

Recognizing Black History Month in Canada

The commemoration of Black History Month in North America dates back to 1926, when Harvard-educated African American historian Carter G. Woodson proposed setting aside a time devoted to honour the accomplishments of African Americans and to heighten awareness of Black history in the United States. This led to the establishment of Negro History Week in 1926. Celebrations of Black history began in Canada shortly thereafter. During the early 1970s, the week became known as Black History Week. It was expanded into Black History Month in 1976.

In December 1995, the House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada following a motion introduced by the first African Canadian woman elected to Parliament, the Honourable Jean Augustine. The House of Commons carried the motion unanimously.

In February 2008, Senator Donald Oliver, the first Black man appointed to the Senate, introduced the [Motion to Recognize Contributions of Black Canadians and February as Black History Month](#). It received unanimous approval and was adopted on March 4, 2008. The adoption of this motion completed Canada's parliamentary position on Black History Month.

Noteworthy historical figures

Read the biographies of some notable Black Canadians who have helped shape Canadian heritage and identity, and who have made and continue to make enormous contributions to the wellbeing, and prosperity of our country.



Fred Christie



Dr. Alexandra Bastiany



Juanita Westmoreland-Traoré



Sharmarke Dubow

To learn more about these and many more amazing people who helped to shape and define our great nation, go to the following link:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month/black-canadians.html>



Returning to the Church Building (RCB) Committee Update

The RCB committee met on January 26th and reviewed the proposed revisions to the Province's COVID guidelines that were implemented on January 31st, 2022.

The committee decided to maintain the current church guidelines, specifically that Sunday worship services will continue to be live-streamed only, for the next few weeks.

The committee also set a target of Sunday, February 27, 2022 to return to in-person attendance for worship services, provided no significant events occur that would cause a change in this plan.

This will provide sufficient time to monitor any new information emanating from the January 31st revisions. The committee continues to stay informed of all Provincial and Regional guidelines.

The RCB committee is very appreciative of the congregation's understanding and patience.

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Sunday March 6, 2022

Time to be Announced

Our Annual Meeting not only allows us to focus on the business end of the church and it's Governance, but more importantly it allows us a time to come together to Celebrate all the has happened during the past year! Even in these interesting times, there is much to celebrate, so plan on joining this important gathering. You are an integral part of Westminster's faith community and your voice is important.

We look forward to seeing you on March 6th, as we celebrate our ministries, receive reports, elect the governing body and members of committees and consider the financial forecast for 2022.

The Method and Location for this ACM will be sent out by email at a later date and announcements will also be made from the Pulpit.

Shane Suepaul
Council Chair

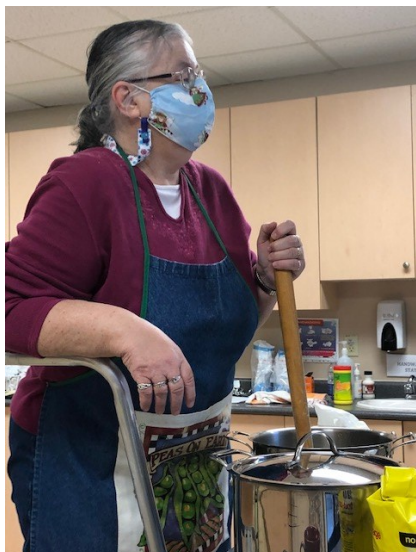
Living Alone Luncheons

For many years, the UCW catering team has prepared a delicious two-course luncheon once a month for people in our church and community who live alone. Since we have not been able to offer this fellowship event during the pandemic, the catering team decided to offer take-out meals to this group. Starting in November, we had soup, sandwiches and apple pie; in December, the menu was shepherd's pie, salad and Hawaiian cake; in January, we were treated to chicken divan with rice and carrots and apple crumble and the February feast included ham with scalloped potatoes, corn, peas, salad and oatmeal cookies.

In these photos, you can see the team hard at work in the church kitchen.

Thank you, catering team, for finding a way to continue this ministry safely for both cooks and diners.

If you are interested in learning more about this group, contact Barb A. (through the church office). If you would like to become a trainee with the catering team, contact Shirley P. (through the church office). The Office Email is: wuc@westminster-uc.ca



Bridge to a New Home

Our group was overjoyed to welcome Mebrahtom Sltan Hayle to Canada on Dec. 14th. He is brother to Freweyni who came with her four children in Aug of 2017. We have been trying to get him to Canada for almost three years, as he was in a dangerous camp in Libya.

As you can imagine, the whole family is very happy. After two weeks of self-isolation he is now living with Freweyni and the children and is looking forward to going to ESL classes. He's very happy to be in Canada and reunited with family. He saw his first snowfall a few days after arriving and now has seen a record amount of snow!

Our group continues to support all our families when needed - especially through the pandemic, helping with schooling and vaccines.



"Black history is not just for
Black people – Black history is
Canadian history."

« L'histoire des Noirs n'est pas
seulement pour les personnes
noires – l'histoire des Noirs est
l'histoire du Canada. »

- JEAN AUGUSTINE

Pray, Praise, Ponder

*Imagine a world
of smiling faces
happy hearts
and
peaceful places.*

*Imagine a world of
LOVE!*

(From the "Little Book of Cheer")

The UCW has made a donation to
Gifts with Vision
on behalf of Rev. Michelle
and all the staff that have supported the UCW
throughout the pandemic.

We wouldn't be able to do our projects and programs
without the support that they've given.

We also don't want to forget the many
volunteers who have assisted us.

A big **thank-you** to them all.

Through Gifts with Vision,
we purchased a pig for an
indigenous woman farmer in Guatemala.
The older women remain in their village living in
poverty and the pig allows them to start a farm
that provides an independent
and stable income.

Tena Darroch,
President, UCW



BRRR...It's COLD out there!



