



## Introducing...

**Holden Orion Joseph Robinson** was born June 4, 2019, later than his parents predicted but a week ahead of his due date. He is a gentle, cuddly and drooly addition to our family and we can't imagine life without him.

We're all doing well, adjusting to the sleep deprivation that comes with a new baby. Big sister Opaline has been thriving in her new role assisting with diaper changes ("Did he poop?!"), baths and singing *The Itsy Bitsy Spider* to him when he's crying or unsettled.



We want to express enormous gratitude to our Westminster family for the outpouring of prayers and well wishes, cards and meals. The gift from the congregation was unexpected and overwhelming; the gift cards will be put to great use for months to come and the financial gift has gone toward the start of Holden's RESP with a portion being tithed to the Labour of Love Program at Mount Sinai Hospital which "provides the equipment and facilities to care for thousands of new babies and their mothers every year." Thank you very much!

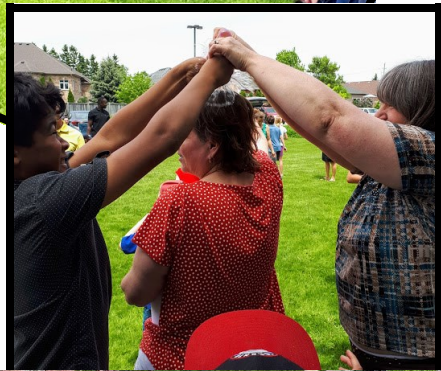
The plaque you had made with Holden's name and birthdate is hanging in the kids' room right alongside Opaline's and the scriptural quotes on them are daily reminders of God's provision and care as well as the love that surrounds us.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

With love and gratitude,  
Rev. Michelle



# PICNIC PERFECT!





## Having Healthy Conversations

On Saturday, March 23 approximately fifty Westminster congregants gathered to learn, and to participate in a seminar/workshop on having “Healthy Conversations”.

The event was led by Betty Pries, Co-Founder and CEO of Credence & Co. Betty has over 25 years experience coaching, mediating, facilitating, training and consulting. Betty specializes in working with complex challenges, supporting leaders, and transforming congregations through tailored engagements.

### Background

As we continue to live into our commitment of being a welcoming church that respectfully embraces diversity, we seek to build frameworks that support the sharing of opinions, thoughts and views. Without intentional frameworks there is the risk that people will feel ignored, marginalized or excluded.

### The Discussion

People move through change at different speeds, and will be at different stages on the journey at any given time. The goal is to create an environment in which people can speak and share in a safe and open way. We discussed how communication happens using the “Intent-Effect-Action” model to guide our understanding.

#### Intent-Effect-Action

A person’s actions (comments, motions or events that are public i.e. can be heard or seen) are influenced by his or her intent and backstory. The effect of that action on another is connected to the recipient’s own experiences and backstory. We explored ways we might speak with one another that take ownership for how something impacted “me” while offering the “benefit-of-the-doubt” regarding the other person’s intent. Creating an environment in which people can explore and understand where the other is coming from can pave the path for healthy dialogue. This involves making room at the table for diversity of thought and opinion. Spending time with one another - building relationships, one on one and/or in small groups - can be an effective way of ensuring healthy conversations. The group considered norms our church might want to commit to in making space for healthy conversations. Below are some initial thoughts the congregation could consider going forward.

### Draft: Framework for Healthy Conversations

- ◆ Normalize differences in congregational life (good community includes diversity)
- ◆ Make room for diversity of opinion as another way of practising inclusivity
- ◆ Assume positive intent
- ◆ Have conversations in the spirit of curiosity and grace; practise deep understanding and listening
- ◆ The gospel is about loving the other (we are all “the other” in some context)
- ◆ Maintain a spirit of openness, recognizing that we are all at different places along the journey.
- ◆ Take the time to seek to understand and clarify (*What happened? How did it affect me? When I responded, what was my intent? What is my backstory that is influencing my intent? What effect may my action have had on them? What effect was I hoping for?*)

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## Having Healthy Conversations (continued)

### Next Steps

- ◆ Betty Pries met with Council on April 29<sup>th</sup>, to review plans and steps for mission and vision renewal sessions over the next 12 to 18 months
- ◆ Council to explore opportunities for small group conversations to further build relationships and create opportunities for healthy conversations on any topic
- ◆ Complete and agree on a framework for Healthy Conversations

<sup>1</sup> Intent is the reason behind the action (Credence and Co., 2019)

<sup>2</sup> Backstory is the reason that exists behind intent.; the recipient's backstory is the reason behind the strength of an effect (Credence and Co., 2019)



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## ALLERGY REMINDER!

