

**Summer shines with  
Endless possibilities,  
  
Whispering hope and  
Promising joy in every moment**

As we exchange the ***hustle & bustle***  
of our everyday lives  
for the ***rest & relaxation*** of our holiday time,  
let's remember to use this time for the healing,  
restoration and nurturing  
of body, mind and spirit.

And during our ***Holidays***, let's remember to  
celebrate and cherish the ***Holydays***.





## UCW JUNE LUNCHEON

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 20+ women enjoyed the opportunity to converse with one another and enjoy a wonderful lunch at CoCo Fruitti's Restaurant in Oshawa.

During the luncheon, Tena D was thanked for her 8 years of hard work and service as UCW president.

**Our new executive** is now: Co-presidents: Cecile W and Sues S; Secretary: Susan P; Treasurer: Shirley P; and Past-president: Tena D.





## Wills and Estate Planning – A personal reflection...

**Estate Planning 101**  
Wills | Trusts | Legacy Giving

After months of learning about and then presenting our 'Wills and Estate Planning' info session this past May, I began to realize the important message embedded in the United Church's "Called to be the Church - The Journey".

I had a chance to reflect on how much my parents, grandparents and those before impacted my understanding of what the United Church, over the past 100 years, did to prepare me in becoming a Christian.

By building on its past history, both messed up and innovative, (totally my words ☺), I understood the important role that the missionaries played, in a faraway place like Trinidad and Tobago, to a small 5 year old girl in a TGIT group (Trinidad and Tobago Girls in Training). That young child from the West Indies was born to East Indian parents, with some French ancestry, whose great, great grandparents were indentured labourers from India, 'dropped off' in Guadalupe and Jamaica and who eventually got to Trinidad again by boat!!

Without sources of funding, the missionaries could not build the churches or the schools that helped to nurture me. In fact, without funding, many scholars would not have been able to migrate to Canada to pursue theological studies. And wonderfully speaking, many returned to Trinidad as ordained ministers who continued the work started by the missionaries.

Hence, for these and many other reasons, the Church's **"Give to the Centennial Legacy Campaign"** is underway, to ask and to inspire us to designate a legacy gift to ensure the church's "vitality to embrace the next 100 years while honouring the past, celebrating the present and looking towards the future" (UCC site).

And there we were talking about your wills and estate planning and helping you to make informed decisions to include Westminster or the United Church in your planning. Are you following the Journey with me so far?

Then **on June 8<sup>th</sup>**, coincidentally, Pentecost Sunday, I, like many others, had the privilege of watching the live service from St John's as the United Church celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary -- heralded as an opportunity to honour the past while looking towards the future ... being DEEP, BOLD AND DARING.

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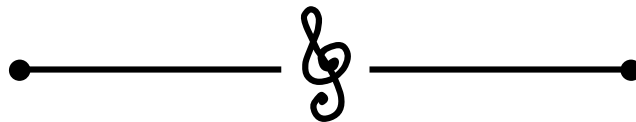


And **on June 17<sup>th</sup>**, a few of us attended a day-long leadership gathering hosted by the East Central Ontario Regional Council (ECORC) in Belleville, entitled "Holding a Vision for the Future". We heard about the state of the church today and the trajectory of where we could be in 10 years, and especially the need to work collaboratively to impact, improve and shape the future. This was referred to as: Deep, Bold and Daring Towards 2035.

So here I am "back to the future". Sometimes the Journey is circular, sometimes it is linear, sometimes it's up and down, and sometimes, especially for me, it means taking a pause to look both ways before deciding to turn left OR right. We never know how someone's bequest can impact someone else's journey.

... and the Journey continues.

**Margaret Suepaul**



If members of Westminster (or friends or family) would like to sing or play a solo during July and August, **please contact Dr. Benjamin Stein.**



Westminster's ensembles break for the summer, and this will be a chance for the congregation to hear some repertoire and talents that they don't usually get a chance to enjoy.

