



**Diversity  
Embraced  
Here**



**You Are Needed!**

If we are to live out our motto -  
**Be Welcomed, Be Nourished, Belong**  
we need your help.

Please sign up to greet and light the candles  
one Sunday (or more) over the summer months.

Having cheerful greeters at the door to  
welcome people to worship is an important  
aspect of our ministry.

Please consider sharing your  
Gift of Hospitality  
on Sunday morning.  
*Thank you!*

If you are looking for a group  
to call your own,  
then why not try



This monthly “come as you can” group  
brings adults of all ages together  
for a time of  
discussion,  
food, fellowship  
and prayer...

...all in a casual and  
comfortable environment.

This group gathers next on:  
**Wednesday, June 12**  
1:30pm – 3:00pm

**Hope you can make it!**



Our last **GAME NIGHT** was such a hit  
that we’ve decided to have another one!

Mark your Calendar for  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 14**

and come out for a fun, free evening of  
Board Games from 7:00pm - 9:30pm

*This event is for Adults and Youth  
(10 years and older)*

**SEE YOU THERE!**

**As SUMMER approaches,  
the NEED is GREAT!**

Please GIVE - the LIFE you SAVE  
may be your own...  
or that of someone you love!

**Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00pm - 8:00pm**

Book online at [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)  
or call 1-888-236-6283





# **Rev. Dan Yourkevich**

*We are grateful for your leadership!*

This Father's Day...

Let us recognize ALL Fathers

...the ones who nurture their children  
here on Earth.

...the ones who carry some,  
if not all of their children in  
their hearts.

...and the ones who yearn  
to be a Dad.



## **June is Pride Month**

June is Pride Month, an important opportunity for Westminster to demonstrate our commitment as an affirming community of faith. Not only do we offer a safe and welcoming space, but we are called to respond and to live out our mission and ministry.

There are many ways to get involved in celebrating Pride Month, as there are several events and activities taking place within our community. Come and join us as we work, walk and witness alongside many other community groups this month.

### **Multi-Faith Pride Worship Service: Sunday June 2 , 11:00am—12:00pm**

Westminster is once again involved in the Durham Multi-Faith Pride Worship Service.

Please join us for a service that celebrates diversity, acceptance, inclusivity and love.

The Worship Service will take place in Ajax at the soccer fields located at Harwood Ave. and Falby Court. There is ample parking at the Ajax Community Centre.

### **Durham Pride Parade: Sunday June 2 , 12:00pm—2:00pm**

This is literally our chance to “Walk the Talk” in support of the LGBTQ community.

The Parade route this year is in the Northbound lanes of Harwood Avenue, starting from Falby Court and ending at Arbour Park, behind the Ajax Public Library. The parade will be followed by music, dance and refreshments. All are invited to walk with us in the parade or to cheer us on from the sidelines.

### **Youth Pride Event: Saturday June 8, 2:00pm – 4:00pm.**

This year’s event will be held on the grounds of the Durham District School Board (Taunton Rd and Anderson).

### **Rainbow Pride Flag:**

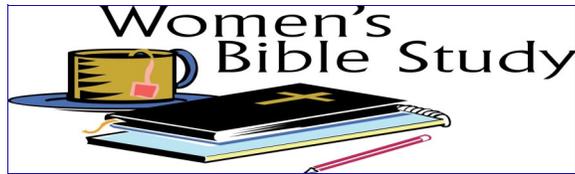
As is our tradition, we will once again be displaying the Rainbow Pride Flag in the Narthex window for the month of June.

*Parish Mosaic Committee*



**Many thanks to our multiple  
Weed Whacker Crews!**





Our last Wine, Women and the Word before our Summer Break is on

**Tuesday, June 25**

from

**7:00pm 9:00pm**

Teena Morrow is hosting this meeting in her home.  
Please contact the church office if you are in need of directions.

**Topic:**

Finding Fulfillment in Life...

