

# Westminster United Church

## Week of November 25, 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: \$5061.00  
Offering this week PAR local: \$753.00  
Offering for - M & S by mail, e transfer or drop off: \$195.00  
Offering this week PAR: M & S: \$124.00  
Outreach Ministries PAR plus donations: \$134.00

### Sundays Scripture Readings:

Mark 13: 24-37

### Saskatchewan Pastoral Charges Held in Prayer:

Turtle River Parish (SM) (Edam, Glaslyn, Meota, Mervin, Turtleford). May they continue to lighten people with God's compassion, light, & love.

### Stewardship Second:

When your generous giving and actions care for the hungry, give clean water to the thirsty, welcome the lonely and the different, provide for the poor, and visit the prisoner, you are actually giving generously to Jesus.

### Westminster Meetings & Services

Sun Nov 26 – Congregational Meeting 11:30 am  
Decorating church after meeting  
Weds Nov 29 – Faith Study Film at 9:30 am  
Thurs Dec 14 – Messy Church at WUC

Knitting – Tuesdays at 10 a.m.  
Choir – Thursdays at 7 p.m.



It's time to purchase next year's Broadview Magazine subscription.

When Westminster congregants purchase five subscriptions, the cost is \$30 per year taxes in. This is the first time that the price has increased in seven years. Broadview has been published for 194 years. Its longevity and positive reviews makes it a great read. It's a great gift idea too!

Contact the office if you would like more information or to purchase a subscription.

### Quiet Christmas – Sunday, December 3 at 7pm

A service of reflection and remembrance for anyone who wishes to come, especially those who have experienced a loss. Please let Darrell or Julie know (by Friday, December 1) that you will be attending and how many in your party, so the right number of supplies will be available.



**Memorial Poinsettias** - If you would like to purchase a plant to be displayed in the sanctuary in memory of someone, please order through the office by Monday, December 11. Cost is \$15 per plant. You are then welcomed to take your plant home on after the Christmas Eve services. The plants will be displayed Sunday, December 17 and at the Christmas Eve services along with a list of those in memory of. Contact Julie or Darrell. Cash, cheque or e-transfer welcomed.

**Zatoun Olive Oil** - Sadly due to the conflict in Gaza we will have limited stock of the olive oil. This may also be the last year depending on the war and how many olive trees are destroyed. You can purchase your oil in the office with cash, cheque or e-transfer. The bottles, soap, and Thyme spice make great hostess gifts, stocking stuffers or a nice Christmas gift. They will be available at the Mistletoe Market.



**Roadmap to Apartheid** - The faith study group will be watching and discussing a documentary on Wednesday, November 29 at 9:30 am in the MP Room. Everyone is invited to join us as we see this white South African and a Jewish Israeli using their own experiences to examine the apartheid analogy commonly used to describe Israel/Palestine. Roadmap to Apartheid documents the rise and fall of apartheid in South Africa, examines the Palestinians describes their living situation as an apartheid system and why organizations like Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch agree with them. For more information, contact Darrell.

**Sunday, December 10th service** we will be having communion. After the service we will continue the meal with a potluck in the hall, so bring your favourite dish to share with others. Before and after the potluck, we will be doing photos with either Santa or the big tree, your choice. You are invited to have your photo taken for



a donation to the church and the photo will either be emailed or printed for you (at a later date). You can share your photo with family and friends during this festive season.



**Congregation Meeting - November 26** right after the service in the sanctuary. The main topic will be to approve the 2024 budget, an update on our Core Values, and a few small pieces of info. Just a reminder that both members and adherents can vote on the budget. After the service, refreshments will be available in the Narthex.

**We are hoping many will stay after the meeting to help decorate the church for the Christmas season.**



**Bread for Carmichael**

We will collect bread and monetary donations for Carmichael Outreach on the first Sunday of each month, next time is December 3.



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

**80 Weeks Left**



The United Church, among others, has provided a welcome for immigrants at various ports of entry over the years. The Woman's Missionary Society took on much of the early work at immigrant entry points, helping people find housing, teaching them English through Bible reading, and making them feel welcome.

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



Wow! November is zooming by . . . it is almost time for our **Mistletoe Market!!** And we are

hoping you will attend the Mistletoe Market sponsored by the Anniversary Unit this Saturday, November 25th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Westminster Church. Please enter the church through the Cameron Street entrance. New this year is a Christmas Food Hampers raffle. Look for new ways to enjoy our Mistletoe Market Day!

**Anniversary Unit Christmas Party**

The women in the Congregation of Westminster Church are invited to join with the Anniversary Unit for our Christmas Party which will be held on Monday, December 11th at 12:00 noon, in the Fellowship Hall. Please enter the church through the Cameron Street entrance. A light lunch is offered for \$10.00 each. This event will present an opportunity to celebrate another successful year at Westminster; the joy of the upcoming Christmas; and also, a chance to extend good wishes to our Elaine Andreas as she goes forward in her new home. If you are planning to attend, please call Lynne - 306-543-5005, or Linda - 306-597-4519.

