

We Remember



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Jan Hendrikse and Ashley Edwards, recipients of the Toronto United Church Council's Baillie Volunteer Service Awards!

Jan and Ashley are two of ten recipients in Southern Ontario. The Baillie Awards are presented to United Church youth and young adults for their commitment to volunteer service.

(See <https://www.tucc.ca/baillie-award/>)

A presentation was made at Westminster during Sunday service on November 1, 2020.

With gratitude to Jan and Ashley for their discipleship and contributions.

Thanks for making a difference!



Mission and Vision Renewal – Listening for God’s Direction



What is Happening?

Congregational Meeting

Sunday November 22nd, 1:00pm

What is it?

A meeting to share with one another what we have been sensing through this Season of Prayer as we have been praying, listening and reflecting on weekly questions:

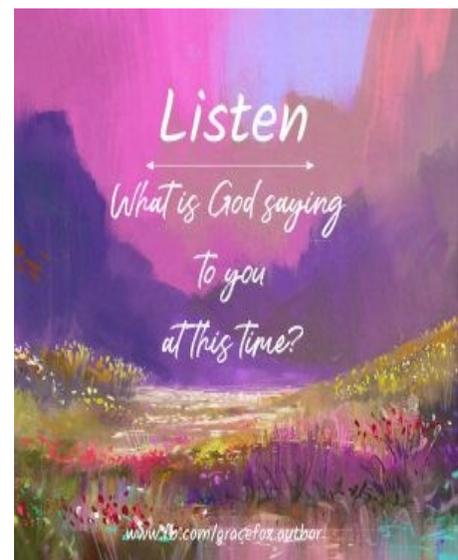
- *God, what type of world are you seeking to call forth?*
- *What are you (God) asking us to let go of? Take on?*
- *How do we nurture a deeper relationship with you?*
- *What practical next steps are we invited to take as a congregation?*

Why?

To listen for where the Spirit is leading Westminster United Church and to begin to sketch a path forward.

Please come and be part of this important conversation, facilitated by Dr. Betty Pries and Cayla Charles of Credence and Co.

Zoom details to follow closer to the meeting date.



Celebrations

David Baker, son of Keith and Jolene,
was married to Elizabeth Martinez
in a beautiful ceremony
in Jasper on October 10th
Congratulations to the Baker family
and best wishes to the newlyweds.

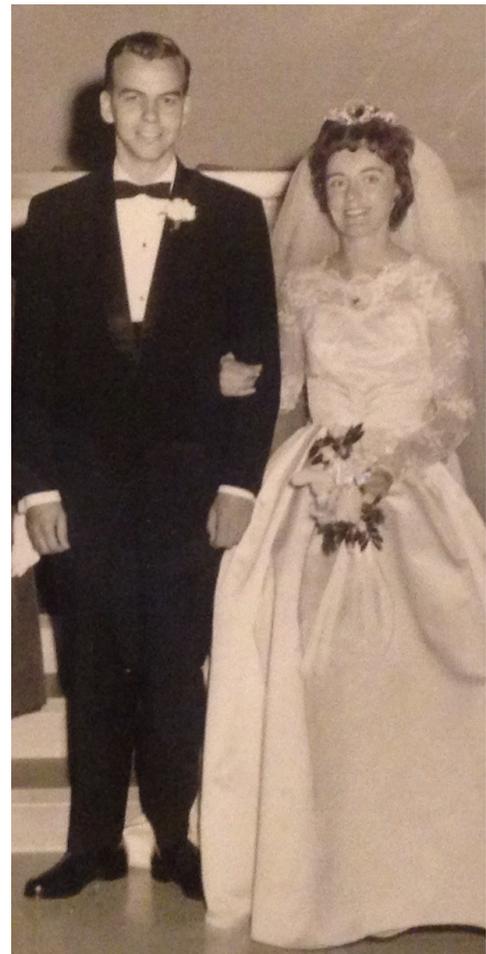


Gail and Bob Brimbecom celebrated their
59th wedding anniversary on October 14th

Here is Gail's memory of the event:

*"So here are Bob and me 59 years ago.
The photo was taken at our church on Manning Road
where the UCW catered the first wedding reception
in that building.*

*We were married at Simcoe Street United
where I grew up, but we saw that our future
church home would be Westminster
and we became members in 1962.*



Food Bank News

"Food, glorious food..."

My name is Julie Strazzeri and I am a member of our church here at Westminster United.

