

MAY GOD BLESS  
YOU WITH A

RENEWED  
SPIRIT

AS  
YOU BEGIN

YOUR NEW YEAR

— EZEKIEL 11:19

## *A New Year's Wish*

I want everyone to be loved deeply by someone...

And, I want them to know they are loved beyond any doubt.

Life is hard enough without feeling unloved.

I want the childhood lesson of sharing  
To carry over into adulthood.

This would solve homelessness, hunger,  
and poverty in an instant.

I want the love of money and power  
To be overcome with love for one  
another,

And a recognition of the value of every  
life.

I want each of us to see . . .

We are much more alike than different,  
And, because of this, to always focus on  
our similarities.

I want there never to be another child  
Who is made to feel  
Forgotten, unwanted, unloved.

I want it to be impossible  
To hide heartache behind a smile,  
So that we can always know who to  
embrace.

I want those who are sick  
To always be cared for,  
And never have to worry about the cost  
of care.

I want us all to see  
That life is the gift itself.  
Not the stuff wrapped in pretty paper  
this season.

Not the money we earn.

Not the job we do.

Not the lifestyle we lead.

Not the treasures we store up.

Life.

Each minute.

Each second.

Each moment.

Is a GIFT.

I want us to spend more time celebrating  
LIFE,

And less time struggling through it...

Struggling because we've been taught  
to believe

The "real" gift is . . .

The money,

The lifestyle,

The...

STUFF.

I want Peace.

For me.

For you.

For our communities.

For the world.

I know it's unrealistic.

But it is also beautiful.

And, I happen to believe that something  
that beautiful is worth wishing for,  
working towards, believing in.

*Mark Sandlins  
Vandalia Presbyterian Church  
Greensboro, NC*

## **Christmas Hampers**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our yearly tradition of Westminster Christmas Hampers. As we prepared for this outreach ministry and made alterations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we wondered how or if we would be able to manage the high level of need within our community at such a difficult time. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of our community of faith, in the selection of tags, financial donations, donations of toys and time (driving for delivery).

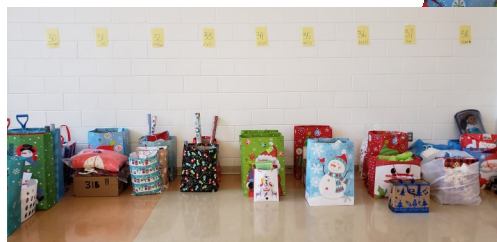
Thanks to your generous support, we provided hampers to 75 families (including 280 people) who use the Westminster Foodbank, including grocery gift cards, and gifts for a record 165 children. We also supported 30 adults living alone.

It was wonderful to see and feel the Christmas spirit alive and well amidst our community, as gifts were dropped off at the gym, picked up (in drive-thru fashion - a new COVID addition) and delivered.

With all recipients being users of our foodbank, with the option to pick up hampers, and through thank you cards we received, we heard first hand the impact that the hampers have. Our neighbours are enduring through difficulties and struggles: illness, job loss, death and isolation. Hampers are not just gifts or money; they are symbolic that individuals and families in our community are seen, heard, valued, and are our neighbours.

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

*Submitted by Ashley Edwards & Joanne MacPherson,  
on behalf of the Outreach Committee*







# Pray, Praise, Ponder

*Greet the New Year  
with grace.*

*Be anxious for nothing,  
but in everything by  
prayer and supplication  
with thanksgiving  
let your requests be made  
known to God.*

*Philippians 4:6*

*May the New Year  
see you living, giving,  
loving, serving, learning.*



## *Our Prayer Team is here for you!*

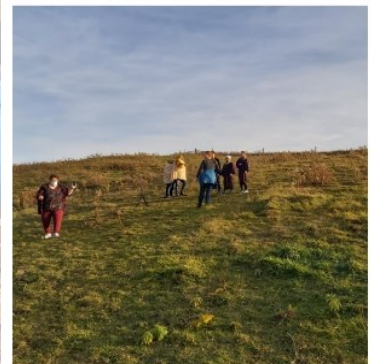
Just as you would place your prayers of concern and gratitude in the Prayer Basket during Sunday morning worship, you are invited to put your prayers into our Electronic Prayer Basket and our Prayer Team and Ministry Team will gladly add you to our Prayer List.