"People, places and things are the gifts of life, not the source..."

- Gary Smalley

*Please bring your bible, if you have one.*

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## **An update from the Climate Disruption Mitigation Committee (CDMC)**

At the *Time to Choose* documentary film night, we invited attendees to suggest topics/ initiatives/ project ideas for our committee to consider in planning future actions to mitigate climate disruption. Below are the ideas that came forward.

### ***Topics of interest for future events:***

- ◆ home renovations to make your home more energy efficient
- ◆ gardening
- ◆ how to live zero waste

### ***Ideas for church initiatives:***

- ◆ have an eco-fair (invite vendors of eco-friendly products and have a seed swap)
- ◆ put a solar roof on the church
- ◆ plant trees on Westminster property
- ◆ plant a butterfly garden at the church
- ◆ start a seed bank

### ***Ideas for actions the community can take:***

- ◆ write our municipal and regional governments about Durham declaring a climate emergency
- ◆ start a food rescue program in Durham to give away food from grocery stores which otherwise would be food waste

The Ribbon Tree that we see in the narthex was initiated that night. Already, many have participated in this project. Think about what you do not want to lose through climate change and add it to the tree. And watch for items in each Sunday bulletin that will inspire us all to do what we can to care for our environment.





*Mother's Day Tea*



## **Committee Corner**



## **United Church Women (UCW)**

Our purpose is “to unite the women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and to provide a medium through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.” This is an interest and service group to which all women of the congregation are invited to belong or simply attend meetings.

We are part of the national organization which operates at Presbyterial (Lakeridge Presbyterial), Regional (East Central Ontario Regional Council) and National (National Consultation) levels. Our president and other members are active at the Presbyterial level. Many attend the Presbyterial quarterly programs/events. These are enjoyable occasions of education, stimulation and fellowship within a larger group of diverse women.

The Westminster UCW meets the first Monday of the month from October to June. In September we meet on the Tuesday following Labour Day at 6:30pm in the Founders’ Room where the women: participate in opportunities of growth and fellowship, collect offerings and distribute the monies earned according to our annual budget, organize various upcoming functions such as caterings and fund raisers.

For larger activities, we call on help from the whole congregation.

All monies raised are given to programs at Westminster, projects of the wider church or charities in our local community.

### **UCW Contacts:**

Tena at 905-576-3042 or Susan at 905-493-3122



**Come one, come all...  
It's PICNIC TIME!**

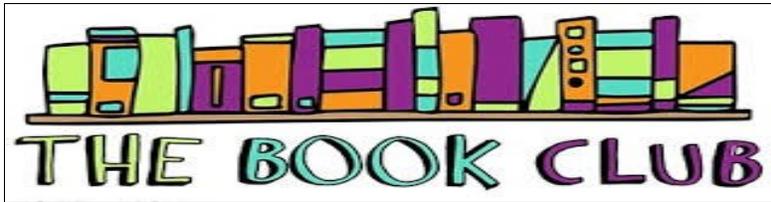
**Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

Immediately after our J.a.M led  
Worship Service.

There's something for everyone,  
so gather your family and friends,  
bring your lawn chair (if you have one),  
lather on the sunscreen and wear your  
picnic clothes (don't forget your hat)...

Lunch and Beverages will be provided,  
but there will be an opportunity to make a  
free-will offering should you wish to do so.

**This is a RAIN or SHINE event,  
so either way, plan to be part of the FUN!**



The Westminster Book Club meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month  
*(in January, March, May, September and November)*  
 at the church from 1:30 to 3:00 pm  
 for a lively discussion on topics raised in the books  
 that we chose in May for the upcoming year.

**Wow! Out of 76 different titles, we whittled our selection down to the following books:**

**September 25, 2019** - If Beale Street Could Talk, by James Baldwin – discussion will be based on both the book and movie.

