



Westminster United Church

"Embracing Our Community"



Weekly Worship Service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
February 9, 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 - Never Alone - SALT
Awake My Soul - SALT

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: *(written by Beth Merrill Neel)*

We gather together in the light of a new day.

We bring our questions and our joy.

In word and silence we listen;

What is it that God would have us hear this day?

In praise and prayer we are reminded,

That God's love is with us, around and within.

Come, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

* **Passing the Peace**

* **Hymn: VU 835 Praise to the Lord**

To Offer Ourselves

Invitation to Offering

Offertory - Let Praise Resound

* **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 - Singing "Hallelu"

Scripture Background

Scripture: Mark 1:21-39 - *Steve Coulter*

A Message on "Being the Church" - *Dr. Betty Pries*

To Respond in Faith

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

To Go Into the World

*** Hymn: MV 144 Like a Healing Stream**

*** Blessing and Sending Forth**

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

*** Postlude - I Life My Voice to Praise You**

A warm **WELCOME** to Dr. Betty Pries from Credence & Co. as she shares with us about the challenges and opportunities for the church in the 21st century.

Betty has 26 years of experience coaching, mediating, training, facilitating and consulting. She is a Chartered Mediator with the ADR Institute of Canada. She is a regular Instructor at the University of Waterloo and she has recently completed her PhD on the topic of Conflict Transformation.

Over the upcoming months, Dr. Pries and her colleagues will be leading us through our listening and discernment process as we pay attention to what it means to be a people of faith in this time.

Annual Meeting after Service TODAY - A big THANK YOU to the Foodman Group for providing us with a delicious lunch after service.



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, Fairview.

Ways to Give Your Offering // There are 7 different ways you can give your offering to the Church. Please contact Becky at the church office 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 16 Worship Service
Focus Text Mark 2:1-17
- Sunday, February 23 Transfiguration Sunday
Pulpit Supply - John and Helen Bowman
- Sunday, March 1 First Sunday in Lent
"A capella" Sunday
Pulpit Supply - Carol O'Neil

Upcoming Services and Events

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



Wine, Women and the Word // Tuesday, February 11 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: "Home is Where God's Heart Is". Scripture to read: Proverbs 14:1. Please bring your bible if you have one.

Buds & Shrubs Committee Meeting // Tuesday, February 11 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm // Computer Room // Planning for spring plantings and identifying knowledge, skills and resources.

Faith & Fellowship // Wednesday, February 12 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. // 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. Please contact the Church Office for more details.



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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 Feb. 16 to give a donation. For more information contact Cathy Shaw at 905-723-6442 or at cshaw@westminster-uc.ca.

Lenten Study "Wendel 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 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.

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 would like you to pick up your containers so you will have them the next time we ask for goodies. You will see them on a table in the Narthex. Many thanks.



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.

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.

Westminster Weekly Calendar

Sunday February 09

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM-Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00 PM - 02:00 PM-Annual Congregational Meeting (Gym/
 Kitchen)

Monday February 10

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-M&P (Founders Room)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Foodman Group Meeting (Kitchen)

Tuesday February 11

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-Records Management Committee Meeting
 (Room 1)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Buds and Shrubs Committee Meeting
 (Computer Room)
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM-Communications Cmte (Founders' Room)

Wednesday February 12

01:30 PM - 03:00 PM-Faith & Fellowship (Founders' Rm)

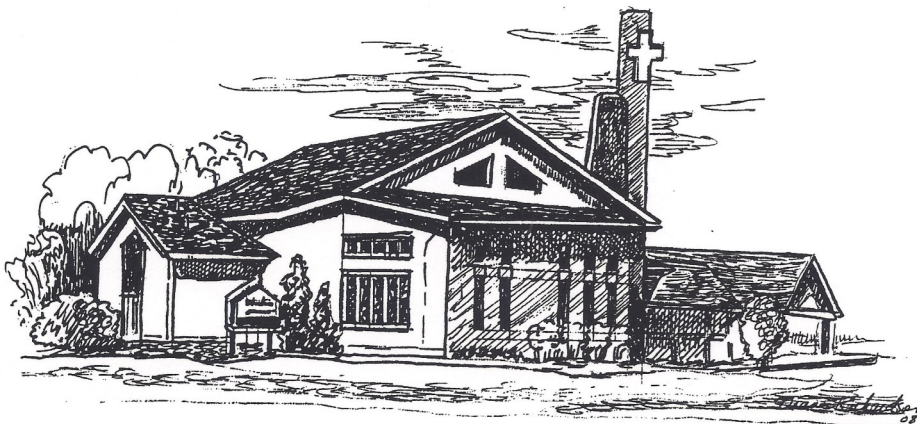
Thursday February 13

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 14

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

Saturday February 15



Greeters and Candle Lighter Ava Tomlinson and Jean Watson

Ushers Team 1 - Lorne Coe, Ron Kurtz, Wendy and Ed Ekker

Coffee and Tea Team 3 - Tom Medlock, Karen Kennedy, Janet Hendrikse

Tech Booth Arthur Smith and Saudi Mohammed

Volunteer Custodian(s) Team 1 - Dave Summers, Larry Morrow, Jeanne Yee

Counters Tom McNown, Wendy and Ed Ekker

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