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.*



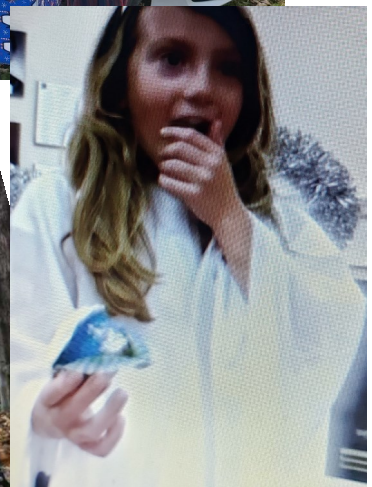
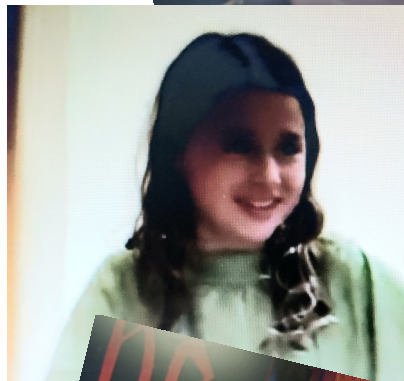
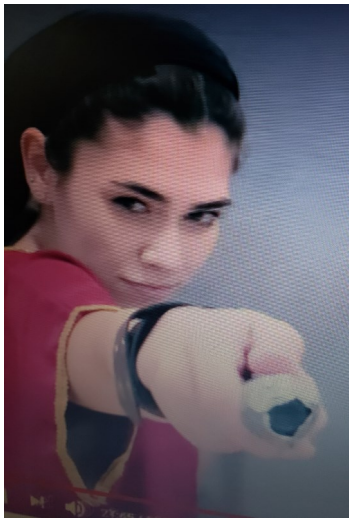
**The Filming of the Christmas Eve Pageant...**  
*...with thanks to all who made this possible.*



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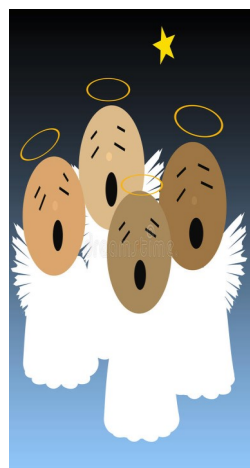
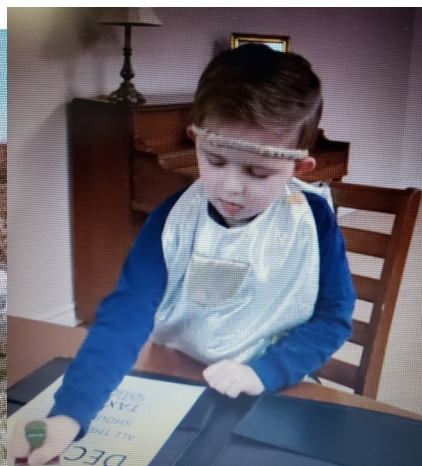
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## The Filming of the Christmas Eve Pageant... *(Still Continued)*



...and don't forget our  
**Awesome Angel Chorus**  
from J.a.M!



## BRRR...It's COLD out there!

Westminster is once again supporting The Refuge by having a Team in the Coldest Night of the Year fundraising Walk! This will be our 7th year walking for this incredible organization!

Although we are not exactly sure what this activity will look like at the moment, we do have a team and there will be walking involved!

