



Westminster United Church

"Embracing Our Community"



TRANSFIGURATION

Weekly Worship Service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
February 23, 2020

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

(* Indicates standing in body or spirit)

We Gather Together

Prelude - My Lighthouse - *Gilkeson/Llewellyn*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Like the three men who climbed the mountain with Jesus.

**We are willing to explore new avenues
which might help us understand Jesus' message for us.**

Help us see the changes that can happen when we hear Jesus' call for us.

We hear and we are willing to respond.

Stir us to find our mountain top experience.

**Which will give us courage to explore,
the willingness to change where necessary,
and joy in the work we do.**

Let us now worship together.

Gathering Verse: MV 115 Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New

Opening Prayer

* **Passing the Peace**

* **Hymn: VU 413 O Splendour of God's Glory Bright**

To Offer Ourselves

Invitation to Offering

Offertory - Allegro - *Purcell*

* **Sung Response - MV 34 All Is Giv'n for the Glory (v4)**

Offering Prayer

To Hear God's Word

Time with all God's Children

Song while children leave for F.a.M. - Climb, Climb Up Sunshine Mountain

Ministry of Music - Shine, Jesus, Shine - *Kendrick*

Scripture: Mark 8:27-9:8 - *Helen Bowman*

Message: Using the Daffodil Principle - *John Bowman*

To Respond in Faith

Time of Silent Reflection

*** Hymn:** VU 630 O Christ, In Thee My Soul

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

To Go Into the World

*** Hymn:** MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts (verses 1-4 only)

*** Blessing and Sending Forth**

*** Closing Response** - MV 58 We Sing of Your Glory (v4 2x)

*** Postlude** - God of Grace and God of Glory - *arr. Hopson*



We want to thank John and Helen Bowman for their leadership in worship this morning, while Rev. Michelle Robinson is away from Feb 23 to Mar 3.

Upcoming Services and Events

- Sunday, March 1 First Sunday in Lent
"A capella" Sunday
Pulpit Supply - Carol O'Neil
- Sunday, March 8 Second Sunday in Lent
Congregational Meeting after Service:
Discernment Process with Dr. Betty Pries

Worship Service Information

We have Hearing Assistance equipment available every Sunday // You can ask one of our ushers for assistance.



Prayer Requests // During the service prayer cards can be found in the pew pockets. They are collected along with the offering. Requests will be read in service, unless otherwise noted and then forwarded to our Prayer Team who will continue to pray for each concern throughout the week.



Regional Prayer Cycle //

We are holding in prayer our fellow community of faith, Newcastle.

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

We warmly welcome everyone to come and enjoy a time of fellowship and get to know the members of our church.



Upcoming Meetings, Services and Events

Climate Disruption Mitigation Committee // TODAY after service. // Founders' Room // We would welcome others interest in joining us. For more information call Bill or Mary at 905-728-7346.



SHROVE TUESDAY

Pancake Supper // Tuesday, February 25, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. // Gym // A free-will offering will be gratefully received at the door and there will be Mardi Gras activities for the kids.

Family Dinner & Movie Night // Friday, February 28, 5:45 pm dinner, 6:30 pm movie // Gym // Join the CE Committee for a hassle-free night of food, fun and fellowship! This is a free family event, but we ask that you **sign up in the gym after service TODAY**, or you can let Cathy Shaw know at: cshaw@westminster-uc.ca



WUC Youth and Young Adults are going to...



What is it? A retreat for United Church of Canada youth, young adults and their leaders, and features an exciting time of music, singing, guest speakers and worship. Some of the guest speakers include our Moderator The Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, Pam Rocker, Dr. James Makokis, and the “Naked Faith” band.

When? August 11-14, 2020

Where? At the University of Calgary

*Please come to an information meeting
TODAY at Kingsview United Church
at 3:00 p.m.*

505 Adelaide Ave E., Oshawa, ON

Financial assistance is available!

