

Watch your email for the links to the Sunday service, J.a.M, and other events. If you would like to join our service but have not received an email, please contact the church at wuc@westminster-uc.ca and we will send you the link.



This Sunday, May 31 is Pentecost and our Worship will be
LIVE on ZOOM at 10:30am, led by Cathy Shaw.
**There will be no recorded service video and no
communion this week.**

*To help add to the celebration, you are encouraged to wear
Pentecost colours (red, orange or yellow) to the Worship
Service.*

Order of Service

Call to Worship

As the disciples gathered together,
so we too, come together to worship.

As the disciples knew the presence of the Holy Spirit,
so we seek to feel that presence also.

As the disciples proclaimed the Gospel to all who were
gathered,

so we are called to do the same.

Come, let us worship!

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

O God of Wind and Fire, we pray that as we gather today you might enter into our homes and places of being. Blow amongst us with the breath of life and burn in us with a passion for following in your way. Surprise us, O God, and move in us so that we may move for you. Amen.

Hymn: VU #195 “On Pentecost They Gathered”

1 On Pentecost they gathered
quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples,
to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing,
filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire aglowing
inspired each person there.

2 The people all around them
were startled and amazed
to understand their language,
as Jesus Christ they praised.
What universal message,
what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen
to vanquish all our fear.

3 God pours the Holy Spirit
on all who would believe,
on women, men, and children
who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit,
bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming,
responds in every hour.

4 O Spirit, sent from heaven
on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us
in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen
and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation
glad songs of joy shall raise.

Time with All God's Children

Holy Spirit Song
(Tune: Frère Jacques)

Tongues of Fire,
Tongues of Fire,
Mighty Wind,
Mighty Wind,
The Holy Spirit's Coming,
The Holy Spirit's Coming,
Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

Scripture: Acts 2:1-4, 1 Corinthians 12: 1-13

Sermon: Filled with Holy Flame

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU #376 “Spirit of the Living God”

1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

Blessing and Sending Forth



Virtual Fellowship: grab your Coffee/Tea Sunday May 31 following the service, for a live streaming Check-In and virtual fellowship coffee time.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

There is NO online J.a.M Session this Sunday, May 31. All J.a.M Kids are encouraged to attend Westminster's LIVE Worship Service at 10:30am (via Zoom) with their families. Our regular online programming for J.a.M will return on June 7.



Make a joyful noise! **Hymn Sing on ZOOM** with Heather VonZuben on **Monday at 1:00 pm and Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Family Campfire Songs, Friday at 6:30 pm.**

Our next **Monday Mayhem Trivia** is on **Monday, June 8th at 8:00pm**. Look for the ZOOM Link in next week's Email Blast! **Come join the fun...no experience necessary!**



REQUESTS AND THANK YOUs

Summer sermon topics suggested by

you! What have you been wondering about? Is there a topic or bible story that you'd like to hear explored in a sermon? Send your

ideas to Rev. Michelle Robinson at rev.m.robinson@gmail.com

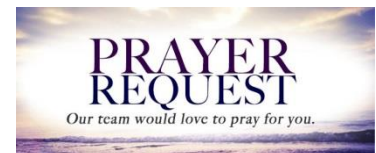


A huge ***thank you*** for your support of the food bank. We are seeing more families seeking assistance lately. Donations can still be made at the church on Mondays from 10-12.

Items that are useful:

cookies, crackers, kids snacks, canned meat, Kleenex, paper towels, instant coffee, tea, pasta sauce, jam, canned fruit and potatoes, fruit and pudding cups, tooth paste and shampoo. We have been using some of the monetary donations to purchase gift cards so our clients can buy perishable items.

Send your prayer requests to Rev. Michelle (rev.m.robinson@gmail.com) or Cathy(westminster.cathy@gmail.com) to be held in prayer by our active prayer team.



NEWS AND FYIs



Are you a healthcare worker? Do you wear masks? Do they bother your ears? Monica Veenstra has graciously made some “**Ear Savers**”. If you would like one, please contact the office at

wuc@westminster-uc.ca and we will make arrangements to get one to you.

From the **Wellness Committee:**

<https://crosstalk.livinglights.ca>



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT



(Margaret Suepaul, Chair of Stewardship Committee)

Approximately 10 weeks ago we were told to “go home and stay home”; “wash our hands for at least 20 seconds”; “sanitize EVERYTHING”; and of course, “wear a face mask”.

So as we obeyed the law and closed our Church doors, there began a flurry of activities “behind the scene”, both at the national level and locally, beginning with Rev. Michelle finding ways to deliver our Sunday Message, and with Paul Pierson, Council Chair, managing a way (via Zoom) to get the services out to everyone. Then we had music added during the service, and singing, and pictures - from waving palm branches to beautifully coloured rocks, and “live” services, including the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Yet, throughout this pandemonium of ever changing information, exhausted front line workers and unrelenting sadness at retirement homes, people were using social media to post touching acts of kindness, inspiring stories of people helping others (from big corporations to a youth running errands for his elderly neighbours), and of course ‘self-help’ ideas from easy bread making to ‘no-sew’ face masks!