Stay tuned for more details. If you would like to join our team or donate to help us raise funds for this worthy cause, just go to **cnoy.org**, click on the Donate button and search for **Westminster United Church**. Once we pop up, you can Join or Donate (to the team or to a specific member) right from our team's page. For more information, please contact Cathy Shaw (Team Captain) at [westminster.cathy@gmail.com](mailto:westminster.cathy@gmail.com) or at 905-493-6712



***Thank you in advance for your support, generosity and prayers!***

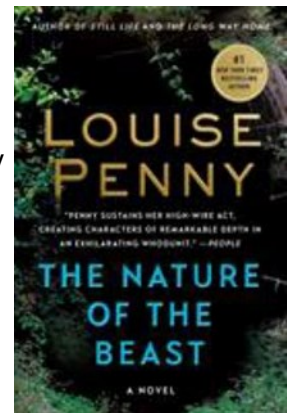


After a COVID-19 hiatus, the Book Club members gathered last Wednesday by Zoom and have decided to resume meeting to discuss books via Zoom. 😊

The next gathering of the Book Club is **Wednesday January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1:00 pm on Zoom** (through the internet or via phone hook up) from the comfort of your home to discuss the book: The Nature of the Beast by Louise Penny.

Hardly a day goes by when nine year old Laurent LePage doesn't cry wolf. From alien invasions, to walking trees, to winged beasts in the woods, to dinosaurs spotted in the village of Three Pines, his tales are so extraordinary no one can possibly believe him - including Armand and Reine-Marie Gamache, who now live in the little Quebec village. But when the boy disappears, the villagers are faced with the possibility that one of his tall tales might have been true. And so begins a frantic search for the boy and the truth. What they uncover deep in the forest sets off a sequence of events that leads to murder, leads to an old crime, leads to an old betrayal, leads right to the door of an old poet. And now it is now, writes Ruth Zardo. And the dark thing is here. A monster once visited Three Pines. And put down deep roots. And now, Ruth knows, it is back. Armand Gamache, the former head of homicide for the Surete du Quebec, must face the possibility that, in not believing the boy, he himself played a terrible part in what happens next.

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 that you are interested so that she can email you the Zoom link information.**





## The Refuge Youth Outreach Centre

300 Court St., Oshawa, ON L1H 4X3

(for more information, go to <https://refugeoutreach.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/refugeoutreach>)

Since 1999, The Refuge has been working with youth who experience homelessness, live at street-level, are at risk of experiencing homelessness or who are struggling. More than just a place to find breakfast & lunch (Monday - Friday), showers, laundry facilities, access to clothing and personal hygiene products, as well as housing help, The Refuge is a place where youth can find community, safety, belonging and a renewed hope for their future. Typically, The Refuge's services are for youth aged 16-26.

***\*Clarence Keesman (Executive Director) is scheduled to be part of Westminster's Sunday morning worship service on January 31<sup>st</sup>.***

***\*\*Also, Westminster is an active fundraiser and participant in the annual Coldest Night of the Year walk event in February. This year's event is February 20<sup>th</sup> and the collective goal is \$80,000. (See our Team's CNOY article in this Newsletter)***

In a typical year, The Refuge welcomes in the range of 500 different young people through its doors almost 10,000 times. What this number doesn't include is the extra help that is given, such as doctor appointments, jail visits, apartment hunting, obtaining bank accounts and Government ID - all the things that have not been learned due to their particular circumstances in life.

Historically, 92% of the youth who come to The Refuge have been physically or sexually abused. Home is not a safe place for them. Others have been abandoned; still others have developed a drug addiction or other negative behaviours from their parent(s). The Refuge seeks to be a positive 'home' for these youth where, in community, they can heal from their past and find hope for the future.

Usually The Refuge serves 18,000 meals and snacks to the 500 young people who walk through their doors. This year, a surge of need due to COVID-19 meant the centre had already provided 16,000 meals and snacks to more than 840 youth by the end of August. The "pandemic has had a dramatic impact," says Amanda Armbruster, events Coordinator at The Refuge. But Armbruster says the most important thing The Refuge offers is a sense of safety and community. "I would say the No. 1 most common thing about our demographic is that they feel completely alone and terrified," she says, noting 92% of clients have experienced physical or sexual abuse, while approximately 78% are Crown wards.

