

# Westminster United Church

## Week of May 5, 2024 – Announcements

### Westminster Staff:

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### Financial Update:

Offering for Local- by mail, e- transfer or drop off: \$1334.00  
Offering this week PAR local: \$933.00  
Offering for - M & S by mail, e transfer or drop off: \$86.00  
Offering this week PAR: M & S: \$151.00  
Outreach Ministries PAR plus donations: \$222.00  
To E-Transfer: [wucfinances@gmail.com](mailto:wucfinances@gmail.com)

### Sundays Scripture Readings:

Matthew 9: 27-31 "Jesus heals two blind men"  
Luke 15: 3-6 "The Parable of the Lost Sheep"

### Saskatchewan Pastoral Charges Held in Prayer:

South Regina United Community pastoral charge continue to lighten people with God's compassion, light, & love.

### Stewardship Second:

Jesus commands us to love one another. What better way to do that than to share what we have?

### Westminster Meetings & Services

Sun, May 5 – Worship Service 10:30 am  
Mon May 6 - 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



### 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!

**Volunteers are still needed. See the sign-up sheet in the gym. Donations to the bake table would be appreciated. Baking can be dropped off on Friday between 10 am and Noon or Saturday morning after 11 am. Thank you for your support and help.**

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.



### CATHEDRAL VILLAGE ARTS FESTIVAL

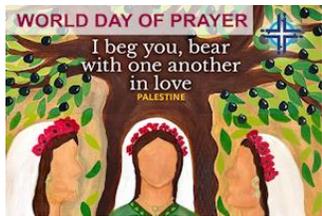
It is happening the week of May 20 to the 25. On Saturday, May 25 we will have an open house with many things going on and we will need volunteers. Please see the sign-up sheet in the gym for volunteer opportunities. The shifts are only for a few hours that day, but you are welcome to take more than 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.



## Bread for Carmichael

We will be collecting bread and monetary donations for Carmichael Outreach on the first Sunday of each month, next time is May 5. Let's help feed the hungry in our city!



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### World Day of Prayer Services in Regina

**Friday May 3rd** at 7pm - St. James United Church  
456 Sherwood Drive

**Friday May 17th** at 2pm - Our Lady of Peace  
425 Broad Street N



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.

### Summer Musical Offerings- if you

play an instrument or can sing, why not enhance our worship services with your gifts. We are looking for folks to provide one musical offering each Sunday starting on June 23. We would try to give a few weeks notice of the theme of the service. If you are interested, please contact Sarah, the choir director. There will be a sign-up sheet and we would like to fill it before the end of June. Thank you



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

57  
Weeks Left

The records of early church debates show the great leaders of social reform movements in Canada arguing for temperance, along with unemployment insurance, land preservation schemes for rural Canada, and old age pension. As one politician put it: "This great gospel of liberty is the meaning of this temperance movement, this movement for the promotion of good by the suppression of evil." The most visionary of these leaders were not single-issue people. They were social reformers whose lives were dedicated to the transformation of Canadian life in order that men and women could rise out of their suffering.

When Canadians turned against prohibition as a legislative means of freeing people from human suffering, the United Church turned to education rather than legislation as the most appropriate way of persuading others to share its values. Throughout the thirties and forties, the records place the church's concern for temperance alongside its concern for the well-being of women exhausted by family responsibilities and work in the war factories, for industrial planning in the post-war era, for world food shortages, and for the peace-building between warring nations.

In the 1950's, however, issues such as alcohol, tobacco, and gambling were reported to the broader church under the headline, "Moral Issues." Somehow they became separated from questions of social policy and became matters of personal lifestyle. Much of the cutting edge of the church's early work was blunted. Subsequently, much of the church's energy was devoted to supporting people as they struggled with their addiction.

Those of us whose congregations offer space to Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon and Adult Children of Alcoholics might well ask ourselves if there was not a kernel of truth in the approach of the early social reformers. Perhaps today's student reformers and the families of victims of drunk driving are the front edge of a movement to recast so-called life style issues into issues of public social responsibility. Our forebearers would not be at all surprised.

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