

Generously sharing the bounty from the family garden. *Thanks Jake!*

You Are Needed!

If we are to live out our motto -**Be Welcomed, Be Nourished, Belong** – we need your help.

Please sign up 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!





As we near the celebration of our 60th anniversary, it is fitting to look back on our beginnings. We are grateful to Elizabeth Hatter for sharing her reminiscences.

Memories of Westminster United Church By Elizabeth Hatter (as presented on February 25, 2018)

I would like to take you back 60 years to the beginning days of Westminster United Church.

A few people got together and decided a Church was needed in the Corridor Area (Garrard Rd. and Scott St.)

Our first meeting place was the old one-room school house which was built in 1880 and operated as a school until 1954. This building acts as a community centre today and is named Thornton Dundee, located at 210 Thornton Road N.

Years back, a stage was at one end with a little white picket fence and some artificial flowers on the fence to hide the knees of our choir. We had five or six people in the choir and Mrs. Kay Allan was the pianist and I was the choir director. Kay and I would head to Wilson & Lee music store to find music. We had music given to us by other churches that had songs they didn't want any longer. When in need, we were not choosy. Each week the Bible, hymn books, collection plates and the charter roll had to be brought and were sometimes forgotten. Thus the week my husband Ray and I were to sign our names on the charter roll, it was not brought; therefore we did not get our names on the roll as founding members.

Following this location, we had the use of a room at Dr. Robert Thornton School at Scott and Hazelwood Streets. Here again we still carried the Bible and hymn books and what was needed for the service. I don't recall just how long we had the use of these two locations.

When our Church was constructed at 25 Manning Road, the congregation volunteered at everything possible. One muddy spring, since we couldn't afford slabs for a walkway, our Minister laid planks from the street to the Church front door – so we walked the plank.

Westminster had a couple of groups at the time: Men's Club and Women's afternoon group called The Anne Porter group named after Reverend Porter's wife. We sponsored a hockey team of young boys from the community and Bill Glazier was very devoted to this. The Choir would carol down Scott Street and around the corner on Lloyd and Garrard during the Christmas season.

Various events were held to raise money. At a Time and Talent Auction, we sold pies for \$25 each and butter tarts also went for outrageous prices. Ray offered airplane rides around the area for a half dozen people. Westminster catered to weddings and a Fireman's banquet and Guides and Brownies events. We sold church plates, hats, spoons, cookbooks, praying hand signs, sweat shirts, t-shirts, and calendars for 40 cents.

We sent clothing to an Indian Reserve up north. We had Hallowe'en parties and dances, corn roasts and pool parties. We sponsored two lads from Third World countries through CanSave at various times.

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Memories (continued)

Our family attended Camp Quin-mo-lac on Moira Lake for a week one summer and I highly recommend this Camp connected to the United Church of Canada.

The church ladies' executive organized many functions with the big event being our annual turkey dinner with three sittings. The dinner had turnip and jellied salads besides what we have today. One year, we had a garden hose running across the street from our house to supply water into laundry tubs. This was heated by propane camp stoves at the back of the Church to wash the dishes. Many times the hydro would go out because we overloaded a circuit and candles would come to the rescue. Veggies would be brought to the Church at various times all cooked and ready for the table. This relieved the electrical supply on our building. Turkeys were cooked at various homes and were delivered Saturday morning to be carved at the Church.

The Minister's house (Manse) was supplied by the Church. The first rented house was on Dundas Street just opposite Mount Lawn Cemetery. Later we acquired land from Bub and Lois Suddard on Garrard Road and had a beautiful home as the Minister's residence. This manse was later sold around the time Reverend White was with us as his family wanted their own home and thus the Minister's salary was adjusted to warrant this change.

For years the Church was on a well and septic tank. When water was supplied down Scott Street in 1976, we had town water.

Ray and I would be heading to bed some nights and would notice lights on at the Church so either Ray or I would put on a jacket over our PJs and go turn the lights out.

Most weeks I would take out the garbage, maybe two or three bags.

The Ushers for the week would cut the grass, shovel the snow and open the Church for our Sunday services.