**November 27, 2019** – The Gown: A Novel of the Royal Wedding, by Jennifer Robson

**January 22, 2020** – Wuthering Heights, by Emily Bronte

**March 25, 2020** – The Nature of the Beast, by Louise Penny

**May 27, 2020** – Becoming, by Michelle Obama

All are welcome to come for one or two or all discussions.  
 We are looking forward to the year ahead with interest in the reading and sparkling conversation.  
 For more information or to borrow one of the books listed above,  
 please contact Susan at 905-493-3122.



Westminster has a new debit/credit card terminal which is available every Sunday in the gym after service, as well as Monday through Friday in the office during office hours.

You can also use the debit/credit card terminal to make an offering, to purchase Loblaw's Cards or tickets to events (*Trivia Night, Mother's Day Tea, etc.*)

**Pray, Praise, Ponder**

Grief never ends,  
 but it changes.  
 It's a passage,  
 not a place to stay.  
 Grief is not a sign of weakness,  
 nor a lack of faith...  
 It is simply the  
 Price of Love.



Summer J.a.M. is a scaled down version of our regular J.a.M Program that runs from Sept.-June.

This program is non-rotational and will be offered every Sunday from June - August for children in Junior Kindergarten - Grade 5.

***Please note that there will be NO Summer J.a.M classes on these dates:  
June 30, July 7, August 4 and September 1.***

As this summer program may involve outdoor activities, it is recommended that your child(ren) wear casual, comfortable clothing to church (please no flip-flops or sandals...they are unsafe for running).

Summer J.a.M does not include programming for our older Just Jammin' class or for our Nursery class, although the Nursery will be open every Sunday for children to use with their caregivers.

*If you have any questions or concerns regarding our Summer program, please contact:  
Cathy Shaw, Minister of Faith Formation (cshaw@westminster-uc.ca or 905-723-6442)*



Being  
Good Stewards  
of  
God's Creation



I teach  
Sunday School  
what's your  
superpower?

**Our J.a.M Sunday School is GROWING, so we need your help!**

We are in need of teachers for the Fall  
and we would love for you to join the J.a.M Team!

There are no age, gender or experience limits, you choose how often  
you teach and we support and guide you every step of the way.

The curriculum is easy to teach and provided for you.

If you would like more information on how you can transform young  
lives, please contact Cathy Shaw at [cshaw@westminster-uc.ca](mailto:cshaw@westminster-uc.ca)



**Pentecost  
Prayer Labyrinth Service  
Tuesday June 4th, 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.**

## Come, O Holy Spirit

The Westminster Labyrinth serves as a prayer practice for opening oneself to Divine presence and action. The intention is to let go of distractions and center on Christ - before, during and after the meditation.

*Setting your mind on the things of the Spirit  
is life and peace*

Romans 8:6

The Labyrinth will be open for a time of personal meditation and prayer  
Wednesday June 5th and Thursday June 6th from 9:00 A.M - 4:00 P.M.

For more information or to confirm your participation

Please contact: [clarencemac@gmail.com](mailto:clarencemac@gmail.com)



Come team up with us as we JOIN FORCES with GOD at our  
**HERO HEADQUARTERS**  
Vacation Bible School

Journey with us as we explore what it takes  
to be a HERO...in the BIBLE and in YOUR LIFE!  
Come and learn about real heroes in our  
Awesome Workshops:

**Kapow Crafts**

**Power Play**

**Wonder Works**

and **Super Snacks...**



Hey Kids, if you're in Senior Kindergarten to Grade 5  
and you like to have fun and learn new things,  
then talk to your parents and ask if you can join us at  
**Westminster United Church** from **July 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00am – 12:30pm**  
for our amazing Vacation Bible School!

To join the FUN, just have an adult fill out the registration form  
on the other side of this invitation.