If there is a specific piece you'd like to perform, you will need a score/sheet music, ideally in a key that works for your voice or instrument. Ben is assembling a list for the summer and into the fall.





# JUNE

## Activities

June was a very busy and exciting month at Westminster.

On **June 1<sup>st</sup>**, at a lovely evening service, Westminster and five other local United Churches gathered to celebrate the **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The United Church of Canada**. A mass choir, featuring Westminster, Brooklin, Centennial-Albert, Kedron and St. Mark's sang a moving anthem.

Kingsview's choir offered their gift of music during the offertory and the message was delivered by **Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly**, our regional executive minister.

Following the service, there was a time of fellowship with tasty treats created by all the UCW's. A joyful celebration, indeed.



Throughout the month, Westminster was involved in many **Pride** events.



**Pride** events during the month included the Parade and the multi-faith worship service.

As well, on **June 22<sup>nd</sup>**, **Great Heart Youth Ensemble**, from Toronto's Metropolitan United Church, offered their talents as they led a musical service to celebrate **Pride** Month.

They played songs by Stevie Wonder and Sly and the Family Stone along with **Pride** -- themed songs by Pink and Chappell Roan.

They also collaborated with Westminster's senior choir on an Elton John's, "The Power".







On **June 8<sup>th</sup>**, six young people expressed their faith and were *confirmed* into The United Church of Canada.

As well on **June 8<sup>th</sup>**, we honoured all the volunteers who worked with the children during the year in our **J.a.M** classes and children's events.

Following the service, the celebrations continued with a barbeque and salads luncheon, or Church picnic, prepared by **The Food Guys**.

After lunch, we launched into the **games and fun** at the Church Picnic.



A busy, happy Sunday morning.





### Office Manager and Social Media Administrator

**Lexi Rajaganapathy** will be covering the office **from June 16 - August 8** while Amy works on creating a new website for Westminster (a long overdue project). Lexi is a Bachelor of Journalism student with a minor in Digital Communication from the Toronto Metropolitan University. She has experience working in social media, administration and has taught dance.

### Child and Youth Worker

**Prunellie Tchakam** is our child and youth worker for this summer and also will be with us **from June 16 - August 8**. Prunellie is a second year software engineering student at Carleton University. She has a background working with children and youth in coding camps, organizing, planning and managing the logistics for hackathons (coding tournaments). She has taught dance to youth and trained youth and new volunteers in Holy Name Parish. Prunellie enjoys working with children and youth.

During her time with us, Prunellie is planning and leading the Vacation Bible School, assisting with J.a.M. and researching programs for youth. Please reach out to her if you have any questions about Vacation Bible School or summer J.a.M.

Thank you to the Government of Canada for providing us funding through the Canada Summer Jobs Grant in support of this initiative.





## DO YOU LIKE TO READ?

**Do you want to discuss the story  
and where the story takes you  
in your imagination?**

The **Christian Education Committee** is interested in starting a *Children's Book Club* for children 8 to 13 years old during the summer ~ meeting in June, July and August.

*If you are interested, please contact Susan P.*

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**Have you ever wondered  
or thought about  
teaching a J.a.M. class  
(modern day Sunday School)?**



The Christian Education Committee is looking for a few volunteers **from June 15<sup>th</sup> to September 7<sup>th</sup>** to share the stories of our faith through story, games and activities with our children.

**All lesson materials and all supplies are provided.**

**For more information, please contact Susan P.**





## Is it July? or is it November?

While some of you have been busy making Summer plans, your **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR team** has already met and is excitedly making arrangements for ***Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025*** ☺ !

As a reminder, while you are at the cottage, please remember us when ***knitting or pickling or making jams and preserves***. All to say, of course, that the shoppers cannot get enough of your "hot" homemade items.