A mini hurricane came through our area in 1978 and lifted the roof at the front of our churchthus a little excitement and a breezy atmosphere. Tony and Josie Szczur's pigeon shed at the side of the church and other sheds went flying.

Within 17 years of building the Manning Street location, we burnt the mortgage.

In June 1981 Manning Mews beside the Church was founded with 20 one-bedroom units for retirees. This is still operated by us.

In 1995 our Parish nurse program began with Gail Brimbecom being the initiator.

In 1999 a school portable was placed at the south end of the church to act as an additional Sunday school space.

In 2001 we voted to build this Church and on Palm Sunday April 2003 we started our service at 25 Manning Road and walked here carrying the Bible and various other items for our beginning here at 1850 Rossland Road E.

In closing, I feel thankful and blessed to say that I am part of our Westminster United Church family doing our Lord's work today in this community.

Thank you.

PICNIC PERFECT!























Join us on Sunday, September 9th for our Welcome Sunday Celebration!

Help us Kick-Off a new year of J.a.M, and then stick around for the delicious lunch that's being prepared!



HEY KIDS!

Bring your Backpack with you to church on

Sunday, September 9th for our Blessing of the Backpacks.

What a great way to start off a brand new school year!



What's Happening With Our Newcomers: A Canadian Summer!

Sut is well into his second year with us in Canada. He continued his ESL classes in July and has been working on weekends for several people referred through church contacts. He is able to use the bus system

independently and met up with friends in Ajax to watch the World Cup Soccer finals. Tuesday evenings continue at the Beatrice Street library where Sut practises English and socializes with other newcomers. Our volunteers like to stay in contact with him so drivers take him and pick him up every Wednesday night when he plays soccer with a group in Whitby. Sut regards Westminster as his home church and attends when he is able, so do say hi when you see him.

Our most recent Newcomer Family will have been here a year this August and they have had a busy first summer. July was packed with pre-planned activities. Freweyni (Mom) has been attending ESL classes every day and the 3 older children are attending ESL camp through the Durham Board of Education. Jirom, Frtuna and Tmnit take a bus to West Lynde School every day. Samit, the youngest, has been attending Vacation Bible School at Westminster and Brooklin United Churches. Everyone's English has improved amazingly through formal classes, social exposure and additional tutoring, which several dedicated volunteers provide.

Jirom and Frtuna are both playing soccer this summer. Volunteers have stepped up to transport each of them to their weekly practices and games. When possible, other family members also attend. Tmnit, especially, can't wait until she has her own soccer shoes and can belong to a team. As an aside, Jirom is a skilled soccer player and has scored numerous goals for his team!

Our family loves new experiences and one of these included their first Canada Day. Several of our volunteers organized a picnic at Lakeview Park in Oshawa and braved the crowds which did not seem to interfere with the fun everyone had. The family also had their first cottage experience at Dingman's cottage. Joanne and Clarence MacPherson joined the adventure as well. Thankfully the sun shone and everyone enjoyed the water and their first boat ride. Any time out of the water was spent playing soccer or a card game which I couldn't explain!

Numerous other activities were organized when time and volunteers were available. August is less structured but will include a week of Vacation Bible School at Kingsview U.C. for all of the children. Formal ESL classes are suspended until September, however, soccer will continue until the end of August.

What a joy it is to watch this family as they become more independent and comfortable with the Canadian culture.

We are grateful for the opportunity we have been given to come to know all of our new friends.

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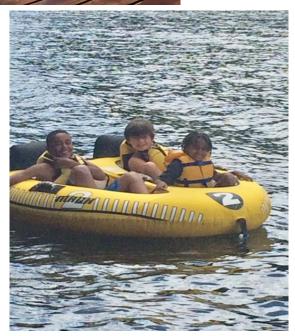
















"All God's creatures have a place in the choir, some sing low, some sing higher!" All (young - old and everything in between) were welcomed at Westminster's children church camp this summer (July 9th to 13th) where the theme was "All God's critters have a place." Did you know that there are at least 56 animal stories in the bible? At camp, we learned about Noah's Ark, Rebecca showing kindness to a stranger's camels, Jonah's experience with a whale and a worm, Daniel's experience with lions, and a horse overhearing Philip sharing the Good News with an African official.