The completed form, along with the registration fee,  
may be dropped off or sent to the church office at:  
1850 Rossland Rd. E, Whitby, Ontario, L1N 3P2

Cost  
**\$50/child**

Registration Deadline  
**Sunday, June 2**

If you or your parents have any questions,  
or you need extra forms for your friends, just have them contact  
Cathy Shaw, Minister of Faith Formation.  
She can be reached by phone at 905-723-6442  
or by e-mail at [cshaw@westminster-uc.ca](mailto:cshaw@westminster-uc.ca)

# Registration Form

## Westminster's Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 8 – Friday, July 12, 2019  
9:00 am. - 12:30pm.

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Sensitivities: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs/Learning Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Behavioural Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name	Birth Date (MMDDYY)	Last Grade Completed	Health Card Number
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

I hereby give the VBS Leaders and Westminster United Church permission to:

- |   |                              |                             |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Procure emergency medical assistance if I cannot be reached.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use my child's work in displays or media promoting Westminster United Church.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use photographs/ videos of my child in Westminster United Church displays or on social media (Fb, Twitter, etc.), promoting church programs. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Who will be picking up your child? \_\_\_\_\_

*We ask that all children be picked up in the Narthex.  
For safety reasons, no child will be permitted to leave without adult accompaniment.*

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*Signature of Parent/Guardian*

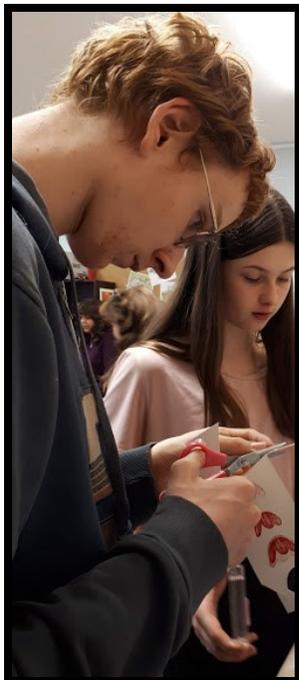
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**Please make cheques payable to Westminster United Church**

The use, retention and disclosure of personal information collected from this form is done in compliance with all applicable federal and provincial legislation including but not limited to, the Personal Information and Electronic Documents Act. Information gathered can and will be used for the purpose of administering Sunday Church School programs as well as sharing information pertaining to other Westminster United Church events. It will not be distributed to outside agencies except as statistical data to the United Church of Canada.

Our Junior and Senior Youth Groups, discovering their talents and creativity as they learned how to make custom Mother's Day cards...

So many beautiful creations ...and the one in the top right corner was a collective effort, resulting in a lovely 3D card made especially for Rev. Michelle.





## UCW Request

The UCW is co-ordinating the Bake Table for the Christmas Bazaar and would like to gently remind all cooks who are making jams, jellies, preserves, relishes, and pickles over the summer that the church would welcome some of your preserves for the bake table in November.

If you are in need of preserving jars, we have jars in various sizes (minus the 2 piece lids) at the church for you to use.

*Please speak to Glenda L. for more information.*

## C.A.R.E.



### Christians Acting with Respect for the Earth

The focus of this month's column is on hints to **avoid food waste**.

- ◇ Before going grocery shopping, make a list and buy only what you need:  
check (clean) the fridge  
so you know how much unused food you still have.
- ◇ Eat highly perishable produce first  
and less perishable produce last.
- ◇ "Best Before" doesn't mean "Bad After".  
The date is simply a guideline  
to the key freshness of a product – not its safety.