COVID-19 hit Durham's homeless youth especially hard because many resources in the community that they rely on were forced to shut down in the early stage of the pandemic and may still be operating with limitations. The Refuge made a series of quick changes to adapt: the first was to serve food through takeout, then to open a patio in the summer and now they are limiting the number of people allowed inside the drop-in. While the centre is operating somewhat normally now, Armbruster says their youth are still feeling the weight of the pandemic. "Your average person is feeling the emotional impact of isolation and breakdown of community," she explains. "It's the same thing here, but so much more extreme."

### ***The following Programs are run by The Refuge for our Hurting, Homeless and Hungry Youth:***

- Wilderness Rocs - This program allows youth to experience camping, cooking over an open fire, and enjoying an environment many have never experienced.
- In Another's Shoes - School children are given a presentation on youth homelessness and street life. The purpose of the program is to open the eyes of at-risk children/youth to the harsh and cold reality of street life.
- Rec Room - A Friday night drop-in program where youth can enjoy food, movies, games and a safe place to hang out.
- Levis Table - Builds community by preparing a healthy dinner, eating, praying and studying God's Word together.
- Housing First - A direct support program that has helped thousands across Canada find housing and housing stability in their lives



## Loving Relationships and Wholeness

### CrossTalk

CrossTalk – have you heard of it? Once in a while, the Wellness Committee sends out a notice regarding an internet link to a video or document that may be of interest to Westminster congregants. These items are posted in “CrossTalk”, which is a community platform created by **Clarence MacPherson** for us to use as a communication tool, similar to chat forums, but with so much more. Now, more than ever, we need to stay connected with each other to maintain our mental health and continue our social contacts which we used to get by meeting with each other after church on Sundays. Unlike a Facebook page, which offers limited communication, the CrossTalk site is private and open for all members to participate in topical conversations and information sharing. The Wellness Committee has set up its own meetup group where members participate in online meetings and share meeting agendas, minutes, tasks and schedules. Your committee may wish to do this, too.

CrossTalk is a *Christ-Centered Fellowship that brings together people seeking deeper faith and healing through awareness of the presence and action of God in their lives. Jesus embodied this awareness and instructed his followers to keep awake and be renewed in body and mind, heart and soul, and relations through steadfast love for God and neighbour. Following this command, CrossTalk members share insights and practices for living in just and right relationships, caring for one another and promoting well-being through diet and exercise, prayers, sacred readings, meditations and practices for the spiritual life so that they may feel fully alive and well.*

### ***Please join us at:***

[crosstalk.wucfellowship.ca](http://crosstalk.wucfellowship.ca)

You will have to create an account and be approved by the administrator, Clarence. If you wish to use this on your smartphone, simply add your phone number and Mighty Networks will send you a direct link to download the app. It will appear as a large M icon on your device.

The Wellness Committee is also looking for new members. If you are interested in joining us, either on the committee or even just on this website, or for any of the numerous activities that we oversee, please contact either Clarence MacPherson at [clarencemac@gmail.com](mailto:clarencemac@gmail.com) or Crystal Smith at [crystal.a.smith55@gmail.com](mailto:crystal.a.smith55@gmail.com)

Submitted by:

*Crystal Smith*  
Wellness Committee



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

*A new year - an old issue!*

The health of our planet is still at the top of our agendas. If you can't think of new strategies to remedy this, maybe revisit old ones. A checkup to start with could be: have you replaced all of your light bulbs with LED ones? They have all sizes and shapes now, even night lights. Granted they cost a bit more but they save you and the planet a lot as time goes by.



Wine Women & the Word



The next WWW meeting will be held via Zoom on **Tuesday, Jan. 19** from **7:00pm-9:00pm**.