We're walking again! This year marks the 9th year that Westminster has had a team in the CNOY Walk in support of The Refuge. Thanks to your generosity and willingness to give to an organization that offers so much to hurting, hungry and homeless youth, we are on track to surpass our \$2,000 goal! There's still time to make a difference in your community...
...the WALK is on Saturday, February 26th...4:00pm, Outside at Westminster, with Safety protocols in place.

Here's how you can help...

1. **Join the team** and fundraise with us...go to cnoy.org, search for **Westminster United Church**
2. **Donate to our team or an individual team member**...go to cnoy.org and search for our team. Once you're on our Team Page, just click on the name of the team member you would like to sponsor.
3. **Contact your Team Captain**, Cathy Shaw, for information and assistance westminster.cathy@gmail.com or 905-723-6442
4. **Pray**...for our Team, but more importantly for all those who use the services of The Refuge ...and all who work there.

Love is Patient...Love is Kind!

Calling all Volunteers...

As we approach a new church year, it is a good time to put the word out for new, revived and/or renourished volunteers to join our various Committees. We have many volunteers who would like to step away for a while to get refreshed or renewed but simply cannot because we find ourselves with a small number of persons to replace them.

With that said, the pandemic has both helped and hindered our search. We say "helped" loosely because most times, our building was only opened to a limited number and for limited activities in 2020/2021. However, Committee work has continued at an even faster pace than before in some cases, like Outreach, Communications, Property and Stewardship/Finance.

Should you simply wish to volunteer for one or two 'smaller' projects, or wish to provide feedback and ideas for fundraising, or have a special interest you would like to share, or seem to have a little more time on your hands, kindly reach out to your Nominating Committee Members (names and contact info below).

The following is a list of our Committees that can truly benefit from your help and volunteerism. Please consider joining us for:

Trustees**

Christian Education

Small Groups**

Stewardship/

Property

Worship

Outreach

Communications**

Ministry and Personnel

Nominations**

Those Committees with asterisks represent Committees that really need you!

Remember that there are many, many benefits of volunteering, including: it makes you feel good doing good; you get to share your knowledge (leadership, time management, fundraising and networking, among others) and skills (such as communications, empathy and problem solving); and you get to give back to your faith Community that has always provided us with so much!

Please reach out to:

Paul Pierson: pjpierson39@gmail.com

Shane Suepaul: shanesuepaul@gmail.com

With thanks,

Nominating Committee



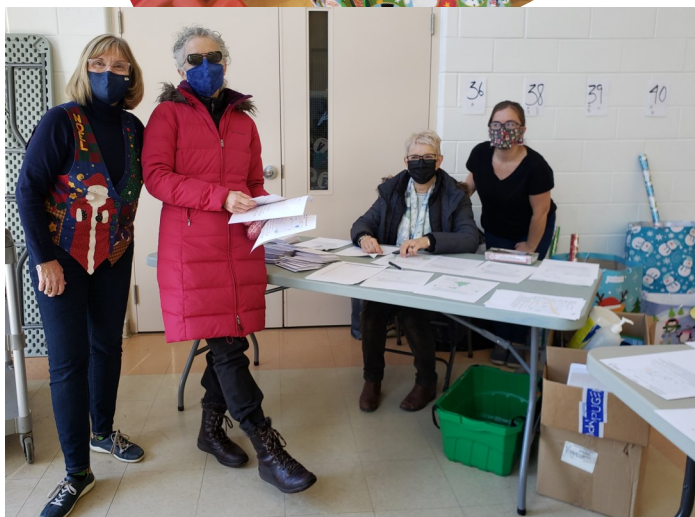
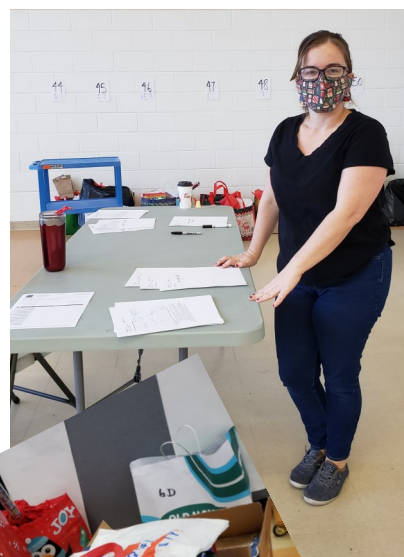
Westminster United Church Christmas Hampers

Thank you to everyone for who contributed to our yearly tradition of Westminster Christmas Hampers. With your overwhelming generosity, we supported 78 families, comprised of 315 people. This includes 185 children (a record for us) and 30 adults living alone. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of our community of faith, both in selection of tags, financial donations, donations of toys, and in time (driving for delivery).

We would also like to thank the "Westminster Shoppers" who took the remaining tags and were able to shop for kids using the significant financial donations we received.

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

Submitted by Joanne MacP. & Ashley E.





Thank You

On behalf of the clients of the Pantry (Food Bank) at Westminster United Church, the Outreach Team would like to express our most heartfelt thanks for the support of our Church members, community members and the Whitby Mayor's Fund Grant. With all of these contributors, we are able to make a big difference by caring for all God's children.

A Lenten Challenge

Blessings to all as we prepare for our Lenten journey 2022!

Your Outreach Team has prepared a "Lenten Challenge" to have you giving, rather than giving up!

We ask that you simply decorate a box (have your children help) to put food items into during lent.

For example, the Pantry has a suggested list of 40 items you will find below. You can give an item some days, every day or only on special days of celebration for you. And the whole family can get involved!

