

Westminster United Church

Week of November 6, 2022 – Announcements

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Financial Update:

Operating expense each week: \$4,070.00
Offering for Local- by mail, e- transfer or drop off: \$3,942.00
Offering this week PAR local: \$768.00
Offering for - M & S by mail, e transfer or drop off: \$92.00
Offering this week PAR: M & S: \$130.00
Outreach Ministries PAR plus donations: \$93.00
Building fund: \$3,925.00
Outdoor Space Revitalization total: \$1,545.00
Ukraine Appeal total: \$3,430.48

Sundays Scripture Readings:

Micah 4:1-5
Romans 8: 35-39

Stewardship Second: Isn't it amazing? God has created this universe and this world and given it all to us to care for. What an honour! What a privilege! What a joy to be able to further God's vision for Creation!

Saskatchewan Pastoral Charges Held in Prayer:

Quill Plains (Quill Lake, Watson) and Radville (Ceylon, Minton-Gladmar, Radville). May they continue to lighten people with God's compassion, light, and love.

Thank you

Thank you to Devon Keefe and Vlad Osatiuk for playing the bagpipes and trumpet during the Remembrance Service.

November Events:

Sun. Nov. 6	Remembrance Service
Tues. Nov 15	Council Meeting
Sun. Nov. 20	Gospel Sunday
Mon. Nov. 21	Pastoral Care Meeting
Mon. Nov. 21	Anniversary Unit Meeting
Tues. Nov. 22	Faith Study



Mid-Year Congregational Meeting
Sunday, November 27
After worship service

Guess what? Now that Hallowe'en is over, the Anniversary Unit at Westminster is looking forward



to the Mistletoe Market. Our Mistletoe Market will be held on Saturday, December 3 from 11:00a.m. to 3:00

p.m., and we need help from you, the members of our Congregation. We invite you to start looking for treasures in your closets, kitchens, and basements that you may be able to donate. Linens, towels, china, glassware, jewellery, children's toys, Christmas items or home-made crafts for the craft table, would be appreciated. In fact, almost anything except fur coats or clothing, or large pieces of furniture or equipment would be great. If you are able to bring donations, please e-mail Julie or Darrell first to arrange a time. Do you know that Westminster Church has the reputation of having the best "Bake Table" in Regina? That is thanks to all of you skilled and expert bakers we have in our midst; and we are sincerely hoping that you will take time to load our Bake table for us again. A big "thank you" for helping to make our Market a great success!



Bread for Carmichael

We will be collecting bread and cash donations for Carmichael Outreach this Sunday, November 6. Let's help feed the hungry folks of our city.



The office will be closed on Friday, November 11 for Remembrance Day.

From the United Church of Canada website:

A message from Rev. Dr. Neil Parker.

Across the United Church, there are many approaches to marking Remembrance Day. In contributing a new selection of prayers for use in a Remembrance Sunday service, my hope was to address the wide variety of needs of different church congregations.

Our tradition has often been uncomfortable with appeals to the use of force to solve the problems of the world, and rightly so. We celebrate the way of Jesus, of personal non-violence, and of the call to non-violence as an ideal that has practical implications in bringing about God's *shalom*. So appropriate prayers for Remembrance Sunday, which is traditionally celebrated the Sunday before Remembrance Day, include prayers for the Christian calling to seek ways other than the use of force.

Our tradition has, at the same time, recognized that engagement in the world has also involved incarnated engagement with the structures of power, in order to transform them and to nudge us closer to the ways of peace. The just war tradition is shared not only with other Christian denominations, but also with our cousins in other faith traditions. It recognizes that if we are to "seek justice and resist evil," we may have to legitimize and sanction some uses of force to constrain those that threaten the innocent and the powerless. Some of the prayers offered for Remembrance Sunday, while they do not celebrate the cause of war, recognize that there are situations in which we may have to respond to God's call to justice by using the means we have at our disposal, and not pass by on the other side for fear of compromising our own integrity.

In the ambiguity of human endeavour, we can also recognize that even in the most calamitous of



circumstances—in natural disaster, human injustice, and even war—we can still experience values worth celebrating and encouraging: sacrifice, courage, virtue, selflessness. This, too, is represented in prayers for the day.

My deepest hope is that these prayers—many of which seem to contradict each other, and lead us in opposite directions—might represent the fullness of our complex and complicated relationship with war, violence, justice, peace, and sacrifice.

—*The Rev. Dr. Neil Parker is a military chaplain at the 4th Canadian Division Training Centre in Meaford, ON, and an active member of Northern Waters Presbytery and Toronto Conference.*

The **Regina CGIT** are selling poinsettias, 2023 Church calendars and crafts to raise money to go towards their Adopt-a-family as well as their CGIT



programming. Please follow the links to make your purchases. Order deadline is November 20, 2022, and everything will be ready for pick-up on December 6th. Thank you for your support.

<https://rcgit.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

The Salvation Army has cancelled the "Adopt -a-Family" program. Their focus will now be on "food security" year-round. They encourage people to support the Santa's Anonymous program that collects toys.

You can also donate to the Food Bank that provides Christmas Hampers.

Sometimes we get a last-minute request for a hamper. We often have toys here and still able to help. Sometimes, we can provide some food as well.

The Salvation Army thanks everyone for their support in the past.



Over 4 Tuesday's at 1:30 p.m. Beginning on November 22 and going to December 13.

Come, share in your thoughts about an advent scripture, hear a story and do a craft to keep or give away as a gift. A small fee of \$10 would be appreciated. Sign-up through the church office so supplies can be purchased.

As the 28th falls on the Friday before Halloween, feel free to dress up in a Halloween costume. We'd love to see them!
We hope to see you there!!!



Wesley United Community of Faith (in partnership with Westminster United Church) would like to invite you to **MESSY CHURCH!**

When: Friday, October 28th from 5- 7p.m.

Where: Wesley United Community of Faith, 3913 Hillside Street, Regina SK

Who: Kids aged preschool to 10 accompanied by an adult.

What: Fun crafts and table games as we gather about 5 p.m.; a 15-minute child-centered worship at 5:45 p.m., and a kid friendly supper is provided for all at 6 p.m.

Does it feel overwhelming to think of committing to regular attendance again after so long away?

Messy Church is a blast! And it's so simple. Just come, from work, from home, from wherever you are at 5 p.m. There will be fun activities for the kids and adults to support each craft, so you don't have to figure out how to be with all of them at once. You can even do a craft yourself! Or visit with another adult while your children play.

And supper's ready, too!

This event happens month by month. Come when you can.

The only rule is that children must be accompanied by an adult – a parent, a grandparent or guardian, or even a trusted neighbour.