



*it  
is well  
with my  
soul*

*Wishing a Happy 99th Birthday to these two incredible women!*



*Fern Schadt*



*Eileen Greenaway*



*Ron and June Martin  
May 26th*





*Congratulations to the  
Mokendanz Family,  
as they celebrated  
Scottie's Baptism  
on March 20, 2022*

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***Many Thanks to Crystal,  
for her dedication to our  
Easter Flower Project***



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You see what I carried you through?  
Wait until you see where I carry you to...

- God



*Carly Marie Project Heal*

# *This Mother's Day*

let us recognize ALL mothers.

The ones who nurture their children here on Earth.  
The ones who carry some if not all of their children in their hearts  
and the ones who yearn just to conceive a child.

*[www.CarlyMarieProjectHeal.com](http://www.CarlyMarieProjectHeal.com)*



## Asian Heritage Month

May is Asian Heritage Month, and the perfect time to prayerfully reflect on the contributions of Asian Canadians to Canadian society.

In December 2001, the Canadian Senate adopted a motion proposed by Senator Vivienne Poy — the first Canadian of Asian descent appointed to the Senate of Canada — to officially designate May as Asian Heritage Month in Canada. In May 2002, Parliament approved that designation.

The United Church of Canada has benefitted from the inclusion of many Asian-Canadian members, in congregations that stretch across the country. The first Asian-heritage congregational members came from China, Korea, and Japan, with the churches they formed here acting as sanctuaries from racism, while allowing them to keep their culture and language alive.

During the 20th century, new waves of immigrants from Taiwan, Korea, and the Philippines began to arrive and form congregations. For many of these new Canadians, their United Church congregations become their extended family. The most recent influx of Asian members to the church occurred in the 1980s, when people fleeing the civil war in Sri Lanka arrived in Canada.

The church now has 12 congregations made up of Korean-Canadians, eight Chinese churches, six Japanese churches, one Tamil church, and one Taiwanese church. These diverse congregations not only provide vitality and new perspectives for the church, but they have also given us some great leaders, such as The Very Rev. Sang Chul Lee.

Rev. Lee became the church's first Moderator of Asian heritage in 1988. Born in Siberia, the son of Korean immigrants, he received his theological education in Korea, Switzerland, and Vancouver, with his ordination in the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea. He came to Canada in 1961, where he served a three-point charge in Vancouver comprising English, Japanese and Korean-speaking congregations, requiring him to preach three sermons every Sunday in three different languages.

The Rev. Lee came to Toronto in 1969 and was minister for the Toronto Korean United Church. His election as Moderator in 1988 surprised many, including himself. "I just didn't think the church was ready to elect an ethnic person," he said at the time.

The intercultural vitality of the church continues to expand today, including through mutual recognition of ministries with The Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) and The United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP).

The United Church of Canada has benefited from the participation of many Asian-Canadian members. They have helped us strive to become an intercultural church, a church where all are welcome.

For more information about Asian Heritage Month, please view the videos *Struggle and Grace: Asian Heritage in the United Church*, and *Asian Cultures, Asian Heritage*.

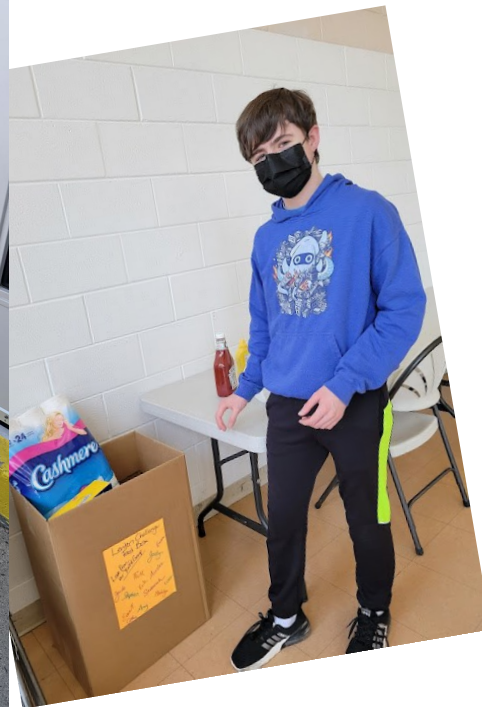
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*Parish Mosaic*





# THANK YOU!





# THE pantry

Blessings to everyone in our congregation and community who support the Pantry.  
Our clients wanted to say their own personal words of gratitude.

