

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 is **Trinity Sunday**. Tune in to our **pre-recorded Sunday service available Sunday, June 7** based on Acts 2:14-24. Find the service on our website under SERMONS with a link also on Westminster's Facebook page.



Virtual Fellowship: grab your Coffee/Tea Sunday June 7 at 1:00pm, for a live streaming Check-In and virtual fellowship coffee time.



Westminster's Congregational Prayer Walk **Sunday, June 7 at 3:00pm**

Let's pray together for our community and our world beginning in our own neighbourhoods. We will walk separately but together knowing that others in the congregation are doing the same thing at the same time.

Offer blessings for the people, homes, schools, stores, hospitals or community centres you pass.

Use the acronym **BLESS**:

B - Body - PRAY for the health and well-being of others.

L - Labour - PRAY for the work people do (health care, first responding, sanitation, transportation, construction, retail, hydro etc.)

E - Emotional/Environmental - PRAY for the emotional well-being of others and for God's Creation.

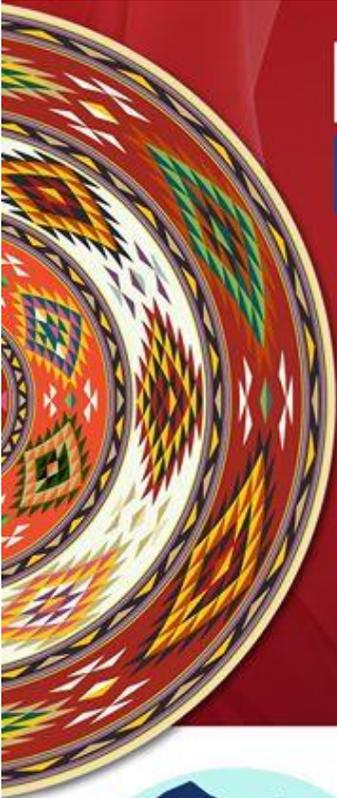
S - Social - PRAY for relationships; PRAY for our human family, the vulnerable, the isolated, the hurting, the marginalized.

S - Spiritual - PRAY with an openness to seeing something new, to seeing God at work.

Walk and Pray with us as together we practice social distancing with spiritual nearness, loving God and loving neighbour.

INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

There are various United Church of Canada events happening this June to recognize Indigenous History Month. Please see details of the **Speaker Series** and **Being Good Relations: Courage for Conversations** via Zoom.



INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

Speaker Series

Join us online every Sunday in June at 2 pm MST as we explore the foundations of the Indigenous Church in the United Church of Canada.

These sessions are open to everyone to come and learn.

- June 7** Foundations: Indigenous Women's Spirituality with Rev. Bernice Saulteaux.
- June 14** Formation: Indigeneity in Christian Formation with the Very Reverend Stan McKay.
- June 21** Indigenous People's Day: The Indigenous Church, Mission and Call with Rev. John Snow Jr.
- June 28** Vision: The Caretakers Report and the Future Indigenous Church with Adrian Jacobs, Keeper of the Circle, Sandy Saulteaux Spiritual Centre.



For more information and to obtain the Zoom link, contact Tony Snow: tony.snow@hillhurstunited.com



Please note this series will take place at 4pm EST

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://united-church.zoom.us/j/92362031513?pwd=a085U0hBc09HQk9iSEhsTENRUUoyZz09>

Meeting ID: 923 6203 1513

Password: 912674

Acknowledging the Territories UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Land Claims Missing and Murdered Women Pipelines



Being Good Relations: Courage for Conversations

A ZOOM GATHERING

June 13

10:00 a.m. – noon

**How will we, the various Communities of Faith,
continue on the path towards Right Relations?**

What will we each bring ?

With what will we leave ?

With whom will we walk ?

Shelley Knott-Fife, member of Curve Lake and Indigenous Educator who has steadfastly walked with us will introduce "Courageous Conversations."

Reverend Rodney Smith- Merkley is Minister for Respectful Relationship and Indigenous Justice has extensive past experience in this area, and will assist us move forward in ECORC.

This day is sponsored by the Indigenous Justice and Respectful Relationships Team of East Central Ontario Regional Council (ECORC.)

please pre-register with Rodney Smith-Merkley

RSMerkley@united-church.ca (705-313-2775)

Rodney will share the details needed to join in, to share, to learn, to journey on as individuals, as churches as a region.

Once again, a face-to-face gathering must be replaced by ZOOM, but with your participation and patience, we can be active as allies on the path to reconciliation.



