

# Westminster United Church

## Week of February 11, 2024 – Announcements

### Westminster Staff:

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### Financial Update:

Offering for Local- by mail, e- transfer or drop off: \$1152.00  
Offering this week PAR local: \$881.00  
Offering for - M & S by mail, e transfer or drop off: \$56.00  
Offering this week PAR: M & S: \$144.00  
Outreach Ministries PAR plus donations: \$236.00  
To E-Transfer: [wucfinances@gmail.com](mailto:wucfinances@gmail.com)

### Sundays Scripture Readings:

2 Kings 2:1-12;  
Mark 9:2-8

### Saskatchewan Pastoral Charges Held in Prayer:

May the pastoral charge continue to lighten people with God's compassion, light, & love.

### Stewardship Second: Transfiguration Sunday

We believe in a God who is creating, reconciling, and making new. As stewards and disciples, our eyes are searching for opportunities to be co-creators with the Spirit, transforming and being transformed.

### Westminster Meetings & Services

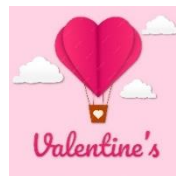
Sun Feb 11 - 10:30 am - Worship Service  
Mon Feb 12 – 2 pm Anniversary Unit Meeting  
Tues Feb 20 – 6:30 pm Council Meeting  
Tues Feb 27 – 1 pm Lent Faith Study  
Knitters Group – Tuesdays at 10 am  
Choir Practice – Thursdays at 7 pm

Darrell will be away until Monday, February 12. Mathias Ross will be leading worship this Sunday, February 11. Covering pastoral emergencies is Dexter Van Dyke who can be reached at 306-543-2626.



This Sunday, we invite you to take home a special Valentine greeting from someone in the congregation. Take it home with you to ponder the words. Let's share God's love!

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** Tues, February 13 from **5-6:30 pm**. Pancakes, meat and toppings. Freewill donation. Bring the family!



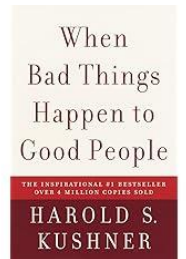
### Ash Wednesday/Valentine Day

Join us for fellowship in the Fellowship Hall! Games and laughter too!  
Wed, February 14 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm

### Lent Faith Study –

When Bad Things Happen to Good People by Harold Kushner

There will 4 sessions starting on Tuesday, February 27 at 1 pm. Reading 2 chapters a week and coming together for discussion. There are limited books. If you are interested, send Darrell an email or call him in the office.



### St. Patrick's Coffee Party, Saturday March 16, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM at Fellowship Hall

The Anniversary Unit invites you to add this event to your calendar!

Join us for a Wee Bit of Fun- There will be music and singing of traditional Irish songs with yummy muffins and fruit bread with coffee/tea. Bring your friends and family!



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

69  
Weeks Left



### Television

Back in 1952, Donald Amos had sounded a warning on television's importance: "Here is a medium which critics and enthusiasts alike declare is going to dominate our living as nothing else has ever done. The Church's investment in buildings and program will suffer an alienation of interest if our youth grow up in a world that is dominated by sights and sounds in which religion is not faithfully and adequately interwove." Television was a costly challenge, but one that could not be ignored. At the least, spokespersons for the church had to be trained to get their message across via this new medium. During the mid-sixties many of the regional radio broadcast ministries began to develop local and regional television programmes. This happened during the height of ecumenical fervour in Canada and many of these television programmes were produced on behalf of interfaith broadcast ministries. When the CRTC (the licensing body) called for comment on the relationship of religion to broadcasting during a hearing held in 1982, those interfaith voices, including the United Church, had something to say. The briefs, on behalf of those with considerable experience in broadcast ministry, called for a broadly-based interfaith, balanced presentation of religious expressions, reflective of the community in both content and standards of fairness.

In early 1983, the CRTC called for applications to operate an interfaith television network. Here now was an opportunity for the faith communities of Canada to develop a faith and values based approach to broadcasting. A window had been opened to the living rooms of the nation. A plan was set in motion.

In September, 1983, "Interchurch Communication" employed four experienced professionals to design a response to the CRTC invitation, and to begin the long process of developing an interfaith network. By May, 1984, the Canadian Interfaith Network was formed and five faith groups filed an application with the CRTC. The Commission received it, but after negotiation with the applicants agreed not to hear it formally at that time. The following years were times of great advances and incredible reversals. Faith communities, who had originally hope to be on the air within 12 months of the invitation being issued in 1983, found themselves

financially unprepared for the tremendous costs of research and design related to the proposed network. Finally both the churches and the CRTC were prepared to discuss the application, and a hearing was held in July, 1987. By December of that year the Commission had issued a five-year license authorizing Vision Television to operate a television network. Staff were hired, faith communities began to produce programming and by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1988, four and one-half million Canadian homes had access to VTV through their cable companies.

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



### ON-LINE Auction –

With the generous support of the Congregation the 2023 on-line auction was a success especially for a first try. Building on that, another is planned for

June 2024. All proceeds will go toward the Healing Garden and toward our beautiful heritage Building Fund at Westminster.

**Spring is a time for new beginnings . . .** a perfect theme for our Auction. We are asking the Congregation for donations of new (or like-knew) items. We would like to showcase our Congregation's special skills. Last year's popular items were personal services, like a donated dining experience and homemade perogies, tomato plants, homemade soup and a lovely bouquet of peonies. We will also reach out to the community to request items such as landscaping/garden items, health & wellness items, home décor items, gift cards for any of the above listed items, exercise equipment/bikes (indoor and outdoor) and, of course, restaurant/food gift cards.

Members of the Congregation can help in these ways:

- 1) Donate an item for auction
- 2) Let us know if you have a friend, family member, or local business that would consider donating. To ensure a business is not contacted multiple times, please contact Kathy Tice and Deb Jones by email prior to contacting a business. [kp.tice@sasktel.net](mailto:kp.tice@sasktel.net) and [debjones@sasktel.net](mailto:debjones@sasktel.net)
- 3) Forward suggestions on auction items
- 4) Let your family, friends, neighbours know about the auction. Being a part of the communication is not only helpful but vital to its success.



Lenten Bingo is available in the Narthex to take home. Lent can be a time of doing spiritual practices. This bingo card will help you do just that. Sorry, No Prizes except for preparing yourself for Easter. And that's a prize in itself!