



Westminster United Church

"Embracing Our Community"



Weekly Worship Service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
September 22, 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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(* Indicates standing in body or spirit)

We Gather Together

Music for Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Humbly we come...

Many: From our busy, chaotic, joyful, broken and sometimes lonely lives. We humbly come "home"

One: "Home" to this sacred space.....

Many: To share our faith, to join in fellowship and to praise our Creator

One: We humbly come before you, Lord.....

Many: For you know and love us best.

One: Help us, Lord

Many: To be humble, to tear down our walls of pride and to bask in the warmth of your Spirit so that we might be open to your blessings and unconditional love.

One: Let us worship together this day

Gathering Verse - MV 62 There is Room For All

Opening Prayer

*** Passing the Peace**

*** Hymn: MV 145 Draw the Circle Wide** - *Gordon Light* (Bible is placed)

To Offer Ourselves

Invitation to Offering

Offertory - Put a Little Love in your Heart

Katie Bonikowsky, King Whitney

*** Sung Response - VU 544 - In Gratitude and Humble Trust**

Offering Prayer

Dedication of Bibles

To Hear God's Word

Time with all God's Children

Song while children leave for J.a.M. "Shout for God" VU 246 vs.1,4

Ministry of Music - A Community of Faith - *Martin*

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14 *Bev Crumb*

Message: What if God doesn't Play by our Rules? *Rev. Dan Yourkevich*

To Respond in Faith

Time of Silent Reflection

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

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

To Go Into the World

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

* Sending Forth and Blessing

* Closing Response - VU 646 We are Marching

* Postlude - Down to the River to Pray - *trad. Folk Hymn*

Upcoming Services

What's
on?

- Sunday, September 29 Sunday Worship
- Sunday, October 6 Sunday Worship
- World Wide Communion

Next Week's Scripture: Matthew 25:14-29
Theme: "God's Arithmetic"

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 are served after worship in the gym //

Join us for lunch TODAY! //

Join us for a cup of coffee or tea and a time of fellowship.

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.



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 any questions or concerns regarding our J.a.M. program, please contact: Cathy Shaw, Minister of Faith Formation (cshaw@westminster-uc.ca)



Regional Prayer Cycle

We are holding in prayer our fellow community of faith
Simcoe Street United Church, Oshawa



We thank you for your generosity to our Food Bank and for helping to keep our shelves stocked especially during the summer months //

A few things that we are currently in need of are: canned fruit and veggies, pasta sauce, instant coffee and school snacks or fruit cups. Thank you! We are very grateful!

WUC Debit/Credit Terminal //



The terminal is available each Sunday in the gym after service, and Monday through Friday in the office during office hours. Use the debit/credit card terminal to make an offering; purchase tickets to events; and/or purchase Loblaws Cards. We accept debit, MasterCard and VISA.

The Westminster Book Club // Wednesday, Sept 25 // 1:30 pm // Founders' Room

The next gathering of the Book Club is to discuss the book If Beale Street Could Talk by *James Baldwin*. All are welcome. To borrow the book or for more information contact Susan at 905-493-3122. To see details about the book checkout the September newsletter.



Prayer Shawl Ministry //

While Shirley Wallis is away, if you are in need of wool or yarn, please speak to Jean Senko.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Hurricane Dorian Assistance– Collection of Personal Hygiene Products //

After hearing about the devastation left by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas' and Abaco Islands, often one wants to do something more. Through Carol O'Neil and the MCC (Mennonite Central Committee – who

Carol works for), the UCW is offering the congregation such an opportunity. 'Buckets of Thanks' containing personal hygiene supplies will be sent to the people affected by the disaster. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, October 13th. We will be collecting the following items: wrapped bars of bath soap, 300 + ml bottles of shampoo, bars of laundry soap (ie Sunlight), new adult-sized toothbrushes, new bath towels (approximately 75 X 150 cm), wide-toothed combs, nail clippers, assorted adhesive bandages, and packages of thin sanitary pads. All donations can be left in the marked box in front of the church office. Thank you in advance for your help.

