



# Westminster United Church

## "Embracing Our Community"



# "Being a Friend"



## Scouting and Guiding Sunday

### Welcome All!

Weekly Worship Service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.  
**February 3, 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](http://www.westminster-uc.ca) or sign up for our weekly email at [wuc@westminster-uc.ca](mailto:wuc@westminster-uc.ca).

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**J.a.M.**  
is fun!



There is no children's program or **J.a.M.** during the service today. The nursery will be open for children to use with their caregivers. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our **J.a.M.** program, please contact: Cathy Shaw, Minister of Faith Formation ([cshaw@westminster-uc.ca](mailto:cshaw@westminster-uc.ca))

*(\* Indicates to please stand as you are able.)*

## **We Gather Together**

**Music for Gathering** - Camp Song Medley

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

**Gathering Verse**

**Opening Prayer**

**\* Colour Guard Processional**

**\* Singing of O Canada**

**\* Passing the Peace**

**\* Hymn: MV 145 Draw the Circle Wide**

*The Bible is placed, candles lit*

## **To Offer Ourselves**

**Minute for Mission: Video** - Adventure Camp

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory** - Lean on Me - *Withers*

**\* Sung Response**

**Offering Prayer**

## **To Hear God's Word**

**A Presentation by the Beavers and Sparks**

**Baden-Powell Presentation**

**The Scout and Guide Promises**

**Hymn: VU 646 We Are Marching**

**Scripture Background**

**Scripture: Romans 12:9-18 The Living Bible (TLB)**

**A Sermon on Civility and Being a Friend (Because How We Treat Others Means Everything)**

*Rev. Michelle Robinson*

## To Respond in Faith

Time of Silent Reflection

Song: You've Got a Friend in Me

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

## To Go Into the World

\* Hymn: VU 664 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

\* Colour Guard Recessional

\* Blessing and Sending Forth

\* Closing Sung Response - Daylight Taps

\* Postlude - What the World Needs Now is Love - *Bacharach*

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### Upcoming Services

What's  
on?

- Sunday, February 10 Sunday Worship
- Sunday, February 17 Celebration of Communion
- Sunday, February 24 Sunday Worship  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
after worship & Foodman lunch

### Regional Prayer Cycle:

We are holding in prayer our fellow community of faith  
St. Andrew's United Church (Beaverton).

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A warm welcome is extended to the Whitby Scouts and Guides,  
their leaders and families to this service.

*Join us*

*We are all invited to the gym  
for a time of fellowship following  
worship today.*

*Please enjoy the cake, coffee and tea, as well as  
the historical items on display from both the  
Scouting and Guiding organizations.*



## Why have a Scouting and Guiding Service?

In the month of February Scouts and Guides around the world, from Beavers to Rovers and Sparks to Rangers, celebrate the births of their founders, Lord Robert Baden-Powell (1857–1941) and his wife, Lady Olave Baden-Powell (1889–1977). Although not as many churches are involved with these organizations in present day, there are still some that are partnered with the Scouts and Guides through the act of holding a Charter. Holding a Charter signifies a partnership with these groups to focus on helping young people. Westminster has held a Charter for the Scouts for 23 years. In today's service, we acknowledge the contributions of the Baden-Powells and all those who have been part of these organizations.



### 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!



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### Black History Month //

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)

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### Blood Pressure Screening // Founders' Room after worship today!



Blood Pressure checks are held intermittently through-out the year in the Founders' Room. Come and visit us today!

## **Mindful Meditation Small Group // Wednesdays from 7:30pm – 8:30pm // Sanctuary**

Is your mind "full" or mindful? If it is the first and you would like for it to be the latter, then you might wish to join our Mindful Meditation group. This Small Group meets every Wednesday from 7:30pm – 8:30pm and all are welcome. No experience or registration is required. For more information, contact Jake at: jrobin06@gmail.com

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## **Climate Action Survey //**

In May 2018 Westminster United Church Council decided to take on the responsibility of engaging Westminster's congregation as a whole in addressing the climate challenge. A group of interested congregants has been formed to head up the "Climate Disruption Mitigation Committee."



You have either received the short survey via email this past week, or you can pick up a copy in the narthex after worship today.

Individual results of this survey will be held in confidence though a summary will be circulated to the congregation. Results will be used to identify a focus for next steps. We thank you for taking time to participate in this important survey.

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## **Second Annual "United In Praise" Praise Band Concert! // Saturday, February 9 // Faith United Church- 1778 Nash Rd., Courtyce // 7:00pm**

Join us for an evening of traditional and contemporary praise music! Featuring praise bands from Brooklin, Faith, Kingsview, Newcastle, and Westminster United Churches.

A free will offering to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada will be taken.