I believe good things can come out of hard times and that everything happens for a reason... even COVID-19. I choose to look at the cup as half full and to search for what we can learn from hard times. COVID gave me extra time at home to spend with my husband and son and time is a precious gift! I picked up a few hobbies, like painting and crocheting which I normally would never have made time for. I was tired of listening to all the negativity around COVID-19 and watching the numbers rise and fall and rise again. I wanted to do something positive and hoped that maybe others would follow suit! So I decided to plan a small food drive.

I called up our church to see which items they were in need of so I didn't end up bringing 20 jars of peanut butter and 20 boxes of pasta, LOL! Then I had pretty labels made at a Whitby print shop with instructions for item pick-up. I went to my local Metro and asked if they would donate 25 reusable bags (free advertising for Metro) and then I went about knocking on neighbours' doors. I gave each one a red Metro bag and on a piece of paper, a list of the items the food bank was in need of, along with the labels with the instructions for pick-up.

On Sunday morning I recruited my son and husband and we set off collecting the red bags that were left on people's porches. My son said it was like an Easter egg hunt looking for the bags! We were amazed at the generosity of our neighbours and friends, and what we were able to collect blew me away! And it just felt GOOD! After all these months in limbo, I was finally being proactive and DOING something positive for other people.

I was so moved by the response, that I will definitely do this again, at least once or twice a year. And in the process, some people offered to help me with the next drive! It took a little planning but it was so worth it.

A note from our Food Bank Co-ordinators:
If you find yourself thinking about having a Food Drive in your own neighbourhood, please take up the challenge. Our Food Bank is up and running all year long; even when COVID-19 hit, the Food Bank was, and is still available to those in need. Let's share our gifts! Thank you to all.



I AM A CANADIAN
FREE TO SPEAK WITHOUT FEAR
FREE TO WORSHIP IN MY OWN
WAY
FREE TO STAND FOR WHAT I
THINK IS RIGHT
FREE TO OPPOSE WHAT IS
WRONG
FREE TO CHOOSE THOSE WHO
GOVERN MY COUNTRY
THIS HERITAGE OF FREEDOM I
PLEDGE TO UPHOLD FOR MYSELF
AND ALL MANKIND



John G. Diefenbaker



Broadview magazine subscriptions:



October is renewal month, as well as time to add NEW subscribers.

The cost continues to be **\$25.00/year** (the *special* group subscription price) and includes 10 annual print issues, as well as online access, which includes lots of additional content. A great price and outstanding value!

In May 2019, the former United Church of Canada magazine, *The Observer*, transitioned to a new name and format. Besides lots of thought-provoking and reflective, original articles, it still includes the latest United Church of Canada news in the “*In Focus*” section and inserts such as the annual UCC Report and M&S (Mission & Service) updates. It is the ideal source to keep you informed on what’s happening in the UCC, including our new East Central Ontario Region.

Please make your subscription payment soon, as this campaign ends within the next couple of weeks. *Please do NOT use the “Donate” button on the WUC website because the \$25.00 will not be allocated as a donation to Westminster.

Here are your two payment options:

Mail (right away to the WUC’s address --- 1850 Rossland Rd E, Whitby ON L1N 3P2):

On the cheque – please make it out to “Westminster United Church” and indicate it is a *Broadview* renewal payment.

eTransfer (EFT) ---- to westminster@westminster-uc.ca.

Indicate in the note/comments section it is a *Broadview* renewal payment.

*I would also be happy to personally pick up any payment envelope – if you just leave it in your home mailbox. Please call me directly if you have any questions or feedback comments.

If you know of anyone interested in a *new* first-time subscription, please let me know. I would be happy to provide them with a sample issue – as well as give them further details.

Broadview magazine strengthens congregational life, connects us as a larger church community, illuminates faith stories, gives us a diverse point of view, examines issues and life experiences from many perspectives and is current and topical. Be sure to order your today!

I would appreciate hearing from you soon, as the deadline to order is quickly approaching.

All the best --- and be safe.

Paul Kneebone



Online

AUCTION

Your Stewardship/Finance Team is EXCITED to be hosting Westminster's first "WUC Online Auction", from **Nov. 23 - Nov. 27, 2020**. We are most definitely yearning to get into that Christmas Bazaar spirit again, so what better way than Christmas shopping AND raising funds for WUC, while doing so safely and securely, from your own home?

Despite the many obvious drawbacks and curves Covid has thrown our way, it has also provided us the opportunity to "venture out into new territory" with faith and confidence, so have no fear – we are moving the Christmas Shopping Experience online!!

Everything will be managed via the quick and easy *Charity Auction Today* site. You will be able to view all items and of course, bid on any (or several!!) items, and pay for them online too. After all, how much simpler can Christmas shopping get?

Then on Saturday Nov. 28th from 10:00am – 3:00pm, you will be able to safely drive thru to the gym doors of the church to pick up your purchases – yes, without even getting out of your car.