Below is a list of suggestions:

Day 1: instant coffee	Day 2: chickpeas	Day 3: tuna	Day 4: juice
Day 5: pork & beans	Day 6: tea	Day 7: can corn	Day 8: shampoo
Day 9: tooth paste	Day 10: oatmeal	Day 11: cooking oil	Day 12: soap
Day 13: alpagetti	Day 14: granola bars	Day 15: can fruit	Day 16: kleenex
Day 17: tooth brush	Day 18: peanut butter	Day 19: crackers	Day 20: rice
Day 21: rice crackers	Day 22: jam	Day 23: kraft dinner	Day 24: can peas and carrots
Day 25: paper towels	Day 26: corned beef	Day 27: juice boxes	Day 28: kidney beans
Day 29: pudding cups	Day 30: laundry soap	Day 31: toilet paper	Day 32: coffee whitener
Day 33: cookies	Day 34: body wash	Day 35: mayonnaise	Day 36: feminine products
Day 37: cereal	Day 38: dish soap	Day 39: deodorant	Day 40: ketchup/mustard

Any boxes of donations you prepare will be gratefully accepted on the Donation Drop-off Day, Holy Saturday, April 16th from 10:00am -12:00pm at the gym doors at the church.

The Pantry clients and their families are ever so appreciative of your kindness and generosity. Your support is more important than ever as we work toward recovering from the pandemic and helping others every step of the way.

Blessings and love to all!
Your Outreach Team

Birthday Celebrations

In January and February, many of our Westminster family celebrate their birthdays.
Some are milestone birthdays and some are just another step along life's path.

Birthday blessings to all!



If you know of an upcoming birthday or anniversary celebration,
please let us know so we can share it with our whole Westminster family.
(bcrumb@sympatico.ca)

THERE'S NO SHAME IN
ADMITTING THAT YOU
WERE PREVIOUSLY
SPEAKING FROM A LESS
INFORMED PLACE.

-KELLY HAYES



Westminster United as an Affirming Church

Almost every church professes “Everyone Welcome”, but many fail to deliver. Affirming churches such as Westminster play a uniquely vital role for a segment of our community in their mental health, suicide prevention and general quality of life.

Currently, over 4% of the population in Canada identifies as 2SLGBTQ+. In Durham region alone, that represents over 28,000 people. This community has experienced discrimination from employers, from the community at large and even rejection from their own families. To make matters worse, many churches have rejected and continue to reject them, denying them the acceptance, safety and comfort of a Faith-Based support system. The results are quite predictable:

- Elevated levels of poverty, food insecurity, homelessness, isolation, etc., especially for the youth.
- 2SLGBTQ+ are more than 3 times more likely to experience physical or sexual abuse than the general population.
- Fully 1/3 consider their mental health to be poor or fair, at best.
- One in six 2SLGBTQ+ youth have attempted suicide **in the past year**. That number jumps to one in three youth for the Transgender population.

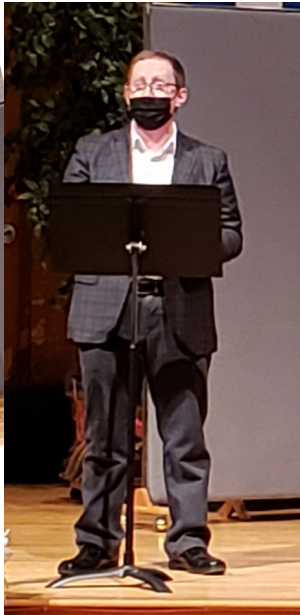
We are proud that Westminster United offers an Affirming and truly welcoming place of worship to the 2SLGBTQ+ and their families. The Parish Mosaic Committee continues to work in alliance with other Affirming places of worship in Durham region, to get this “Good News” message out. We look forward to even more opportunities to connect and serve in the New Year.

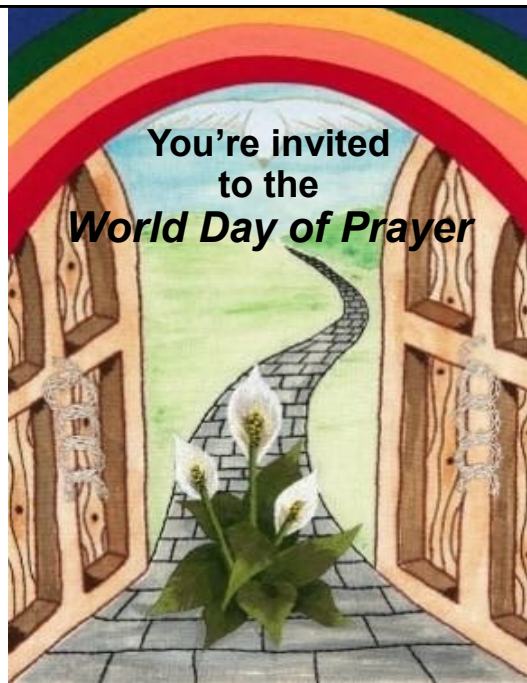
Parish Mosaic Committee

Christmas Eve Family Service

Thank you to everyone who participated in and who viewed The Christmas Eve Family Service. It was so good to see how everyone rose to the challenge of the changes. We were fortunate to have a group of enthusiastic children and youth participate in the play and as soloists. Many thanks go out to all who worked many hours on this production.

We wish to thank KenJen's Fun Farm for supplying our animals for the Christmas Eve services over the past years. They have retired as have the animals, and we wish them well. If everyone could put their thinking caps on - we would like to make a new connection with a farm if we are to continue this popular tradition. Please contact Heather VonZuben with any ideas.





**Friday, March 4, 2022
2:00 pm**

This Worship Service will be held via Zoom
and hosted by Westminster United Church.
with a local Guest Minister presiding.

The Worship Link and more Information will be available
in Westminster's weekly Email Blast or by contacting:
Tena at 905-576-3042



Give the Gift of Life...and Love!

The Blood Donation Centre at 1300 Harmony Rd. N.
in Oshawa remains open throughout the pandemic
for Blood Donations and to provide
essential products for patients in need.

If you are healthy and can Donate the Gift of Life,
please do, as there are many lives to be saved!