Our topic this month is:  
*"Finding our way to the heart of Jesus through John"*

For more information or to obtain the Zoom Link, please contact Carol at: [caroloneil@mcco.ca](mailto:caroloneil@mcco.ca)

## FOOD BANK - THANK YOU!

We would like to express, on behalf of our clients, their appreciation for your generosity in both food and monetary ways. We, as volunteers at the Food Bank, wish you could see the smiling eyes behind our client's masks!

We continue to be busy, averaging 20 households each week with our Food Bank being open on Tuesdays from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

**If you would like to drop off a donation, we will gladly accept what you offer every Wednesday from 10:00am - 12:00pm.**

*We are in need of the following items:*

Tea  
Jam  
Rice  
Olive oil  
Pasta sauce  
Instant Coffee  
Whitener  
Salmon and Corned Beef (canned)  
Fruits and Vegetables (canned)  
Kleenex  
Shampoo  
Dish soap  
Toilet paper  
Paper towels

**(Please note that we are NOT in need of Pasta or Pork and Beans at this time)**

Our Outreach Team thanks each of you for your generous and continued support!





### ***Margaret Suepaul's Advent experience ...***

With time on my side, after having done all our online Christmas shopping early, I decided to sign up for an Advent Series, offered by the East Central Ontario Regional Council of the United Church of Canada (ECORC). The series (Dec. 3, 10, 17, 20), was entitled “Goodwill To ALL: A PUBLIC, INTENTIONAL, EXPLICIT CONVERSATION ON ANTI-RACISM IN THE CHURCH” and was hosted by Tony Snow, Indigenous Lead, of Hillhurst United Church, Calgary, which is part of the Chinook Winds Region of the United Church of Canada (UCC) and was co-presented by Affirming Connections.

They captured one of the main themes of 2020, that it has been a year of redefining relationships. “Social and cultural concerns were at the forefront of community-building as we redefined what it meant to be in relationship together”. The series allowed for examining the path forward in the light of the UCC’s declaration to become an Anti-Racist Denomination.

The Zoom sessions each ran for about 2 hours! The information gleaned was professionally researched, heartfelt and sometimes very emotional for both the speaker and the participants. After all, it is difficult to speak of Racism, especially identifying and naming its presence within the UCC, and not become saddened or discomposed. And yet, as I paraphrase the words of our Moderator, the Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, ‘we must acknowledge its existence in this vast Community of Faith that is 99% White, mostly rural, traditional, and where, most times, there has been little or no awareness that racism even exists among, never mind within us.’

Having reviewed my copious notes of the 3 sessions I had the privilege to attend, I was grateful that Adele Halliday, UCC Anti-Racism and Equity Officer, started at the beginning, at the history of Racism in the Church and then reviewed the plans from then to now, of this journey to becoming an Anti Racist Denomination. It is noteworthy that this work goes back decades, even before the First Apology in 1986 up to the United Church’s Commitment to erase Racism in 2020, and to become “Anti” Racist, by means of Intentionality and Action.

The Anti Racism Action Plan is hard work, and Halliday noted that it is only through this work of incremental changes, perseverance, education, and communication of said work throughout the Church that we can grow into an Anti Racist society. It was acknowledged that while lofty claims are made at General Council, it does not always filter through to all levels of our Church. Discussion then flowed along to the underrepresented minorities within our Church, and we heard from Indigenous women who genuinely want to tell their stories, yet, in a strange paradox, they find that *they must reach out to us rather than our seeking them out, thereby further reinforcing the “us and them” mentality.*

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## Goodwill to ALL (*Continued*)

Rev. Dr. Paul Walfall, from First United Church, who is himself a visible minority, expressed his concerns of “being invisible”, and I quote him: “when people say they don’t see my colour when they look at me, then what they are saying is that I am invisible...”. He shared some of his stories, including going to 80 interviews to find a job and about people who unwittingly invade his family’s personal space: “they don’t see anything wrong with playing with my son’s hair because it looks different”.

