

Watch your email for the Zoom links to all events. If you are not currently receiving our email blast and would like to, please contact the church at wuc@westminster-uc.ca and we will add you to our mailing list.



Advent begins! This Advent we are looking to hear words of comfort, of challenge and of Good News. This **Sunday, November 29** we reflect on “Hope in the Comfort of God”. **Isaiah 40:1-5; Mark 1:1-8.** Come and worship with the following link:
<https://youtu.be/ZpZGb05Rkig>

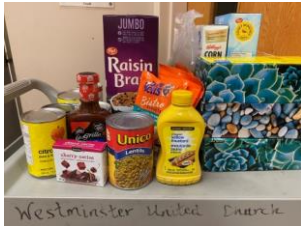


Come and join us at **J.a.M this Sunday** on **Zoom** as we celebrate the beginning of Advent with our **ADVENTure Day!** **We meet at 11:00am** See email for details.

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.



FOOD BANK



Thank you for your ongoing support to this important ministry. **Donations will be accepted every Wednesday from 10:00am-12:00pm.**

The following items are needed at the food bank:
Instant coffee, whitener, brown rice, canned tuna and salmon, canned peaches, canned green and yellow beans, crackers, Kleenex, toilet paper and paper towel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You can **pick up your items from the Online Auction** this **Saturday, November 28** from **9:00am – 4:00pm** at the back of the building.



Kindly drive up to the gym doors and someone will put your item(s) in your car for you to maintain social distancing.



Monday Mayhem Trivia is this **Monday, November 30** from **8pm - 9pm.**
Come join the fun...no experience necessary!
Watch your email for the necessary links.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES/EVENTS



We at WUC want to help make this Advent & Christmas Season meaningful for you. On our website you will find a page that lists Advent & Christmas services, activities for kids & youth, special weekly events and links with ideas for celebrating Advent at Home. Check it out:

<https://westminster-uc.ca/connect/worship/advent-christmas-events-2020/#page-content>



Fridays at 7:00pm, from November 27 to December 18 and Wednesday, December 23 at 7:00pm, Heather Von Zuben will be hosting Christmas Carol Sing-Alongs. Zoom links to be coming via email!

Christmas Tags are available for the **Christmas Hampers**. **Gift drop off** will be **December 12** from **12:00-4:00pm**. Hamper delivery day is December 13. Please email Ashley at: wucchristmashampers@gmail.com with your questions or requests.





Do you have a **Nativity scene**, either inside or outside your home? If so, you are invited to take a photo and send it to Cathy Shaw at westminster.cathy@gmail.com by Monday, Nov. 30th. We are hoping to use them in the newsletter, during the online services and on Facebook as a way of sharing in the season. Thank you for helping us celebrate Advent and Christmas in this way.

Outreach & UCW Drive-by Donation Day is this Saturday, November 28 from 10:00am-12:00pm. All *NEW* donation items will be accepted by volunteers at the church's east entrance. Physical distancing will be maintained for the safety of all.



If you have items to donate, but are unable to make this drop-off date, please email Cathy at funinsun3@rogers.com to make alternate arrangements.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Join the Westminster Tech Team! No experience needed. Training will be provided. Looking for volunteers to help with our tech booth and our newest addition, livestreaming.

Please contact **Heather Von Zuben** at hvonzuben1@gmail.com or the **Church Office** at wuc@westminster-uc.ca

IN-PERSON WORSHIP UPDATE

Thank you to everyone for your support in following the safety protocols at Westminster UC over the past few months.

The Return to Building Committee continues to meet weekly to review current medical health information and our existing safety protocols. Recently the Durham Region health category was moved to red/control. Based on published guidelines we are still able to offer in person worship.

As we enter the season of Advent we need your help to ensure Westminster continues to be a safe place for in person worship. While attending in person services at Westminster United, we are asking everyone to be mindful of the following:

- DO remember to reserve seating before attending each Sunday to ensure appropriate numbers and to provide contact information should a COVID-19 outbreak occur. You can reserve on the Westminster website or by calling the church office, 905-723-6442.
- DO wear your mask covering your mouth and nose and leave it on throughout your time in the church.
- DO maintain a minimum distance of six feet apart of other families when in the church and in the parking lot. Please sit only with members of your household.
- DO remember to have ushers show you to your seat before service and wait for them to direct your exit from the sanctuary. This greatly assists us all with physical distancing.