Thank You for everything  
you do!  
Family

To all the people of  
Westminster United Church  
I would like to thank  
you for all your donations  
of food ~~that~~ you donate  
to my family of five  
you have given us  
a HOT meal everyday  
may our heavenly  
father bless you  
for giving  
for many thanks  
Family

TO ALL THE PEOPLE  
AT WESTMINSTER  
THANK YOU FOR  
ALL YOU DO  
I am very humble  
and thankful for  
all the little  
things you give  
me for my family.  
Thank you

APR-25

Thank you For the  
help.

God Bless you  
Praise Lord

Thank you

Scent Free  
ZONE

**LET'S KEEP EVERYONE  
BREATHING WELL!**

**FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY  
AND WELL-BEING OF ALL,  
PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING SCENTED  
PRODUCTS WHILE AT WESTMINSTER.**

**THANK YOU!**



- ◇ Happy 99th Birthday Wishes to Eileen Greenaway and Fern Schad.
- ◇ Congratulations to Reverend Dan Yourkevich! On May 19th, he will be celebrating the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Ordination, which took place at George Street United Church in Peterborough in 1977.
- ◇ Happy 60th Anniversary to Ron and June Martin on May 26th.
- ◇ Congratulations to Robert Motum on being awarded a \$20,000 Doctoral Fellowship (a SSHRC grant – Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council). Margaret and Ron are very proud parents!
- ◇ Happy Anniversary on May 1st to Cathy Shaw, as she celebrates 9 years as Westminster's Minister of Faith Formation.

*\*\*\*Please let us know if you are aware of any upcoming celebrations we can share with our Westminster family.*

Dear Friends,

March 12, 2022 marked my 10 year anniversary with Westminster United Church.

Many thanks for the notes you've sent, the prayers, the beautiful flowers and the gift marking the occasion.



I remember coming for the first interview here all those years ago, driving along Taunton as the sun was setting, expectant, nervous, but not really imagining that I would find myself here, nor how grateful I would be.

Thank you for being you—a worshiping congregation that is continually living into its call to love God and neighbour. It really is a privilege to serve in ministry among you.

Love and Blessings,

*Rev. Michelle*





**Palm Sunday...**  
He came riding  
on a donkey.

# HOLY WEEK



**Maundy Thursday...**  
Celebrating The Last Supper



**Early Easter Service...**  
Led by our Confirmation Class and Rev. Michelle



**Good Friday...**  
Wrapping the Cross







***EASTER***  
***J.a.M***





Mark your calendar for  
**Sunday, June 12**

*Pack your picnic lunch  
Bring your chair and blanket  
Put on your hat and sunscreen  
Get ready for fun, games and fellowship!*

**This will be an outdoor event  
and will be weather dependent.**

We hope to see you there!



## Pray, Praise, Ponder

### **Blessing for a New Day**

Rise to blessing.  
Rise to gratitude.  
Rise to potential.  
Rise to goodness.  
Rise to generosity.  
Rise to appreciation.  
Rise to hopefulness.  
Rise to new life.  
Rise  
like Jesus did  
for God has blessed you  
with a day too beautiful to miss.  
Amen



### **Movie Nights are BACK!**

*...bring a date,  
bring a friend or step out solo!*

Our next movie night for Adults will be on:

**Friday, May 27th**

**7:30pm**

*Popcorn Included...  
...please bring your own beverage (or snacks)  
in reusable bottles/containers*

**Movie Title is Coming Soon...**

*...please watch the Friday Email Blast  
for more information.*



## Westminster Cares About Our Community...

It was a good first shift for our adult and youth volunteers, as they helped out at Durham Outlook for the Needy

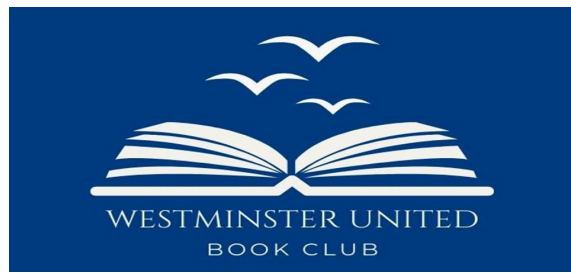
Thanks to these dedicated souls and so many others...

107 people enjoyed a nice 3-course meal of tossed salad, soup, fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, and an assortment of cake for dessert.

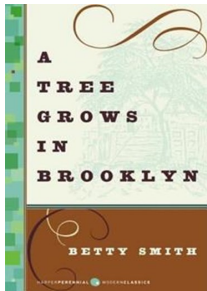
Keep up the great work, keep reaching out...  
and keep sharing God's love!







