

# Westminster United Church

## Week of January 16, 2022 Announcements

### Westminster Staff:

Minister: Darrell Reine

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Darrell is in the office from Monday to Thursday

### Saskatchewan Pastoral Charges Held in Prayer:

This week we hold the communities of: Turtle River Parish (SM), (Edam, Glaslyn, Meota, Mervin, Turtleford.). May they continue to lighten people with God's compassion, light, and love.

Operating expense each week: \$3,987.00

Offering for Local- by mail, e- transfer or drop off: \$1535.00

Offering this week PAR local: \$970.25

Offering for - M & S by mail, e transfer or drop off: \$95.00

Offering this week PAR M & S: \$161.25

Outreach Ministries PAR plus donations: \$100.00

Building fund:

Outdoor Space Revitalization total: \$1,050.00

### Our month at a glance:

**Postponed** M & P Meeting

**Postponed** Pastoral Care Meeting

Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting 7:00 pm

### Sundays Scripture Readings:

Psalms 36 Voices United #762

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

You are God's beloved people, gifted to be a blessing.

With the recommendation of the Regional Council, the Westminster Church Council has made the decision that **only on-line church** services will be provided, effective **Sunday Jan 16th**. We will carefully monitor the progress of the Omicron COVID variant to determine when it will be advisable to return to our regular in church Sunday services once again.

We will miss seeing all of you for some weeks!  
Try to stay safe, healthy and happy!

Regina Multi-Faith Forum invites you to

## World Religion Day 2022

### Our House on the Prairies:

Origin Stories of Regina's Faith Communities

Join us for a program that will feature some of Regina's places of worship and religious communities.

You might be surprised how many there are right in your neighbourhood!

Following the formal program will be a chance to catch up with friends, both old and new!

Sunday, January 16, 2022

2 p.m.  
via Zoom

Invitations will be sent to addresses on our email list or can be requested at [reginamultifaith@gmail.com](mailto:reginamultifaith@gmail.com)

## **Regina Native Outreach Ministry - Request for Donations for New Mom Welcome Packages**

The Regina Native Outreach Ministry (RNOM) is a ministry within the United Church of Canada and the Living Skies Region. Our minister is Rev. Deb Anderson-Pratt.

Our Ministry is focused on reaching out to First Nations people, empowering them to realize and share their gifts, nurturing their connection to community and Creator God, and uniting Indigenous ministries with the larger United Church of Canada. Our hope is a future where First Nations and non-native people are repairing relationship, encouraging the voice of the voiceless, and walking the paths of our spiritualities together.

RNOM's first project toward these goals is to prepare welcome and support packages for new, Indigenous moms. This project is borne out of a personal experience where a Indigenous mom had a negative experience in hospital while delivering her baby. We want these new moms to feel loved and supported, and so we will provide a few items to help these new moms care for their babies and themselves in the early days after the baby is born. The Ministry will assemble the packages and Rev. Deb will deliver the packages to the new moms. This is made possible through Deb's knowledge and interactions with Indigenous women in Regina, and through coordination with the United Church's chaplaincy program.

Thank you to Rev. Lorna King for her cooperation, encouragement and support of this project, and her help coordinating with the Chaplaincy Program. She has helped make this project possible!

To support this project, **RNOM is looking for donations of the following items from Regina's United Churches (ideally by February 7, 2022):**

- Reusable cloth bags (for holding the items and for use later)
- Homemade cards that can be used for congratulating the new Mom on the arrival of her new baby
- Knit or crocheted items for baby
- Baby blankets or quilts

- Unisex baby sleepers
- Unisex baby undershirts
- Newborn diapers
- Baby soap
- Baby shampoo
- Baby wipes
- Nursing pads
- Sanitary supplies
- Small gift for Mom such as a candle, hand lotion, lip balm, etc.

Donations can be dropped off at your local United Church. RNOM will collect items and hope to be making the first deliveries around February 14, 2022.

Thank you for your support of this project. If you have any questions, please contact **Rev. Deb at 306-519-7840.**

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### **8-Day Online Bible Study series**

"We saw the star in the East and we came to worship him" (Matthew 2:2)

January 18-25, 2022

12:15-1:00 pm daily except Sunday Jan. 23 which will be at 3 pm (Saskatchewan time)

Presented by the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and the Regina Council of Churches.

Register here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEKdeGhrzgtEtd2wehNGffCCV1v3D\\_2PfZ6](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEKdeGhrzgtEtd2wehNGffCCV1v3D_2PfZ6)

The 2022 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt 2:2), was prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches <https://www.mecc.org/>, based in Beirut, Lebanon. The international theme and resources speak to our world's urgent need for solidarity and transformation in the face of political, economic, and social turmoil, including the challenges and injustices highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As we join the Christians of the Middle East in the journey to Christ's manger, may we become a sign of the unity that God desires for all creation, and may we return to our home, our churches, and our world by new ways. For more information and details see the website.