There were so many take-aways, but these come to mind:

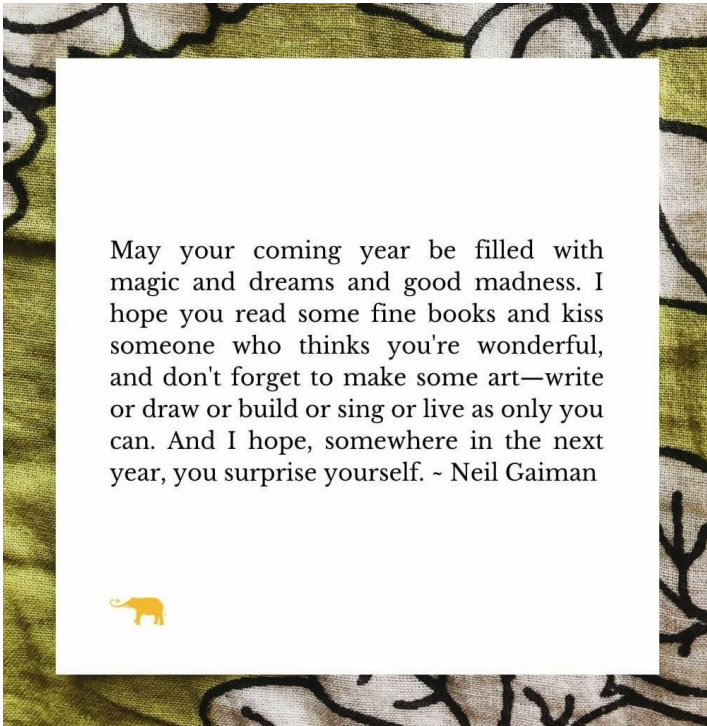
1. Racism is baked into the cake. How do we *now pull it out*?
2. The people who are most vulnerable face the most prejudices.
3. Anti Racism is not just a ‘campaign’. It must become part of our Policies.
4. How are we “United”? How are we not?
5. Let us *live into Right Relationships*.
6. It’s not enough that we are “not” racist, but that we learn to become “Anti Racist”.
7. Let us lift up our best selves in hopes of working together in a better way.
8. Intercultural = Anti-Racism = Affirming = Love One Another.
9. Racism correlates to human rights and affects many systems, including our policing, health care, schools, churches and governments.

Thank you for allowing me to share some snippets from this highly informative series and thanks to ECORC for such a timely series: the Christmas Story, itself, leads to opening up about Anti Racism where Mary and Joseph are considered “undeserving”; yet it is the beginning of such hope and peace and joy and love!

*Respectfully submitted by Margaret Suepaul.*

*A positive thought  
for the New Year:*

**At 12:01 on  
January 1,  
hindsight  
truly is  
2020.**



May your coming year be filled with magic and dreams and good madness. I hope you read some fine books and kiss someone who thinks you're wonderful, and don't forget to make some art—write or draw or build or sing or live as only you can. And I hope, somewhere in the next year, you surprise yourself. ~ Neil Gaiman



## Monday Mayhem Trivia!

Our latest Trivia Night was held on December 28<sup>th</sup> and was another fun-filled event that ended in a six-way Tie (it was a very interesting game).

Join us when we meet again on **January 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm** and try to unseat the latest winners! No skill required!

Watch the email Blasts for Zoom Link information or contact Cathy Shaw at [westminster.cathy@gmail.com](mailto:westminster.cathy@gmail.com)

## Our TECH TEAM needs YOU!

If you are interested in helping with our Sunday Services, then this is the opportunity you've been looking for! Come join our Tremendous Tech Team!