With the beginning of J.a.M, your Christian Education and J.a.M Teams would like to remind you that we have children in our congregation who have severe, life-threatening allergies to Tree Nuts and especially to Peanuts (we probably have some adults as well).

We are also asking for your help in preventing any serious incidents of anaphylaxis.

### ***How can you help?***

- \* The best way to help is to choose not to eat peanut butter or any products containing peanuts/nuts (*peanut butter, granola bars, etc*) before heading to church.
- \* Should you need to have these products for breakfast then please brush your teeth thoroughly and wash your hands well with soap and warm water...*unfortunately hand sanitizer does not get rid of the residue left from peanuts and other nut products.*

We are doing our very best in J.a.M to offer programming that will keep our children safe and healthy, and we are extending this request to everyone in our congregation, so that together we can make Westminster a place for all to enjoy. Thank you for helping us help others!





Join us on  
**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**  
for our  
**Welcome Sunday Celebration!**

Help us Kick-Off a new year of J.a.M,  
and then stick around for the delicious lunch  
that's being prepared!



School can be fun, scary, awesome and tough.  
We're sending our students and educators  
back to school with prayer and a blessing.

Students and educators are encouraged to bring their backpacks,  
supplies, briefcases and computer bags to the worship service on

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

*What a great way to start off  
a brand new school year!*

# Faith & Fellowship

Come and be part of this  
Awesome Small Group!

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

...all in a casual and  
comfortable environment.

Faith & Fellowship  
will meet on the following dates,  
from 1:30pm-3:00pm:

**October 9**

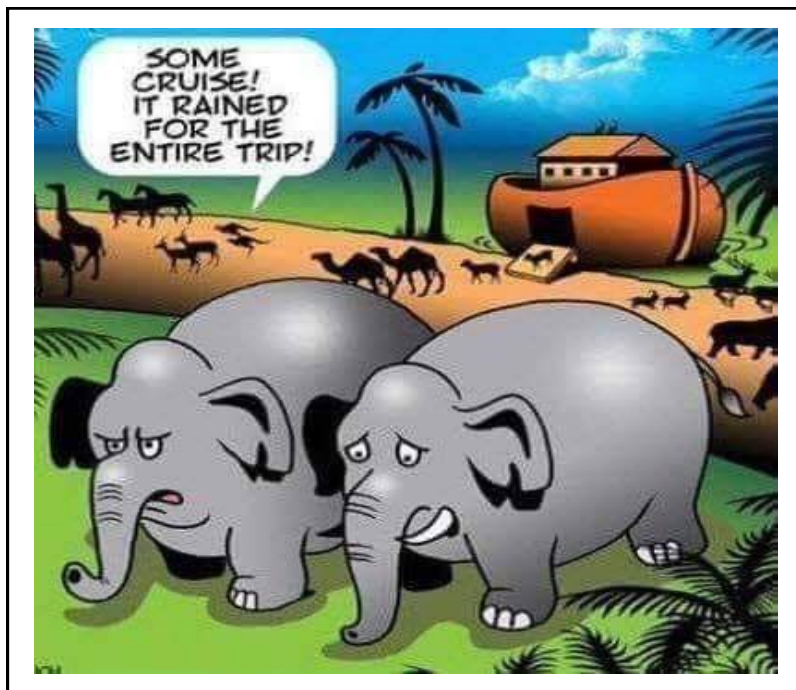
**November 13**

**December 11**

**January 8**

Hope you can make it!

For more information, contact Cathy Shaw at  
[cshaw@westminster-uc.ca](mailto:cshaw@westminster-uc.ca) or 905-723-6442





Beth Navarro, our Office Administrator, has been with Westminster for two great years and has now reached a time for change in her life.

