



Westminster United Church

"Embracing Our Community"



*"And immediately
they left their nets
and followed him"*
Mark 1:17-18

Weekly Worship Service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
February 2, 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 - Fairest Lord Jesus - *arr. Raney*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Come, let us sing to the LORD,
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout with psalms (*Psalms 95:1*)

**We will listen closely for all the Spirit says,
for God is speaking inner peace
to those who turn their hearts in faith.** (*Psalms 85:8*)

Opening Prayer

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

* **Passing the Peace**

* **Hymn: VU 398 (to tune 537) Great Shepherd of Your People**

To Offer Ourselves

Minute for Mission - Ron Martin

Invitation to Offering

Offertory - My Lord, What a Morning - *trad. Spiritual*

* **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. - Hallelu

Ministry of Music - Hush! Somebody's Calling My Name - *trad. Spiritual*
(Gordon Kirk, solo)

Scripture Background (an introduction to the Gospel of Mark)

Scripture: Mark 1:1-20 - *Joanne Gibb*
The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God...

A Sermon On Mid-Life Crises and Other Good News -
Rev. Michelle Robinson

To Respond in Faith

Time of Silent Reflection

* **Hymn: VU 567 Will You Come and Follow Me**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

To Go Into the World

* **Hymn: MV 140 As Long As We Follow**

* **Blessing and Sending Forth**

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

* **Postlude** - Bound for the Promised Land - *arr. Durham*

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, Tweed St. John's.

Ways to Give Your Offering // There are 7 different ways you can give your offering to the Church. Please contact Rebecca Clingman, Office Administrator at 905-723-6442 or wuc@westminster-uc.ca for more information.

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 Services and Events

- Sunday, February 2 Black History Month Presentation and lunch (after service)
- Saturday, February 8 United in Praise Concert (7:00 p.m.)
- Sunday, February 9 Guest Speaker Dr. Betty Pries "Church in the 21st Century" (during service); ACM and lunch (after service)

Upcoming Services and Events

Black History in Oshawa: One Family's Story // Sunday, February 2 after worship. // Gym // Jennifer Weymark, Local Historian and Archivist at the Oshawa Museum will be giving a presentation. Lunch provided by the UCW, All are welcome.

United in Praise Concert // Saturday, February 8, at 7 p.m. // Westminster United Church // Featuring Praise Bands from Brooklin, Kingsview, Westminster and Spirit.Calm. Free will offering to the Mission and Service Fund. For more details, please contact the Church Office at 905-723-6442.

Guest Speaker // Sunday, February 9, during worship // Dr. Better Pries from Credent & Co. will be speaking about the challenges and opportunities for the "Church in the 21st Century.

Annual Congregational Meeting // Sunday, February 9, after service // Lunch will be provided, in the gym, by the Foodman Group. The ACM will follow lunch in the Sanctuary. Child care provided

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR! // Saturday, February 22 //
To join our team and to sponsor online, just go to www.cnoy.org search for Westminster United Church and follow the prompts; Or stop by the gym after service on Jan. 26 or Feb. 16 to give a donation. For more information contact Cathy Shaw at 905-723-6442 or at cshaw@westminster-uc.ca.



Volunteer Opportunities, Thank You's, and Other Information



Thank you...//

...for your purchases of organic coffee, green and NEW earl grey tea and Fair Trade chocolate bars. This enables us to provide the coffee and tea after church.

UCW Requests //

The UCW is in need of an electric can opener and if you have one that you are not using, we would greatly appreciate your donation. If you have any questions, please contact Susan at 905-493-3122. Thank you so much for your assistance.



Readers Needed //

Readers needed for monthly Minute for Mission. For further information, please contact Debbie Joyce at (905) 668-9416.

Greeters and Candlelighters //

If you are looking for a new way to meet your Westminster Church family, please consider signing up to greet and light the candles. Greeting is a great way to get to know the members of our congregation. If you aren't sure and would like more information please speak with Patti Lang or Ava Tomlinson. The sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Narthex.

Sock Tree //

The tree in the Narthex is looking for decorations. Winter has set in and everyone wants to have warm feet. Please bring in your donations of warm socks and they will be donated to local community groups and schools that have expressed a need. Donations will be collected until the middle of February.



To: Friends of Westminster United Church
Date: January 22, 2020
Re: Listening for our Vision & Mission

What does it mean to be faithful as a people of God in our 21st Century context?
As Westminster United Church, what is our central purpose for being together?
To what ministries, dreams and other acts of faith is God calling us at this time?

Westminster United Church is initiating a listening and discernment process to listen for how God is calling us as community of faith. We want to pay attention to what it means to be a people of faith in this time. We also want to discern what concrete actions we are being called to take in response to God's call.

Please join us for this conversation! We are working with Betty Pries and Cayla Charles from Credence & Co. (www.credenceandco.com). In February, you will receive an invitation to complete a survey. Several randomly selected people from our community of faith will be invited to participate in an interview with Credence. The surveys and interviews will endeavour to capture your perception of Westminster today along with your aspirations for Westminster going forward. We will also meet several times for conversation together as a community of faith, led by Credence.