Effectively immediately, please start emailing pictures (Subject line: AUCTION) of what you wish to donate to the Auction (new or *gently* used items only please; gift baskets; gift cards; paintings; jewellery; Christmas wreaths; service 'certificates' - like for cleaning, lawn care, cooking, shopping, dog walking or grooming, hairstyling, etc., - from you or your business or an affiliated business you know) to:

brianwoodlock@rogers.com or margaretsuepaul@gmail.com

Upon review of your photos, we will determine a drop off time/day for you to bring your item(s) to the Church - please DO NOT drop off anything to the Church without prior acknowledgement from Brian or Margaret! We all need to be safe and to stay healthy, so to maintain social distancing and respect Covid rules, please send your pictures first and wait for us to schedule your drop off time with either Brian or Margaret.

Again, due to Covid, we cannot accept any food this year - whether cooked or frozen. We know – what's a Christmas Bazaar without the wonderful smells of fresh donuts, baked goods and 'home made' soups? Well, maybe Christmas 2021?

We thank you in advance for supporting this exciting initiative and ask that you start sending us those pictures and stay tuned *FOR WEEKLY UPDATES!*

First Aid Kits

Westminster has two First Aid kits. One is in the kitchen in an orange tool box, marked Burn Kit and the other is in the Office on the counter near the photocopier. These kits have plenty of supplies and have been topped up with small latex-free antibacterial bandages, which seems to be what is used the most. *You will also find Incident Report forms which should be completed for larger injuries that require more than a bandaid.*

At my most recent First Aid / CPR training with St. Johns Ambulance, we were told that if you need to do CPR and are not comfortable giving life saving breaths, doing the compressions without the breathing can still be very helpful. So please don't avoid assisting anyone in need. There is always something you can do. Remember to call 911 as soon as possible so that professionals will arrive quickly to take control. If anyone is in distress, err on the side of caution and call for help.



*Submitted by Crystal Smith
Wellness Committee Member*

Christmas Hampers

It's that time of year again...for Westminster Christmas Hampers! We have already started taking applications (thanks to our Foodbank volunteers for their help) and anticipate a high amount of need within our community this year.

If you have Tin Cans, please return them to the church by Wednesday, November 11 (either at Sunday church service or during Foodbank donation drop-off). Pick-up of Tin Cans can be arranged by emailing wucchristmashampers@gmail.com or calling the Church Office.

Thank you to everyone who has provided feedback during previous years – we are piloting a new form to better understand the needs in adult-only households.

Watch for an upcoming email with different ways to contribute as you are able and comfortable doing so this year:

- ◇ take a virtual tag (to buy gifts for a child aged 0-18 or adult living alone)
- ◇ financial donations
- ◇ donation of gift cards (ex. for teenagers)
- ◇ driving to drop off hampers (following physically distancing measures)
- ◇ calling families (if needed due to evolving circumstances)

And maybe more!

The drive-through drop-off of hamper gifts (gift return) date is **December 12, 2020.**

Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact wucchristmashampers@gmail.com or call **289-356-3680.**

Thank you in advance for your generous support of the Westminster United Church Christmas Hamper Outreach Ministry.



The Meaning of Love, through the Eyes of a Child

When my grandmother got arthritis , she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore, so my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.

Rebecca- age 8

When someone loves you , the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth. *Billy - age 4*

Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other. *Karl - age 5*

Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs. *Chrissy - age 6*

Love is what makes you smile when you're tired. *Terri - age 4*

Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen. *Bobby - age 7*

If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate. *Nikka - age 6*

Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well. *Tommy - age 6*

My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.' *Clare - age 6*

Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford. *Chris - age 7*

Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day. *Mary Ann - age 4*

I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones. *Lauren - age 4*

When you love somebody , your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you. (what an image) *Karen - age 7*

Love is when Mommy sees Daddy on the toilet and she doesn't think it's gross. *Mark - age 6*

You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget. *Jessica - age 8*





Bible Study

The Bible Study “We Make the Road by Walking” by Brian McLaren will be happening on Wednesdays at 10:00am via Zoom and continuing through the year with Rev. Michelle. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Michelle at rev.m.robinson@gmail.com.

Pray, Praise, Ponder



Our Prayer Team is here for you!

Just as you would place your prayers of concern and gratitude in the Prayer Basket during Sunday morning worship, you are invited to put your prayers into our Electronic Prayer Basket and our Prayer Team and Ministry Team will gladly add you to our Prayer List.

Please email or call Cathy Shaw with any Prayer Requests you might have: westminster.cathy@gmail.com or 905-723-6442.