Truth and Reconciliation Commission Have a Heart Equity Justice Blanket Exercise The Apologies Doctrine of Discovery TR2...

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES



Come Join our J.a.M Session every Sunday morning at 11:00 am. To join the LIVE Zoom fun, ask your adult to check their Weekly Wednesday J.a.M email for the link. If you do not receive this

weekly email, but would like to be part of our J.a.M Family, please contact Cathy at westminster.cathy@gmail.com or 905-449-3325 for information and instructions.

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 the 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 hot 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 big **THANK YOU** for your ongoing support of the food bank. We are seeing more families seeking assistance lately. Donations can be made at the church on Mondays from 10-12.

Items that are in demand:

cookies, crackers, kids' snacks, canned meat, Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, instant coffee, tea, whitener, pasta sauce, jam, canned fruit, canned potatoes, fruit and pudding cups, toothpaste 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

From the **Wellness Committee:**

<http://crosstalk.livinglights.ca>

A graphic for the Wellness Webinar Series. It features a central title 'WELLNESS WEBINAR SERIES' in bold, uppercase letters, with a wavy orange line underneath. Below the title, it says 'GUEST SPEAKERS AROUND ALL TOPICS OF WELLNESS' and 'June 15 - 20'. At the bottom, there is a line of text: 'Enhance your self-care through health and wellness, and contribute to Canadian Food Banks. Read more @ <http://crosstalk.livinglights.ca>'. The graphic is decorated with a grid of orange dots and stylized teal and white geometric shapes.

THE WESTMINSTER WORLD

The **Westminster World June 2020 Edition** is up and ready for you to read. You can access it at the link posted below:

<http://westminster-uc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/The-Westminster-World-2020-06.pdf>

RETURNING TO THE CHURCH BUILDING UPDATE



A committee, *Returning to the Church Building*, has been created to develop recommendations for our return to Westminster (the building) over the coming months, as we progress through the COVID-19 pandemic. The committee is comprised of:

Cathy Cherwinka, Teena Morrow, Ava Tomlinson, Bob Neil, Shane Suepaul and Tom McNown. The purpose of this committee is:

To develop a comprehensive phased plan for returning to our church building during the COVID pandemic.

The committee will report to Westminster Council on a regular basis. Rev. Michelle, Cathy Shaw and Paul Pierson will be kept informed of our progress as will the congregation through regular communication processes.

All events and activities that occur within the church will be included in the committee's scope. Local, provincial and federal guidelines and recommendations will guide our plan. Guidance from the United Church of Canada will also be included throughout the process.

At this point, we wish to provide an update on the progress of the Returning to Church Building committee. First, we need to remember that we have not "left" the church, we continue to conduct our faith practices albeit not in the physical building. The committee has begun the process of developing a plan for returning to our church building. Information has been gathered from the United Church of Canada, other churches, various on-line meetings we have attended and government and public health sources. Many aspects of this situation continue to evolve. However, we do know that our returning to the church building will not occur for some time and that some activities and practices will be different when we do return.

The following are some of the key principles that guide the Committee in the initial phase and in the development of our return plan:

- The plan and activities will adhere to local, provincial and federal legislation and requirements and to the guidelines of the United Church of Canada.
- Westminster's return plan will be comprised of several phases. We are currently in Phase 1 where the church building is closed to all activities, with the exception of the Food Bank and some administration activities. Worship services and other activities, e.g. Hymn Sing, will continue to be offered on-line. Committees continue to meet virtually.
- Our plan must include church members who choose not to return to church initially as the building re-opens.
- Future phases will be communicated with the congregation and other church users, including renters, as details are finalized.
- Safety and security is a top priority. The wellbeing of WUC staff, congregation members and users of the church building are paramount. Physical distancing is mandatory and remains in effect.
- Timely and accurate communications to church members and stakeholders is a cornerstone to the plan. A specific communication plan will be developed to ensure everyone is regularly updated on the Committee's progress and the changes that are required to safely reopen our church building.

We recognize and understand that we are in an environment that is new to all of us. There is a lot we don't know, no one will do "this" perfectly. The welfare of our ministry team, congregation and community members is at the heart of our concern. We extend our

grace to you, your family and your friends. We encourage you to stay connected with other church members.

If you require assistance or support, or have any questions please contact Westminster United Church, wuc@westminster-uc.ca or specific to the Returning to the Church Building activity, contact Tom McNown tom.mcnown@gmail.com, or cell #: 289-927-4666.



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 service:

June 28 "Picnic Sunday"

Intergenerational Service 10:30 am on ZOOM