If you have an idea for a C.A.R.E submission on how we might continue to help our environment, please send it to [bcrumb@sympatico.ca](mailto:bcrumb@sympatico.ca)

**Congratulations to the  
2018 Trivia Night Champions...  
1st Place**



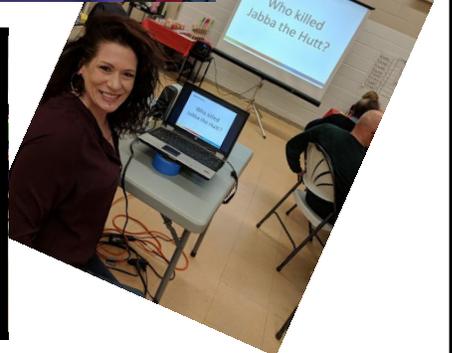
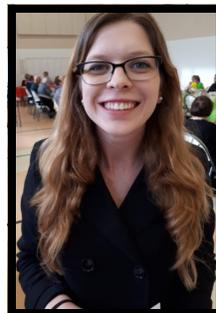
**2nd Place**



**3rd Place**



**Furthest from First**





## Make a Joyful Noise ...

The Choir Loft will soon be undergoing some renovations. In order to 1) improve sightlines between the choristers and our director, 2) ensure the safety of the ladies in the front row, and 3) enhance the sound produced by our voices, some adjustments to the loft are required.

Property has devised a plan and will be embarking on the project over the summer months. To finance this Reno, we will be offering a number of creative opportunities for the congregation to help out.

Stay "TUNED". 



## Did you know ...

- ..that on a recent Sunday morning, someone donned a long red wig for the children's story?
- ...that the Gardening Team (*aka* Westminster Weed Whackers) has begun working hard to make our grounds attractive? They are! And we are grateful.
- ...that Kathleen Booth played the trumpet magnificently on Easter Sunday? Many thanks!
- ...that we are blessed to have six Licensed Lay Worship Leaders (LLWLs) in our congregation? Cathy Shaw has that designation as part of her job description as Minister of Faith Formation. The others are Helen and John Bowman, Paul Kneebone, Carol O'Neil and Susan Pleasance. If you miss them at worship on a Sunday morning, they are likely leading worship for another congregation. Keep up the good work, friends!

We are proud to announce that, jointly, the Outlook Committee and the Parish Mosaic Committee have sponsored a camper to attend "Camp Rainbow Phoenix" this summer.

This camp is offered by AIDS Durham and PFLAG to allow LGBTQ youth to enjoy the outdoors in a safe and open environment.

This sponsorship enhances the "outreach" portion of Affirming and gives Westminster another personal connection to the community.



# You're invited...

<b>Friday Flicks - Keeping the Faith</b> 7:00pm	Friday, May 31
<b>Worship Service - UCW led Service</b> 10:30am <b>Multi-Faith Pride Worship Service</b> 11:00am - 12:00pm <b>Durham Pride Parade</b> 12:00pm - 2:00pm <b>East Central Ontario Regional Council Meeting (Lindsay)</b> <b>VBS Registration Deadline</b>	Sunday, June 2
<b>Labyrinth Event</b> 7:00pm-8:30pm	Tuesday, June 4
<b>Labyrinth Open</b> 9:00am - 4:00pm	Wednesday, June 5 Thursday, June 6
<b>Youth Pride Event</b> 2:00pm - 4:00pm <i>Durham District School Board</i>	Saturday, June 8
<b>Worship Service - Pentecost</b> <b>J.a.M led Worship Service and Church Picnic</b> 10:30am	Sunday, June 9
<b>Faith and Fellowship (Small Group)</b> 1:30pm - 3:00pm	Wednesday, June 12
<b>Games Night</b> 7:00pm - 9:30pm	Friday, June 14
<b>Worship Service</b> 10:30am <i>Summer J.a.M Begins</i>	Sunday, June 16
<b>Blood Donor Clinic</b> 4:00pm - 8:00pm	Tuesday, June 18
<b>Worship Service</b> 10:30am	Sunday, June 23
<b>Wine, Women and the Word</b> 7:00pm - 9:00pm	Tuesday, June 25
<b>Worship Service</b> 10:30am <i>No J.a.M Today!</i>	Sunday, June 30
<b>Worship Service</b> 10:30am <i>No J.a.M Today!</i>	Sunday, July 7