*May you feel God's love
and know God's grace
as you experience the beauty
of God's world each day.*

C.A.R.E. (Christians Acting with Respect for the Earth)

Instead of a tip, we have a topic for reflection.

After a visit to Nunavut, Mary Jo Leddy said,
"I saw glaciers that were silently protecting the planet from climate change, the palaces of ice that were melting down from the effort. I saw a space that was silently serving the survival of all of us, a space which we simply must commit ourselves to being responsible for."



Westminster will be helping the needy this winter, although some of our Traditional ways of doing so may look slightly different. Our mitten and sock collection will continue but will have a new format.

We will be supporting the Back Door Mission (next to Simcoe Street UC in Oshawa) and they are in need of the following items:

- Men's underwear and socks (**NEW, please**)
- Men's Winter clothing --- jackets/coats, gloves/mittens, scarves, hats/toques.
(Please make sure that donated items are either NEW or freshly laundered or dry-cleaned).

There will be a box in the main church entrance vestibule and **donations can be dropped off on Saturday, November 28th between 10:00am - 12:00pm.**

Outreach Committee volunteers will receive your donations and arrange for delivery to the Back Door Mission on behalf of our congregation.

If you have items to donate but cannot make this drop-off date, please contact Cathy at funinsun3@rogers.com to make alternate arrangements.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Red Scarf Project AIDS Awareness Day



As the cold winter weather approaches, we think of those who may need some warmth – both physical and emotional. If you are a crafter, with a little extra time on your hands, please consider participating in this project.

You can knit or crochet a red scarf or sew a red face mask. Please refer to www.redscarfoshawa.ca for further details and drop off information. **AIDS Awareness Day is November 20th.**

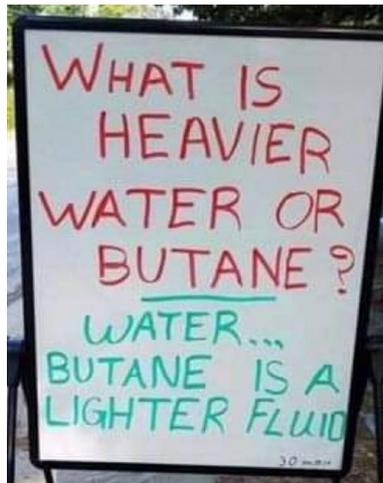
LET'S LAUGH



Wow, I think you went too far with the plastic surgery!



Dear God,
Is reverend Coe
a friend of yours,
or do you just
know him through
business?
Donny



Dear God,
I bet it is
very hard
for you to
love all of
every body in the
whole world
There are only
4 people in our
family and I
can never do it.
Nan

why couldn't the green pepper practice archery?



...because it didn't habanero

WHEN YOU
TEACH A WOLF
TO MEDITATE
HE BECOMES
AWARE WOLF





Our Youth Group is Amazing!

We meet on Zoom every
Thursday at 7:00pm.

If you're in **Grade 6, 7 or 8,**
come check us out!

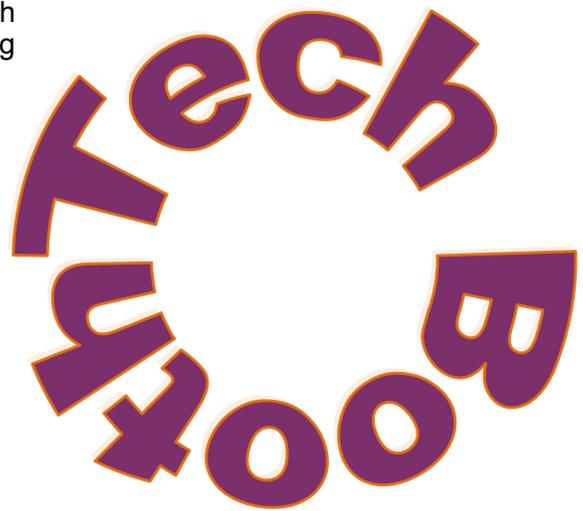
Just contact Cathy Shaw to get started...
(westminster.cathy@gmail.com or 905-723-6442)

We are in great need of volunteers to staff our Tech Booth on Sunday mornings and to assist with the Live Streaming of our Worship Service.

You do not need experience, as training is available for both of these positions.

This is also a wonderful opportunity for family and/or friends to work together. So think of others (*spouse, partner, teen children, siblings, friends*) you might like to team up with for this very important Ministry. Signing up on your own will also be greatly appreciated

The more people that we have on this roster, the better, so please give this your prayerful consideration and then contact Heather by email for more information at: hvonzuben1@gmail.com



Have you noticed the celebration pages in recent issues of *The Westminster World*?

