



Westminster United Church

"Embracing Our Community"



A Lenten Series

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1. completely, totally, or fully

Weekly Worship Service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
March 15, 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 - Love Divine - *arr. Raney*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

To know the warmth of love,

To have the assurance that someone cares,

To be confident of our worth,

To be bold to love in return,

To be washed over with grace,

To be accepted as we are:

This is to know a bit of God.

Then let us worship God.

Gathering Verse: MV 62 There is Room for All

Opening Prayer / Prayer of Confession

Fill us with your Spirit

In the name of Christ, we pray.

Draw us nearer to you and to each other.

We open our hearts

and offer the truth of our lives:

The fear that stifles us,

The prejudice that blinds us,

The doubt that plagues us.

We pray for the courage to acknowledge our hurt,

the strength to amend our actions,

and the hope that your grace awaits us.

(Silent Prayer/Reflection)

Words of Assurance

The God we serve is the God of life and wholeness

the God of hope, the God of new beginnings—

This we trust, and by this we live.

You are loved and forgiven

ALL: You are loved and forgiven

Thanks be to God!

* Passing the Peace

* Hymn: VU 339 When Morning Gilds the Skies

To Offer Ourselves

Invitation to Offering

Offertory - The Quiet Journey - *Keesecker*

* Sung Response - VU 218 We Praise You, O God (vs 1)

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 - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say - *Shackley*

Scripture Background

Scripture: Mark 5:21-43 A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed
Bev Crumb

A Sermon on Telling the WHOLLY Truth - *Rev. Michelle Robinson*

To Respond in Faith

Time of Silent Reflection

* Hymn: VU 619 Healer of Our Every Ill

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

To Go Into the World

* Hymn: VU 358 When Jesus the Healer (vs 1-3, 5, 7)

* Blessing and Sending Forth

* Closing Response - VU 512 Lord, You Give...(vs 5)

* **Postlude** - My Faith Looks Up to Thee - *arr. Hopson*



Upcoming Services and Events

The Lenten Series continues on "WHOLLY"...

- Sunday, March 22 Fourth Sunday in Lent - Being WHOLLY Open
Focus Text Mark 7:31-37
- Sunday, March 29 Fifth Sunday in Lent
Guest Speaker - Clarence Keesman,
Executive Director of The Refuge

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 //

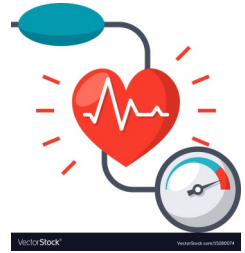
We are holding in prayer our fellow community of faith, New Hope.

There will be NO coffee and tea following service //
Coffee and tea after service will be temporarily suspended.
We will reassess as the days go forward.



Upcoming Meetings, Services and Events

Blood Pressure Clinic // TODAY 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.



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blood.
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urgently.



Blood Donor Clinic // Tuesday March 17, at 4:00 - 8:00pm // Please book your appointment time by calling ahead to Canadian Blood Services at 1-888-236-6283.

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.



Book Club // Wednesday, March 25, 1:30 pm // Founders' Room // The book entitled **The Nature of the Beast** by Louise Penny will be discussed. All are welcome. To borrow the book or for more information, please call Susan at 905-493-3122.

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."

Labyrinth Meditation for Lent // Tuesday, March 31, 7:00 to 8:30pm // Sanctuary // Join us for a time of prayer, meditation and sacred music, a time of letting go and being present to Holy Spirit. For more information please contact Clarence at clarencemac@gmail.com.



Personal Prayer Walk // April 1 and 2, from 9:00am to 4:00pm // Sanctuary // The labyrinth will be open for personal prayer walks.



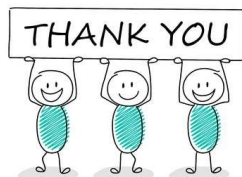
Volunteer Opportunities, Thank You's, and Other Information

*Thank
you!*

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 when it resumes.

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.



Easter Flowers // Both this Sunday, March 8 and March 15 you have the opportunity to make a monetary donation to Westminster to purchase Easter flowers. These flowers may be in memory of loved ones or to honour friends. Their names will be displayed in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Any money remaining from donations goes into general revenue for Westminster and the full donation appears on your tax receipt.

The flowers decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, then are distributed to members and friends of our church community who are unable to attend church.

Envelopes are available on a table outside the sanctuary doors and may be dropped in the baskets on the same table or given in to the Church Office.

The flowers will be ordered on March 18, so if you want to donate to this special ministry, please have your donations in by Sunday, March 15.



Westminster's Foodbank Needs Your Support this Season!

Did you know that our foodbank had 470 visits in 2019?

To help keep our shelves stocked with non-perishable food items and supplies this Easter and springtime, your Outreach Committee, with the help of our amazing JaM kids, will have a special handout for you during service on Sunday, March 15 and Sunday, March 22. A handy list of the most needed foodbank items will be included.

We gratefully ask for your help by returning donated items to our foodbank box by the Welcome Table in the Narthex by Palm Sunday (April 5).

We thank you for your support as we continue to serve those in need in our wider community.

Blessings,
Your Westminster Outreach Committee

Westminster Weekly Calendar

Sunday March 15

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM-Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
12:30 PM - 02:00 PM-Blood Pressure Check (Founders' Room)

Monday March 16

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM-YDAC (Room 1, Youth & Computer)
09:30 AM - 12:30 PM-Taoism Tai Chi (Gym)
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM-Lenten Study (Founders Room)
06:30 PM - 08:30 PM-Guides 18th group (Gym)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Outreach Committee (Founders Room)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Foodman Group Meeting (Kitchen)

Tuesday March 17

02:00 PM - 09:30 PM-Blood Donor Clinic (Gym, Kitchen, Youth Room)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Records Management Committee (Founders Room)
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-1st Mapleshade Rangers (Room 1)

Wednesday March 18

07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Lenten Study (Founders Room)
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM-Manning Mews Meeting (Room 1)

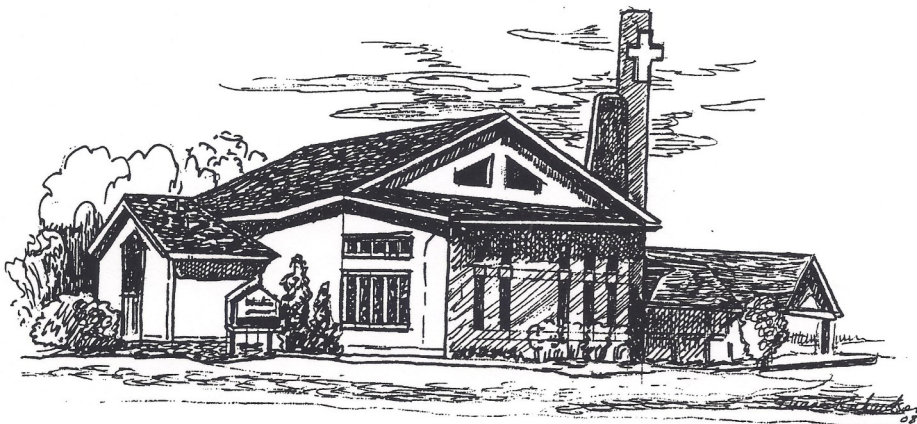
Thursday March 19

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 20

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

Saturday March 21



Greeters and Candle Lighter Joanne Brown and Pat Weldon

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

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

Tech Booth Tim Shkolnik and Chris Shkolnik

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

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