

Westminster United Church

Week of April 28, 2024 – Announcements

Westminster Staff:

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Financial Update:

Offering for Local- by mail, e- transfer or drop off: \$2152.00
Offering this week PAR local: \$933.00
Offering for - M & S by mail, e transfer or drop off: \$61.00
Offering this week PAR: M & S: \$151.00
Outreach Ministries PAR plus donations: \$75.00
To E-Transfer: wucfinances@gmail.com

Sundays Scripture Readings:

Psalm 23
John 10: 11-18

Saskatchewan Pastoral Charges Held in Prayer:

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

Stewardship Second:

Stewardship is not just about money. It's about how we use everything we have and who we are as we walk the Way of Jesus.

Westminster Meetings & Services

Sun, Apr 28 – Worship Service 10:30 am
Worship Core Team Meeting 12 pm
Mon Apr 29 - Faith Study 1:00 pm
Mon May 13 – Anniversary Unit Meeting 1:30 pm
May 20-25 – CVAF Activities at WUC

Knitters Group – Tuesdays at 10 am
Choir Practice – Thursdays at 7 pm

Last week for RNOM Mother & Baby Bags

Collection period: April 1 to 30
Lists of items needed for the bags are located in the Narthex. Drop items off at the office during April. You can also help with the Mother and Baby Welcome Bag project by sending an e-transfer to: reginanativeoutreachministry@gmail.com.



Mother's Day Tea and Bake Sale, Saturday, May 11, 2-4PM Admission by Donation

This is a special event with fancy sandwiches, dainties, coffee, tea served on fine china! We will also have delicious baking for purchase. Please bring your family and friends! **We would greatly appreciate any baking donations to our Bake Table. Thank you for your support and help.**

Petition- the petition asking the government to open up vacant Sask housing units is still available to sign in the gym or take a copy from the narthex.



A Big Thank You - to those who organized and helped out at the Spring Dinner Sunday night. It was a great meal and good company and we were happy to see many from the wider community supporting us!

Greeters and Fellowship time folks are needed! This is a great volunteer opportunity to meet people and to provide the ministry of hospitality. The sign-up sheet for greeters is in the Narthex on a clipboard and the sign-up for Fellowship time is on the wall in the lower hall.



Can't remember someone's name? You want to introduce a new person to others in the congregation – but that name??

LET'S ALL WEAR OUR NAME TAGS.

If you do not have one, please contact Lorna MacKenzie or call the office at 306-757-6444.



It is happening the week of May 20 to the 25. On Saturday, May 25 we will have an open house with many things going on and

we will need volunteers. Please see the sign-up sheet in the gym for volunteer opportunities. The shifts are only for a few hours that day, but you are welcome to take more than one shift. Also, we need help setting up and taking down. This is a great community event to open ourselves up to. We will start with a pancake breakfast, entertainment in the sanctuary along with a quilt show. The Saskatchewan Network of Art Collecting will have art on display in the gym and the Philippian Artists Circle in the Multi-Purpose Room. It will be a busy day, so many hands and feet are needed.



- We are also looking for plants to sell to raise money to revitalize the east side of the front steps. So, if you have house plants or can start some, maybe some perennials or have grown your own annuals, we would gladly take them off your hands.



In conjunction with the Cathedral Village Arts Festival Street Fair, Westminster United will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 25 from 8:30 to 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 8.

Come on out to enjoy a yummy breakfast, then head out to enjoy the street fair and many festivities of the CVAF.



We get mail!

Thank you very much for your donation for the Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry. ... Though caseloads have

increased, staff have worked very hard to continue their social justice and education focus. The work they do is invaluable. RAPM provides more than just charitable support to people experiencing poverty; we seek to provide them with hope. We believe that change is possible and this fuels our determination

to call for change to legislation and policies that keep people in poverty. ... Thank you for journeying with RAPM towards a world with greater equality, social and economic justice. / Westminster United donated \$420.65 from Change 4 Change.

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

**58
Weeks Left**

A Church with a Sense of Social Calling

In the reports of the General Council are recorded the issues of principle that people discovered as they worked for the well-being of their neighbours and communities. There are calls for “day nurseries,” better wages, and affordable housing for women working in industry after World War II; for an end to racial discrimination in hiring in the early 1950’s, and for maternity leave and portable pensions in the 1960’s. These records create a remarkable testament to the commitment of people of the United Church to the creation of communities in which people could live full lives in relationship with God and with one another.

The following illustrated the unusual way in which our forebearers addressed the issues of the day. The issue is alcohol, one for which we have drawn a great deal of ridicule and on which our history has often been reduced to a psychological struggle against a puritan streak in our make-up. In reality, the record illustrates the commitment to human responsibility and the social support of the people most at risk among us. It would have been impossible for the United Church of Canada to have come into being without a temperance plank anchored firmly to its foundations. The leaders of the social gospel movement were themselves deeply involved in temperance, if not prohibition. They saw the temperance movement as an effort to free the minds of ordinary men and women, in order that they might be able to better their circumstances. For some, it was a matter of the wages of workers that never made it home to hungry wives and children. For others, it was a matter of suffering men, who were mistreated in the lumber camps and the factories of the nation and who were too drunk to organize themselves in their own defense.

From: 65 Years of the United Church of Canada