Throughout it all, we find the common theme of sharing, caring, and giving. People found ways to be good stewards themselves while also inspiring all kinds of stewardship opportunities – financial, time, discipleship, and creativity. We really do not have to look very much further than among you, our congregation and ourselves, for examples of what we call “many sharing many unexpected gifts”:

- We continue to pray for others as we hold our grieving church families in our tender prayers.
- A Call Tree of about 20 volunteers was set up to call/stay in contact with all our WUC Families.
- All Committees continue to meet via Zoom, carrying on with the work of our Church.
- Many engage in the Hymn Sing and Campfire Songs with Heather VonZuben.
- Cathy Shaw hosts J.A.M. sessions, and,
- She finds time with Bev Crumb for hosting Trivia Night and Monday Mayhem Trivia.
- There is a Sunday Check-in and Virtual Fellowship and Coffee time.
- Sharing from our Wellness Committee, most recently, on “Covid-19 and Your Mental Health”
- WUC Foodbank continues to open every Tuesday because of your continued support (both financial and with groceries). It is even more urgent now, that this Outreach ministry continues.
- There has been waxing of floors and cleaning and sanitizing of the church.

- The Weed Wackers are back, as scheduled, staying apart, but keeping up our lawn.
- There is even painting happening because of our industrious Property Committee volunteers.
- ‘Buds and Shrubs’ members have been finding ways to plant flowers while social distancing.

So, thank you for continuing to give generously and for being a part of “many sharing many unexpected gifts”. And as we look towards Pentecost Sunday, we find the following Stewardship theme: “Stewards care passionately, humbly, and graciously about God’s vision for the world”.

Thank you again for walking with God as we continue to appreciate how our world has changed. We thank God for the love and protection that He has provided, and we ask for continued blessings and for a grateful heart on this “new” journey of service and discipleship.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Westminster United Church Statement of Operations				
	APR ACTUALS	JAN - APR ACTUALS	MAY FORECAST	JUN FORECAST
RECEIPTS				
Total Offerings (LF & BF)	18,599	76,647	20,500	17,500
Offerings (LF & BF) - PAR	12,682	50,440	12,500	12,500
Offerings (LF & BF) - Envelopes	3,592	23,632	5,000	3,000
Offerings (LF & BF) - Electronic	2,325	2,575	3,000	2,000
Donations (see Note 1)	3,303	13,211	1,800	1,500
Fundraising Income	-	593	-	-
Rentals - Long Term	-	15,476	-	-
Rentals - Short Term	-	250	-	-
Other Income	1,417	5,019	60	60
TOTAL RECEIPTS - excl M&S	23,319	111,196	22,360	19,060
DISBURSEMENTS				
Salaries & Benefits	20,777	90,005	21,000	21,442
Property	7,253	24,921	6,500	4,500
Mortgage Expense (see Note 2)	-	8,010	-	-
UCC Assessment (see Note 3)	-	3,611	-	1,805
Other	2,105	8,280	2,940	3,522
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS - excl M&S	30,135	134,827	30,440	31,269
SURPLUS / - DEFICIT - excl M&S	- 6,817	- 23,631	- 8,080	- 12,209
Offerings - Mission & Service Offerings	1,890	7,360	1,600	1,600
Mission & Service Commitment	1,890	7,360	1,600	1,600
TOTAL RECEIPTS - incl M&S	25,208	118,556	23,960	20,660
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS - incl M&S	32,025	142,187	32,040	32,869
SURPLUS / - DEFICIT - incl M&S	- 6,817	- 23,631	- 8,080	- 12,209
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy - CEWS (see Note 4)	10,000	15,000	10,000	5,000
SURPLUS / - DEFICIT after CEWS	3,183	8,631	1,920	7,209

Notes

1. Monetary donations to the Foodbank in April were \$1,800.
2. Mortgage payments have been suspended indefinitely effective Apr 1st (interest continues to accrue).
3. April UCC Assessment payment deferred to December 2020.
4. Wage Subsidy not yet received (application in process).

AVAILABLE FUNDS AS ON APR 30/2020	
Contingency for day-to-day operations	30,286
Reserve for Capital Investments	49,873
Reserve for Ministerial Investments	48,050
TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS	128,209
Non-Restricted Funds	18,774
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	146,983



We will continue to have pre-recorded services with scripture, music, prayer and sermon each week on Youtube, followed by weekly fellowship check-in on ZOOM.

In addition, plan on joining fellow Westminster worshipers for the following LIVE services:

June 28 "Picnic Sunday"

Intergenerational Service 10:30 am on ZOOM