



Westminster United Church

"Embracing Our Community"



Weekly Worship Service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
February 17, 2019

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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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 for directions or more information. If you have questions about our J.a.M. program, contact: Cathy Shaw, Minister of Faith Formation (cshaw@westminster-uc.ca)

(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: VU 316 Praise Our Maker**

The Bible is placed, candles lit

To Offer Ourselves

Invitation to Offering

Offertory - I Love to Tell the Story - Hankey/Fisher

*** Sung Response**

Offering Prayer

To Hear God's Word

Time with all God's Children

Song while children leave for J.a.M.

VU 646 We Are Marching

Ministry of Music - Love Divine - Wesley/Pritchard

Scripture Background

Scripture: Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29

Sermon

Yvonne McNulty

Rev. Michelle Robinson

To Respond in Faith

Time of Silent Reflection

*** Hymn: VU 299 Teach Me, God, to Wonder**

Gathering at Jesus' Table –Communion Prayer

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup

Sharing the Meal

Hymns during communion:

VU 457 As We Gather at Your Table

MV 192 We Come Now to Your Table Lord

VU 480 Let Us Break Bread Together

Prayer after Communion and The Lord's Prayer

To Go Into the World

*** Hymn: The Wise Man Built**

*** Blessing and Sending Forth**

*** Closing Sung Response**

*** Postlude - You Shall Go Out With Joy - Dauermann**

Upcoming Services

- Sunday, February 24 Sunday Worship
Annual Congregational Meeting
after worship & Foodman lunch
- Sunday, March 6 Sunday Worship

Regional Prayer Cycle:

We are holding in prayer our fellow community of faith
Harmony United Church.

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.



Coffee and tea served after worship in the gym //

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

February is Black History Month or African Heritage Month in Canada //

The United Church of Canada celebrates the many contributions of Black people to Canadian society and to the United Church.

Recent heightened racial tensions in North America have called communities of faith in Canada and around the world to recommit to anti-racism and anti-oppression work.

During Black History Month, we acknowledge the struggles, contributions, and achievements of Black Canadians, knowing that the more these stories are shared, the more we will come to know one another.

(from united-church.ca)

Income Tax Receipt Pick-up // Tax receipts for 2018 offerings to Westminster United Church have been prepared. Receipts are available for pick up in the Narthex on Sundays (February 17 & 24) or from the office during the week.



Wine, Women and the Word // Tues., Feb. 19 from 7:00-9:00 pm //

Our next Wine, Women is being held at Carol O'Neil's home. Please contact the church office if you are in need of directions. The topic is "A Matter of Time...Sarai." Bible reading is Genesis 11:29-32, 12:1-20. Please bring your bible if you have one.

Congregational Meeting



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING // Next Sunday, February 24, immediately following service & a lunch prepared by the Foodman group.

According to The Manual, 2016, "the congregation ... must meet annually ... [and] must be held as early as possible in the calendar year". It also states: "At the annual meeting, the congregation or pastoral charge is responsible for (a) electing a chair and a secretary of the annual meeting; (b) receiving the annual reports from the governing body, committees, and other groups in the congregation or pastoral charge; (c) electing the governing body and Regional representatives; and (d) considering and making a decision on the draft annual budget".

Please also note **CHILDCARE is available** during the ACM.

Mindful Meditation // Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30pm // Sanctuary

Mindfulness meditation is a proven way to reduce stress and encourage well being. Contrary to the popular belief that meditation is a way to make one's mind devoid of thought, it is rather a way to train yourself to focus your attention on the present moment and be more accepting. The mindfulness meditation group is lead by Jeanne Yee and Jake Robinson and will present a number of different mediation methods. You're invited to participate Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary from 7:30- 8:30. No prior experience is required. Please contact Jake at jrobin06@gmail.com if you wish to participate or learn more about this small group.

World Day of Prayer Services // Friday, March 1, 2019

2:00pm - St. Mark's United Church, Whitby

7:30pm - St. John's Anglican Church, Port Whitby

This is a multi-denominational service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee in Slovenia. Ten local Whitby churches, including Westminster, will gather to offer worship together. Please join us for this very special service!



Foodman Fundraiser Dinner // Saturday, March 2, 2019

The Westminster United Church Foodman group will once again offer a chance to enjoy their culinary skills with a dinner theme, "Off to the Islands". See the yellow insert for full details. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Tickets will be on sale *this Sunday in the gym* as well as in the church

office during the week.

Pancake Supper // Tues., March 5 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm //

The tradition continues with Westminster's annual Shrove Tuesday PANCAKE SUPPER! Bring your family and friends for a pancake feast (with sausages and fruit) ... smothered in syrup! A free-will offering will be gratefully received at the door. If you would like to help out with this fellowship event, please contact Bev Crumb. We need: flippers, servers, bussers, dishwashers.



Ash Wednesday Service // March 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm //

The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. To mark this day, please join us at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for a brief Ash Wednesday Service that will include song, prayer and the imposition of ashes.

Game Night // Friday, March 8 from 7:00-9:30pm // Gym

Beat the Winter Blues at our game night! This is a free event for adults and youth (Grade 6 and up). Please let us know if you plan to join us, so we can have enough snacks! RSVP to Cathy Shaw at: cshaw@westminster-uc.ca or 905-723-6442



Lenten Study // Wednesdays at 11:00 am // 5 weeks beginning March 13 in the Founders' Room

Weekly gathering led by Rev. Michelle using the Lenten resource, Why I Believe: Daily Devotions on Faith and Discipleship (United Church Publishing House, 2017). Daily readings involve reflections by several authors on personal faith journeys, introducing new perspectives that will encourage us to consider our own spiritual viewpoints. All are welcome. Contact Rev. Michelle to register, mrobinson@westminster-uc.ca Books are \$12.95 + tax.

