



Westminster United Church

"Embracing Our Community"



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

December 1, 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

Prelude - Wonderful, Counsellor - *Irons*
Come, Lord Jesus - *Strathdee*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: A voice cries in the wilderness,

All: and we find ourselves drawn to the message.

One: God invades the commonplace,

All: and we cannot evade the changes God brings.

One: On every hand our values are challenged as attention is drawn to the lowly and weak.

All: We are not worthy to untie the sandals of the Humble Servant, who loved all people.

One: We draw near to join with those who rejoice in a God who comforts and confronts.

All: We come to proclaim the worth of God, and to claim the worth God invests in us.

Advent 1 Candle Lighting - Hope - *Colin, Jenn, Evan and Amy deBruijn*

Prayer

O God, you are the hope of the world. You are the guiding light in our lives. Open our eyes to Your world. Open our hearts to Your presence. Open our lives to Your hope, that we might be eyes, hearts, and hands of hope everywhere we go. We ask it in Jesus' name. May it be so!

Gathering Verse - MV 33 Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope (v1)

Opening Prayer

*** Passing the Peace**

*** Hymn: VU 29 Hark the Glad Sound** - *Richmond*

To Offer Ourselves

Minute for Mission

Invitation to Offering

Offertory - When the Wind of Winter Blows - *Duck/True*

*** Sung Response - VU 55 In the Bleak Midwinter**

Offering Prayer

To Hear God's Word

Time with all God's Children

Song while children leave for J.a.M. MV 36 Glory to God

Ministry of Music - Angels From the Realms of Glory/Emmanuel -
Baloche

Scripture: Genesis 8:1-12; Matthew 24:36-39; Luke 21:25-28
Susan Shkolnik

Message: "Crazy Old Noah and Christmas" Rev. Dan Yourkevich

To Respond in Faith

Time of Silent Reflection

*Hymn: VU 93 When Heaven's Bright with Mystery - *Sussex Carol*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

To Go Into the World

* Hymn: VU 44 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear - *Carol*

* Blessing and Sending Forth

Closing Response - Soon, and Very Soon (v1 x2) - *Very Soon*

* Postlude - Look Toward Christmas - *Murray*

Next Week's Scripture: Luke 1:26-38; Luke 21:34-36
Theme: "Deciding and Waiting"



Upcoming Services

- Sunday, December 8 Lessons and Carols at 7pm
- Sunday, December 15 Hamper Delivery Day
- Tuesday, December 17 Blood Donor Clinic
- Tuesday, December 17 Longest Night Service 7pm



Regional Prayer Cycle //

We are holding in prayer our fellow community of faith: Brooklin.

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.

We thank you for your generosity to our Food Bank and for helping to keep our shelves stocked //

It's official - the cupboards are bare at the Food Bank. Our demand is increasing and we are in great need of canned vegetables and fruit, snacks, juice boxes, coffee, cereal, tea, peanut butter as well as toiletries.



NOOMA DVD Series //

Monday, December 9, 7:00pm - 8:00pm



NOOMA is a series of short relatable films that invite you to search, question and join the discussion.

No registration is required.

Games Night, Friday, Dec 6th, 7:00 - 9:30pm //

Bring your friends and family and plan to come out for a fun, free evening of board games! This event is for adults and youth (10 years and older). See you there!



Coffee and tea are served after worship in the gym //

Purchases of organic coffee, green and **NEW earl grey tea** and Fair Trade chocolate bars we sell every Sunday enable us to provide the organic coffee and tea after church. **Our Christmas Baskets are now available with coffee, tea, and chocolate bars for that special person who has everything.**



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)



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Toiletries //

The Christmas basket to collect toiletries for men and women is in the Narthex and will stay there until December 15th.

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 in the gym or in the church office during the week. 5% of the proceeds go to Westminster United Church.



What is Church Health Ministry

Health is harmony with self and others, the environment and with God—a continuum of physical, social, psychological, and spiritual well-being. Health Ministry is the promotion of health as wholeness— as a mission of a faith community to its members and the community it serves.

To learn more join us on Westminster Interchange

<https://interchange.livinglights.ca>

Westminster Advent Mitten Tree //

The Outreach Committee invites everyone to take part in our annual ADVENT MITTEN TREE. The tree is up today for the first Sunday of Advent. Please hang your donations of mittens and gloves for both **CHILDREN** and **ADULTS** on the tree in the Narthex. All donations will be given out in January, to area schools and community groups that have expressed a need.