Book now at blood.ca
or by calling **1 888 2 DONATE** (1-888-236-6283)

Donors are needed every day!

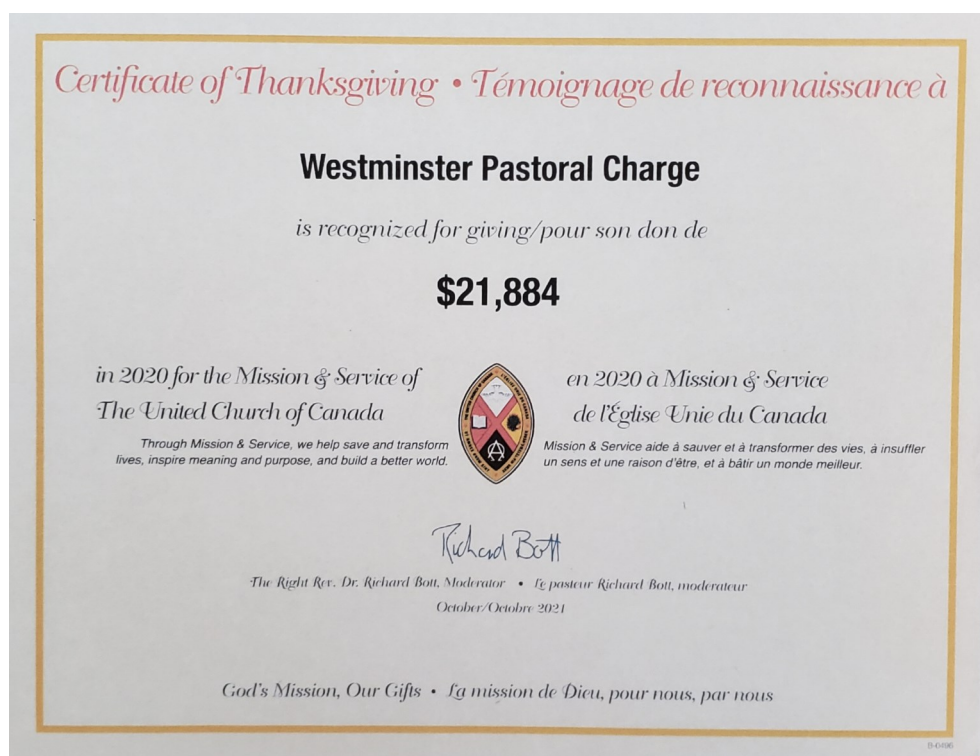
Mission & Service

(With quotes, graph, and certificate from UnitedChurch.ca)

When we, the congregants of Westminster United Church, give to Mission & Service, these funds along with others from the United Church jointly accomplish three goals: to **transform and save lives**, to **inspire meaning and purpose** and to **build a better world**.

Under the Stewardship/Finance Committee's umbrella, Debbie Joyce has ensured that we have always had monthly readers for the "Minute For Mission" part of our worship. Of course, during the pandemic, Rev. Michelle has been bringing the story and the work of Mission and Service to us - choosing from their wonderful selection of videos. Thank you, Debbie, and Rev. Michelle, for always keeping the message of Mission and Service in the forefront!

For the year 2020, Westminster donated \$21,884 towards the Mission and Service of the United Church of Canada and this was graciously acknowledged:



In 2021, our budget was set at \$22,000 for Mission and Service, and according to December's figures, our offerings for M & S totalled \$25,371. How amazing!

"Our gifts to Mission & Service help people in need in Canada and around the world by providing access to food, housing, and employment support. Your generosity helps people develop new skills and access life-changing medical treatment and counselling. Your gifts help people live meaningfully and purposefully by supporting education opportunities, communities of faith, retreat centres, and more. From serving a hot meal at a local soup kitchen, to visiting a lonely neighbour, to financially supporting those in need in our local communities and around the world, the people of the United Church are committed to turning compassion into action."

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Mission & Service *(Continued)*

“In the last year alone, those who attend and support The United Church of Canada gave over \$26 million to people in need and to projects that matter. How?”...

“It’s pretty basic. We share. United Church people across the country join together to share what we can. We give to people and places in need through a unified fund called Mission and Service.

We also support opportunities for people to grow spiritually in all kinds of ways.

Locally, we support theological schools and education/retreat centres. We support events that promote spiritual development and personal reflection. We support new and innovative ministries, as well as communities of faith that are remote or in need. Globally, we support church organizations that work with theological schools, and we support places that offer practical training in agriculture and health.



Working in partnership with people and organizations, we never impose our solutions, ways of doing things, or belief systems. We aim for long-term solutions over quick fixes because we want to make a lasting difference. At this very moment, we are working alongside 72 partners in 21 countries around the world. We’ve built many of these relationships over decades.

These vital partnerships allow us to maximize generosity in places that desperately need our help and put donations to work quickly and effectively when disaster strikes almost anywhere in the world.”

Thanks so much for your generosity!
On behalf of your Stewardship/Finance Committee

From the **Climate Disruption Mitigation Committee (CDMC)**

HOPE

HOPE is defined in the Oxford dictionary as a noun: “expectation and desire combined (of thing, of doing)” or as a verb: “look with expectation and desire for...”. I prefer to see it mostly as a verb, including both attitude and action and inextricably connected with trust and faith.

In Advent, Reverend Michelle talked about prophecy, the assurance of things to come.

The renowned anthropologist, Jane Goodall, refers to the promise of hope as evidenced in the resilience of humans to persevere through catastrophe.

Thomas Watson, founder of IBM Corp., saw hope as “the forerunner of the history of human progress... The history of man’s achievements has been written as men and women have set aside their fear and followed their hopes across new frontiers. Men of vision are men of hope... They are pioneers in all fields of human endeavour. They succeed in turning their hopes and aspirations into realities through creative industry and marked determination”.