We have recognized our graduates, wedding anniversaries and birthdays.

*Do you have a new puppy?
Do you have a new grandchild?
Have you mastered a new recipe?*

If you would like your Westminster family to know about an event in your family, let us know so we can all share in the joy.

Send the information (and a photo?) to bcrumb@sympatico.ca

**Westminster United Church
Statement of Operations - 2020**

SEP ACTUALS	SEP FORECAST		JAN - SEP ACTUALS	OCT - DEC FORECAST	FULL YEAR FORECAST
RECEIPTS					
22,696	19,500	Total Offerings (LF & BF)	175,099	61,500	236,599
12,717	12,500	<i>PAR</i>	114,490	37,500	151,990
5,234	4,000	<i>ENVELOPES (cash & cheques)</i>	40,672	15,000	55,672
4,745	3,000	<i>ELECTRONIC (e-transfers & Canada Helps, etc.)</i>	19,937	9,000	28,937
1,343	1,500	Donations (see Note 1)	22,764	9,500	32,264
2,435	2,000	Fundraising Income	3,430	3,500	6,930
3,932	3,900	Rentals - Long Term	25,873	11,700	37,573
-	-	Rentals - Short Term	250	-	250
98	60	Other Income	4,778	180	4,958
30,504	26,960	TOTAL RECEIPTS - excl M&S	232,194	86,380	318,574
DISBURSEMENTS					
21,663	22,000	Salaries & Benefits	196,952	66,000	262,952
3,280	5,500	Property	41,610	16,000	57,610
-	-	Mortgage Expense (see Note 2)	8,010	-	8,010
5,416	1,805	UCC Assessment (see Note 3)	14,443	5,416	19,859
6,945	7,159	Other	27,260	21,465	48,724
37,305	36,465	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS - exd M&S	288,275	108,881	397,156
-	6,800	SURPLUS / - DEFICIT - excl M&S	-	56,082	-
1,782	1,600	Offerings - Mission & Service Offerings	15,217	4,800	20,017
1,782	1,600	Mission & Service Commitment	15,217	4,800	20,017
32,286	28,560	TOTAL RECEIPTS - incl M&S	247,410	91,180	338,590
39,087	38,065	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS - incl M&S	303,492	113,681	417,172
-	6,800	SURPLUS / - DEFICIT - incl M&S	-	56,082	-
3,158	2,861	Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (see Note 4)	66,379	5,982	72,361
-	-	Rent Subsidy	9,363	-	9,363
-	3,642	SURPLUS / - DEFICIT after Wage & Rent Subsidies	19,660	16,519	3,141

Notes

1. SEP YTD Donations of \$22.7K include: \$9.6K for Foodbank & \$8K in Memoriam
2. Mortgage payments have been suspended indefinitely effective Apr 1st (interest continues to accrue).
UCC Mortgage Loan - Outstanding Balance as at Sep 30/2020 = 372,854 (includes accrued interest of \$4,603)
3. Outstanding April & May UCC Assessment fees were paid in September.
4. Wage Subsidy funds received as of Sep 30th = \$63,221; balance to be received in October

AVAILABLE FUNDS	AS ON DEC 31/2019	AS ON SEP 30/2020
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	101,839
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	178,479	224,592

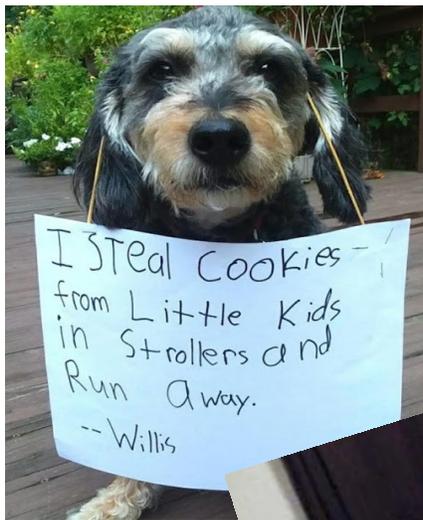
Notes

- 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.

Monday Mayhem Trivia!

Our monthly Trivia Night - Monday Mayhem - on October 26th, was another fun-filled night of laughter as we challenged our knowledge of useless facts buried in the recesses of our memories.

Bragging rights this month went to Susan P. and Bev C. Join us when we meet again on **November 30th** and try to unseat the latest winners!



You're invited...

...to join us for Worship online or in-person

*Registration Information can be found on our
Website (www.westminster-uc.ca)
or by phoning the Church Office (905-723-6442).*

Watch for Email Updates

Blessings as we continue to worship together!