***You do not need experience, as training is provided!***

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

Thank you for prayerfully considering this request. Contact Heather by email for more information at: [hvonzuben1@gmail.com](mailto:hvonzuben1@gmail.com)



**We won't know about it unless you share it with us!**

Please send all submissions to **[bcrumb@sympatico.ca](mailto:bcrumb@sympatico.ca)**  
(and include photos, if you have them)



## **Durham Outlook - operating St. Vincent Pallotti's Kitchen**

*(excepts in this article are taken from [www.durhamoutlook.com](http://www.durhamoutlook.com) and [facebook.com/durham.outlook](https://facebook.com/durham.outlook)  
...for more information on St. Vincent's Kitchen, please visit these sites)*

For all of you at Westminster that have volunteered every Wednesday for the past number of years --- or would like to --- some great news about St. Vincent's Kitchen!

In 2015, Durham Outlook for the Needy (DOFN) purchased land and plans are now finally well underway for a new building at 227 Simcoe St. South in Oshawa. The new building will be a modern, fully accessible facility that can accommodate our kitchen, store, boardroom and offices. The dining room will be larger to feed the increasing number of patrons we are seeing year after year.

Durham Outlook worked with a local architect to design a new, fully accessible facility, with a bright and spacious dining hall, a fully equipped kitchen, and a thrift shop for our many patrons in need of clothing and household goods. Unfortunately, this vital new facility was delayed as soon as construction started at the site – extensive existing soil issues were discovered, and DOFN exhausted their entire building fund remediating the site, even though the site had been verified as ready when it was purchased. This unforeseen complication nearly devastated their efforts. Thankfully, through the generosity of J.J. McGuire and other fundraising efforts, they were able to get construction on the kitchen underway, and foundations were completed earlier this year. To complete the construction, they need to raise another \$1.5 Million.

Although a lengthy process, DOFN has hired legal counsel (William F Kelly Professional Corporation) to assist in the process of recovering funds due to the improper environmental issues that occurred. The soil remediation and environmental process has been completed and the foundation has since been built and filled out.

The future site of the new Durham Outlook Hub will be located at 227 Simcoe Street South in Oshawa. The new Hub will be the only organization in Durham Region addressing the immediate needs, ongoing effects, and underlying causes of poverty and food insecurity under one roof.

The new Durham Outlook Hub will be a fully accessible and barrier-free space. Durham Outlook has outgrown its current facility at 51 King St. East in Oshawa. Until the building was sold last November, St. Vincent Pallotti's Kitchen was in a basement, preventing people with physical disabilities from accessing the soup kitchen. The new Hub will change that, ensuring no one is left behind. Projections show a 30% increase in patronage once the new accessible site is built.

### ***The Durham Outlook Hub will house four program streams:***

1. St. Vincent Pallotti's Kitchen - Durham Region's only 365-day-a-year soup kitchen.
2. Community Chest - a needs bank that will provide essential clothing and toiletry items free of charge to individuals and families in need.
3. Food Distribution Program - a food distribution network of more than 45 businesses, non-profits and schools.
4. The Support Centre - an on-going series of programs and services, provided by partner non-profit agencies, that address the ongoing effects and underlying causes of poverty and food insecurity. Programs such as mental health and addiction support groups, navigation, pre-employment workshops, diabetes clinics and more.

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## Durham Outlook - operating St. Vincent Pallotti's Kitchen (Continued)

### November 20 (as posted on Facebook)

SOLD! - for over 30 years members of our community have called 51 King St. E. home every evening as they sat down with friends to enjoy a hot meal. 2020 has been an extremely challenging year: COVID forced us to shut down our kitchen and prevented us from having meals together as a family. At our Annual General Meeting in October, the membership approved the sale of the building at 51 King St. E., and we are pleased to announce it has sold for \$825,000.

We want you all to know that we appreciate the patience and compassion everyone has shown for the well-being of each other during this time. It has been so heartening to see how the community has come together to provide what they could to help care for others.

Hopefully, 2021 will bring brighter days as we get set to start construction on our new building in the spring. The DOFN Board of Directors plan to have shovels in the ground as soon as the frost thaws. We look forward to sitting down for dinner at 227 Simcoe Street next fall - WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!