Several years ago, three Westminster couples (Brimbecoms, Sandersons, Shepherds) got together to think and talk about how to engage as “world citizens”. We reviewed the book The World in Disarray by Richard Haas who is currently president of the non-partisan Council of Foreign Relations in the United States. Based on this material, we discussed various global issues such as the atomic threat, terrorism, climate change, etc. We finally decided to focus on climate change.

Westminster United Church then became the focus of our attention. We talked with clergy and lay leaders. Then, rather than make assumptions, we decided to consult with the congregation through a needs assessment or survey. This was carried out in early 2019. There was a 40% response to this survey and the results were as follows: in general, it was clear that there was considerable interest in learning more about the subject of climate disruption and mitigation. More specifically, the results were as follows: 69% agreed that climate change was significantly affected by human activity, 47% were actively engaged in taking concrete steps to reduce the negative effects of climate change and 47% were minimally engaged in this, 67% were interested in learning more about government activity in this area, 52% in learning about NGO activity, 46% in global activity, 84% in learning about faith community action, 51% in learning about private sector activity, 35% in advocacy opportunities and 74% in individual lifestyle opportunities.

Shortly after this, the Climate Disruption Mitigation Committee was formed. Its purpose was to engage the congregation of Westminster United Church, both individually and collectively, in the mitigation of climate disruption and to facilitate other faith groups to do the same. Since that time, the committee has been involved in regularly producing educational articles and lifestyle tips for the newsletter and occasionally the bulletin. We have also sponsored several special events.

On January 28, 2020 a comprehensive Climate Mitigation Policy was approved at our Annual Congregational Meeting. More recently, Council committees have completed Annual Goal Plans. These plans include measurable targets and identify people accountable for goal completion. It is hoped that the congregation will soon be able to scrutinize these plans.

So, this is a real-life story of HOPE. It is a story of how a faith community can actually do something concrete about climate disruption and its mitigation. It is a story of courage, determination and HOPE. It is OUR story.

Respectfully,
Bill Shepherd
CDMC

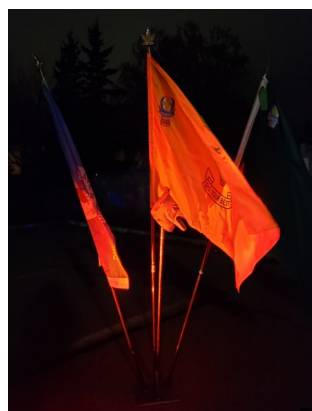
Drive-Thru Christmas Parade

On Friday, December 17th, the 11th Whitby Beavers, Cubs and Scouts held their first "Parking Lot Parade", and they partnered with Westminster for this fun and festive event!

In order to keep everyone safe and healthy, this nighttime parade had the "Floats" standing still and the spectators driving by all the wonderfully lit displays. Along with all the awesome floats from the 11th Whitby groups, Westminster was invited to add our own float to the parade as well.

We created a "Giving Tree" to support the Scouting vision of making this event all about supporting our Food Bank, *The Pantry*. Visitors were invited to donate food items and other essentials when they entered, and when they were done, all the children were given gift bags and had the opportunity to roll down their windows and wish Santa a Merry Christmas.

A huge thank you to all of the leaders, kids/youth and parents of the 11th Whitby Scouts for dreaming up this event, for executing it so wonderfully, for inviting Westminster to join the fun and for the incredible amount of food you collected for our community! To all who drove through and said hello, thank you for supporting this endeavour. For anyone who missed it, you'll have another chance, as plans are already in the works for this year's Parade! See you in December!



A Psalm for Black History Month

From everlasting to everlasting
World without end, You Are!

Wrought in my mother's womb
And even before then
You knew I would be.
Who I would become—or not...
Where I would dwell—or not...
What skin tone I would have
Especially after the sun had touched me;
All these, you, Creator God, had known.

The language that I would speak
Or how many I would speak, hear,
and understand
How I would know to call you
And know that you are still the One
How I would pray, praise, or lament
And hope and trust that you would still hear.

My mother continent is Africa
Vast lands and lakes and rivers
created by you.
You were there before many a navigator,
an explorer, often a stranger
Created invisible lines, invisible boundaries,
unnecessary divisions.
Before I knew to call you God or Dieu,
Languages from across many seas,
I learned to call you in the languages
Of my kin and others, closer, nearer,
and dear to me,
Present or gone before me
In the continent of my origin,
my birth, my roots.

Nyasaye (Luo)
Mungu (Kiswahili)
Mulungu (Ngoni)
Ngai (Kikuyu)
Enkai (Maasai)
Chukwu (Igbo)
Unkulunkulu (Zulu)
Lesá (Bemba)
Mwari (Shona)
You who sees all, hears all, knows all
You who are many in One,
Present everywhere all at once;
You in whose image I am made,

You whose nature is
Love, Unity, Harmony, Sameness,
It matters not in what land I currently dwell.

To you I pray,

Breathe your nature in me
Breathe courage and wisdom in me
Breathe healing over wounds
that may still be open
Breathe over scars that may still be tender
Breathe to soothe the hurt
that may still linger
Breathe, so that unforgiveness
may not inhabit or overwhelm me

Breathe that I may fully live to
Love and be loved
Understand and be understood
Accept and be accepted
Value and be valued
Listen—and be listened to

That I may not be singled out
Because of mere suspicion or stereotype
That I may not be considered
as not belonging
Because a person, a people, a system
Just cannot believe or accept that I do

That I may be viewed neither as a token
nor an object of pity
But truly and sincerely be recognized as a
worthy and deserving human

In the here and now and beyond now

Amen

—Akinyi Owegi-Ndhlovu



Manning Mews Non Profit Homes Corp.
1850 Rossland Road E., Whitby, Ontario, L1N 3P2

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, I would like to invite applications for a Director's position on the governing Board of the Corporation.