Please, note the following dates in your calendar:

- February 9, 2020: Guest speaker, Dr. Betty Pries
"The Church in the 21st Century"
Congregational Meeting following the service
- February 9 – 21, 2020: Interviews and survey
- March 8, 2020: Congregational Meeting following the service
- Other dates to follow...

We pray that our dialogue together will open our community to listening deeply for God's leading and that, in doing so, we will reflect ever more closely that which God is calling us to be.

From Credence & the Westminster UC Mission & Vision Working Group

We are pleased to be able to highlight and celebrate our church committees and all they do to serve Westminster.

The Parish Mosaic Committee

The Parish Mosaic Committee, a sub-committee of Outreach was created after Westminster United's decision to become an Affirming Congregation.

Our work flows directly from Westminster's *"Statement of Inclusion"*.

"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."

The Parish Mosaic Committee is to provide leadership, education and support within our congregation and in the outside community as we live into our ministry of radical welcome and inclusion. It is a busy committee, with activities including, but not limited to:

- Active participation in both the annual Multi-Faith Pride Service and The Durham Pride Parade.
- Active participation in the annual Youth Pride event.
- Hosting numerous information tables at various events throughout the year about Westminster United Church being an Affirming Congregation.
- Hosting the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Service at Westminster.
- Maintaining active contact between Westminster and LGBTQ organizations such as AIDS Committee of Durham, PFLAG Durham and Durham Pride.
- Producing various newsletter and bulletin board articles with Information on Black History month, Women's Rights, Truth and Reconciliation, multiple faith celebrations and various topics of diversity and inclusion.
- Actively working with other Affirming congregations in our region to advance the impact of the Affirming initiative.
- With the Friendly Visitor Committee, co-hosting the annual Multi-Cultural Pot-Luck Luncheon.

The Current Members of the committee are: Don F. (chair), Gail B., Peter S., Cheryl F-E., Alex E., Jeanne Y., Paul K..

Westminster Weekly Calendar

Sunday February 02

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM-Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
10:45 AM - 10:50 AM-Minute for Mission
12:30 PM - 02:00 PM-Black History Month seminar (Sanctuary/Gym/ Kitchen)

Monday February 03

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 February 04

12:30 PM - 03:00 PM-Stroke Recovery Group (Gym/Kitchen)
06:30 PM - 08:00 PM-Worship Committee Meeting (Founders' Room)
06:30 PM - 08:00 PM-Whitby 31st Brownies (Gym)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-1st Mapleshade Rangers (Room 1)
07:30 PM - 09:00 PM-11th Whitby Scouts (Computer Room)

Wednesday February 05

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 February 06

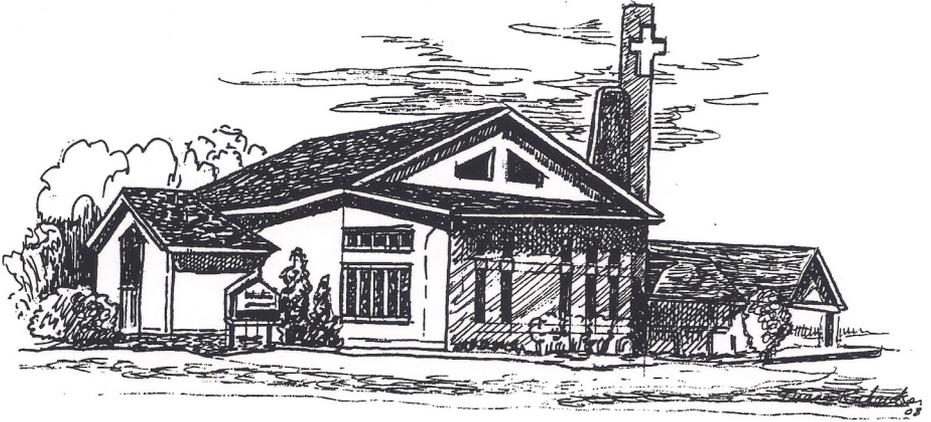
06:30 PM - 08:30 PM-Youth Group (Youth Room)
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM-Choir Practice (Founder's Room/Sanctuary)
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM-Family Karate (Gym)

Friday February 07

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM-YDAC (Room 1, Computer Rm, Gym)
07:00 PM - 09:30 PM-Games Night! (Gym, kitchen)

Saturday February 08

07:00 PM - 10:00 PM-Praise Band Concert (Westminster UC)



Greeters and Candle Lighter The Parish Mosaic Committee

Ushers Team 6 - Ed Rosdobutko, Ron and June Martin, Bob Locksley, Ron Motum

Coffee and Tea Team 2 - Gail and Jim Wild, Bonny Ferguson

Tech Booth William Von Zuben and Liam Bonikowsky

Volunteer Custodian(s) Team 6 - Neville Wright, Dean Mortimer, Bruce Cullen

Counters Diane Booth and Ed Rosdobutko

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