



Westminster United Church

"Embracing Our Community"



Weekly Worship Service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
March 1, 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.

1850 Rossland Road East, Whitby, L1N 3P2 ☎ 905-723-6442

✉ wuc@westminster-uc.ca The United Church of Canada

www.westminster-uc.ca



find us on

Facebook



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 - VU 509 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Today the journey begins. Are you ready?

There is so much I still have to do. I am not sure I'll ever be ready.

Let go of those things THAT chain you to despair.

Lord, help me look and see the ways in which I have abandoned you.

Come, let us worship and feel the power of freedom in God.

Open our hearts today to receive your freeing love, O Lord.

Gathering Verse: Kum Ba Yah

Opening Prayer

* **Passing the Peace**

* **Hymn: VU 222 Come Let Us Sing**

To Offer Ourselves

Minute for Mission - *Mary Shepherd*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory - VU 375 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (vs 1, 2, 4)

* **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 J.a.M. - I've Got Love Like an Ocean

Ministry of Music - Seek Ye First - *Lafferty*

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11 - *Fitz Morrison*

Message: Where is Your Wilderness? - *Carol O'Neil*

To Respond in Faith

Time of Silent Reflection

*** Hymn: VU 226 For the Beauty of the Earth**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

To Go Into the World

*** Hymn: VU 642 Be Thou My Vision**

*** Blessing and Sending Forth**

*** Closing Response - Amen**



We want to thank Carol O'Neil for her leadership in worship this morning, while Rev. Michelle Robinson is away from Feb 23 to Mar 3.

A Cappella Sunday

This is our second annual A Cappella Sunday. "A Cappella Sunday" include churches from 3 countries, 30 states and 9 denominations all exploring the beauty and power of the human voice in chorus together. Allow the stripped back, reflective spirit of our music today to prepare us for our Lenten journey.

Upcoming Services and Events

- Sunday, March 8 Second Sunday in Lent
Congregational Meeting after Service:
Discernment Process with Dr. Betty Pries to
review and discuss survey results.
Lunch to be provided
- Sunday, March 15 Third Sunday in Lent
Blood Pressure Clinic after Service in
Founder's Room

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, Oakwood.

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.

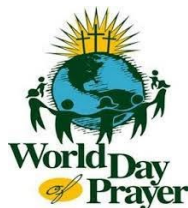


Upcoming Meetings, Services and Events



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.

World Day of Prayer // Friday, March 6, at 2 p.m. // St. John The Evangelist Parish, 903 Giffard St. // Westminster will be taking part in this ecumenical service which has been prepared by the women of churches in Zimbabwe. Please join us. For more information call Mary at 905-728-7346.



Faith and Fellowship // Wednesday, March 11, 1:30 - 3:00 pm // Founders' Room // This monthly "come as you can" group brings adults of all ages together for a time of discussion, fellowship and prayer. (Refreshments provided) Hope to see you there!

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.

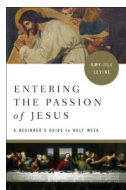
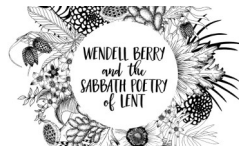


Wine, Women and the Word // Tuesday, March 17 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm // Our next Wine, Women & the Word is being held at Carol O'Neil's home. Please contact the church office if you are in need of directions. The theme is: "My Life Harvest Inventory". Scripture to read: John 15:5. Please bring your bible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

Lenten Season Announcements

Living Lent // Lent began on 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."

Lenten Study "Wendell Berry and the Sabbath Poetry of Lent" // 5 weeks, Mondays 10:30 am beginning March 9 // Founder's Room // led by Rev. Michelle Robinson



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 // led by Rev. Michelle Robinson

Volunteer Opportunities, Thank You's, and Other Information

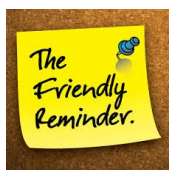
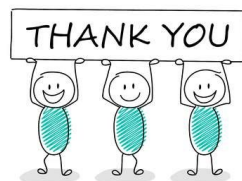
Volunteers Needed for St. Vincent's Kitchen in

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.



