



PROGRAMS & EVENTS FALL 2026

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Welcome to the Fall Season at WUC!



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Are you subscribed to our
weekly email blast with
upcoming worship and events?

WESTMINSTER VALUES

Spiritual development and learning.

Growing in faith and connecting stories of faith with life and the world today

FAITH AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

COMMUNITY AND BELONGING



Friendship, love for God and neighbour. The feeling that "we can get through this together".



Welcoming to all, regardless of background or belief. A safe, welcoming, and respectful environment.



HOSPITALITY AND INCLUSION

SERVICE AND OUTREACH



Called to be the church both inside and outside the walls.

Generous with time, resources, and presence. Commitment to helping others and sharing gifts.



Fall Sermon Series

Weird in the World

Sept. 13 - Oct. 18

*What if following Jesus means becoming people
whose lives are shaped by a different story,
a different set of practices,
and a different way of being in the world?*

September has a way of feeling like a new beginning. As routines return or start anew we often find ourselves asking: Why am I doing what I'm doing? What's most important?

This fall, Weird in the World is a six-week invitation to rediscover some of the practices that come with following Jesus. Based on J. Aaron Miller's book "Weird in the World: Living Towards the World God Wants" we'll explore Worship, Prayer, Incarnation, Lament, Discipline, and Freedom/The Way of Jesus.

Sometimes a new season is a good time to remember who and whose we are, and why we do what we do. And to remember that following Jesus makes us a little weird...in the best possible way.



DIG In!

NEW

Discover. Investigate. Grow.

Between the weeks of September 20 and October 25, inclusive.

What if Sunday wasn't the end of the conversation?

As part of our Weird in the World sermon series we're trying something new:

DIG In Groups.

These are **small groups of 4-6 people** who will meet for one hour each week for 5 weeks to continue the conversation.

What happens in a DIG In Group?

You will discuss ideas and questions raised by Sunday's scripture text and by the sermon. To participate you just need to have heard Sunday's sermon and the scripture passage. Sunday worship gives us something to think about; DIG In gives us a place to explore it together. Come with your curiosity, a willingness to listen to others and to share a little of your own experience.

Where: In person at the church / or online

When: Wednesday evening, Thursday morning or Sunday after worship

Host: Let us know if you'd be willing to host a group.

What does a host do? Not much! They help get the conversation started using a simple outline we provide. For online groups, the host also admits participants to the meeting. No teaching or leading experience needed.

We just need someone to help your small group get connected and talking.

Sign up: Scan the code, or sign up using the clipboard on the table outside the sanctuary.

You indicate when you're available, we'll connect you with a group!



(Note: Weird in the World by J. Aaron Miller is our companion book for the series. You are welcome to read along, but you don't have to in order to participate in a small group)

Sundays This Fall

Welcome Sunday & BBQ Lunch

September 13

Join us for a joyful start to the fall season, followed by a BBQ lunch and time to connect with one another.



Wear Your Orange Shirt

September 27

Wear orange to worship on this Sunday ahead of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Together, we honour residential school survivors, remember those who never came home, and renew our commitment to the ongoing work of reconciliation.



World Communion

October 4

World Communion gathers Christians worldwide every first Sunday in October. At Christ's table, there is room for all, and we remember that we are part of a global community of faith.



Thanksgiving Sunday

October 11

Come celebrate God's many gifts with grateful hearts as we worship and give thanks together.



Baptism & Final Sunday of our “Weird in the World” Sermon Series

October 18

We celebrate the joy of baptism.
It is also the final Sunday of our
Weird in the World series, as we reflect on
what it means to live out our faith in ways
that are courageous, compassionate,
and a little unconventional.



Remembrance Sunday

November 8

The Sunday before November 11
we dedicate time in worship to remember
and to reflect on the hope and responsibility
of working for peace.



Westminster United Church 68th Anniversary

November 15

We celebrate 68 years of faith, ministry,
and community at Westminster United Church,
giving God thanks for our journey together
and looking ahead with hope.



Advent Begins

November 29

Advent begins!
As we prepare our hearts for Christmas,
we gather in Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.



Be a part of Sunday!

**Be part of what makes Sunday mornings
at Westminster welcoming, connected and meaningful!**

There are lots of simple ways to build community:
welcoming one another, making room for connection
and sharing our time and gifts. Find one that feels like you.