Beth announced her upcoming September marriage earlier this summer, and we have now received her resignation as well.

Beth's last date with us will be September 13th. We wish her all the best!

## URGENT!

Please GIVE...  
...the LIFE you SAVE  
may be YOURS or  
someone you LOVE!



Tuesday, September 17  
4:00pm - 8:00pm  
Westminster United Church

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



**LET'S KEEP EVERYONE  
BREATHING WELL!**

**FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY  
AND WELL-BEING OF ALL ,  
PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING  
SCENTED PRODUCTS WHILE AT  
WESTMINSTER!**

**THANK YOU!**

## Pray, Praise, Ponder

*Creator God,  
as we come close to the  
end of summer, we recall how  
this time and school connect.  
Some of us are still in school  
and for some it has been a while.*

*We thank you for this time of memories,  
recent and long ago, for learning and  
teachers who teach and have taught.*

*We know you speak to us through these  
times, memories and people.*

*Thank you for giving us so much to  
celebrate In our lives.*

*In Jesus' name, we pray,  
Amen.*

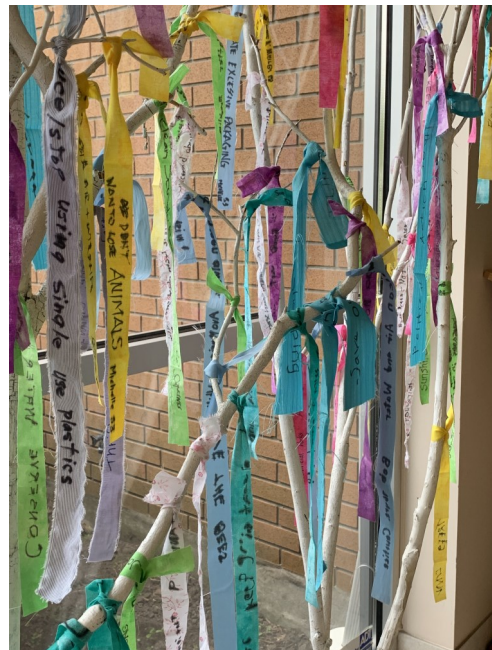


## Climate Disruption Mitigation Committee

Climate change is the new buzz phrase; we hear about it so frequently that it becomes a worry that we might become complacent. Life has so many challenges, one only has to watch or read the news to see that, and here we are with yet another. Members of our committee are helping us make it easier though, by providing helpful hints that are posted weekly in the bulletin on how we can make a difference in our day to day lives. Have you tried some of them?

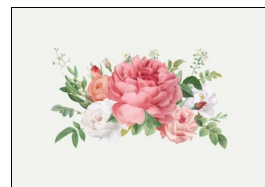
Our committee has reached out to 30 faith communities of various denominations to find out if they have an official policy or a committee that is responsible for climate change initiatives. We're seeking best practices, and this initiative unites us all in a common goal: to be as God desires us to be ~good stewards of the land, sea and air and all within. All of the faith communities we spoke with are concerned about this issue. Few have anything officially in place; some are taking various actions such as banning styrofoam, plastic water bottles, etc., and have asked us to keep them posted as to what we are doing.

*What do you love and hope to never lose to climate change?* We asked this question back in April. Some of you shared your concerns such as “don’t want to lose animals”, “stop using single-use plastics” and “afraid won’t be able to grow healthy food for all.” If you haven’t had a chance to do so, please take a moment, grab a ribbon from the basket in the Narthex, write out your concerns and tie it to the Ribbon Tree. Together we can be part of the solution.



## *And Tea Time Goes To...*

On May 4, 2019, at Westminster's third annual Trivia Night, there was heated bidding on several items at the silent auction table. One very hot ticket item was a Victorian Tea Party for six. This coveted prize was finally redeemed on Tuesday, July 30. Six lucky ladies arrived at the home of Sandra Kell-Cullen at 1:00 p.m. and were escorted to the backyard. There, Bruce gave us a lovely (and informative) tour of their magnificent garden. After this treat for the eyes, we were invited into the house and seated at a beautifully decorated table for our delicious Victorian High Tea. We feasted on tea sandwiches, cranberry scones (served with lemon curd, cream and strawberry jam) and an array of delectable sweets. To our further delight, we were served a delectable imported orange pekoe tea. Conversation flowed as abundantly as the tea, and a wonderful afternoon was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to our gracious and talented hostess for offering such an inventive item for the silent auction. We are looking forward to having another Victorian Tea to bid on next year!