Foodbank // Our foodbank would like to thank everyone for their generosity. Our needs are growing and therefore our cupboards are in need of the following specific items as contributions: coffee, tea, coffee whitener, jam, children's snacks and personal hygiene products.

Thank you // A big thank you to everyone who returned their Can Banks in support of the 2019 Christmas Hamper program. Approximately \$3700 was raised to purchase groceries and other essentials through the distribution and return of the Can Banks. See a member of the Outreach Committee in the gym following Sunday service to pick up your new 2020 Can Bank.



Reminder // The UCW collects glasses, hearing aids, stamps (cut with a 1/4 inch border), pop tabs and devotional literature. These are reused in fundraisers for various organizations known to us. They may be placed in the small wooden box beside the Welcome Table in the Narthex. Thank you!

Westminster Weekly Calendar

Sunday March 01

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM-Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday March 02

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)

06:30 PM - 08:30 PM-UCW Meeting (Founders' Room)

07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Foodman Group Meeting (Kitchen)

Tuesday March 03

12:30 PM - 03:00 PM-Stroke Recovery Group (Gym/Kitchen)

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-Parish Mosaic Cmte (Youth Room)

07:30 PM - 09:00 PM-11th Whitby Scouts (Computer Room)

Wednesday March 04

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM-Labyrinth Meeting (Founders' Room)

12:00 PM - 03:30 PM-Living Alone Luncheon (Gym, Kitchen)

03:00 PM - 07:00 PM-St. Vincent's Kitchen Volunteers (at St. Vincent's)

07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Wellness Cmte (Founders Room)

Thursday March 05

06:30 PM - 08:30 PM-Youth Group (Youth Room)

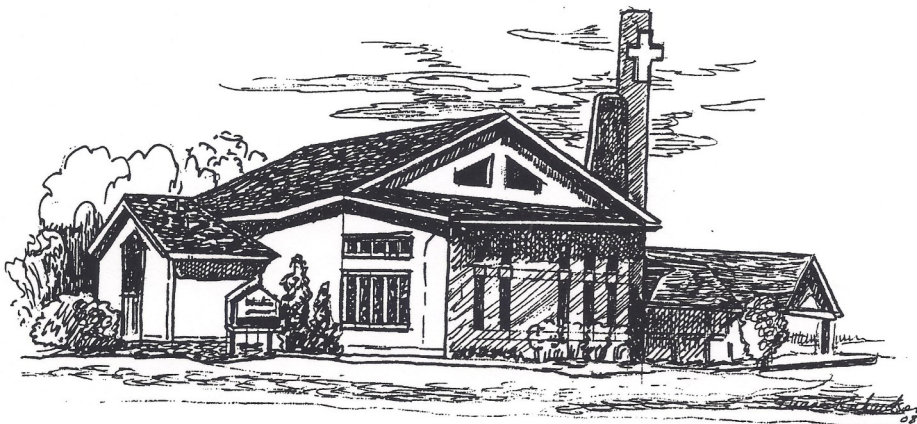
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM-Choir Practice (Founder's Room/Sanctuary)

07:00 PM - 08:30 PM-Family Karate (Gym)

Friday March 06

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

Saturday March 07



Greeters and Candle Lighter The Outreach Committee

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

Coffee and Tea Team 1 - Emma Lovasz, Joyce Lowe,
Liz Robinson

Tech Booth Bruce Cullen and Adam Cullen

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

Counters Monica Veenstra and Bob Dingman

Rev. Michelle Robinson, Minister of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care
(Parental leave) mrobinson@westminster-uc.ca

Cathy Shaw, Minister of Faith Formation
cshaw@westminster-uc.ca

Margaret Motum, Minister of Music

Rebecca Clingman, Office Administrator
wuc@westminster-uc.ca

Ronell Paguio, Custodian



All words reproduced with permission under
OneLicense.net A-724362



Thank you
for
silencing
your cell
phone.