Read Scripture

Sign up to share your voice in reading the stories of our faith in Sunday worship. No experience required. No perfection expected. It is a blessing to hear the voices of our community.

Welcome Someone

Be part of the welcome that begins before worship starts by greeting at the doors. A smile, a hello can help make someone feel comfortable walking through the door whether they've been coming for years or it's their very first Sunday.

Make Coffee & Share a Cup

Help create the space where conversations happen. Brew the coffee, make the tea, pour a cup and linger for a while. It's a great way to get to know someone.

Help make Sundays at Westminster a time when people can be welcomed, be nourished, belong. Including you!

Interested?

Sign up in the narthex (the foyer outside the sanctuary)
or send us an email wuc@westminster-uc.ca

We'd love to hear from you!

Pray Together

NEW

Prayer Groups

30 Minutes. 6 Weeks. 3 People.
Begins the week of October 4, 2026

We carry a lot: the people we love, the things that worry us, the needs of our community and our world.

Whether holding our joys or our heartaches it helps to know we're not alone.

In prayer we remember God is present to us, and when we pray together we are reminded that others are on the journey, too.

This fall we are creating small prayer triads. Groups of 3 people who meet for 30 minutes once a week for six weeks to pray together.

Choose what works for you:

- Morning (*start the day with prayer*)
- Lunch (*pause in the middle of the day*)
- Evening (*end the day with prayer*)

And whether you'd prefer to meet online or in person at the church. There is no study and no preparation (though a brief guide will be provided you can choose to use). Whether you prefer to pray out loud or pray along silently, everyone is welcome!

Sign up today to be matched with a group:

Scan the code to fill out the form online or fill out the form on the clipboard on the table outside the sanctuary.

You indicate when you're available, we'll connect you with a group!

Once you are connected with your prayer partners, you can decide the best day to meet.



Music

Westminster Choir

Rehearsals Thursdays 7:00pm – 9:00pm from September – June

Performs during Sunday worship

Senior Choir is an integral part of weekly worship, performing anthems and leading congregational hymn singing. The choir uses sheet music, welcoming and supporting singers interested in building their sight-reading skills, but also uses improvised harmonies as appropriate.

SALT Praise Band

Rehearsals Mondays at 7:00pm – 8:30pm from September – June

Performs during Sunday worship once a month

SALT includes vocalists, guitars, piano, bass and drums, performing a range of music from praise band repertoire to contemporary rock, folk, jazz, and gospel.

Youth Music Group

Practice on Wednesdays 7:00pm – 8:00pm from September – June

Performing during Sunday worship, dates TBD

This group is open to ages 13 and up, offering instruction and performance opportunities for teens and young adults in a Rock Band format. If your child loves to sing, play an instrument or wants to learn how to write songs, then this group will help them grow their skills and confidence!

Westminster Choristers

Practice on Sundays after worship service

Perform for special occasions

For children ages 4+. We sing a fun repertoire encompassing everything from thirteenth century carols to modern pop and folk. We also offer basic instruction in sight-singing. All children are warmly invited!

J.a.M Programs



Nursery / Little Jammers

For children 0 – 5 years old

You little ones will find a welcoming nursery full of fun things – toys and activities to nurture their young spirits. The nursery is also available for personal use with your little ones, giving you a quiet space for feeding and comforting.

Little Jammers, ages 4–5, will enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and play! We focus on building a sense of wonder about God's love while encouraging creativity, sharing, and friendship.

J.a.M. (Jesus and Me)

For children 6–11 years old

Each Sunday this fall there will be unique activities and programming for: Explore Bible stories, and go deeper with conversations, crafts, experiments and games. The stories that are read in worship will be explored in J.a.M. Each week there is an At Home sheet with a summary of the bible story and suggestions for exploring the themes as a family.