Our families had a terrific summer! There was a weekend cottage visit; soccer for Jiom, Frtuna, Tmnit and Sut; summer English camp for Fareenza, Tmnit and Frtuna; full time summer work for Sut; plus taking advantage of facilities, parks and special events in our communities. Speaking of families, Rasha and Modar are expecting (it's a boy!) in December. Their little one provides another perspective for us of all the good things that are occurring for our new Canadian families.

With September upon us, everyone will be returning to school. Yes, all nine. The children are keen to continue their learning experiences and renew friendships with classmates. To continue development of their English skills, Modar, Rasha and Freweyni will be attending EA Lovell School in Oshawa, while Sut will be at the Ajax Welcome Centre.

In addition to supporting our nine (9) new Canadians, Bridge To A New Home has taken the challenge with the United Nations in an attempt to bring Freweyni's younger brother to Canada. Currently he is in a detention camp in Libya. (The United Nations estimates that there are 650,000 refugees in Libya.) Just identifying his location is sufficient to describe his plight. While our other sponsorships were reasonably able to be contacted through the United Nations, this is not the case with Freweyni's brother. Communications are controlled by non-sympathetic forces, therefore freeing him will take intense efforts. Your Committee will continue to apprise you of our efforts.

Volunteering is a strength in our Westminster Congregation. If you are wanting a different opportunity to become involved in a supporting role, Bridge To A New Home will be happy to welcome you into our group. The experience of helping our families is exceptionally rewarding and their gratefulness is ever so evident. The learning process is just awesome and guaranteed! The time commitment can be minimal or greater (appreciating your home calendar). If you are interested in learning more, Joanne MacPherson, Maureen Dingman, Kaireen Adamson or Larry Morrow are always available to answer your questions.

The support of the Westminster Congregation has been and continues to be an impetus in assisting our new Canadians to grow in our community. It continues to be a pleasure to be able to share insights into the wonderful experiences we constantly celebrate with our families and all the good people we have met through Bridge To A New Home. God Bless!

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### **C.A.R.E. (Christians Acting with Respect for the Earth)**

In this column, we offer handy hints about how to be better stewards of God's creation. As you will have read in the CDMC's (Climate Disruption Mitigation Committee) article (above), plastic is a major concern, especially single-use plastics.

You can find re-usable bags at your favourite grocery stores and keep them handy! Our UCW is currently creating re-usable produce bags for sale at the bazaar in November. If you purchase a few, you'll be helping reduce plastic use as well as contributing to fundraising!

If you have any suggestions for this column, please forward them to the editor [bcrumb@sympatico.ca](mailto:bcrumb@sympatico.ca)





**New Program  
New Format  
Amazing Kids  
= One Awesome Week of VBS!**



**Heartfelt thanks to everyone who made our Vacation Bible School a success, especially our Caped Crusaders, our Sidekicks and our Kid Superheroes!**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**

## Volunteer? Who Me? Why?

Westminster United Church accomplishes so many important and meaningful activities throughout the course of a year. These accomplishments don't just happen. They are a result of the numerous volunteers who donate their time and talent, whether it is a few hours each month or more involvement. That is the beauty of volunteering – you decide what you want to do and how much time you want to commit.

As we return from a great summer break, it is time to re-energize ourselves and prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer for Westminster. We would love to have you as part of the Westminster team. The following is an example of the input form "This is me!" that we have created to assist with assigning people to the appropriate volunteer position, team or committee.

These forms can be found on the information kiosk in the narthex. Alternatively, you can connect with Tom McNown, Chair of the Nominating Committee at [tom.mcnown@gmail.com](mailto:tom.mcnown@gmail.com), to discuss further.

