month's featured greeters and candlelighters, who met you at the front door on Welcome Sunday, were the executive members of Westminster's Church Council:

Elected by the congregation at its annual meeting, the Westminster United Church volunteer Council provides leadership and support for the many on-going Ministries within the church. The Council, which meets monthly, consists of the Ministerial Staff, Chair of Council, Secretary, and Chairs of the various committees. Council meetings cover a wide variety of topics, some of which include spiritual education and well-being, day to day property and management opportunities, congregational needs, financial planning and monitoring, community opportunities, and long-term planning.

Westminster United Church continues to thrive because many have decided to give of their time and talents. These opportunities have created new friendships and lasting experiences. Please give consideration, if you have not already done so, to sharing your time and talents. If interested, please feel free to contact the Council Chair and/or Chair of Nominations.

Your 2018-2019 Council:

Chair of Council	Paul Pierson
Council Secretary	Nancy Wallis
Minister	Rev. Michelle Robinson
Minister of Faith Formation	Cathy Shaw
Minister of Music	Margaret Motum
Trustees	Doug MacKay
Stewardship	Tom McNow
Treasurer	Monica Veenstra
Worship	Ava Tomlinson, Heather Von Zuben
Outreach	Joanne MacPherson
Communications	Bev Crumb
Christian Education	Jolene Baker
Wellness Chair	Clarence MacPherson
UCW	Susan Pleasance
Property	Bob Neil
Nominations	Margaret Suepaul
Ministry & Personnel	Teena Morrow
Presbytery Reps	Arthur Smith
	Susan Pleasance
	Shirley Penny
	Paul Kneebone

**New Small Groups - Fall 2018 -
With some groups starting as early as this week**

Plant-Based and Joyful (PB&J)

This group meets weekly to learn about and prepare plant-based meals.
Day of the Week: Wednesday
Date(s): September 19 - November 7
Time: 6:30pm. - 8:30pm.
Contact: Yvonne, complicated_ease@hotmail.com
Registration: Registration required.
Other Details: You will be asked to contribute some ingredients each week.

Mindful Meditation (REGISTRATION is FULL!)

A weekly gathering to sit in meditation together. No experience required.
Day of the Week: Wednesday
Date(s): September 19 - October 24 Time: 7:00pm. - 8:00pm.
Contact: Jake, jrobin06@gmail.com Registration: Registration required.

Senior's Fellowship

This "come as you can" monthly group has been formed to bring independent seniors together for a time of prayer, devotion and fellowship.
Day of the Week: Wednesday
Date(s): Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12
Time: 1:30pm. - 3:00pm.
Contact: Debbie, 905-668-9416 or debbiejoyce@hotmail.ca
Registration: No registration required.

Learn to Knit

Day of the Week: Tuesday
Date(s): October 2 - October 23
Time: 7:00pm. - 8:30pm.
Contact: Shirley, 905-430-1597
Registration: Registration required.

Check out the September Newsletter, or pick up a copy from the kiosk in the narthex or see the website for more small groups and information!



We need YOU! //

If we are to live out our motto - Be Welcomed, Be Nourished, Belong - we need your help. Please sign up at the table outside the office to greet and light the candles one Sunday (or more?). Having cheerful greeters at the door to welcome people to worship is an important aspect of our ministry. There's also a personal benefit - it's a great way to meet people and build relationships!

Share your MEMORIES with us! //

To help us celebrate our 60 years together as a Westminster Family, we are compiling your memories and photos in a commemorative scrap book to display on Anniversary weekend. If you would like to contribute, please email tom.mcnown@gmail.com or lori_rosdobutko@hotmail.com or contact the Westminster office. Also find the paper/insert where you can write your memories on the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

Blood Donor Clinic Volunteers – We need YOU! //

There is a need for more volunteers to help with the Canadian Blood Services Blood Donor Clinics held at Westminster. Volunteers help welcome and assist with hospitality at the clinics. Please contact Elizabeth Hatter at 905-430-8184.

Do you have some extra new cards? // The J.a.M birthday coordinator is looking for new and unused blank cards - note cards - birthday cards with envelopes. If you have any that you would be willing to donate, please give them to Susan or leave at the church office in an envelope or bag with Susan Pleasance's name on it. Thank you for your assistance. For more information: call Susan @905-493-3122.

The United Church OBSERVER // It's time to renew (or begin!) your subscription to The Observer. For a \$25 annual fee, you receive 11 monthly issues (July/August is a combined issue) containing relevant and thought-provoking articles. See Debbie Joyce at the table in the gym after worship for all the info.

Greeters and Candle Lighter

Sue Shkolnik

Ushers

Team 6 - Ed Rosdobutko, Ron Martin
June Martin, Ron Motum
Glenda Locksley, Bob Locksley

Tech Booth

William Von Zuben

Volunteer Custodian(s)

Team 6 - Neville Wright* (leader)
Dean Mortimer, Bruce Cullen

Coffee & Tea

Team 2 - Gail Wild, Jim Wild
Bonny Ferguson



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Margaret Motum, Minister of Music

Beth Navarro, Office Administrator
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Ronell Paguio, Custodian

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