

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.



IMAGE BY ERIN POIRIER

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent! Come worship as we reflect on the gift of Peace in the Light of Christ (Isaiah 9:2-7; John 1:1-9) **Livestreamed Sunday Service on December 6, 2020 at 10:30am.** We welcome soloist, Sarah Von Zuben. Come and worship with the following link: https://youtu.be/Fn_GyEAjqs8



Join J.a.M this Sunday on Zoom, as we learn about a special Message the Shepherds received! 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.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

See the **Advent & Christmas page** on our website for the list of worship services and events and resources for celebrating Advent at home.

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



Christmas Carol Sing-Along!
Friday Dec 11, 18 at 7:00pm and Wednesday, Dec 23 at 7:00pm, Heather Von Zuben will be your host. Zoom links to be coming via email!

Christmas Tags are available for the **Christmas Hampers**. This is an opportunity to support a family for Christmas. **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.





*Come one, Come All -
Women of Westminster United Church –
You are invited to the
U.C.W. Christmas Fellowship Gathering
On*

Monday December 7th, 2020

In the comfort of your home

Via computer or phone zoom link

Which will be emailed or phoned to you the weekend preceding the meeting

Please gather at 7 pm with your favorite beverage and Christmas treat/s as

We come together to worship and to share in songs, and in stories.

We are asking each of you (if you are willing) to share one only of the following:

a favorite Christmas recipe, or show and tell about a beloved ornament,

or a treasured family tradition with those gathered.

R. S. V. P. on or before Friday December 4th, 2019 to Susan P @ 905-493-3122

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Westminster United Church Book Club

Wednesday January 27th, 2021 at 1 pm

on Zoom (internet or via phone)

The book being discussed:

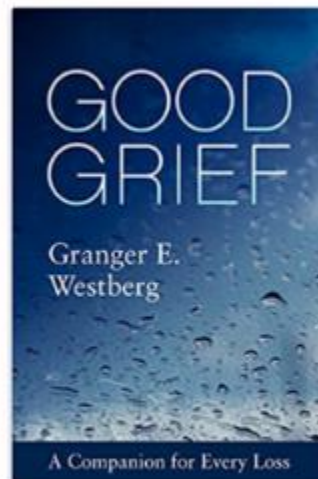
The Nature of the Beast by Louise Penny.

All are welcome! To borrow the book or for more information, please call Susan @ 905-493-3122. **If you have not attended a previous book club gathering please let Susan know so that she can email you the zoom link and information.**

GOOD GRIEF - A GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING AND HEALING

Whether we are mourning the loss of a loved one, a job, a marriage or connections with family and friends, this book can serve as a useful companion guide.

Want to know more, and join the discussion. Go to:
<https://crosstalk.wucfellowship.ca/>



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: canned meat, instant coffee, whitener, jam, rice, Kraft dinner, canned green beans, canned fruit, chicken noodle soup, toilet paper, kid's snacks, Kleenex, crackers, paper towels, pudding, juice, granola bars.

THANK YOU

Westminster United Church Online Auction 2020

Thank you all who volunteered to help with the online auction—giving your time, donations, as well as bidding on items (whether you won or lost the item you bid on we all win.) We did it! We made our goal of \$3000. Unsold items will be distributed in the community through the work of our Outreach Committee. With thanks! *Margaret Suepaul and Brian Woodlock*



Thank you to everyone who renewed their *Broadview* magazine subscription (\$25/year for 10 issues and online access for lots of other exclusive extra content). We now have 42 active subscribers, including some new folks. Still lots of room for any other *NEW* subscribers. Contact Paul Kneebone directly for details and sign-up (paul.kneebone@rogers.com / 905-430-8664)

REMINDERS



The church office hours are changing

Monday: Closed (*weekend phonecalls and emails will be responded to on Tuesdays*)

**Tuesday
to Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Becky, our Office Administrator, is currently on leave for personal reasons. The office will be supported by volunteers in the interim.

To reach Rev. Michelle Robinson or Cathy Shaw at the church, please use their direct office lines.

Rev. Michelle — 905-493-6706 Cathy — 905-493-6712



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

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