Thank you in advance for sharing your gifts with your church.

Tom McNown  
Nominating Committee

😊 This is me! 😊

Our Creator was wise! Each of us was created with our own unique skills and interests, so that collectively we can accomplish many things. We would love to know a little more about you. When volunteer opportunities arise, we like to connect with people who would be comfortable with the task at hand. Please check any of the categories that may apply to you:

- ☐ Accounting
- ☐ Technology
- ☐ Communications & networking
- ☐ Youth activities
- ☐ Cooking /Catering
- ☐ Gardening and outdoors
- ☐ Writing and/or editing
- ☐ Spending time with children
- ☐ Spending time with seniors
- ☐ General handy person
- ☐ Creative design and craft oriented
- ☐ Listening and hearing other people's stories without judgement
- ☐ Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

*Please fold in half and place in the offering plate when completed*

**Lastly, but important to share:**

Please tell us what you do (or did) in your work life:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email and/or phone number: \_\_\_\_\_



**Tuesday, September 17th**  
**7:00pm 9:00pm**

Carol O'Neil will be hosting this meeting in her home.  
Please contact the church office if you are in need of directions.

### Theme:

"Ice Cream Social, Are you scooping through the Word?"  
Scripture to read: Psalm 139:23, 24.

*Please bring a Bible if you have one.*

## COMMITTEE

## CORNER

This month's featured committee is Westminster's  
**Board of Trustees**

The current Board of Trustees consists of:

Wendy Ekker

Larry Morrow

Ron Motum

Bob Neil

Dave Parks

Jim Ward

Shane Suepaul (Chair)

By policy, the Minister is an automatic member  
of the Board of Trustees

In the last year, the Board of Trustees was involved with the sale of lands to the  
Manning Mews Corporation.



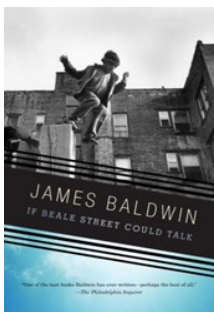
We are currently looking at three areas as part of our current mandate:

1. Records management at WUC
2. Review investments under Trustee responsibility
3. Review insurance coverage – property, liability (update list of trustees on insurance policy at time of renewal), third party liability

We expect that this list will continue to grow.



The next gathering of the Book Club is **Wednesday September 25th, 2019 at 1:30pm**  
in the Founders' Room at Westminster United Church to discuss the movie and book:  
**If Beale Street Could Talk**, by James Baldwin.



In this honest and stunning novel, James Baldwin has given America a moving story of love in the face of injustice. Told through the eyes of Tish, a nineteen-year-old girl, in love with Fonny, a young sculptor who is the father of her child, Baldwin's story mixes the sweet and the sad. Tish and Fonny have pledged to get married but Fonny is falsely accused of a terrible crime and imprisoned. Their families set out to clear his name, and as they face an uncertain future, the young lovers experience a kaleidoscope of emotions –affection, despair and hope. In a love story that evokes the blues, where passion and sadness are inevitably intertwined, Baldwin has created two characters so alive and profoundly realized that they are unforgettably ingrained in the American psyche.

All are welcome. To borrow the book or for more information, please call Susan at 905-493-3122.



## Thoughts from the Cottage on Climate Change

Bill and I moved to the cottage for the summer. It is on an island at the mouth of the Muskoka River. For us it is a simpler life. For some of our neighbours, this year, with its severe flooding from snow melt and rain, it is a more difficult time. There is a lot of damage near us. Docks and even boathouses washed away and lots of shorelines, that needed sandbagging then, will need shoring up with rocks now. Too much water can be very destructive.