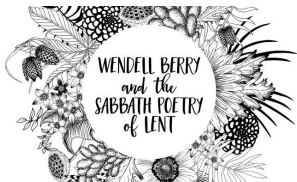
<http://uccrendezvous.ca>

Lenten Season Announcements



Living Lent // Lent begins on Wednesday, February 26. Check out the Welcome Table for some Lenten resources. Interested in signing up for something online? Go to <https://40acts.org.uk/> for "The Generosity Challenge: 40 days, 40 reflections, 40 challenges to make a difference."

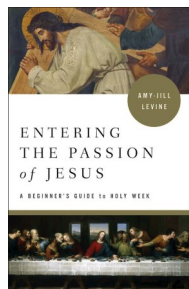
Ash Wednesday Service // February 26 at 7:00 pm // The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. To mark this day, please join us at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for a brief service that will include song, prayer and the imposition of ashes.



Lenten Study "Wendell Berry and the Sabbath Poetry of Lent" // 5 weeks, Mondays 10:30 am beginning March 9 // Founder's Room // explore biblical texts hand-in-hand with Wendell Berry's poetic vision of sabbath and the natural world // led by Rev. Michelle Robinson // Contact

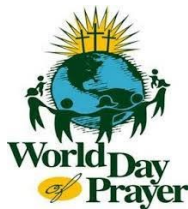
Becky at the church office wuc@westminster-uc.ca or 905-723-6442 **by February 28** if interested.

Lenten Study "Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week" by Amy Jill Levine // 5 weeks, Wednesdays 7:00 pm beginning March 11 // Founder's Room // Delve into the history and literature surrounding the last days of Jesus' life and the spiritual questions raised // led by Rev. Michelle Robinson // **Books are approx. \$25** // Contact Becky at the church office wuc@westminster-uc.ca or 905-723-6442 **by February 28** if interested.



Upcoming Meetings, Services and Events continued...

World Day of Prayer // Friday, March 6, at 2 p.m. // St. John The Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, 903 Gifford St. // There will be a time of refreshment and fellowship after the service. The service was prepared by the churches of Rhodesia. For more information call Mary at 905-728-7346.



Invitation to a UCW talk on Romance and Weddings circa 1840 + // Monday, March 2, 6:30 pm // Founders' Room // Ms. Jill Passmore from the Oshawa Museum will be giving the talk. For more information, please contact Elizabeth H. or Susan P. at 905-493-3122.

Blood Pressure Clinic // Sunday, March 15, after service // Founders' Room // Wellness Committee is providing a chance to have your blood pressure monitored to further the awareness of good health measures. This should not replace a visit to your doctor nor the need for you to monitor your own blood pressure.



Wine, Women and the Word // Tuesday, March 17 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm // Our next Wine, Women & the Word is being held at Carol O'Neil's home. Please contact the church office if you are in need of directions. The theme is: "My Life Harvest Inventory". Scripture to read: John 15:5. Please bring your bible if you have one.

Volunteer Opportunities, Thank You's, and Other Information

Volunteers Needed for Pancake Supper //

Tuesday, February 25 is fast approaching and plans are underway for our annual Pancake Supper. If you can help out with *flipping, serving* and/or *cleaning up*, please contact Bev C. after Sunday service or by email at bcrumb@sympatico.ca.



Income Tax Receipt Pick-up // Tax receipts for 2019 offerings to Westminster United Church have been prepared. Receipts are available for pick up in the Narthex on Sundays (February 9, 16 & 23) or from the office during the week.

Volunteers Needed for Saint Vincent's Kitchen in

Oshawa // It is open every day of the year from 3:00-5:30pm providing those in need with hot, healthy meals. The first Wednesday of each month volunteers from our church help with serving meals to the less fortunate and cleaning up for the next day. Please contact Gail Wild at wildfam3@sympatico.ca or (905) 576-9288 or see her in church for more information.



The Westminster World, our newsletter, is seeking submissions!