Having Healthy Conversations – Congregational Workshop // Saturday, March 23 // 9:30 am to 12:30 pm // Westminster Church



Please mark your calendars and plan to attend a facilitated workshop on having healthy conversations. We will learn and participate together and put our new skills into action as we check in on how Westminster is living into its commitment of being an affirming congregation. This workshop is part of our preparations for the upcoming conversations we will be having around mission and vision renewal/discernment. Come and be part of the conversation. For further information contact the Church Office.

The UCWs in our Region are collectors! //

Perhaps you can contribute to this effort. We can use:

- stamps trimmed to a 1/4 inch border
- eyeglasses (no cases), hearing aids and accessories
- pop tabs, milk bags
- devotional books
- knitted 'Jack Frost' items for adults or children
- Canadian Tire money

These may be placed in the labelled wooden box in the Narthex or given to Mary Shepherd who can tell you where they all go! Thank you.

Greeters & Scripture Readers // Sign up outside the office

Please consider signing up to greet at the door on a Sunday morning. It's a great way to meet people and extending welcome to one another is an important part of who we are! While you're signing up for that, consider being a scripture reader during Sunday worship. Both sign up sheets can be found on the table outside of the church office. If you have any questions, contact Beth, office administrator, at 905-723-6442.

Fish Pin Ministry //

Westminster is starting the Fish Pin Ministry again. If you would like a fish pin with your name on it, please sign up on the sheet near the welcome table in the Narthex. We are requesting a \$1.00 donation towards the materials. Direct any questions to Ava or James Tomlinson at avatomlinson@rogers.com

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.



Westminster Weekly Calendar

Sunday February 17

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM- Celebration of Communion (Sanctuary)
12:00 PM - 01:30 PM- Climate Disruption Mitigation Committee
 Information Committee Session (Founders' Room)

Monday February 18

-Family Day-
-Church & Office closed for the holiday –
Have a great day with your family!!

Tuesday February 19

12:30 PM - 03:00 PM-Stroke Recovery Group (Gym/Kitchen)
01:00 PM - 02:30 PM-Multi Faith Pride Service Committee Meeting
 (Founders`Rm)
06:30 PM - 08:00 PM-Whitby 31st Brownies (Gym)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-1st Mapleshade Rangers (Room 1)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Wine, Women and The Word
 (Offsite- Carol O'Neil's Home)

Wednesday February 20

07:00 PM - 08:30 PM-Manning Mews Meeting (Room 1)
07:30 PM - 08:30 PM-Mindful Meditation (Sanctuary)

Thursday February 21

01:15 PM - 04:30 PM-Town of Whitby Sr. Bridge (Gym/Kitchen)
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM-Choir Practice (Founder's Room/Sanctuary)
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM-Family Karate (Gym)

Friday February 22

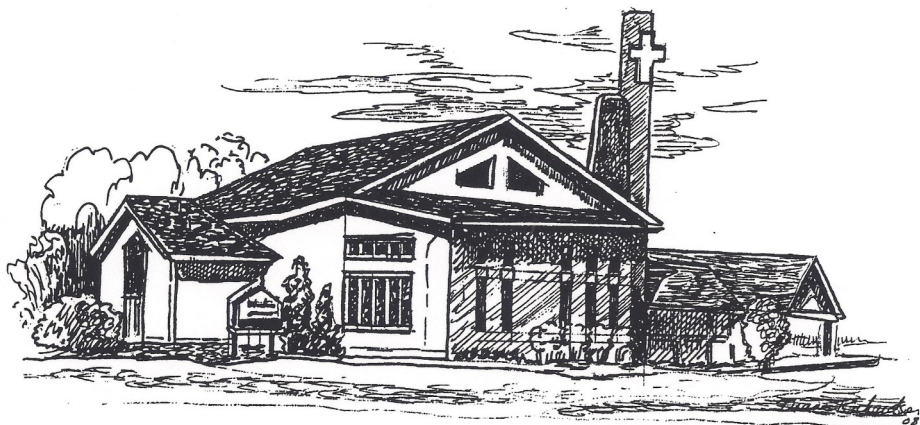
08:30 AM - 04:30 PM-YDAC (Room 1, Computer Rm, Gym)

Saturday February 23

09:00 AM - 01:00 PM-Ministry Vocations Committee Meeting
 (LLWL Gathering) (Founders' Rm/ Kitchen)
04:30 PM - 06:00 PM-Coldest Night of the Year Walk (offsite)

Sunday February 24

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM-Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
11:45 AM - 01:30 PM-Annual Congregational Meeting and Foodman
 lunch (Gym/Sanctuary)



Greeters and Candle Lighter Patti Lang

Ushers Team 4 - Bob Dingman, Larry Morrow,
Bob Neil, Arlene Jones, Gord Mahaffy,
Neville Wright, Jim Edwards

Tech Booth William Von Zuben & Jan Hendrikse

Volunteer Custodian(s) Team 4 - Bob Dingman* (leader)
Maureen Dingman, Bill Beer,
Bonnie Beer

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