The United Church is accepting donations to respond to the needs of those affected by Hurricane Dorian's devastation. You can help by donating through the United Church here: <https://www.united-church.ca/hurricane-dorian-relief>

Buds & Shrubs //

The Property Committee would like to form a working group to plan, cost and implement a three year plan to re-beautify the Westminster grounds. We welcome all interested people and those with landscape planning experience to join our effort. We are also asking for on-call volunteers to do the work and maintenance for these ongoing projects. If you are interested, please speak to either Monica Veenstra or Ron Kurtz for



Camp Quin-Mo-Lac Request //

Our closest United Church camp, Camp Quin-Mo-Lac, is in need of the following supplies: new 13 or 60 watt lightbulbs, new 9-volt square batteries, Canadian Tire money, and assorted sport balls: soccer, baseball, basketball, and football. If you are donating, please leave the items in the designated box at the church and they will be picked up on Sunday, October 13, 2019. Thank you for your assistance in providing these items for Camp Quin-Mo-Lac. It is greatly appreciated.





Westminster United Church

Presents

Diane Leah, Heather Bambrick, and Julie Michels

in

Broadsway

"From Gershwin to Gaga, it's Broadway... their way!"

October 26th, 2019

7pm

Limited number of tickets available at the church

or online at www.brownpapertickets.com

\$30 per ticket

1850 Rossland Road East Whitby

Westminster Weekly Calendar

Sunday September 22

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM-Welcome Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Congregational lunch in the gym.
All are welcome. Join us!
12:00 PM - 01:30 PM-CE/J.a.M meeting (Founders' Room)

Monday September 23

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM-YDAC (Room 1, Youth & Computer)
09:30 AM - 12:30 PM-Taoism Tai Chi (Gym)
06:00 PM - 09:00 PM-M&P booking (Founders' Room)
06:30 PM - 08:30 PM-Guides 18th group (Gym)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Foodmangroup Meeting (Kitchen)

Tuesday September 24

12:30 PM - 03:00 PM-Stroke Recovery Group (Gym/Kitchen)
01:30 PM - 02:30 PM-Prayer Team Meeting (Sanctuary)
06:30 PM - 08:00 PM-Whitby 31st Brownies (Gym)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-WUC Council Meeting (Founders Room)

Wednesday September 25

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM-Whitby-Brooklin Probus (Gym)
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM-Labyrinth Meeting (Founders' Room)
01:30 PM - 03:00 PM-WUC Book Club (Founders' Room)

Thursday September 26

07:00 PM - 08:30 PM-Family Karate (Gym)
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM-Choir Practice (Founder's Room/Sanctuary)

Friday September 27

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

Saturday September 28

Sunday September 29

Being Stewards of God's Earth //



A recent study suggests that humans consume up to 74,000 microplastic particles each year. Toxic chemicals in these microplastics are absorbed by our bodies and may lead to human health effects. Let's get involved and speak to local representatives. It works! In 2018, microbeads were banned in a number of products--including facial scrubs, toothpastes, and body lotions--in response to public demand. Canada has recently launched a plan to ban harmful single-use plastics by 2021. If you want more information about what can be done with the problem of plastics, there are a number of organizations that are working to address the problem, such as Environmental Defence (at <https://environmentaldefence.ca/campaign/ending-plastic-pollution>).

Greeters and Candle Lighter

Betty Cashmore

Ushers

Team 5 - Jim Wild, Kerry Delaney,
Fitz Morrison, Jolene & Keith Baker,
David & Mary Parks

Coffee and Tea

Team 3 - Tom Medlock,
Karen Kennedy, Janet Hendrikse
William Von Zuben and Jan Hendrikse

Tech Booth

Volunteer Custodian(s)

Team 5 - Jim Ward (leader), Joan
Ward, Jim Edwards, Wendy Edwards

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