Just Jammin' Youth

For youth 12+ years old

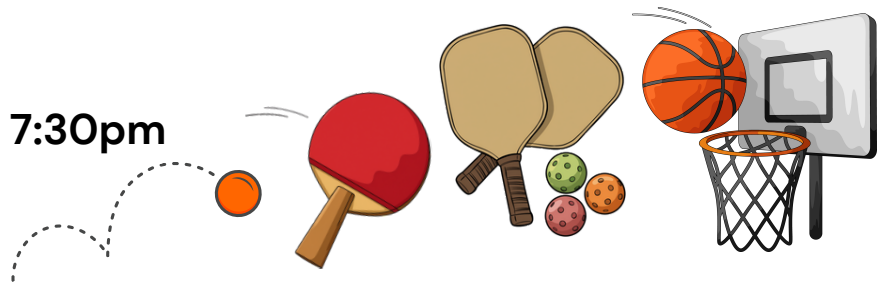
Just Jammin' Sunday School is where teens 12+ get real about life and faith. Not just Bible stories—it's about how faith helps you handle everything from school to friendships to big decisions. Chat, share, and grow with others who get it!

Children & Youth Events

Unwind, have some laughs, and build connections that last!
At Westminster, youth events are all about fun and making memories!
We've got everything from bowling to pizza nights, hikes, and movie marathons. Plus, you can jump into community projects and make a real impact! There's always something exciting happening here!

Sports Night!

Friday, September 18, 6:00pm – 7:30pm
All ages! WUC Gym



Christmas Eve - Planning Day

Sunday September 20, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

We're pulling together a team to work on the Family Christmas Eve service. We have a plan and we need you!

Looking for: readers, singers, actors, musicians, helpers!

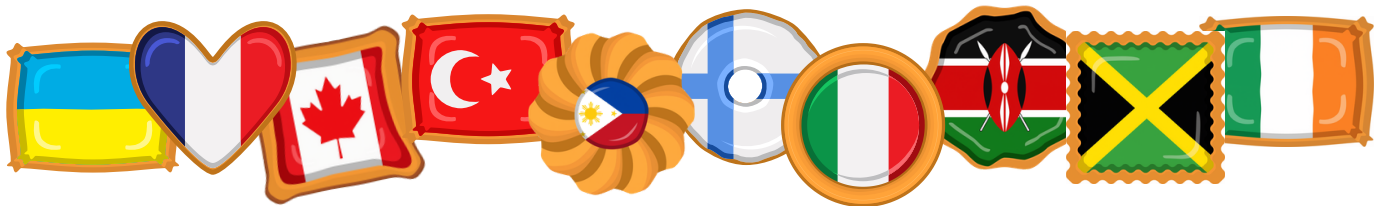
All ages welcome!



Flags of the World Cookie Bake

Sunday September 20, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Grades 2 + Families & Friends Welcome! WUC Kitchen



Candle Making

Sunday, October 4. 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Grades 2+ Families Welcome!