Christmas Hampers // A Westminster tradition has been to provide Christmas hampers to those in need in our community. Again this year we plan to help approximately 75 families with your generous help. Our tin cans have been counted, but we can still accept monetary donations towards the food portion of the hamper. Mark your cheque and envelope "Hamper Program". The tags to buy gifts for children or adults will be available on Nov 24, Dec 1 and Dec 8 if needed. The return date is Dec 14 and delivery will be Dec 15. Thanks to all for your support.

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.



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

U.C.W. Christmas Potluck Dinner
On

Monday December 2nd, 2019

In the Founder's Room at WUC

Gathering and appetizers at 5:30pm - Dinner @
6pm

Please bring your favorite one of: A main course
or a salad or a dessert to feed 4.

If you desire: Christmas Donations are being
gratefully accepted for:

Westminster's own Food Bank - especially:
packages of 4 rolls of toilet paper, women's
sanitary pads, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of
soap, instant coffee, coffee creamer, raspberry jam,
strawberry jam, or peak frozen cookies.

R. S.V.P. on or before Friday November 29th, 2019
to Margaret M @ 905-723-7029 or

Susan P @ 905-493-3122 or Liz A @ 905-579-8459

Worship Committee // The worship committee has a very important role in the community we call Westminster United Church. It is responsible for supporting our Interim Minister, Reverend Dan Yourkevich, in the presentation of the weekly Sunday morning service as well as coordinating other services throughout the year. A Sunday service can include **Communion** (Sandra K-C) and **Baptism** (Ava T) as well as Minute for Mission and Stewardship. Ensuring there are **Greeters** (Patti L) for the front door and candle lighters is another role under the Worship Team umbrella. Handing out bulletins and aiding people to their seats as well as helping to collect the offering is the job of the **Ushers** (Ed R) and after service there is **Coffee/Tea/Juice** (Heather M) offered to everyone. Following the church calendar and lectionary, the decoration of the sanctuary and Narthex falls to the **Sanctuary Committee** (Heather Von Z) which changes many times throughout the year. To organize all of this, we often meet throughout the year and thankfully have a **Secretary** (Sarah B) and **Co-Chairs** (Ava T and Heather Con Z) to run the meeting. Our **Minister of Music** (Margaret Motum) and Reverend Dan attend the Worship meetings and provide invaluable input. Our committee is very grateful for all the dedicated volunteers who work on the various teams to support Worship at Westminster. Working on the Worship Committee provides an excellent opportunity to be an integral part of your church family. Consider volunteering and getting to know your community.

Lessons, Carols and Candlelight



join us on
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 7 PM
at

Westminster United Church
1850 Rossland Road East
Whitby

featuring
The choirs of

BROOKLIN UNITED CHURCH,
NORTHMINSTER/ST. STEPHEN'S UNITED CHURCHES
WESTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

and

THE DURHAM WIND ENSEMBLE
KATHY BEATTY, OBOE
PANDORA BRYCE, FLUTE

FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP / FINANCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS - CASH BASIS

	ACTUAL 2019 JAN - OCT	BUDGET 2019 JAN - OCT	VARIANCE JAN - OCT
Offerings - Local Fund & Building Fund	214,581	220,040	-5,459
Other Receipts - excl M&S Fund	111,524	121,374	-9,850
Total 2019 Operating Receipts - excl M&S Fund	326,105	341,414	-15,309
Total 2019 Operating Disbursements - excl M&S Fund	362,014	374,427	-12,413
2019 OPERATING DEFICIT	-35,909	-33,013	-2,896
<i>Offerings - Mission & Service - collected & forwarded to UCC</i>	<i>22,448</i>	<i>18,339</i>	<i>4,109</i>

The revised year-end operating budget is a deficit of approximately \$8,000 versus the original nearly-balanced operating budget. This is due to extra costs associated with repairs to two access ramps, a catch basin, and unexpected building repairs.

*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!*

Greeters and Candle Lighter

Worship Committee

Ushers

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

Coffee and Tea

Team 3 - Tom Medlock, Karen Kennedy, Janet Hendrikse

Tech Booth

William Von Zuben and Liam Bonikowsky

Volunteer Custodian(s)

Team 3 - Jack Darroch (leader), King Whitney, Bill Fisher

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