The Board of Directors are volunteers who meet monthly in the evening of the 3rd Wednesday in the months of September to November and January to June to review the insurance, maintenance, operation, and capital expenditures for the 20 seniors' homes of Manning Mews. Ten of the 20 apartments are rent geared to income homes for which the tenants pay only 30% of their income. The dedication of the volunteers enables the Mews to offer exceptionally low rents to all the Tenants while maintaining the condition of the buildings and grounds. The Corporation carries Director's Liability Insurance and covers exceptional expenses of the Directors (not mileage to meetings).

The Corporation owns the buildings and the property on which the buildings are constructed. The Corporation is a **community outreach** of Westminster United Church whose Council are the members of the corporation and who review the audit report of the Corporation annually in April or May at a joint meeting of the Council and Directors. Directors do not have to be members of the Westminster United Church congregation.

The Corporation works cooperatively with the adjacent Christ the King Lutheran Church to share garbage collection, storm sewer, landscaping, paths and visitor parking.

The Board looks forward to applicants interested in this rewarding public service, particularly those applicants with skills in:

- property management, or
- engineering or construction trades, or
- finance or banking, or
- business management, or
- legal fields related to properties, or
- landlord and tenant relations, or
- experience as a director on a not-for-profit board.

Sincerely,
Arthur J. Smith

Please send your application c/o Arthur J. Smith at prof.ajsmith@gmail.com .



Only In...

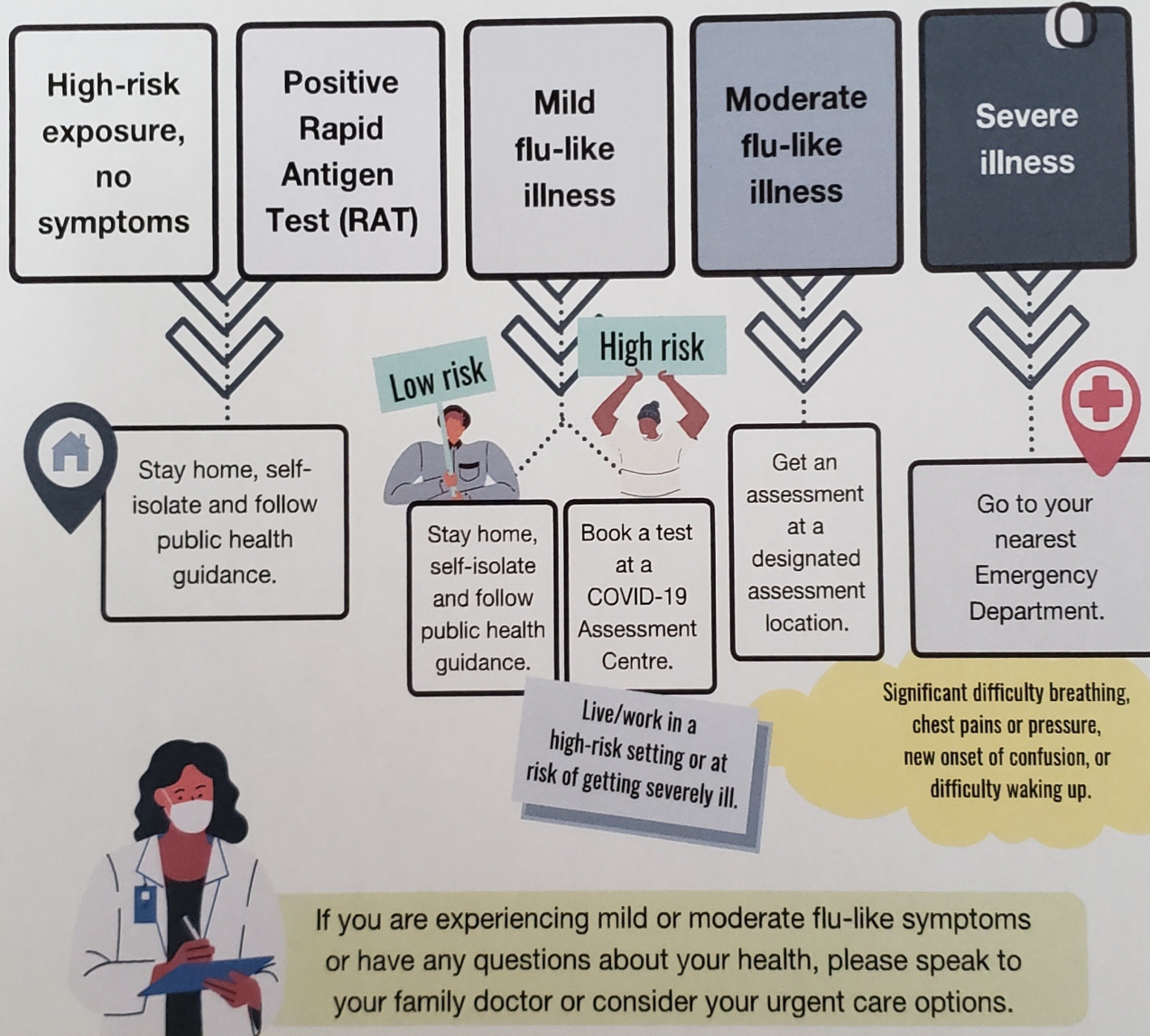


Feeling Unwell and Not Sure What to Do...maybe this will Help!

With the continuing challenges related to high volumes in our Emergency Departments, Lakeridge Health is working very closely with primary care physicians and community partners to raise greater awareness of the health-care options in our community and Region. There is now a special page on their website, called Urgent Care Options:

<https://www.lakeridgehealth.on.ca/en/ourservices/urgent-care-options.asp?mid=32963>

I FEEL UNWELL. WHAT DO I DO?



Go to www.lh.ca to understand your health-care options.



Thanks to the generosity of Westminster's family and friends, along with lower expenditures than originally forecast, the 2021 Operating Deficit was only \$17.5K, which is \$44K smaller than the original forecast.