The next gathering of the Book Club is **Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:00pm** by Zoom (through the internet or via phone hook-up) from the comfort of your home to discuss the book: **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, by Betty Smith.**



This is a Book in a Bag selection so I have books to lend. This beloved classic is about a young girl's coming-of-age at the turn of the century. From the moment she entered the world, Francie needed to be made of stern stuff, for the often-harsh life of Williamsburg demanded fortitude, precocity, and strength of spirit. Often scorned by neighbours for her family's erratic and eccentric behavior--such as her father Johnny's taste for alcohol and Aunt Sissy's habit of marrying serially without the formality of divorce--no one, least of all Francie, could say that the Nolans' life lacked drama.

Betty Smith has, in the pages of A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, captured the joys of humble Williamsburg life - from "junk day" on Saturdays, when the children of Francie's neighbourhood traded their weekly take for pennies, to the special excitement of holidays, bringing cause for celebration and revelry.

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 (before Tuesday evening) that you are interested so that she can email you the Zoom link information.**



The Book Club Members met in March and the following books were selected for the upcoming year:

**May 25, 2022: A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith**

Available now from Susan to borrow, (a young girl's coming of age in 1900) - a 'book in a bag' title.

**September 28: The Taste of Longing, Ethel Mulvany and Her Starving Prisoners of War Cookbook by Suzanne Evans.** Available now. Oshawa library has only 1 copy, Sandra has a copy and Susan has a copy of the book. The book must be borrowed from Oshawa public library or Sandra or Susan. (WWII prisoner of war biography)

**November 23, 2022: Washington Black by Esi Edigyan.** Available after October 12 (slavery in the 1800's), a 'book in a bag' title.

**January 25, 2023: Five Little Indians by Michelle Good.** Available after December 14, (about the residential schools), a 'book in a bag' title.

**March 22, 2023: The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes.** Available after February 8, 2023, (about 5 women who deliver books in rural Kentucky), a 'book in a bag' title.

**May 24, 2023: The Pull of the Stars by Emma Donaghue.** Available after April 12, 2023, (about a hospital maternity ward during the 1918 Spanish Flu in Dublin), a 'book in a bag' title.

Please watch the email blasts and newsletter for details pertaining to the location and time. All are welcome to attend for either one or two or all book discussions. Looking forward to the year ahead with great reading and discussions. For more information, please contact Susan at 905-493-3122.



***Our Youth Group had their 1st In-Person Meeting in 26-months...so good to be together again!  
A Game of Disc Golf, Popsicles and Prayer...what an awesome night!***





## Art for Climate Justice

*Climate justice* is a term that acknowledges that climate change disproportionately affects marginalized populations who have contributed the least to the problem--and that those inequities need to be addressed with long-term mitigation and adaptation strategies.

Last year, the David Suzuki Foundation invited artists across Canada to share their perspectives on climate change and climate justice. The stunning pieces that were submitted depict hopes and fears as well as challenges and opportunities relating to lived experiences of climate change, environmental destruction, and climate injustices.

Over the coming months, the Climate Disruption Mitigation Committee will continue sharing some of the artworks created. Below is a piece entitled ***Imagine leaving a positive footprint*** by Vancouver resident **Amanda Suutari**. What does this piece say to you?

Amanda said the following about her piece: "I've been called 'unrealistic' or a 'dreamer' for envisioning an equitable world beyond fossil fuels. But it's not only deeply pragmatic to solve the climate crisis, steward our precious natural capital and leave a 'positive footprint,' it's absolutely necessary to our survival. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to collaborate on a multitude of strategies to meet the greatest wicked challenge of our time. Doing so will be healing and transformative."



Photo courtesy of the  
DAVID SUZUKI FOUNDATION



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

What began as a Season of Service initiative last Fall blossomed into a second clean-up event.

On Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, a dedicated crew of Westminster friends went to the park beside John Dryden P.S. and cleared out all the trash.

Many thanks for demonstrating **C.A.R.E.** in action.





## Calling All Kids - The Earth Needs YOU!

As part of her role on the CDMC Committee, Lora V. has committed to leading discussions about the climate crisis with her fellow Youth Group friends. The first session will take place on May 5<sup>th</sup>. One of the videos the Youth Group will be watching and discussing is the one noted below.