For those who will be exploring and visiting festivals, local events, garage sales and fairs, and think you've found that special 'got to get' item but have no room for it, please remember how amazing it will be in our **Silent Auction!**

And if your summer plans include a stay-cation where you will be decluttering as well...phew...we will take your new or almost new mens' and ladies' clothing, shoes, jewelry, purses... . **We will even take your one-of-a-kind beautiful Christmas decorations, candles and ornaments off your hands -- on Friday Nov 7<sup>th</sup>.**

***Keep looking out for our future announcements and feel free to reach out to either Margaret, Ava or Lisa for more information.***

Let's make this the best, most attended, most successful Christmas Bazaar ever. The Food Guys are busy planning the luncheon menu and we know that you will be blown away, yet again!!

Enjoy your summer AND we'll see you soon!!

***Your Christmas Bazaar planning team***

## Ladies Boutique at the Christmas Bazaar



We have been sorting through donations for the **Ladies Boutique** for the Westminster United Church Christmas bazaar to be held on **November 8th, 9am to 2pm** and finding some really nice things.

Please check your closets and see if you have any items for the Boutique.

**We will be accepting donations on Friday November 7th in the afternoon and evening.** We are looking for new or gently used clothing, shoes and accessories, and jewelry.

**For more information, please contact Joan Ward at 905-435-6686.**







So much laughter, so much fun, so much good food, such great conversations... just to say, all 16 of us had a blast, meeting up, dining, and sharing with our other Westminster families!!

We sat out on the patio at Melanie's as the weather was perfect. Enjoy the pics from our evening.

Thanks Paul!! As usual, the appetizers were well received:)

See you all again sometime in September. In the meantime, enjoy your summer vacation wherever you're heading.

Regards from Stewardship/**Finance**





# Pray, Praise, Ponder

**All summer long may you have:**

Lucky stars above you,  
Sunshine on your way,  
Many friends to love you,  
Joy in work and play,

Laughter to outweigh each care,  
In your heart a song,  
And gladness waiting everywhere  
All your whole summer long!



**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!**



# C O M M I T T E E

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## What does the Chair of Council do?

I used to wonder the same thing and now I'm learning!

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The **Chair of Council at Westminster** is a three-year position. The Chair leads the monthly Council meeting. This meeting helps all committee chairs stay informed on what is happening, ensures that the church meets its financial and legal obligations, and is the place where new initiatives are presented and discussed.

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Other than that, the Chair is able to “make the job their own”, which means each Chair is able to bring their gifts to the position. It is also an opportunity to “push” yourself to take on some roles that may be more challenging, such as strategic planning or public speaking.

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I have been very fortunate to have so many people on Council and in the congregation to support me. So many times, I have asked for someone to take on a task or project and the answer is “yes, here I am”. I am very grateful to all the past Chairs, Staff and my WUC family for your support and guidance.

Most importantly, we all walk together to fulfil the vision of Westminster – to reflect the hope of Jesus Christ through worship, education and outreach.

If anyone has any questions about Council, the role of Chair, or what you can do at Westminster to support our vision, please don't hesitate to ask me

*~ Ava T.*





## NEEDED!

The J.A.M birthday card Coordinator is in need of new *unused* cards with envelopes – in particular, birthday cards or blank cards with pictures/photos of animals.

**Please contact:** Susan @ 905-493-3122 or [auntx2@gmail.com](mailto:auntx2@gmail.com) if you have cards to donate or for further information.



## HELP PLEASE!

The UCW needs preserving jars:

Quart/litre



Pint/500ml



Please bring them to the church (labelled “UCW”) and leave in the kitchen.

For more information: contact Susan P.





## C.A.R.E

*(Christians Acting with Respect to the Earth)*

As we enjoy the “*lazy, hazy, crazy days*” of summer, let’s not forget our obligation to care for Mother Earth:



There may be more beverages consumed -- remember to protect birds and animals by cutting all the plastic rings.



Remember to recycle the rolls from paper towels and toilet paper.

Take a compost bag along on your picnics to dispose of food waste.



Protect your lawn and save water by keeping the grass a bit longer.





## MUSIC NOTES



# You're invited...

*...to join us for Worship,  
In-person or Online*

*If you're new to Westminster,  
we're so glad to meet you!*

*If Westminster is your church home,  
we're so glad to see you again!*