City homes have also been threatened by flooding. Too much rain and overloaded sewer systems leave water, and even raw sewage, in basements and subways. Climate change is real and we have to adapt. The federal government is proposing a program to alleviate basement flooding but some of us will have to act sooner. There are several actions that we can take:

*\*Slope landscaping away from your foundation.*

*\*Choose hard surfaces, i.e. patios and driveways, that are permeable.*

*\*Detach an eavestrough downspout from your weeping tile. Be sure to direct the water 2 metres from your home.*

*\*Encourage plants and shrubs that will take up water.*

*\*If the water table rises, have a plumber install an appropriately sized sump pump which will collect water from your weeping tile and direct it away from your building. It may need battery backup if you have power outages.*

*\*Have a plumber install a backwater valve which will close your sewer connection during extreme rain. You cannot use the plumbing system while it is closed.*

We are all learning to make small changes in our behaviour that will measurably reduce our carbon footprint. We must also support our governments at all levels who are looking at the big picture and taking regulatory steps that will make a significant difference in the state of our atmosphere and the health of our planet.

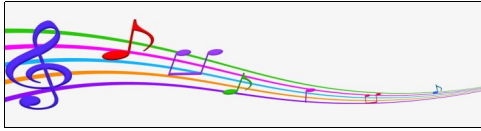
With a federal election on the horizon, as citizens, we should be prepared to require our politicians to clearly articulate their positions with regard to this issue as well as to outline specific steps that will engage all sectors of society in the mitigation process.

History tells us that a non-partisan, collaborative approach to global issues is essential. We remember that when the hole in the ozone layer of our atmosphere was recognized, almost all members of the United Nations participated in the "Montreal Protocol" which proved hugely successful. While individual actions are necessary, collaborative action is essential.

A good example for all of us is the actions that youth are taking all over the world. Let's not be afraid to have respectful conversations with friends and neighbours, and even strangers, on the subject of climate disruption and mitigation.

If you would like some reading material, some good websites to search are:  
The David Suzuki Foundation, 350.org or bullfrogpower. com.

Cheers,  
Bill and Mary Shepherd



## Music Notes

Many thanks to Jennifer Tilk and Heather Von Zuben who continued our music ministry throughout the summer. We were inspired by musical selections by Kalista Wilson, Elizabeth Hatter, Chris and Sue Shkolnik, Nancy Wallis, Sarah Von Zuben, Emma Cullen (dance), Kyle Cullen, Katie Bonikowsky and King Whitney. Thank you!

Chancel Choir begins Thursday, Sept. 5, at 6:00, with our **Annual Kick-off Potluck Supper** at the church. New members are warmly invited to join!

Please speak to Margaret Motum if you love to sing, play an instrument or dance. There are opportunities for all!

Parents of children interested in the Junior Choir are asked to speak to Heather Von Zuben.

Stay tuned for Christmas Eve Youth Play information coming soon!

Margaret



DIANE  
LEAH

HEATHER  
BAMBRICK

JULIE  
MICHELS

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

### Great news, Westminster!

Your stewardship committee is pleased to announce  
that an amazing concert is on the way!

You won't want to miss

### **BROADSWAY**

Saturday, October 26, 2019

7:00 pm.

BROADSWAY features international artist,

***Julie Michels***

Juno Award nominee,

***Heather Bambrick***

Dora Mavor Award nominee,

***Diane Leah***

**Music from Gershwin to Gaga - it's Broadway their way.**

Tickets are \$30.00 and a limited number will be available at the church on Sundays and during the week in the office. They are also available through **[www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)**

More information available from their website at: **[www.thebroadwayshow.com](http://www.thebroadwayshow.com)**

***Ticket sales commence on September 1, 2019***

## Where did the summer go?

It slipped by pretty quickly and there was lots for your Property Committee to do.

The summer work began with the awarding of a contract to RCI Construction to rebuild the access ramps from the parking lot to the sidewalk. This was needed because, with time, the concrete curb and asphalt had shifted, making the transition rough and an icy hazard in the winter. There are still some challenges with our sidewalks so please continue to watch for the uneven surfaces. RDI also repaired one catch basin.

We have also done some work in the sanctuary. At the request of the choir, a team lead by Larry Laycock modified the chancel choir loft to accommodate a privacy curtain. The west end was widened to create a rectangular-shaped platform. There have been delays in securing the anchors for the privacy curtain but the work should be completed in early September. In addition, the wall on which the cross is located was patched and repainted. The risers for the choir were also painted to coordinate better with the sanctuary walls. There is still some work to do on broken windows and we will continue to move that forward.