THANK YOU!

**Westminster United Church
Statement of Operations - excl. The Pantry, M&S, and Capital Fund**

ACTUAL	ORIGINAL FORECAST	ACTUAL		ACTUAL	ORIGINAL FORECAST	ACTUAL
Dec 2021	Dec 2021	Dec 2020		Jan - Dec 2021	Jan - Dec 2021	Jan - Dec 2020
			RECEIPTS & REVENUES			
33,334	37,500	39,554	LF Offerings	274,823	280,000	280,119
15,019	1,788	6,274	Donations	36,898	24,000	31,975
48,353	39,288	45,828	Total Receipts	311,721	304,000	312,094
9,400	3,900	3,932	Rentals	62,547	51,800	37,669
423	100	200	Net Fundraising	7,246	5,000	4,537
250	84	2,044	Other	3,062	1,000	9,865
58,425	43,372	52,004	TOTAL RECEIPTS & REVENUES	384,575	361,800	364,165
			EXPENDITURES			
22,182	21,866	20,988	Salaries & Benefits	249,806	265,500	257,564
10,970	8,160	10,299	Property	68,860	78,000	65,949
2,670	2,630	0	Mortgage Payment (P&I)	32,040	32,000	8,010
12,274	14,344	11,166	Other Expenses	62,557	59,900	55,782
48,097	47,000	42,453	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	413,263	435,400	387,305
10,328	-3,628	9,551	SURPLUS / - DEFICIT	-28,689	-73,600	-23,140
0	0	0	Government Rent Subsidy	0	0	9,363
0	0	2,700	Government Wage Subsidy	11,138	12,000	71,863
10,328	-3,628	12,251	NET SURPLUS / - DEFICIT	-17,551	-61,600	58,086
0	0	0	Capital Fund Offerings	3,500	0	0
1,790	837	1,920	The Pantry (foodbank) - Donations	19,654	10,000	14,596
50	1,600	1,651	The Pantry (foodbank) - Expenditures	12,534	19,000	9,075
1,740	-763	269	Surplus	7,120	-9,000	5,521
0	0	0	Municipal Grant for The Pantry - Receipt	5,000	0	0
0	0	0	Municipal Grant for The Pantry - Expenditures	5,000	0	0
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2,708	1,837	2,328	M&S - Offerings	25,371	22,000	21,184
2,708	1,837	2,328	M&S - Disbursements	25,371	22,000	21,184
0	0	0		0	0	0

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS - Dec 31, 2020 271,234 (includes \$5,521 funds restricted for The Pantry)
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS - Dec 31, 2021 278,504 (includes \$12,641 funds restricted for The Pantry)

UCC MORTGAGE LOAN - Dec 31, 2020 375,969
Principal Paid in 2021 22,902
Interest Paid in 2021 9,138
UCC MORTGAGE LOAN - Dec 31, 2021 353,067

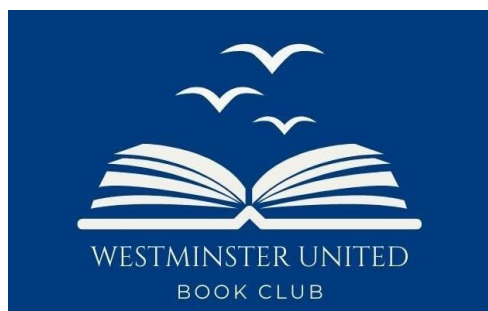
CEBA (GOVT) LOAN - Dec 31, 2020 40,000
Additional Loan Received in 2021 20,000
CEBA (GOVT) LOAN - Dec 31, 2021 60,000



Community Outreach

On Wednesday, January 26th,
Westminster shared our space with the
GoVaxx Bus,
in order to help our community
have easy access to vaccines.

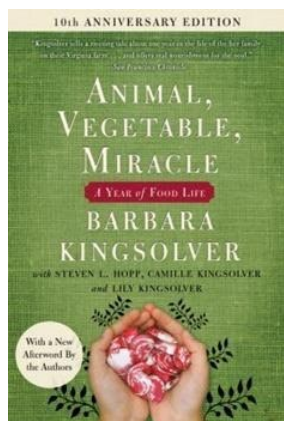
Many thanks to our wonderful committee volunteers
who helped coordinate this effort!



The next gathering of the Book Club is Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022 at 1:00 pm by Zoom
(through the internet or via phone hook-up) from the comfort of your home to discuss the book:

Animal, Vegetable, Miracle, A Year of Food Life by Barbara Kingsolver

This is a Book in a Bag selection so I have books to lend.



When Barbara Kingsolver and her family moved from suburban Arizona to rural Appalachia, they took on a new challenge: to spend a year on a locally-produced diet, paying close attention to the provenance of all they consumed. Concerned about the environmental, social and physical costs of American food culture, they hoped to recover what Barbara considers our North American's lost appreciation for farms and the natural processes of food production. The Kingsolver family's experiences and observations remain just as relevant today as they were ten years ago.

All are welcome. To borrow the book or for more information, please call Susan at 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 links information.**

Easter Flowers

Every Easter Sunday, Westminster's sanctuary is decorated with beautiful spring flowers expressing our joy that Christ has risen. After the service, the flowers are delivered to those in need of some cheering up. We aren't really sure what the status of the pandemic will be this year, but we do know that we will be continuing this Westminster tradition, while following the safe guidelines as directed by the Province and the Region of Durham Health Department.

The flowers will be purchased with memorial donations to Westminster in honour of friends or loved ones with their names acknowledged in the bulletin on Easter Sunday and in the monthly *Westminster World newsletter*.