A word from the editor...

The purpose of our monthly newsletter is **to inform** our Westminster community about our church and its people. Hard-working committees and groups are not the only active members of Westminster United Church. You and your family also play a role in our ministry.

Submissions to *The Westminster World* are always welcome! If there is a newsy event you want to celebrate, let us know: a child's accomplishment in sports or the arts? a special anniversary? an exciting, exotic travel adventure? If you have a reflection about an especially moving sermon, hymn, anthem that you want to share, let us know.

Please send your article in a WORD document to bcrumb@sympatico.ca by the 21st of the month for publication in the next month's *Westminster World*.

Westminster Weekly Calendar

Sunday February 23

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM-Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00 PM - 02:00 PM-CDMC Meeting (Founders Room)

Monday February 24

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM-YDAC (Room 1, Youth & Computer)
09:30 AM - 12:30 PM-Taoism Tai Chi (Gym)
06:30 PM - 08:30 PM-Guides 18th group (Gym)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Foodman Group Meeting (Kitchen)

Tuesday February 25

12:00 AM - 12:00 AM-Pancake (Shrove) Tuesday (Gym/kitchen)
12:30 PM - 03:00 PM-Stroke Recovery Group (Gym/Kitchen)
01:30 PM - 02:30 PM-Prayer Team Meeting (Sanctuary)
07:15 PM - 08:00 PM-Records Management Committee
 (Founders' Room)

Wednesday February 26

Lent Begins
09:00 AM - 12:00 PM-Whitby-Brooklin Probus (Gym)
01:00 PM - 03:00 PM-Bridge to a New Home (Founders Room)
07:00 PM - 07:30 PM-Ash Wednesday Service

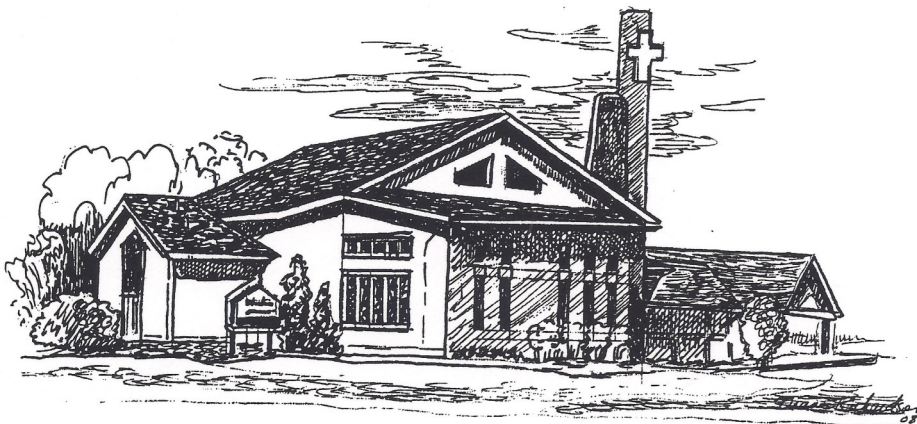
Thursday February 27

06:30 PM - 08:30 PM-Youth Group (Youth Room)
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM-Family Karate (Gym)
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM-Choir Practice (Founder's Room/
 Sanctuary)

Friday February 28

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM-YDAC (Room 1, Computer Rm, Gym)
04:00 PM - 04:30 PM-Family Dinner and Movie Night (Sanctuary,
 Gym, Narthex)

Saturday February 29



Greeters and Candle Lighter Claire Stacey

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

Coffee and Tea Team 5 - Bob Locksley, Liz Aldred,
Arlene Jones

Tech Booth Martin Gilroy and Jan Hendrikse

Volunteer Custodian(s) Team 3 - Jack Darroch, King Whitney,
Bill Firsher

Counters Shirley Penny and Shane & Margaret
Suepaul

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(Parental leave) mrobinson@westminster-uc.ca

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