The phone system in the church office is several years old and is lacking some basic modern office features such as call display and call forwarding. Bill Fisher has lead the charge and, in working with our staff, has identified a replacement product which will make for easier communications between the congregation and the church staff. The new systems should be in place in early September.

As a result of a motor cycle accident in the church parking lot in July, three sections of north-side fence were damaged. The person riding the bike suffered some minor injuries but is thankfully ok. We have been working with Westminster's insurance company and we will be replacing the damaged sections of the fence in early September.

Buds & Shrubs Renewal 2.0. I am sure that you noticed the work done in some of the gardens around the church. That work was led by Monica Veenstra and Ron Kurtz and this is the first step of an initiative we are calling Buds & Shrubs Renewal 2.0. Over the years our flower gardens have matured and we have had to remove some of the trees due to disease. Monica and Ron will be heading up a working group, as part of the Property Committee, to plan and coordinate the renewal of our green spaces over the next two to three years. We will be inviting members of the congregation to express their interest in helping out with this project at a planning meeting in mid-September.

We have purchased a pump to help remove water from the flat roof above the Narthex/Kitchen. By reducing the standing water, we will help minimize the odor which gets drawn into our heating/cooling fresh air supply. We are also exploring other more permanent solutions.

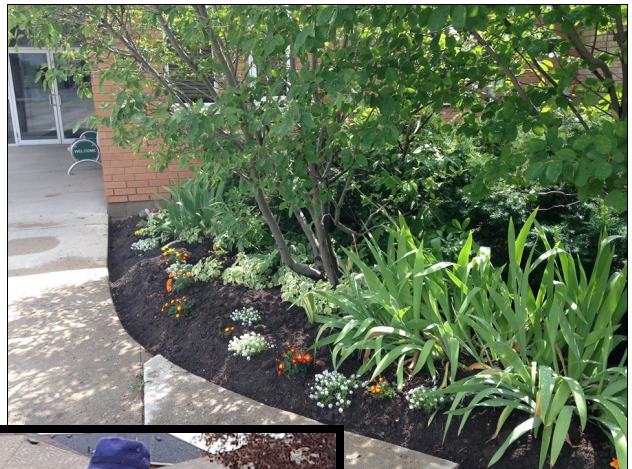
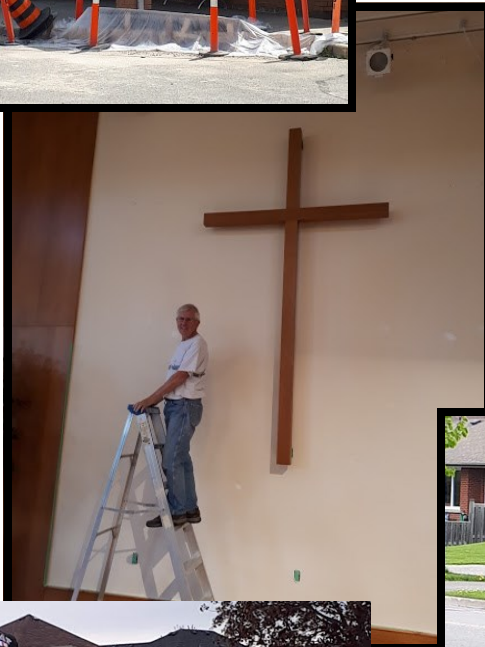
We should also add that during August, the coordinators of the Whitby Senior's Bridge Group decided to return the group to the Haden Shore Pavilion, as the planned redevelopment project there has been cancelled. Haden Shore has been their home for a long time and they wish to return. The group's last use of the gym was on August 29<sup>th</sup>. The Town of Whitby will continue to honour its contract with Westminster to the end of December.

We thank you for your continued support as we work to keep Westminster safe, secure and in good shape.

