

# Westminster United Church

## Week of November 12, 2023 – Announcements

### Westminster Staff:

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### Financial Update:

Operating expense each week: \$5,800.00  
Offering for Local- by mail, e- transfer or drop off: \$1945.00  
Offering this week PAR local: \$941.00  
Offering for - M & S by mail, e transfer or drop off: \$106.00  
Offering this week PAR: M & S: \$155.00  
Outreach Ministries PAR plus donations: \$313.00

### Sundays Scripture Readings:

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18  
Matthew 25: 1-13

### Saskatchewan Pastoral Charges Held in Prayer:

Spy Hill, Strasbourg, Star City, Swift Current: First and Tantalion. May they continue to lighten people with God's compassion, light, & love.

### Stewardship Second:

How can I make a difference? How can I change the world? How can I fulfill God's vision? I can give: time, resources, money, ability.

### Westminster Meetings & Services

Sun Nov 19 – Outreach Meeting Noon  
Mon Nov 20 – Anniversary Unit Meeting 2 pm  
Tues Nov 21 – Council Meeting  
Sun Nov 26 – Congregational Meeting 11:30 am

Knitting – Tuesdays at 10 a.m.  
Choir – Thursdays at 7 p.m.  
Book Study – Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

### New this week . . .

**Our annual meeting is almost here!**



**LUMSDEN**  
*Beach Camp*

Please join us on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in-person at Westminster United Church! (3025 13th Ave.- use Cameron Street entrance) Parents, campers, staff, donors and anyone interested in LBC are welcome to attend the 2022-2023 AGM. This gathering will be a chance to hear all about the season, the financial picture, dining hall updates and LBC's dreams for 2024.

Let us know if you can make it! (A zoom link can be provided if you're not able to join in person) RSVP for AGM (<https://lumsdenbeachcamp.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=13a02b3c847aed48ffe227d46&id=a0de4d99b0&e=473b72d103>)

A meaningful thank you for all the lovely notes and cards with warm thoughts for clergy appreciation month. Truly appreciated. Darrell

*Thank You!*



Westminster's Tech Team is looking for new recruits. If you are interested, training sessions will begin soon. Contact Matt Howard at 306-209-8690 or email to [matthoward01@gmail.com](mailto:matthoward01@gmail.com) for details.

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**Outreach Gathering** - Are you interested in Outreach from the Healing Garden to refugees and more? We are inviting anyone who is interested in coming to a gathering to discuss what the focus and goals of the Outreach group will be going forward so join us on Sunday, November 19 at noon after worship. If you any questions or ideas to share in advance of the meeting email [sheila\\_dowling@hotmail.com](mailto:sheila_dowling@hotmail.com).



**PAR - Pre authorized remittance** - I have been on PAR for several years now and I have been giving the same amount for the last few years forgetting that church expenses go up but my donation to help pay for them hasn't. If you are like me, please consider increasing your PAR donation in the coming year so we can have less of a deficit.





Guess what? Now that Halloween is over, the Anniversary Unit is looking forward to the Mistletoe Market, which will be held on

November 25th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Of course, our Mega Bake Table is always so special with your kind and generous donations, which are much appreciated. We will also have Carlyle Fruit Cakes. There will be an outstanding display of “hand knits” for sale; as well as booths with fine china and glassware, jewellery, children’s toys, some lovely linen’s, pictures and wall hangings. There will also be a good variety of crafts available. A huge Christmas area will be set up which may help with your seasonal home decor or gift shopping.

Any items that you may have to donate to help with this sale along with your baking will be graciously accepted.

#### **Volunteer Opportunity – Chair of the Finance Core Team**

We are looking for someone who has an interest in being part of the team starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. If interest please contact Tiffany at [tiffanyhoward\\_87@hotmail.com](mailto:tiffanyhoward_87@hotmail.com)

The role includes:

- Monitor and provide leadership regarding the financial health of WUC,
- Oversea financial matters and make recommendations to Council;
- Establish and oversee policies and practices related to financial transactions and safeguarding of financial assets.
- Provide leadership in developing the annual budget
- Ensure counting and coding of offering is done with a help of a coordinator
- Work with the bookkeeper to ensure accounting practices are followed.
- Review and interpret financial statements
- Work with the trustees in monitoring investments decisions and making decisions
- Work with a core team of volunteers
- Attend quarterly meetings of Finance Core team
- Attend monthly meetings of council (approx. 9-10 per year)

**100 Week Countdown to 100 years of the  
United Church in Canada**

**82 Weeks Left**



In 1938, 14 ecumenically-minded churchmen had gathered in Utrecht, Netherlands to discuss founding an international ecumenical organization. Despite the vicissitudes of the war; they continued to meet. In August, 1948, they were ready – 1,450 delegates from 150 churches in 40 countries gathered in Amsterdam to participate in the founding of the World Council of Churches (WCC). The city, just only recovering from the destruction of Nazi rule, dressed itself in flowers and bunting, while the delegates donned their brightest national costumes and ecclesiastical robes. What was perhaps the most moving moment involved the entire city. The Nazis, as part of their program to subdue the city, had destroyed the electrical system that lighted the streets and canals. In honour of the council, engineers rushed to complete the new system. Five thousand people gathered in the streets to see the lights come on again. “When the moment came and the light shone out in the surrounding darkness,” recalled Ernest Howse, an observer at the conference, “the people cheered and cried, and then in some places broke spontaneously into the great hymns of their faith. It was a moment of history. It was a symbol saying as no words ever could that the darkness of war was over, and the light had come again.”

*From: 65 Years of the United Church in Canada*

**DON'T  
FORGET!**

- **Zatoun Olive Oil and Products of Palestine** available for purchase in the office. These make great Christmas or Hostess gifts.
- The **Mitten Tree** is set-up by the offices. It’s waiting to be filled with warm items.
- We’re still looking for **volunteers** to help out on Sunday mornings either greeting or tidying up the sanctuary and narthex. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

“Men’s work” was once a United Church term describing programs for men. One of those programs had its start before union. **AOTS** which means “As One That Serves” (Luke 22:27), was the name given to a men’s club which began in 1923 at Kerrisdale Methodist Church (now Ryerson United) in Vancouver. The AOTS was modeled on secular service clubs, but was open to all men in the community who agreed “to promise Christian fellowship, to deepen the spiritual life of men and to develop an effective program of Christian service.” The AOTS spread quickly and by the mid-thirties, there were functioning clubs in California, Washington state, and Belfast, Ireland; by 1948, there were 31 affiliated clubs in other provinces and 47 in B.C.

Eventually, the inter-denominational nature of the AOTS diminished and it became a largely United Church organization. AOTS and the other United Church men’s clubs merged in 1959 and formed the National Association of United Church AOTS Men’s Clubs, associated with the Board of Men.