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## **Faith and Fellowship // Wed. February 13 from 1:30 - 3:00pm // Founders' Room**

Our Seniors' Fellowship group is now called "Faith and Fellowship". This is a monthly "come as you can" group and brings us together for a time of prayer, devotion, food and fellowship.

*Upcoming Dates:* March 13, April 10 and May 8

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## **Wine, Women and the Word // Tuesday, February 19 from 7 - 9pm //**

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.





**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (ACM) //**  
**Sunday, February 24, immediately following service**  
**and a lunch graciously 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". *Kindly note this IMPORTANT DATE in your calendar and plan to attend.*

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**Foodman Fundraiser Dinner //** **Come in from the Cold**  
**and Off to the Islands //** **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". We will begin with appetizers at 6 pm in the Narthex, and dinner following at 7 pm. The cost for this tasty opportunity will be \$35.00 per person. Tickets will be on sale this Sunday and each Sunday after service as well as in the church office during the week.



**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](mailto:avatomlinson@rogers.com)

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**Nativity Scene - Planning ahead**

The Worship Committee is looking for suggestions for setting up a nativity scene on our front lawn at Christmastime. If you have any ideas or would like to participate in locating/building/enhancing a nativity scene, please get in touch with Ava Tomlinson [avatomlinson@rogers.com](mailto:avatomlinson@rogers.com) or Heather Von Zuben [heathervz@sympatico.ca](mailto:heathervz@sympatico.ca)

## Come Walk With Us on the COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR! // Saturday, February 23

Lace up your boots, bundle up and join members of your church community as we walk together to make a difference in the lives of others! To join our team and to sponsor online, just go to [www.cnoy.org](http://www.cnoy.org) search for Westminster United Church and follow the prompts; Or stop by the gym after service on Feb. 10 or Feb. 17 to give a donation. All proceeds raised will go directly to The Refuge, a local outreach program giving hope and love to the hurting, hungry and homeless youth of our community. For more information contact Cathy Shaw at 905-723-6442 or at [cshaw@westminster-uc.ca](mailto:cshaw@westminster-uc.ca)



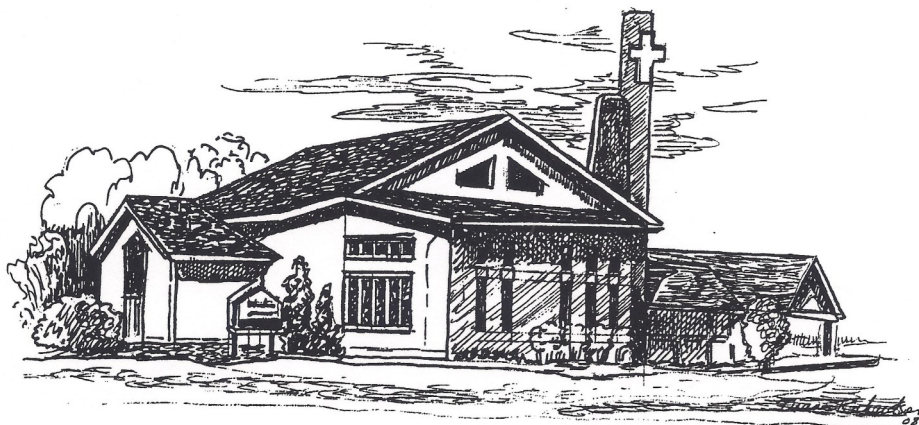
### FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE / STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

2018 STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS		
<i>(Excludes all roof-related transactions, UCC Loan, Manning Mews Sale, and DUCA Mortgage pay out.)</i>		
	ACTUAL JAN - DEC	BUDGET JAN - DEC
Offerings - Local Fund	249,069	265,000
Offerings - Building Fund	24,885	25,000
Offerings - Mission & Service	24,217	23,000
Other Receipts	179,437	163,900
Total 2018 Operating Receipts	477,608	476,900
Total 2018 Operating Disbursements	490,913	496,957
<b>2018 Operating + Surplus / - Deficit</b>	<b>-13,305</b>	<b>-20,057</b>
<b>Congratulations!</b>		
<b>2018 Actual Operating Deficit &lt; 2018 Budgeted Operating Deficit</b>		

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS = \$188,856

*Thank you for your continued support of Westminster United Church, financially and otherwise! This faith community and its ministries would not be what they are without you!*






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**Greeters and Candle Lighter**    Scouts and Guides

**Ushers**    Team 2 - Carol O'Neil & Mark Clarke,  
Clarence MacPherson,  
Barb Auchterlonie, Dave Summers,  
Don Fry

**Tech Booth**    Martin Gilroy and David Hall

**Volunteer Custodian(s)**    Team 2 - Dave Summers\* (leader)  
Ava Tomlinson, Don Fry

**Coffee & Tea**    Team 2 - Gail and Jim Wild,  
Bonny Ferguson

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