Bob Neil,  
Chair, Property Committee



**Thank You to our Property Committee and Friends  
for making Westminster look so Wonderful!**





### ***Did you know...***

- ...that Vacation Bible School was a very successful venture this summer under the leadership of Jolene Baker, Cathy Shaw and many, many others? The theme this year was "HERO HEADQUARTERS – where kids join forces with God".
- ...that our Office Administrator, Beth Navarro, is engaged to be married to Phil Blake this September? Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.
- ...that a number of people worked on the garden beds around the church this summer? Thanks to their efforts, we are surrounded by nature's beauty.
- ...that Kyle Cullen and his wife, Hivin, were home for a visit from Egypt where they now live? While here, Kyle and his sister offered their gifts of music and dance during worship on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Kyle played the piano and sang *As the Deer Pants for the Water* while his sister, Emma, performed a liturgical dance.
- ...that Gail and Jim Wild celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in July? They honoured this milestone by taking their whole family to Viamede Resort. Congratulations, Gail and Jim!
- ...that Carol O'Neil is now LLWL certified (Licensed Lay Worship Leader) and has been busy providing Pulpit Supply in Durham Region? No longer working as a Hoarding Specialist, Carol is now a Faith/Spiritual Reintegration Chaplain for Corrections Canada and her husband, Mark Clarke, works for Habitat for Humanity.
- ...that our Food Bank has served 183 clients in the last 7 months? We are grateful to you for your contributions to this worthy cause. If you feel so inclined, you might add a Loblaw's gift card when you purchase yours. It can be placed in the jar by the Welcome Table. Many thanks.



**Diversity  
Embraced  
Here**



## FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP / FINANCE COMMITTEE

### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS - CASH BASIS

	ACTUAL 2019 JAN - JUL	BUDGET 2019 JAN - JUL	VARIANCE JAN - JUL
Offerings - Local Fund & Building Fund	151,092	154,521	-3,429
Offerings - Mission & Service	15,996	13,017	2,979
Other Receipts	74,546	78,794	-4,247
<b>Total 2019 Operating Receipts</b>	<b>241,635</b>	<b>246,332</b>	<b>-4,697</b>
<b>Total 2019 Operating Disbursements</b>	<b>260,963</b>	<b>267,741</b>	<b>-6,779</b>
<b>2019 Operating + Surplus / - Deficit</b>	<b>-19,328</b>	<b>-21,409</b>	<b>2,081</b>

**TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS as on Jul 31/2019 = \$154,074**

The **property budget has been revised** (at May 28th Council Meeting) to cover the repairs of two access ramps, a catch basin, and two broken windows. The **projected cost of these repairs is \$7,400** - which takes our budgeted 2019 operating deficit from \$702 to \$8,102.

*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!*

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

There's also a personal benefit – it's a great way meet people and build relationships!





# You're invited...

<b>Choir Begins</b> 7:00pm - 8:30pm New Members Welcome	Thursday, September 5 <i>(every Thursday evening)</i>
<b>Worship Service - Welcome Sunday</b> <b>J.a.M Kick-Off and Blessing of the Backpacks</b> 10:30am <b>Congregational Luncheon</b>	Sunday, September 8
<b>UCW Meeting</b> 6:30pm - 8:30pm	Monday, September 9
<b>Christmas Bazaar Meeting</b> 7:00pm - 9:00pm	Wednesday, September 11
<b>Worship Service - Communion</b> 10:30am <b>CDMC (Climate) Meeting</b> 11:30am - 1:00pm	Sunday, September 15
<b>Blood Donor Clinic</b> 4:00pm - 8:00pm <b>Wine, Women and the Word Bible Study</b> 7:00pm - 9:00pm	Tuesday, September 17
<b>Worship Service</b> 10:30am	Sunday, September 22
<b>Prayer Team Meeting</b> 1:30pm - 2:30pm <b>Church Council Meeting</b> 7:00pm - 9:00pm	Tuesday, September 24
<b>Book Club</b> 1:30pm - 3:00pm	Wednesday, September 25
<b>Worship Service</b> 10:30am	Sunday, September 29
<b>Living Alone Lunch</b> 12:00pm - 2:30pm	Wednesday, October 1
<b>Worship Service - Worldwide Communion</b> 10:30am	Sunday, October 6
<b>Faith &amp; Fellowship</b> 1:30pm - 3:00pm	Wednesday, October 9
<b>Games Night</b> 7:00am - 9:30pm	Friday, October 18
<b>BROADsWAY Concert</b> 7:00pm - 9:00pm	Saturday, October 26