Throughout the week and throughout the church, you could hear echos of laughter, gleeful shouts and animated conversations. Our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to our daily guests who shared how important animals were and are to us: Cathy Hewett and Hewie, Jodi Hewett and Dave Snowden and Holly, Susan Sheen, Eleanor Rice and Bambi, Dr. Dave Summers, Terry Von Zuben and Molly the Fire Dog, and Uxbridge-Scugog Animal Shelter. This year we had a full house with 40 children ranging in age from 3 ½ to 12 years old, 12 youth leaders and 13 adult leaders (at various times) participating in our church camp. We made new friends and renewed old friendships as we sang, danced, played, examined frogs and worms, milked a cow, had snail races and egg drop competitions, and decorated and painted tee shirts. We created: rainbow weavings and bracelets, a small shelf or a bird house and various toys for cats and dogs for our own beloved pet or to be donated to the pet shelter. We baked: Under the Sea Graham Cookies, Rainbow Kabobs, bread in a bag, Cheeseburger Biscuit Cups, dog biscuits and on Friday ate Octopus dogs.

This year our Outreach project was to collect your good condition and/or old towelling and bedding for the new building of the Uxbridge-Scogug Animal Shelter. <u>Thank you to all the children and to you</u> – the members of the congregation who so generously donated the following: 1 pet basket, 1 pet cushion, 2 pet pillows, 2 pet toys, 3 pet leashes with dog baggies and flashlights, 13 mats, 37 face clothes, 2 hand towels, 47 bath towels, 14 blankets, 1 quilt, 25 baby blankets, 42 sheets, and 39 pillowcases.

On behalf of the VBS Planning Team, <u>we want to thank YOU - each person of the congregation</u> for everything that you did to make our camp so successful – for sharing and bringing your children/ grandchildren, for the donations of treats and craft supplies, monetary donations, and your prayers. Most importantly, our heartfelt gratitude goes out to those people who gifted us with their presence – their energy and their time – without you our camp would not have been possible: Tim Ryan, Kimberly and Carleigh Pearce, Michelle and Cameron Ruff, Arthur Smith, Heather Von Zuben, Susan Shkolnik, Sue and Bob Neil, Ava and James Tomlinson, Meridith Kennedy, Jan and Emma Hendrikse, Kate Nicol, A.J. Simmons, Jenavieve Styles, Madelyn Berthelot, Jolene Baker, Shirley Wallis, Wendy Wen, Greta Hope, Cathy Shaw, Beth Navarro, The Chair Man Group, and Ronell Paguio. Thank you so very much for sharing your gifts with the church camp. Thank you for this amazing week filled with new friends, laughter and wonder.

God's blessings, Crystal Smith and Susan Pleasance (Church Camp Coordinators)



ALLERGY REMINDER!

With the beginning of J.a.M, your Christian Education and J.a.M Teams would like to remind you that 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).

We are also 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 everyone in our congregation, so that together we can make Westminster a place for all to enjoy. Thank you for helping us help others!



The deadline for completion of our 2018 Church Directory is here!

By participating in this event, you will receive a **free** 8 x 10 photo and a **free** directory.

Directories help you put names to faces and faces to names, making our place of worship friendlier and more personal.

If you worship at Westminster, *"you are a part of the family*" and your picture should be in the family album.

If you have not yet booked a photo session for your <u>free</u> portrait, please do it immediately. The dates for sittings are September 21st and 22nd. There are **only 3 spots** open for online booking at <u>https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y9n2gv58/</u>

<u>HOWEVER</u>, Lifetouch has opened up more session times on those dates. You can book an appointment for one of these newly available times through the church office (905-723-6442) or through Bev C. (905-432-9249)

We want this 60th Anniversary edition of our church directory to include **EVERYONE who worships at Westminster United Church**: newcomers, old-timers, families, individuals...

A Word from the Editorial Team

The Communication Committee, whose responsibility it is to keep parishioners informed, is requesting your assistace:

If you are new to Westminster (Welcome, friends!), please let us know who you are so

we can make sure you are receiving newsletters and emails. We want to ensure that you are included in all aspects of life at Westminster in addition to Sunday worship.

Submissions to the newsletter are always welcome. Do you write poetry? Do you want to recommend an inspirational book/story?

The News From The Pews column is where we share tidbits about members of the congregation. Our roving reporters (= anyone & everyone!) let us know if there has been an engagement, a wedding, a birth, a retirement, an award, a travel adventure... in someone's life. Please be sure we know so we can celebrate with you.

If you have anything to share, please email it to <u>bcrumb@sympatico.ca</u> by the 21st of the month to make sure it gets into the next month's newsletter.







Please join us for WINE, WOMEN and the WORD, (Held on the second Tuesday of the Month)

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 11th** at **7:00pm**

Come for the fellowship and some wonderful discussions. Please bring a bible if you have one.

> Our Summer Students on their first day at Westminster!



Many thanks to

Chris Shkolnik, Media Technician and Film Developer

Cherise Bryan, Web Technician and Social Media Manager

We wish them all the best as they head back to school to continue their studies!





AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Westminster Has One! Important for You to Know!

The symbol on the top left indicates there is an AED, which stands for Automated External Defibrillator, on the premises. You can see this symbol at entrances to Westminster. You will see our AED, like the picture on the top right, in the white cabinet in a prominent central location - to the left of the Accessible Washroom in the Narthex. This AED is maintained by the Wellness Committee. Visual checks are done on a regular basis to see the "OK" indicator in the top left corner of the AED, and monthly checks of the entire contents of the AED are performed by the Wellness Committee or designated person.

Westminster has a team of people who have been formally trained to respond in the event of a cardiac emergency, and they review annually the use of the AED with CPR. We are extremely grateful to these Targeted Site Emergency Responders for taking on this responsibility. The training is valuable knowledge for anyone to have. In an emergency, the AED can provide lifesaving assistance until EMS (Paramedics) arrives.

It is also important for all of us to know that the AED is very user friendly. ANYONE can use it in an emergency if a cardiac arrest is suspected. We are all protected by The Good Samaritan Act of Ontario 2001. The AED is stored in the white cabinet which will alarm if opened accidentally or intentionally. When the AED is taken from the cabinet, applied to a victim (a motionless person who is unresponsive/unconscious and not breathing) and 911 has been called, the AED will give verbal instructions and very plain diagrams will tell you what to do. The AED monitors the heart rhythm and will <u>not</u> provide shock if one is not required. Remember, it is better to do something, rather than nothing. The AED can save a person's life when minutes count.

For your interest, the links below demonstrate how to use an AED and a scenario where AED and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) are used together. Also the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada encourages people of all ages to learn basic lifesaving skills.

AED (Defibrillator) LIFEPAK CR Plus demonstration: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uhZPzvyu10

CPR/AED Scenario video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msRft-q-k_s

We have a procedure for regular monitoring and maintenance of the AED at Westminster.

For more information about the AED, contact the *Wellness Committee*.

<u>Love and Marriage</u>

What God has joined together...

Joanne and the Gibb family want to share the happy news that on July 14th Laura Gibb married James Alexander-Webber in Toronto. Avery and Winson were so happy to be part of the celebrations for Auntie Laura and Uncle James. Heather and Jennifer, Laura's sisters, did a great job as her bridesmaids. Joanne is thrilled to welcome James to the family.



Let no one put asunder!

On July 17th 1993 Tim and I thought we were truly blessed to be marrying each other, souls mates/ best friends. Delighted and ever so grateful, 25 years later, we were blessed by God's love again as we renewed our vows with the support of Rev. Michelle and well wishes from our wonderful Westminster family and friends. Thank you all. God Bless you.

THE COMMITTEE

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:

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We Are Family

Westminster's 60th Anniversary is being celebrated the weekend of November 17-18.

The theme is "*We Are Family*" and there are many events for everyone in the family to enjoy.

Saturday morning kicks off with the Christmas Bazaar and concludes with

The Showcase,

an evening of 'performances' showcasing the vibrant life and work of our church.

At our Sunday morning worship service,

Rev. Christopher White will be our guest speaker and then we will all head to the gym for a **Pot Luck Lunch**

to wind up the festivities.

Fun, Food and Fellowship shared with our Faith Family.



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.

Commemorative Anniversary Pens

are available to purchase for only \$3.00 each

60% of our pens have been SOLD!

Now is the time to purchase your pens.

They make excellent... Back to School Gifts Stocking Stuffers Advent Calendar Gifts Thank you Gifts



These lovely 60th Anniversary souvenir pens are available for purchase in the gym after Worship and from the Church Office during the week.

Don't miss your chance to get yours!



The next gathering of the Book Club is Wednesday, September 26th at 1:30pm at the church to discuss the movie and book entitled Indian Horse by Richard Wagamese.

Saul Indian Horse has hit bottom.

His last binge almost killed him, and now he's a reluctant resident in a treatment centre for alcoholics, surrounded by people he's sure will never understand him. But Saul wants peace, and he grudgingly comes to see that he'll find it only through telling his story. With him, readers embark on a journey back through the life he's led as a northern Ojibway, with all its joys and sorrows.

With compassion and insight, author Richard Wagamese traces, through his fictional characters, the decline of a culture

and a cultural way. For Saul, taken forcibly from the land and his family when he's sent to a residential school, salvation comes for a while through his incredible gifts as a hockey player. But in the harsh realities of 1960s Canada, he battles obdurate racism and the spirit -destroying effects of cultural alienation and displacement. Indian Horse unfolds against the bleak loveliness of northern Ontario, all rock, marsh, bog and cedar. Wagamese writes with a spare beauty, penetrating the heart of a remarkable Ojibway man.

BOOKS TO BE READ

Wow – What a selection of titles to choose from! ③

The books we will be reading and discussing at Westminster UC from 1:30 to 3 pm for the upcoming year are as follows:

Wednesday September 26 - movie and book: Indian Horse by Richard Wagamese

Wednesday November 28 - a general title: The Alice Network by Kate Quinn

Wednesday January 23, 2019 - a general title: Forgiveness: a Gift from my Grandparents by Mark Sakamoto.

Wednesday March 27, 2019 - a classic title: The Alchemist by Paul Coelho

Wednesday May 22, 2019 - a general title: Glass Houses by Louise Penny, and voting for the next year's books.

I have a copy of all the books and all are welcome to borrow my copy of the book although I would need the book returned to me about 3 weeks before the book club meeting date.

All are welcome to come for one or two or all discussions. I am looking forward to the year ahead with great reading and the lively discussions. For more information, please contact Susan at 905-493-3122.

Odours in the Church

Over the last several weeks (but actually over the last several years) unpleasant odours have been detected in the church, mainly the church office, narthex and kitchen, and from time to time in the sanctuary. This has been a recurring problem but it has been more intense over the summer.

Let me assure you that it is NOT natural gas. Three inspections by Enbridge Gas (April to August) have ruled out natural gas leaks in the church's heating system. In addition, we engaged Advantage AirTech, our HVAC service provider, to check for gas leaks in the furnace units on the flat roof and none were found. The flat roof is over the Narthex.

The source of the odour has been very difficult to determine but we are taking steps to eliminate as many sources as possible. One of the challenges is that the air supply for the south end of the building and gym is drawn off the flat roof. If there are any odours there, they will be drawn into the building. In mid-August, the Property Committee guys cleaned the flat roof and removed most of the botanical material, e.g. moss. In addition, the sewer line vent, located near air intakes on the roof, has been extended by four feet. We have also verified that the automatic p-trap flushing system is working as designed.

It is the committee's view at this point that the problem stems from the collection/pooling of water on the flat roof. This leads to the development of stagnant water and moss growth. We are getting estimates for three projects to reduce this pooling and we will move forward as funds permit.

These steps are:

- 1. Professional cleaning and resealing of the flat roof
- 2. Rerouting of drainage water onto the flat roof from the north side of the sanctuary roof to another location, *and*
- 3. The addition of more drain holes on the roof to remove as much water as possible when it rains.

It will take some time to put these changes into effect and we will continue to investigate other possible solutions.

We appreciate your patience as we work to improve the air quality at Westminster.

Bob Neil Property Committee



NEWS FROM THE PEWS....

Did you know...

- ...that as of last June, there were 111 children and young people registered in J.a.M.?
- ...that Margaret Motum wrote the anthem "We Sing of Jesus", sung wonderfully by the senior choir in June?
- ...that the church picnic was a great success in more ways than one? More than a hundred people attended; the planning was done with the environment in mind (even the cups were compostable!); there was no over-buying and thus little waste! Fun and Fellowship were enjoyed by all (especially during the popcorn game!). Many thanks to the Christian Education Committee for their time, effort and great planning.
- ...that Westminster United Church is a busy place, even during the summer months?
- ...that our two summer students have come and gone, after creating a new website and a video entitled "What Westminster Means to Me? Thank you Cherise and Chris.
- ...that the new roof was installed? (You can still purchase a bundle or more of shingles.)
- ...that VBS Camp was a ROARing success? Many thanks to the children, leaders and many volunteers.
- ...that Shirley Penny and her crew made 100's of muffins and cookies for General Council?
- ...that at General Council, the United Church of Canada elected a new Moderator, The Right Reverend Doctor Richard Bott?
- ...that Westminster's Weedwackers were hard at work all summer keeping up our property?
- ...that the Nomination Committee met, and have recruited several new volunteers?
- ...that Ice cream and lemonade were served after church?
- ...that Portraits were taken for the upcoming directory? Hope you and your family had their photo taken!
- ...that Inspired by Rev. Michelle's summer sermon, "Picnics Sharing God's Abundance", Jake Robinson provided a picnic for the congregation from the bounty of his garden? What a treat! Thanks, Jake.
- ...that a new grab bar was installed in the accessible washroom for safety?
- ...that the food bank was open every Tuesday, helping those in need?
- ...that our ministers all enjoyed some time off to rest and rejuvenate? Welcome back!
- ...that all church approvals for the sale of Manning Mews have been received?



Diversity Embraced Here

It's Not too late to Save the Roof!

Your Property Committee is awesome! Amidst a myriad of projects, they did a wonderful job this summer, making sure that our roof was completed on time and on budget.

This project was a necessity and the end result looks amazing...just look at the BEFORE and AFTER pictures below...

Please know that funds are still being raised for this project, as we are just over halfway to our goal... so, please consider purchasing a bundle of shingles for \$40.00 or donating what you can to this worthy project. Thanks so much!

BEFORE

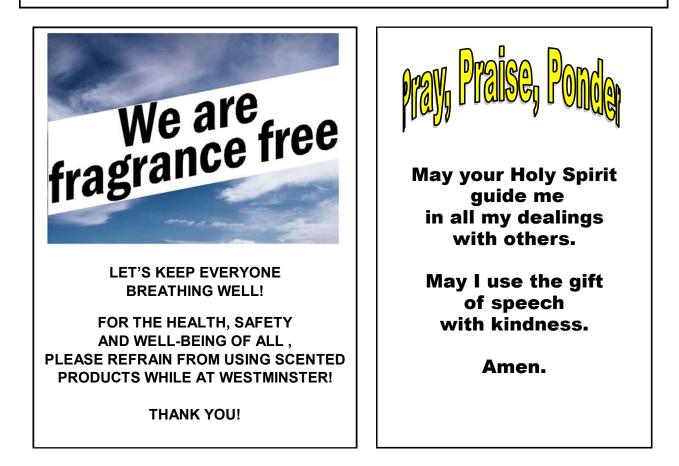


AFTER



	July 31, 2018	2018 To Date	2017 To Date
	Actual	Actual	Actual
Monthly Offerings	¢10.702	¢150,124	¢140.006
(Local & Bldg. Funds)	\$19,703	\$150,134	\$142,336
Total Revenue	\$46,602	\$263,360	\$232,272
Total Expenses	\$43,862	\$276,127	\$263,620
Net Position	\$2,740	-\$12,767	-\$31,348

I am never in control of what happens around me, but I am always in control of what happens within me!





Small Group Ministry is an intentional, regular gathering of a group of people, led by a facilitator. These groups bring together those with common interests, helping us to connect with others, to discuss a variety of topics, to learn something new and to deepen our relationship with God. There is no limit to how many groups you can attend, and the majority of groups are free.

Ongoing Small Groups

Book Club

This group gathers five times a year to discuss a variety of interesting books of different genres.

Day of the Week: Wednesday Date(s): September 26 and November 28 Time: 1:30pm. - 3:00pm. Contact: Susan, 905-493-3122 Registration: Please contact for book information.

Westminster Walkers

Keep fit and chat with friends, as you join in a weekly walk. In good weather (Fall), we meet at the church. In inclement weather (Winter), we meet at the Whitby Abilities Centre.

Day of the Week: Thursday Date(s): Every Thursday morning

Time: 9:30am. Contact: Eileen, 905-571-0368 Registration: No registration required. Other Details: There is a minimal cost for the Abilities Centre, please contact Eileen for details.

Wine, Women and the Word

This ongoing, monthly Bible Study is open to all women. Discussions, friendships and learning take place in this comfortable, easy-going group.

Day of the Week: Tuesday Date(s): Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11 Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Contact: Carol, 905-666-8930 or nss@overwhelming.ca Registration: No registration required. Other Details: Please bring a bible if you have one.

Prayer Team

Our Prayer Team meets monthly to lift up prayer requests. They also make time each week to actively pray on their own for those in need.

Day of the Week: Tuesday Date(s): Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4 Time: 11:00am. - 12:00pm. Contact: Cathy 905-723-6442, cshaw@westminster-uc.ca

Foodman Group This men's group meets weekly to chat, cook and eat!

Day of the Week: Monday Date(s): Every Monday evening Time: 7:00pm. - 9:00pm. Contact: Ed, 905-666-5069 or edrosdobutko@gmail.com Registration: No registration required.

New Small Groups

Mindful Meditation

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_irophin06@gmail.com

Contact: Jake, jrobin06@gmail.com **Registration:** Registration required.

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.

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

Always wanted to learn how to knit? Well, here's your chance!

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

NOOMA (DVD Series)

A time to watch, listen, think, discern and discuss life and God

Day of the Week: Monday Date(s): Oct. 15, Oct. 29, Nov. 12 and Nov. 26 Time: 7:00pm. - 8:00pm. Contact: Cathy 905-723-6442, cshaw@westminster-uc.ca Registration: No registration required.

You're invited...

Welcome Sunday- Communion J.a.M Kick-Off and Blessing of the Backpacks 10:30am Congregational Luncheon	Sunday, September 9	
Foodman Group 7:00pm - 9:00pm	Monday, September 10 (every Monday evening)	
Wine, Women and the Word Bible Study 7:00pm - 9:00pm	Tuesday, September 11	
Westminster Walkers 9:30am	Thursday, September 13 (every Thursday morning)	
Worship Service - Baptism 10:30am	Sunday, September 16	
Plant-Based and Joyful (PB&J) 6:30pm - 8:30pm Mindful Meditation 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Wednesday, September 19	
Church Directory Photo Session 2:00pm - 9:00pm By Appointment	Friday, September 21	
Church Directory Photo Session 10:00am - 5:00pm By Appointment	Saturday, September 22	
Worship Service Guest Speaker: <i>Mim Harder</i> 10:30am	Sunday, September 23	
Council Meeting 7:00pm	Tuesday, September 25	
Book Club 1:30pm - 3:00pm Plant-Based and Joyful (PB&J) 6:30pm - 8:30pm Mindful Meditation 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Wednesday, September 26	
Worship Service 10:30am	Sunday, September 30	
Prayer Team 11:00am - 12:00pm Learn to Knit 7:00pm - 8:30pm	Tuesday, October 2	