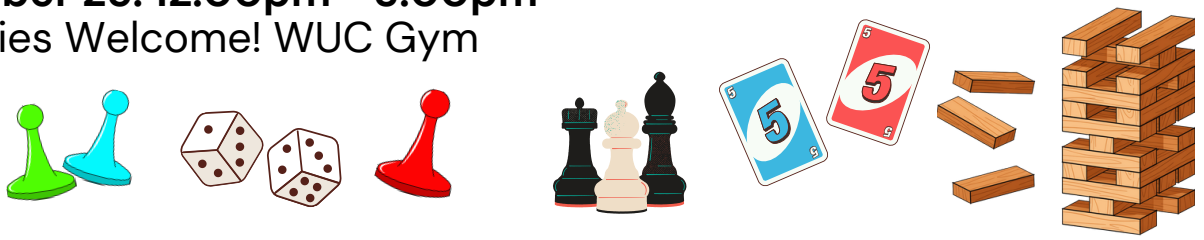
WUC Kitchen



Family Games Afternoon

Sunday, October 25. 12:00pm – 3:00pm

All ages. Families Welcome! WUC Gym



Monsterpiece Paint Night

Friday, October 30, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

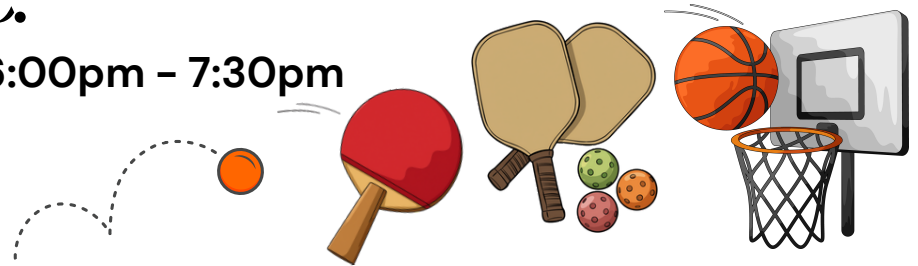
All ages! Bring a Friend! WUC Gym



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ADVENTure Day

Sunday November 11 after worship – 3:00pm

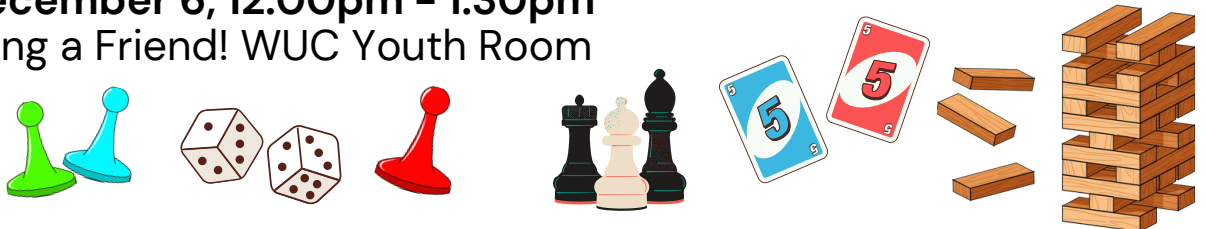
For children & families



Boardgame Cafe

Sunday, December 6, 12:00pm – 1:30pm

All ages! Bring a Friend! WUC Youth Room



Christmas Bake!

Sunday, December 20, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Grades 2+ Families & Friends Welcome!

WUC Kitchen



Groups, Seminars, Events

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We're pulling together a team to work on the Family Christmas Eve service. We have a plan and we need you! Looking for: readers, singers, actors, musicians, helpers, back stage, costumes, make up artists. All ages welcome!



Internet Fraud Seminar

September 27 after worship

It can feel challenging to keep up with the various scams targeting people on the internet. Join us for this seminar with retired detective, Martin Franssen, to gain awareness of what's happening out there and to learn ways to keep yourself safe online.

Book Club

Wednesdays September 23 & November 25 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm

A group of people meet every other month from fall to spring at Westminster to discuss thought provoking books and to reflect on how faith and life intertwine in our chosen book of the month.

Christmas Bazaar

Drop off donations Friday November 6

Christmas Bazaar open on Saturday November 7, 9:00am - 2:00pm

The Christmas Bazaar has delights and treasures of all kinds! Baked goods, knitting, books, Christmas decor, silent auction, independent vendors, and more! This is the perfect first stop for festive finds and gifts.

Dinner Socials

October 7, 6:00pm at Billie Jax in Whitby

December 2, 6:00pm at Baton Rouge in Whitby

Connect with fellow Westminster-goers over delicious food and great conversation! A relaxed setting to build community and enjoy each other's company. A great chance to get to know our friends from the pews!

Faith & Fellowship

Wednesdays October 7, November 4, & December 2 from 2:00pm - 3:00pm

This monthly “come as you can” group brings together adults of all ages and genders for a time of discussion, fellowship, refreshment and prayer.

Foodman Group

Thursdays from 9:30am – 12:30pm

A group of men who meet Thursday mornings to cook, learn recipes, share experiences, and build kitchen skills. PLUS enjoy the results and keep improving together.

The Food Guys

Mondays from 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Gather with The Food Guys for a fun time sharing ideas, and refining recipes. We create delicious and exotic meals for various church events and fundraisers.

Game Nights

Fridays September 25, October 25 & November 27 from 7:00pm – 9:30pm

An evening of Board Game Fun! This activity is geared towards youth and adults and is a great way to connect with old friends, and meet new ones. Bring your favourite games or play some of ours. Snacks provided.

Gentle Yoga

Tuesdays – 6 weeks per session from 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Promoting relaxation, flexibility, and overall well-being. Cost is \$60 per 6-week session. A beginner-friendly class perfect for all ages and fitness levels, focusing on mindful movement and deep breathing. The Registration form is in the Narthex.

Knit, Nosh & Natter

September 27, October 25 & November 22 after worship

Share your love of yarn, patterns, and conversation. Bring your current project or start a new one and enjoy the company of others who stitch with purpose and joy. All skill levels are welcome, and there’s always someone happy to lend a hand or share a tip.