Following the Easter Service, the flowers will be distributed safely to members and friends who are ill, in hospital or long-term care, or who have been experiencing difficult times or recently lost a loved one. The list of recipients is compiled by the Ministry and Office staff, the Wellness Committee and the Friendly Visitors. Any flowers remaining will be delivered to someone who is newly identified and needs remembering. If you know of someone who would appreciate a gift of flowers, please notify the church office, preferably by e-mail at wuc@westminster-uc.ca or, if necessary, by phone.

Donations will be received now and until the end of March. Three ways to donate:

- **E-transfer:** Please use the security question "Easter?" and the answer is "Flowers". The message should state: "Easter flowers in memory of..."
- **Canada Helps:** Select "Easter Flowers" under the Fund option. In the "Dedication Information" field, click on either "in memory of" or "in honour of"
- **Drop-off at Westminster:** Cheque or cash – indicate "Easter Flowers" on the envelope. Be sure to include who it is from and who it is in memory of.

Any memorial funds remaining from the purchase of the flowers will go to the General Fund of Westminster. The full amount of your donation will appear on your tax receipt.

If you are able to assist with the delivery of the flowers on Sunday, April 4th, or if you would like more information, please contact Crystal at crystal.a.smith55@gmail.com or 905-809-8484.

Receiving the potted plants at Easter brings heartfelt joy and blessings to the recipients, reminding them that they are part of our family. Please consider donating today.

With Thanks from The Wellness Committee



Westminster's Online Auction:

November seems so long ago, but a warm and hearty **"Thank YOU"** is neither outdated nor overrated and should never be overlooked.

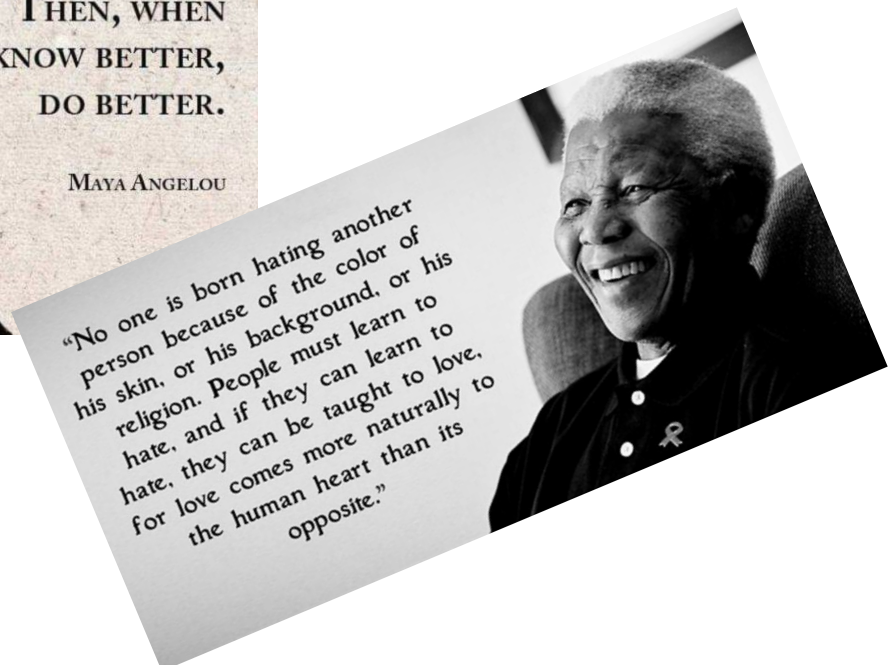
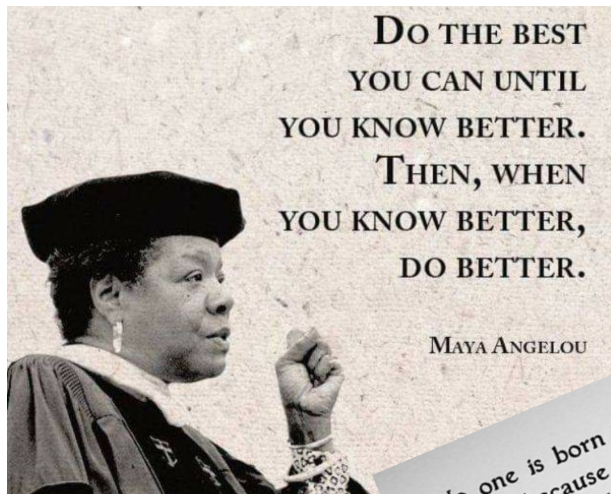
The totals are in and the news is great! With your help, we were able to raise a total of **\$3,558.70!**

We had set an aggressive \$5,000 target and raised \$3,852 before expenses (auction fees and transaction fees). Unsold items from the online auction were placed outside the gym doors for anyone to make an offer as they came by to pick up their items on Nov. 20, 2021. Additional items were sold on the Oshawa Auction site.

Thank you again for your patience and for everything you do and have done to support our fundraisers!

We look forward to 2022 and your valuable support once again!

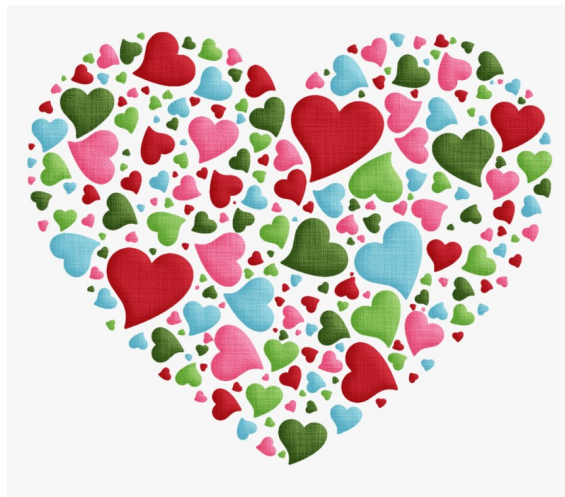
Blessings,
Brian Woodlock,
Stewardship/Finance

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You're invited...

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

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



Until then...Many Blessings!