*You're never too young to start doing something about climate change! Lora (age 11), a member of the CDMC Committee, recommends watching this video by Katherine Hayhoe, a Canadian atmospheric scientist and professor of political science at Texas Tech University, where she is director of the Climate Science Center.*

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PsIL9WC-2cQ&authuser=0>**

*I'm only a kid, I can't do anything about climate change.... right? - YouTube*

*I'm just one kid, what can I do to help fix global warming? Find out in this all new episode of Global Weirding. Global Weirding is produced by KTTZ Texas Tech Public Media and distributed by PBS digital studios. New episodes every other Wednesday at 10:00am central. Brought to you in part by Bob and Linda Herscher, Freese and Nichols inc... . [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)*



### *The History of Westminster's Flowered Cross*

*Gail Brimbecom wanted to acknowledge her appreciation of the Sanctuary Committee's decoration of the sanctuary for Easter and sent this note to them:*

Bob researched the dimensions and created the cross at least forty years ago using trees from our cedar bush on Anderson St. It was a labour of love. The cross has been used in a variety of ways over the years but I have to say its current use, so beautifully covered in flowers, warms my heart on so many levels.

Thank you, Rev. Michelle and the Sanctuary Committee, for faithfully creating a worshipful sacred space in our church's sanctuary and for including this hand hewn cross so lovingly crafted many years ago.

# UPDATE TO THE CONGREGATION – Financial Results: March 2022

## Westminster United Church Statement of Operations - LOCAL FUND

	ACTUAL	FORECAST	VARIANCE	ACTUAL	FORECAST	VARIANCE	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL	FORECAST
	Mar 2022			Jan - Mar 2022			Jan - Mar 2021	Full Year 2022
<b>RECEIPTS &amp; REVENUES</b>								
Offerings - Local Fund	18,864	20,000	-1,136	57,656	60,000	-2,344	59,469	280,000
Donations	1,856	3,700	-1,844	3,106	4,000	-894	6,020	25,000
Total Receipts	20,720	23,700	-2,980	60,762	64,000	-3,238	65,489	305,000
Rentals	3,932	5,720	-1,788	11,796	13,520	-1,724	11,796	65,000
Net Fundraising	120	0	120	120	0	120	55	17,500
Other	95	80	15	1,128	240	888	270	1,000
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS &amp; REVENUES</b>	<b>24,867</b>	<b>29,500</b>	<b>-4,633</b>	<b>73,806</b>	<b>77,760</b>	<b>-3,954</b>	<b>77,610</b>	<b>388,500</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								
Salaries & Benefits	22,978	23,000	-22	69,012	69,000	12	59,379	284,500
Property	5,727	7,250	-1,523	19,379	20,750	-1,371	13,232	82,500
Mortgage Payment (P&I)	2,670	2,670	0	8,010	8,010	0	8,010	32,000
Other Expenses	9,006	9,089	-83	16,761	16,261	500	13,423	65,625
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE S</b>	<b>40,381</b>	<b>42,009</b>	<b>-1,628</b>	<b>113,162</b>	<b>114,021</b>	<b>-859</b>	<b>94,044</b>	<b>464,625</b>
<b>SURPLUS (+) / DEFICIT (-)</b>	<b>-15,514</b>	<b>-12,509</b>	<b>-3,005</b>	<b>-39,356</b>	<b>-36,261</b>	<b>-3,095</b>	<b>-16,434</b>	<b>-76,125</b>
Government Wage Subsidy	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,190	0
Government Grant (Anti-Hate)	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0	0
Security System Expenditure	10,027	0	10,027	10,027	0	10,027	0	0
	-27	0	-27	-27	0	-27	3,190	0
Government Rebate (Hydro & Gas)	2,349	0	2,349	2,349	0	2,349	0	0
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS (+) / DEFICIT (-)</b>	<b>-13,192</b>	<b>-12,509</b>	<b>-683</b>	<b>-37,034</b>	<b>-36,261</b>	<b>-773</b>	<b>-13,244</b>	<b>-76,125</b>

## Westminster United Church Statement of Operations - OTHER FUNDS

	ACTUAL	FORECAST	VARIANCE	ACTUAL	FORECAST	VARIANCE	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL	FORECAST
	Mar 2022			Jan - Mar 2022			Jan - Mar 2021	Full Year 2022
Capital Fund * - Offerings	288	2,000	-1,712	476	2,000	-1,524	0	20,000
Capital Fund - Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	288	2,000	-1,712	476	2,000	-1,524	0	20,000
The Pantry - Donations	1,873	825	1,048	3,486	2,475	1,011	7,169	10,000
The Pantry - Expenditures	186	1,500	-1,314	3,882	4,500	-618	5,478	18,000
	1,687	-675	2,362	-396	-2,025	1,629	1,691	-8,000
Mission & Service - Offerings	2,523	2,167	356	6,604	6,414	190	6,415	26,000
Mission & Service - Disbursements	2,523	2,167	356	6,604	6,414	190	6,415	26,000
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

\* The Capital Fund represents contributions received for capital projects, including but not limited to the HVAC replacement project. Any surplus funds in this account may be transferred to the local fund (contingent upon approval from Westminster's Council). The projected costs of the HVAC replacements is \$150,000 over the next five years.