Living Alone Luncheon

First Wednesday of the month, September – June from 12:00pm – 2:00pm

A group of single people (retired, widow, widower, or single by choice) who meet for a time of fellowship and fun over a catered lunch at Westminster.

Labyrinth

September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3 from 7:00pm – 8:30pm

The labyrinth is a curved pathway on the floor of our church sanctuary that we walk upon as a form of prayer and meditation. One pathway that will lead you to the centre and back out. Accessible to all.

Pickleball

Tuesdays 10:30am - 12:30pm: Experienced Players

Wednesdays 1:00pm - 3:00pm: Beginner / Casual Players

Thursdays 10:30am - 12:30pm: Mixed Skill Levels

Drop in to play Pickleball! No experience is necessary, equipment provided, if needed. Free will donation appreciated. Suggested amount \$10 a month

Seniors Fitness Class

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am - 10:30am

Seeking a gentle, full-body workout with light cardio, resistance training, and stretching? Tailored for older adults at any fitness level. \$5 per class.

United Church Women (UCW)

First Monday of the month from 1:30pm – 4:00pm

Open to all women of the congregation, dedicated to worship, education, service, and fellowship. Come together for gatherings and shared spiritual growth.

UCW Christmas Potluck

Monday December 7 from 5:30pm – 9:00pm

Open to all women of the congregation, bring dish to share and enjoy the Christmas Spirit with friends!

Outreach Opportunities



Friendly Visitors

Friendly Visitors offer care and connection through regular check-ins with members of our church including those in long-term care, those navigating various life circumstances, or anyone needing encouragement. This ministry helps strengthen our sense of community through care of one another. We're looking for more volunteers! If you're someone who values connection and has a heart for others, consider joining the Friendly Visitors.



Caring Cooks

Caring Cooks is a dedicated group of volunteers who provide home-cooked meals to individuals and families in our congregation during times of need. Whether someone is recovering from surgery, facing illness, or adjusting to life with a new baby, Caring Cooks steps in with nourishment and kindness. It's a simple but meaningful way we share love and support within our church community.



Praying for our Community

A group of volunteers pray over the concerns and joys that are written down and shared weekly. Together we hold space for others through faithful, compassionate prayer. If you feel called to support others in this meaningful way let us know.

Please note: This is ongoing and different from our Prayer Group Triads starting this fall. You may choose to participate in one or both.

Looking to share your time with one of these groups?
Contact the office at wuc@westminster-uc.ca or 905-723-6442

Durham Outlook for the Needy

Tuesdays October 13, November 10, & December 8 from 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Westminster's team of volunteers help serve low-cost, hot, nutritious meal in a dignified manner to an average of 150–200 people in need.

Food Drive – Flyers

October 3 from 9:45am - 12:00pm, meet at Westminster

Help us walk through our local neighbourhood dropping off bags and flyers to let others know about the upcoming food drive. We will gather at Westminster just before 10am to receive route maps. Contact Joanne MacPherson to RSVP.

Food Drive – Drop Off

October 10 from 10am - 12pm, drop off at North doors

Food Drive in support of the Pantry. Please drop off donations at the North doors.

Winter Wear Drive

Sundays November 29 - December 20

Hats, mittens and socks are being collected during the four Sundays of Advent. Items will be distributed to local charities and schools.

Christmas Hampers

Online Tags: November 13, In-Person Tags: November 15, 22, & 29

Drop Off Hampers: Saturday December 12 from 10am - 12pm

Contact: Ashley Edwards wucchristmashampers@gmail.com

Last Christmas we supported 112 families, comprising 414 people, in our community. This included gifts for 222 children. Gifts may be purchased for a child, individual, or a whole family. We are also grateful for a financial donation, and for drivers to deliver the hampers. If you are making a financial donation we would appreciate it by December 1.

Committees

Many committees support Westminster United Church's vibrant ministry.

What interests you? What gifts can you share? Jump in!

*Want to learn more
about what these
committees do
or how to offer your
talents?*



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WHO ARE WE AT WESTMINSTER?

Mission:

Westminster United Church is a Christian family sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with the congregation, the community and the world at large. We provide a spiritual home for worship, celebration of the sacraments, and Christian Education.

Vision:

We reflect the hope of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and outreach.

Statement of Inclusion:

We embrace people of all ages, races, sexual orientations, gender identities, abilities, ethnicities, social and economic circumstances in the membership, ministry, leadership and life of this community of faith.



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