Thank you again for your support.

With blessings and gratitude for everyone,

Your Return to the Church Building Committee

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE

OCTOBER 2020

Westminster United Church Statement of Operations - 2020

OCT ACTUALS	OCT FORECAST		JAN - OCT ACTUALS	NOV - DEC FORECAST	FULL YEAR FORECAST
RECEIPTS					
37,669	20,500	Total Offerings (see Note 1)	212,768	41,000	253,768
12,855	12,500	PAR	127,345	25,000	152,345
20,954	5,000	ENVELOPES (cash & cheques)	61,626	10,000	71,626
3,860	3,000	ELECTRONIC (e-transfers & Canada Helps, etc.)	23,797	6,000	29,797
4,512	1,500	Donations (see Note 2)	27,277	8,000	35,277
0	0	Fundraising Income	3,430	3,500	6,930
3,932	3,900	Rentals - Long Term	29,805	7,800	37,605
0	0	Rentals - Short Term	250	0	250
72	60	Other Income	4,850	120	4,970
46,186	25,960	TOTAL RECEIPTS - excl M&S	278,380	60,420	338,800
DISBURSEMENTS					
20,400	22,000	Salaries & Benefits	217,353	44,000	261,353
4,909	4,000	Property	46,519	12,000	58,519
0	0	Mortgage Expense (see Note 3)	8,010	0	8,010
1,805	1,805	UCC Assessment Fees	16,248	3,611	19,859
5,252	4,321	Other	32,512	17,143	49,655
32,367	32,127	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS - excl M&S	320,642	76,754	397,396
13,819	-6,167	SURPLUS / - DEFICIT - excl M&S	-42,262	-16,334	-58,596
1,962	1,600	Offerings - Mission & Service Offerings	17,179	5,162	22,341
1,962	1,600	Mission & Service Commitment	17,179	5,162	22,341
48,148	27,560	TOTAL RECEIPTS - incl M&S	295,558	65,582	361,140
34,329	33,727	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS - incl M&S	337,820	81,916	419,736
13,819	-6,167	SURPLUS / - DEFICIT - incl M&S	-42,262	-16,334	-58,596
428	2,230	Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy	66,379	4,180	70,559
0	0	Rent Subsidy	9,363	0	9,363
14,247	-3,937	SURPLUS / - DEFICIT after Wage & Rent Subsidies	33,479	-12,154	21,325

Notes

- Offerings for OCT YTD 2019 were \$214.6K (Full Year 2019 was \$274.2K)
- OCT YTD Donations of \$27.2K include: \$10.6K for Foodbank & \$1.1K for Bridge to a New Home; \$8.3K in Memoriam
- Mortgage payments have been suspended until Jan 2021 effective Apr 1st (interest continues to accrue).
UCC Mortgage Loan - Outstanding Balance as at Oct 31/2020 = 373.6K (includes accrued interest of \$5.3K)

AVAILABLE FUNDS	AS ON DEC 31/2019	AS ON OCT 31/2020
Contingency for day-to-day operations	30,286	30,286
Reserve for Capital Investments (See Note A)	49,873	44,416
Reserve for Ministerial Investments (See Note B)	52,000	48,050
TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS	132,159	122,753
Non-Allocated Funds (See Note C)	46,320	116,157
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	178,479	238,910
Notes A. Spent \$5.5K in Sep on HVAC Assessment B. Spent \$3.9K in March on Mission/Vision work C. In April 2020 we received an interest-free \$40K loan from the government. Due Dec 31/2022.		

REMINDERS



If you would like to submit an announcement for the Weekly Update, please email it to the church office at wuc@westminster-uc.ca by Wednesday at 4pm. Thanks for your help!

Out of an abundance of caution, the M&P Committee have asked the office staff to work from home on Mondays so a thorough cleaning of the building can be done. If you need to contact the church office, you can leave a voicemail or send an email to wuc@westminster-uc.ca.



If you need to come in to the church office for any reason, please remember to call ahead and make an appointment.