***Here is a breakdown of our current programs, which have been in operation during COVID-19, and that will continue during our relocation:***

### November 24 (as posted on Facebook)

- 1. Main Program** - DOFN's **food pick-up and distribution program** remains in operation during COVID-19, as it is essential for DOFN to support the organizations who remain open to ensure our patrons are getting food, essential needs and support during these hard times. This program has always been in operation; during COVID-19 we increased operation, and we will continue this program when the building is closed during our relocation process. Daily, a volunteer driver picks up food and other dry goods from corporations, institutions and individuals for our fellow food banks, charities, groups, and schools, who offer breakfast and lunch programs for students in need. Durham Outlook for the Needy helps over 50 organizations monthly.
  - 2. St. Vincent Pallotti's Store** is our thrift store. This program has remained open through COVID-19 and will close at the end of February until the new location reopens. We receive donated gently used clothing and other items and sell them at a reasonable cost. All income generated from the store is used to fund our operations. During COVID -19 we have been using our store to hand out items needed by our patrons such as gift cards, winter items and hygiene needs. We are currently no longer accepting donations.
  - 3. New Food Program** was created in April due to COVID-19. This became our food bank program, getting food to people in need. No ID necessary and two options to choose from: household food items or snack items. Everyone is welcome. This will close at the end of February and re-open when the new building is completed.
  - 4. The Kitchen** – Currently closed, it will re-open upon the opening of the new location.
- **Our two biggest needs** currently are gift card donations and money to support our relocation, specifically towards new equipment. Look for a list of our donation \$\$ requests coming soon!

**Thank you** to everyone for your heartwarming, kind and amazing support during these hard but exciting times.

***In December, Durham Outlook also had these two pre-Christmas giveaways:***

### December 25

Our amazing volunteers had a joyful time handing out the donated baked goods to our patrons on Christmas Day. Thank you to all the donors, and a special thank you to our amazing Sunday crew! Stay Safe and Happy Holidays!

### December 27

Our patrons loved the amazing Sunday surprise, receiving entire turkey meals to take home. Thank you to @sobey's Whitby warehouse employees, for their generous donation.





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December 4, 2020

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Thank you for your generous gift

We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU for your generous gift of hats, mittens, socks and underwear for our students here at Bobby Orr PS. Your gift is truly appreciated.



Sincerely,

*Rosalie Hinrichsen*  
for: Christine Traynor  
Principal  
Bobby Orr PS

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Dear Westminster congregation,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Staff, and most importantly the Clients at YWCA Durham, it is with immense appreciation that we *thank you*, for your donation of knitted items for Christmas.

As we enter the 2020 Holiday season, with COVID-19 challenges, our clients need the magic of Christmas more than ever and we are extremely grateful for your support in delivering the joy of the season.

Once again, thank you for your incredible generosity, for being community-minded and for thinking of others in need.

We wish you and your family a happy, healthy and safe 2021.

Sincerely,

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**Just spent 15  
minutes  
searching for my  
phone in my car.**

**While using my  
phone as a  
flashlight.**

if you ever get an  
email about pork,  
ham, salt, and  
preservatives,  
don't open it.  
it's spam

*Cool Funny Quotes.com*

**LET'S**



**LAUGH!**

**Corona Virus - explained  
in craft terms. You and 9  
friends are crafting. 1 is  
using glitter. How many  
projects have glitter?**

AS YOU GET OLDER,  
YOU'VE GOT TO  
STAY POSITIVE.  
FOR EXAMPLE, THE  
OTHER DAY I FELL DOWN  
THE STAIRS...INSTEAD OF  
GETTING UPSET I JUST  
THOUGHT, "WOW, THAT'S  
THE FASTEST  
I MOVED IN YEARS".

**OK, if we're  
going to have  
one-way grocery  
aisles then I'm  
going to need a  
passing lane.**

I need to get in  
shape. If I were  
murdered right  
now, my chalk  
outline would  
be a circle.

# You're invited...

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**...to  
stay home  
and  
stay safe!**

We'll be thrilled to see you again when  
we get the all clear!



Until then...Many Blessings!