

# Westminster United Church

## March 3, 2019 Announcements

### Westminster Staff:

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### Saskatchewan Pastoral Charges Held in Prayer:

This week we hold the communities of:  
International Women's Day, Prairie Spirit  
(Dinsmore, Mildon, Wiseton), Quill Plains (Quill  
Lake, Watson.) May God's compassion, light and  
love enfold them.

Attendance Last Sunday: 137  
Offering plus weekly PAR: \$2,472.66  
Operating each week: \$4,231.00  
Mission & Service plus weekly PAR: \$341.25  
Outreach Ministries: \$30.00  
Homelessness Basket to date: \$387.30

### Our month at a glance:

Walking Group every Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:00 am  
Prayer Shawl Group every Thursday 9:30 am  
Choir practice every Thursday 7:00 pm  
Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day Coffee  
9:30-11:00 am  
Mon. March 4 Men's Coffee 9:00am  
Mon. March 4 Book Group 10:00am  
Mon. March 18 Anniversary Unit meeting 2:00 pm

Let us reflect God's glory in our generosity to  
others and not lose heart.



**Annual Report** will be available on  
the website **March 9<sup>th</sup>**. Limited  
copies will be printed for **March 10<sup>th</sup>**.  
Congregational Meeting March 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Bread for Life Sunday



Today March 3rd Donations of bread  
and cash for Carmichael Outreach are  
graciously received.



**Helping clothe others!** Do you have  
some gently used button up the front  
shirts you do not know what to do  
with? Irene Smith is collecting them to  
make dresses for young girls in South  
America. They must be clean, button up the front  
and size large or extra large. They can be dropped  
off in the basket in the Narthex.

**Acknowledgement of Transfer** - we will  
acknowledge the transfer of membership on  
**Sunday March 10** during the worship service. If  
you are thinking about transferring your  
membership please contact the office. We ask  
those who have requested their membership to be  
transferred here to be in attendance if possible.



### St. Patrick's Day Coffee Party

You are invited to join the Anniversary Unit  
in the Lower Hall on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>  
from 9:30 to 11:00 am. There will be Irish  
entertainment, under the direction of  
Joan Therens, a sing-along, coffee, muffins  
and more! Admission by donation. So, Irish or not,  
come join us for an enjoyable morning!

**Communion** - On **March 3**, Holy Communion will  
take place. Please note, this table is open to all to  
participate in regardless of your affiliation, status of  
membership or any other barriers that would  
exclude you from God's grace.

### **SAFE Workshop**

**Suicide Awareness for Everyone** – This is a practical workshop for anyone who works or deals with at risk individuals or is concerned about the rising incidence of suicides. You will become aware of signs and things to watch for and receive positive interventions you can take. The workshop is 2 and a half hours offered through the Regina Health District and we have arranged for it to be offered at no cost on Saturday, **March 9** starting at 10am. You must pre-register (sign up in the Narthex by March 6, **maximum of 20 participants.**)

Two other workshops are being planned for April and May. One will be about Alzheimer's and the second one called, "Mental Health and you!" Look for future updates.

The Cathedral Village Arts Festival - Is on May 25. We are looking for a team to facilitate events at WUC and recruit volunteers. If you are interested in being part of the team please contact Darrell ASAP as there is an April 1 deadline for submissions.

### ***Volunteer Blitz Update***

The Sunday service volunteer sign-up sheets (greeters/usher, scripture readers, welcome & announcements, PowerPoint and fellowship coffee) have a new look and a new home. A monthly sign up calendar combines the volunteer lists into one and is now located in one consistent location, the fellowship hall. Are you new to volunteering? There are guidelines and mentors available to assist you. If you completed the volunteer brochure, a church leader will be following up with you in March. Thank you for your continued support as we endeavour to make it easier to connect with volunteer opportunities at Westminster.



**Lent in a Bag** -if you signed up for a Lenten Spiritual practice, they are available in the Narthex. Your name will be on a bag. There will be some extra bags for those who were not able to sign up. If we run out, more will be made and available next Sunday.

### **Coffee! Coffee! Coffee!**

Many of us enjoy 'coffee time' after church on Sundays, or at least so it appears from the high percentage of people who make their way downstairs after the service. Some come simply for the coffee (and goodies), some come to visit, some to have a little meeting, or a conversation, and some come to find out a little bit about Westminster United Church. But, do we take time to thank the 'coffee-makers, or do we even stop to think that a number of people have taken the time to set up before church and then to serve it afterwards? And what about the food? Who and how is it supplied?

Any one can sign up to make and serve the coffee, and there is no expectation that those who make the coffee must supply the cookies/muffins/cake that we all enjoy. **(The church supplies purchased cookies.)** In fact, even if you are not able to help with making or serving the coffee, donations of cookies or muffins would be welcome at any time,- just indicate on the sign-up sheet what you are bringing.

So if you enjoy coffee time after church on Sundays, why not help with the preparation!



**Confirmation Class** - are you interested in being confirmed and becoming a full member of the United Church of Canada. We have one-person interest and it would make the class a little more

exciting to have others involved. This is open to people of all ages. We are looking at classes starting in March and running for 5-6 weeks with a Confirmation date of June 9, Pentecost Sunday. Please let Darrell know.