

## Westminster United Church Week of November 29, 2020 Announcement

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Darrell is in the office from Sunday to Thursday.

### Saskatchewan Pastoral Charges Held in Prayer:

This week we hold the communities of: Leader, Sceptre (Leader), Little Cutam (Atwater), Long Lake (Bethune, Regina Beach), Loverna. May they continue to lighten people with God's compassion, light and love.

Musical Offerings: Clark Schafuele or Tom Magnuson

Operating expense each week: \$3,732.00

Offering this week by mail, e- transfer or drop off local: \$1,588.00

Offering this week PAR local: \$694.73

Offering this week M & S by mail, e transfer or drop off: \$77.00

Offering this week PAR M & S: \$125.00

Outreach Ministries PAR plus donations: \$36.

Adopt a Family total: \$817.00

### A month at a glance:

Walking Group Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 – 11:30 am

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group every Thursday 10:00 am

Dec. 2 Pastoral Care Task group 10:00 am

Let us remember the gifts we have received from God, and in our turn God's giving hands in this world.



Join folks on Tuesdays and Thursdays for some exercise in the Gym 10:00 - 11:30 am. Please bring your own mask and sign in at the Cameron Street door entrance.



Hello Friends, are you looking for a gift for someone for Christmas? Do you dislike

shopping? Is Covid 19 keeping you house bound? We have a fundraising idea for you.

**Fundscrip** is a way to *order gift cards* to a variety of places (see attached list) and a percentage of the dollar value of the card goes back to the church. For example, if you were to order a \$100 gift card from Safeway, the church would receive 3% or \$3.

There are grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, clothing stores, toy stores, entertainment, hotels and the list goes on.

If you were thinking of spending \$300 on groceries on your Christmas grocery shopping list, you could purchase \$300 worth of gift cards and a percentage goes to the church. Doing renos, get some cards from Home Depot! Need gas for yourself, get some gift cards!

It is the perfect time of year to buy cards and at the same time, support the church.

Share it with you family and friends as well.

Fill out the form, bring it back to the church or call Lois at 306-543-4850 or Kay at 306-543-6129 to give your order over the phone. You will need to pay for the cards before receiving them. The church will accept cheques, cash or e-transfer. It will take 3-5 business days for the cards to arrive at the church after ordering. Pick up will be at the office only. For special circumstances, we will arrange to have cards delivered by volunteers.

**For questions, please email or call Darrell.**

So, who is ready to support the church and get some shopping done!

Fundraising - to pay down the deficit!

We continue to receive support in paying down the deficit but there is lots of envelopes to be claimed. There have been many generous donations over and above the regular offerings that are making this happen. Join us today in making Westminster a more viable place! We will continue this fundraiser until the end of the year.

*Envelopes taken to date equate to \$3,485.00*



The Mitten Tree(s) this year we will continue to have our tree for your new purchased or crafted mitts, toques, and scarves. Some of these items will go with the adopt a family hampers and the rest will be distributed to schools and outreach programs. The tree(s) will be located in the reception area of the office area.



Do you miss singing hymns? The season is upon us where we sing some old favourites normally. It feels like it won't be Christmas if

we don't get to sing. So, Clark and Darrell have a plan. They are inviting you to join them by zoom for two sessions of caroling. Sunday, December 6 @ 2pm and Friday, December 18 @ 7pm. You will receive a zoom link by email along with a song sheet for each week. Sorry, there will not be music notes with it, but be sure, you know these!

### **80th Annual Rotary Carol Festival November 30th-December 3 - Virtual!**

As live choir performances are not possible this year due to the pandemic, the Rotary Club of Regina is presenting "greatest hits" carols from years gone by of which will be broadcast on Access Now (Channels 7 and 507) and livestreamed on Access 7 website and on Youtube from November 30-December 3. Our **Westminster Choir** will be featured on Wednesday December 2 (2014 performance) and Thursday December 3 (2017 performance with Sasktel Choir and Swing'n'Soul Singers). As well as a great selection of choirs there will be special appearances by **Jeffrey Straker, Rory Allen** and others. Enjoy the warmth of the season from the comfort of your couch! For more details see <https://www.events.reginarotary.org/rotary-carol-festival-2020>.



### **Zatoun Olive Oil and Products of Palestine**

Building Peace one bottle at a time!

**Extra Virgin Olive Oil - \$20/bottle**

**Olive Oil Soap - \$5/bar**

**Zest of Za'atar - \$5/bag**

**Necktie/bandana - \$10/each**

All proceeds go back to supporting farmers of Palestine in the struggle for their livelihood and land. Farmers are paid fair trade prices. As well, a share of proceeds supports Project Hope, an education and art therapy program for youth in Palestine. Another portion is donated to Trees for Life, a project to plant tens of thousands of olive tree saplings to replace trees destroyed by the occupation.

**Available at Westminster United Church, 3025 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

**Call 306-757-6444 or visit Monday to Friday/Sunday morning**

**Makes a great stocking stuffer or hostess gift!**



**Adopt A family** - in the struggles of COVID, there may be a greater need than before for families. Many people are on CERB or other unemployment programs. We are accepting donations to our Adopt A Family program. You can donate with cash, by cheque or e-transfer. Please have your name on an envelope if you wish to receive credit on your income tax receipt. We are hoping to sponsor five families.