*Thank you for your continued support!*



## Westminster United Church

### Total Available Funds

	as at Dec 31, 2021	2022 Net Outflow (-) / Inflow (+)	as at Mar 31, 2022
Local Fund	262,363	-43,082	219,281
The Pantry	12,641	-396	12,245
Capital Fund	3,500	476	3,976
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>	<b>278,504</b>	<b>-43,002</b>	<b>235,502</b>

### Long Term Liabilities

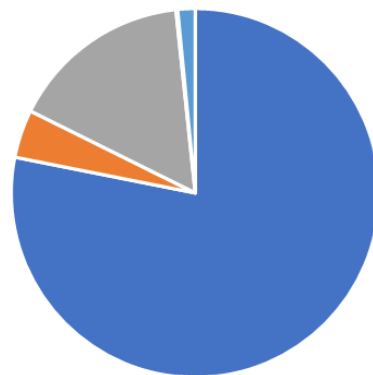
UCC MORTGAGE LOAN - as at Dec 31, 2021	353,067
Principal Paid in 2022	5,815
Interest Paid in 2022	2,195
UCC MORTGAGE LOAN - as at Mar 31, 2022	347,251

CEBA (GOV'T) LOAN - as at Mar 31, 2022 60,000

\* \$20,000 will be forgiven if \$40,000 is repaid prior to Dec 31, 2023

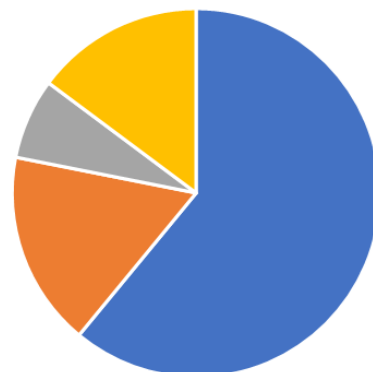
### TOTAL RECEIPTS & REVENUES - LOCAL FUND 2022 ACTUALS (JAN - MAR) = \$73,806

- Offerings = \$57,656
- Other Donations = \$3,106
- Rental Income = \$11,796
- Net Fundraising = \$120
- Other Income = \$1,128



### TOTAL EXPENDITURES - LOCAL FUND 2022 ACTUALS (JAN - MAR) = \$113,162

- Salaries & Benefits = \$69,012
- Property = \$19,379
- Mortgage = \$8,010
- Other Expenses = \$16,761



#### LOCAL FUND OFFERINGS 2022 Full Year Goal = \$280,000



■ 2022 ACTUAL (JAN - MAR) = \$57,656 ■ 2022 REMAINING = \$222,344

#### MISSION & SERVICE OFFERINGS 2022 Full Year Goal = \$26,000



■ 2022 ACTUAL (JAN - MAR) = \$6,604 ■ 2022 REMAINING = \$19,396

#### CAPITAL FUND DONATIONS 2022 Full Year Goal = \$20,000



■ 2022 ACTUAL (JAN - MAR) = \$476 ■ 2022 REMAINING = \$19,524

#### THE PANTRY FUND - FINANCIAL DONATIONS 2022 Full Year Goal = \$10,000



■ 2022 ACTUAL (JAN - MAR) = \$3,486 ■ 2022 REMAINING = \$6,514

Don't forget to smile today! 😊



**MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU**



**AND ALSO WITH YOU**



*Let's  
Laugh!*



A truck loaded with thousands of copies of Roget's Thesaurus spilled its load leaving New York. Witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, stupefied, confused, shocked, rattled, paralyzed, dazed, bewildered, surprised, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, confounded, astonished, and numbed.



## **A German Shepherd, a Doberman, and a cat died.**

In heaven, all three faced God, who wanted to know what they believed in.

The German Shepherd said, "I believe in discipline, training, and loyalty to my master."

"Good!" said God. "Sit at my right side."

"Doberman, what do you believe in?" asked God.

The doberman answered, "I believe in the love, care, and protection of my master."

"Aha," said God. You may sit to my left."

Then God looked at the cat and asked, "And what do you believe in?"

The cat replied, "I believe you are sitting in my seat."





# **You're invited...**

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**...to join us for  
In-person Worship  
or to continue  
worshipping at home  
via Livestream.**



**Many Blessings!**