



Westminster United Church

"Embracing Our Community"



Weekly Worship Service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
November 18, 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.

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**New
Here?**

J.a.M.
is fun!



A children's program is available for your baby/toddler in the nursery down the hall. Children 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 -

The Hymnary, The Hymn Book, Voices United and More

Welcome and Announcements

Greetings:

Celina Caesar-Chavannes, MP

Lorne Coe, MPP

Steve Yamada, Councillor Town of Whitby

The Right Reverend Richard Bott, UCC Moderator

Call to Worship

Gathering Verse VU 569 vs.1

Opening Prayer

*** Passing the Peace**

*** Hymn: VU 389 God Is Here**

The Bible is placed, candles lit

To Offer Ourselves

In Recognition of our Prayer Shawl Ministry

Invitation to Offering

Offertory - These Walls - Sorenson**

SALT

*** Sung Response**

Offering Prayer

To Hear God's Word

Jr. Choir - Try Everything - Shakira

Time with all God's Children

Song while children leave for J.a.M. - Gave Me a Heart

(Grades 6 & up will remain in service)

****The anthems today:**

"These Walls" and "A Community of Faith" were donated by Gord and Shirley Wallis to celebrate both Westminster's 60th Anniversary and their own 60th Wedding Anniversary!

"Our Hope" was donated by the Sanderson family in loving memory of Dr. Harry Sanderson.

Ministry of Music - Our Hope - *Elsey/Sterling* **

Scripture: John 2:1-12

Sue Kurtz

Sermon: Saving the Best for Last

Rev. Christopher White

To Respond in Faith

Time of Silent Reflection

Liturgical Dance

Emma Cullen

*** Hymn: VU 509 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

The congregation is invited to stand and sing during vs. 3

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

To Go Into the World

*** Hymn: MV 42 Praise God for this Holy Ground**

*** Closing Prayer**

*** Blessing and Sending Forth**

*** Closing Sung Response**

*** Choral Postlude** - A Community of Faith - *Williams/Martin***

Upcoming Services

What's
on?

- Sunday, November 25 Reign of Christ Sunday & Celebration of Baptism
- Sunday, December 2 First Sunday of Advent & Communion Sunday

Church on our Conference Prayer Cycle

Heritage UC, Hills and Shores

Welcome, Guest Preacher, The Reverend Christopher White //

Christopher White has been in ministry with the United Church for over 30 years and spent 18 of them at Westminster. He is the author of 5 books and writes regularly for the United Church Observer, including the monthly Question Box column. In Toronto he co founded Faith in the City, an interfaith organization that has played a critical role in bringing the voices of faith communities to the public square. He has received numerous awards for his writing and in 2012 he received The Queens Diamond Jubilee medal in recognition of his service to the community. He is currently in ministry at St Marks United Church in Scarborough. He and Wendy have been married for 38 years and he is the proud father to Sarah and Elizabeth and father in law to Jeremy.

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.

60th Anniversary Potluck Lunch //

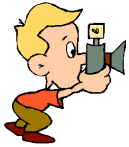
Join us after today's service in the gym for a pot luck lunch! Feel free to offer your assistance for clean-up afterwards, if you are able. Happy 60th Westminster!



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!

Thank you // A heartfelt **thank-you** to the 60th Anniversary Committee, Elizabeth H, Arlene J, Margaret M, Lori R, Don F, Pat A, Brian W, Shane S, and Tom M, chair of the group, for everything they have done in preparation for this celebratory weekend of 60 ministry years!



Hip hip hurray! The 60th Anniversary church directories have arrived! //

Everyone who was photographed by Lifetouch is entitled to a free directory. You can pick yours up in the gym after service from your Communication Committee.



Christmas

Christmas at the Safety Village // Fri., Nov. 16 -

Sat., Nov. 24 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at

The Kids' Safety Village (1129 Athol St., Whitby)

For the 3rd year in a row, Westminster will be decorating the Village Chapel for this wonderful, family, Christmas Event. Stop by and see what we've done! This festive event is open to all ages, with free admission, hot chocolate and a meet and greet with Santa, police officers and fire fighters. On the weekends there will also be a mini parade and a brass band. For more information, call 905-668-9893, see the website www.durhamsafetyvillage.com or email safetyvillage@drps.ca

Update on Sale of Land to Manning Mews //

Progress continues, we received approval this week from CMHC on changes they requested to the purchase sale agreement. Next step is for CMHC to complete a site visit, specific date for the visit not yet known. A new closing date of November 29th has been established by all parties. Any questions or concerns please direct them to Paul Pierson (Chair of Council).

Friday Flick Night // Friday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m.

A FREE movie night for ADULTS...bring a date, bring a friend or step out solo. Our FRIDAY FLICK this month is: *Won't You Be My Neighbour?* A stirring and provocative documentary about the life and guiding philosophy of Fred Rogers, the host and creator of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood.



