

Westminster United Church

Week of March 8th, 2026 – Announcements

Westminster Staff:

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Sundays Scripture Readings:

Hymn "By the Well, A Thirsty Woman" MV #117
Prayers Including the Lord's Prayer VU #960

Saskatchewan Pastoral Charges Held in Prayer:

We hold in prayer and extend our best wishes for a healthy ministry to the following:

International Women's Day (March 8)
National Affirming/PIE Day (March 14)
Kyle, Lacadena (Kyle)
Regina, Lakeview
Langham: knox
Lanigan

Stewardship Second:

Sharing what we have—our time, our energy, our money, our belongings—spreads water on a world thirsting for justice.

Westminster Meetings & Services

Sun March 8th - 10:30 am– Worship Service
Tues March 10th - 1pm - Faith Study
Mon 10:00am- Walking Group
Tues 9:30am – WUC knitting Group
Thurs 7 Pm- Choir



World Day of Prayer
an Ecumenical Worship Service, will be held at Heritage United (1050 N Arnason St.) on Friday, March 6 at 7pm.

The WUC Anniversary Unit - The WUC Anniversary Unit is a Westminster United Church women's group network ministry organization made up of hard working, dedicated and caring women, who volunteer their time and donate their baking and resources to organize and hold events at the Church. We hold monthly meetings on Mondays at 1:30 pm at Fellowship Hall during the months of February to November. We hold a luncheon in June at the Royal Golf Course and a Christmas Luncheon at Fellowship Hall in December which encourages fellowship among our members and ladies from the congregation.



We hold 6 fundraising events each year, namely the St. Patrick's Coffee Party in March, Spring Rummage & Bake Sale in April, Mother's Day Tea & Bake Sale in May, Fall Rummage & Bake Sale in September, Coffee House at November Craft Sale and Mistletoe Market & Bake Sale. We also hold 2 Raffles; one at the Spring Rummage & Bake Sale and one at the Mistletoe Market.



The Unit is also busy catering and serving at funeral/memorial lunches and birthday parties at the Church. The Anniversary Unit donates the majority of our funds each year towards the Operations of the Church and we also make donations to the Leader Post Christmas Cheer Fund, St. Andrews College, Lumsden Beach Camp, and the Regina Anti Poverty Ministry.

All women of the congregation are always welcome to join our meetings and luncheons. We rely on and appreciate the WUC congregation to volunteer their help with donations, labour and support for our events. If you are interested in becoming a member of our group, or have any questions, please contact Darlene Woloshyn, Marci Brisbane, Julie Bass, Linda Wood or any Anniversary Unit member.



Puzzle Library - we have lots and lots of puzzles that have been donated to the library by a generous donor. If you are wondering what to do for the next month of winter, come and borrow a puzzle or two. Or bring a friend and there is a table there to work on a puzzle together!

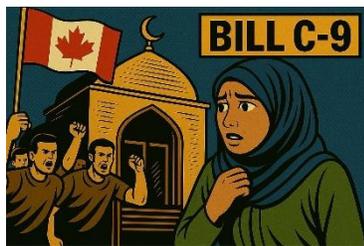


Information regarding Bill C-9

Some communities of faith have been contacted by local MPs regarding Bill C-9. The recommendation from the General Council Office follows:

Our first and overall concern about Bill C-9, known as the Combatting Hate Act, is about its impact on the right to protest. To this end, in late 2025, The United Church of Canada joined a coalition of organizations to amplify the concerns of racialized folks, 2S and LGBTQIA+ communities, and civil liberties organizations, among others. Those concerns remain and are [available on a printout in the Narthex](#).

It is clear some Members of Parliament are actively using the removal of the religious text defence to hate crimes charges as a fear-mongering tactic amongst churches, promoting the idea that people may be prosecuted for simply reading scripture. This is false; it misrepresents and grossly exaggerates what the law would do if it were passed.



The United Church of Canada has concerns with Bill C-9's impact on the right to protest, first and foremost. People who are already targeted by hate campaigns, or policed heavily, will feel more vulnerable because of Bill C-9. The debate about religious text not only draws attention away from this larger issue, but also is misinformation or a misinterpretation broadcast by some MPs.

The Criminal Code says that **wilfully promoting hatred against any identifiable group** is an offence. In Canadian law, for activities to be considered "wilful promotion of hatred," it would require much more than simply reading a religious text. We remain committed to standing against hate speech and acts of hatred.

Request for photos from 2025 events...!

I'm gathering photos from events held at Westminster United Church over the past year to include in a slideshow at the Annual Congregational Meeting in March. If you attended or helped with any events and took photos, I'd love to include them.

If you have digital photos, you can email them directly to Tiffany at tiffanyhoward_87@hotmail.com. If your photos are physical prints, I'm happy to scan them and return the originals to you.

Please submit photos by the week of March 9. Thank you!

Property maintenance –

Plays an important role in ensuring that buildings and surrounding areas remain safe, functional, and visually



appealing. The responsibilities typically include inspecting properties for damage or safety concerns, performing routine repairs, maintaining systems

such as plumbing, electrical, and heating, and ensuring that exterior areas such as landscaping, parking lots, and walkways are kept clean and well maintained. Property maintenance personnel also respond to maintenance requests, coordinate with contractors when specialized work is required, and help ensure the property complies with safety standards and local regulations.

Maintaining an older building presents additional challenges. Aging infrastructure often requires more frequent inspections and repairs, as systems such as plumbing, wiring, and heating may be outdated or worn. Older structures can also develop hidden issues such as structural deterioration, inefficient insulation, or outdated safety features that need careful monitoring and occasional upgrades. These challenges require consistent attention, preventative maintenance, and practical problem-solving to keep the building operating safely and efficiently.

To perform property maintenance effectively, several important skills are helpful. Basic technical abilities in areas such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, and general repairs are valuable. Strong problem-solving skills help identify issues and determine practical solutions. Time management and organization are important for handling multiple tasks, while good communication skills help when working with tenants, property managers, and contractors. Attention to detail, physical capability, and an understanding of safety procedures are also essential to ensure work is completed properly and safely.

We would like to warmly welcome anyone who is interested in supporting the care of our property. Maintaining a building, especially an older one takes teamwork, dedication, and a willingness to help where needed. If you have skills in maintenance, repairs, organization, or simply a desire to contribute your time and effort, we encourage you to consider volunteering with the Property Management Team. Your support can make a meaningful difference in keeping our building safe, well maintained, and welcoming for everyone.



🍀 ✨ St. Patrick's Coffee Party ✨ 🍀

Join Us for a Wee Bit of Irish Fun!

🍀 Saturday, March 14th

🕒 9:30 – 11:00 AM

🎵 Live Music & Singing
Enjoy the lively sounds of traditional Irish songs — clap along, sing along, and let your Irish spirit shine!



- ☕ Fresh Coffee & Tea
 - 🍞 Yummy Fruit Bread & Homemade Muffins
- Warm, comforting, and baked with love — the perfect pairing for a festive morning.



♥ Admission by Donation

All are welcome — bring your family, bring your friends, and bring your best Irish cheer!

🌿 Whether you're Irish by birth or just Irish at heart, come share a cup, a song, and a smile.

We can't wait to celebrate with you! Sláinte! 🍀

🔥 Brave Space Hangout 🔥

Youth Ages 13–17 | Everyone Welcome

Fun • Real Talk • Safe Space

Feb 21 | Mar 21 | Apr 18 | May 16 | Jun 20

Time: 4:30–6:30 PM, Venue 4506

Sherwood Dr

Led by Pastor Roel Tolentino

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LIVING SKIES YOUTH RETREAT:

Save the date for **April 24-**

26 in Prince

Albert! Registration will open

soon. Grades 7-12.



🎵 AGAPE – Children's Community Choir 🎵



Come join us for Music, Games & Snacks!

📅 Fridays: Feb 6, Feb 20, Mar 6, Mar 20, