



Westminster United Church

"Embracing Our Community"



*Truth and Reconciliation
Partnership in Justice*

Weekly Worship Service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
September 23, 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?*

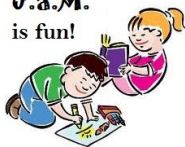
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J.a.M.
is fun!



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

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

Gathering Verses - Sweet Grass and Candle - *Klusmeier*

Opening Prayer/Four Directions Prayer

* **Passing the Peace**

* **Hymn: MV 30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker**

The Bible is placed, candles lit

To Offer Ourselves

Invitation to Offering

Offertory - Allegro - *Handel*

* **Sung Response**

Offering Prayer

To Hear God's Word

Time with all God's Children

Song while children leave for J.a.M.

"Gave Me a Heart"

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17-20a

Rev. Dan Yourkevich

Ministry of Music - A Time for Turning - *Courtney*

Living Spirituality on Turtle Island

Mim Harder

To Respond in Faith

Time of Silent Reflection

* Hymn: MV 154 Deep in Our Hearts

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

To Go Into the World

* Hymn: MV 144 Like a Healing Stream

* Blessing and Sending Forth

* Closing Sung Response

* Postlude - "Autumn" from the Four Seasons - *Vivaldi*

Upcoming Services



What's
on?

- Sunday, September 30 Loving Our Neighbour
Stewardship Series Begins
- Sunday, October 7 World Wide Communion and
Thanksgiving Sunday

Church on our Conference Prayer Cycle

St. Mark's UC, Kente

We welcome, guest speaker, Mim Harder today.

Mim Harder grew up in the Markham area with roots in the first families that settled in York Region. As an adult, she began exploring Aboriginal values, spirituality and life. Honouring the Indigenous ancestors that are part of her family is important even though there are many gaps and many unknowns. She has learned to bring together the Christian roots from her childhood and the Spirituality that is at the core of Aboriginal life. Helping people understand the reality of Indigenous life, not only in the past but the present, brings fulfillment and healing.

Mim works full time at Markham Stouffville Hospital, first on Maternal Child and now with Child Development in the Infant Hearing Program, is lead facilitator and Grandmother for KAIROS Blanket Exercises all over the GTA, is on the board of the Bawaajigewan Aboriginal Circle in Durham among other things. She is the Tota (Grandmother) of 2.

Mim likes to spend her free time with her feet on Mother Earth enjoying the wisdom and teachings of her elders, the laughter of her friends and family. Mim is learning to be comfortable walking the path that Creator has given her and living her heart. Mim was given the name of Wiingaashke Ikwe (Sweetgrass Woman). Sweetgrass is her medicine and is always with her.

A Message from the Stewardship Committee



In our worship during the month of September we have been exploring themes of reconciliation and loving one another. Building on this we are set to begin our annual giving program on October 7, "Loving Our Neighbours." At that time you will receive a letter inviting you to consider your renewal of commitment to the ministry of Westminster United Church. Good things happen when we focus time, energy and resources supporting God's mission of love and care.

We encourage you and all members of your family to prayerfully consider your own reasons for giving and how you will respond to this invitation as you are able. We hope this will be a rich opportunity for you to reflect on the blessings of your life and how you can live out your own response knowing that the gifts you offer really do make a difference.

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!

Help Needed for the Christmas Bazaar //



The Bazaar is happening on Saturday, November 17th. Help is needed. Please contact Brian at brianwoodlock@rogers.com

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.

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.

**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!

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.

THE UNITED CHURCH
OBSERVER

Westminster UCW Ladies //

On October 1 at 7:00 p.m. we will be going back in time. Our meeting will be held at Lynde House Museum, 900 Brock Street, South in Whitby (corner of Burns St. and Brock). There will be a guided tour through the Lynde House followed by refreshments and a short business meeting which will be held at the Warren General Store located right next door to the Lynde House. Come and see this house that was built in 1812. For more information please contact Barbara Auchterlonie at 905-430-1715.



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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!



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.

Westminster's 60th Anniversary Commemorative Pens // \$3 each

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.

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.

Greeters and Candle Lighter

Pete and Analicia Coulson

Ushers

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

Tech Booth

William Von Zuben

Volunteer Custodian(s)

Team 16 - Bob Neil* (leader)
Sue Neil, Larry Morrow, Jeanne Yee

Coffee & Tea

Team 3 - Tom Medlock,
Karen Kennedy, Janet Hendrikse



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