We're looking for choir singers on Sunday, December 23 //

All interested in joining the choir to sing the anthem Sunday, December 23 are invited to attend a portion of Thursday night choir rehearsals **beginning Thurs. Nov.29**. The time commitment will be 7:30-8:15.

Hope to see you!! Speak to Margaret Motum for more information.

Westminster Book Club // Wednesday, November 28 at 1:30 p.m.

Join us at the church to discuss the book entitled **The Alice Network** by Kate Quinn. "a female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947--are brought together in a mesmerizing story of courage and redemption. Both funny and heartbreaking, this epic journey of two courageous women is an unforgettable tale of little-known wartime glory and sacrifice." All are welcome! To borrow the book or for more information, please call Susan at 905-493-3122. And see the November newsletter for more details!



ADVENTure Day // Sunday, Dec. 2 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Hey Kids, be sure to bring your adult(s) to this awesome, free event, our 2nd ADVENTure Day! Right after church, stay for a family-friendly lunch and then tour around to different craft/activity rooms, as together we celebrate the

first day of the ADVENT Season. This event is for families with children ages 3-10. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!** To get your free family ticket, **please register in the gym following service on Nov. 25**. Spaces are limited so don't wait or you'll miss the fun! For additional information, contact Jolene Baker, Chair of Christian Education at jolenebaker@gmail.com.

See you on ADVENTure Day!

Come one, Come All -
Women of Westminster United Church -
You are invited to the

U.C.W. Christmas Potluck Dinner


on *Monday December 3rd, 2018*

In the Founder's Room at WUC
Gathering and appetizers at 5:30pm & Dinner @ 6:00pm

Kindness,
like snow,
makes everything
it covers beautiful.

Please bring your favorite one of: a main course or salad
or dessert to share.

If you desire: Christmas Donations are being gratefully accepted for:
Westminster's own Food Bank - especially the following items:
packages of 4 rolls of toilet paper, kleenex, women's sanitary pads,
shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant for
both men and women, laundry soap, dish soap,
instant coffee and coffee creamer



A snowflake
is one of God's most
fragile creations, but
look what they can
do when they stick
together!

R. S.V.P. on or before
Friday, November 30th to
Margaret M @ 905-723-7029
or Susan P @ 905-493-3122
or Liz A @ 905-579-8459

YOUTH CORNER



**CALLING ALL
YOUTH**

"The power of youth is the common wealth for the entire world. The faces of young people are the faces of our past, our present and our future. No segment in society can match with the power, idealism, enthusiasm and courage of young people".

Kailash Satyarthi

Upcoming Youth Group Meetings:

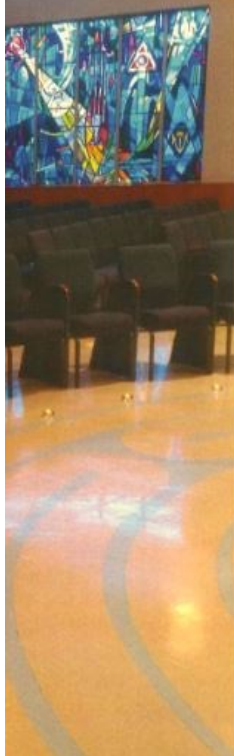
Friday, Nov. 23 - Junior Youth

Friday, Nov. 30 - Senior Youth

Taizé Advent Service



Join us for a contemplative evening of prayer, music, and readings around a candlelit labyrinth beginning at 7: 00 p.m. Wednesday November 28. This service is modeled after the Taizé Community in France, which is focused on youth and reconciliation. It includes a prayer walk on a 7 circuit labyrinth which is a symbol of wholeness and our spiritual journey of transformation and healing.



During Advent take time to slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery that looks so common, so ordinary and yet is wonderously present. Prepare your hearts to receive a blessing of peace from the Prince of Peace.

Location Westminster United Church
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For further information or to confirm your participation contact
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Blood Donor Clinic // Tuesday, December 4 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. // Westminster Gym // You can book your appointment time by calling ahead to Canadian Blood Services at 1-888-236-6283.

donate.
blood.
now.
urgently.



Grocery Cards // We all buy groceries, so why not support Westminster at the same time? Grocery gift cards are available for purchase at face value after service on Sunday or in the church office during the week. 5% of the proceeds go to Westminster U.C.

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.

Greeters and Candle Lighter

Lorraine Joynt & Chuck Ley

Ushers

Team 3 - Shane & Margaret Suepaul,
Jeanne Yee, Bruce & Adam Cullen,
Ava Tomlinson

Tech Booth

Bruce Cullen and Adam Cullen

Volunteer Custodian(s)

Team 2 - Jack Darroch (leader)
King Whitney, Bill Fisher

Coffee & Tea

Team 1 - Emma Lovasz, Joyce Lowe,
Liz Robinson



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Ronell Paguio, Custodian



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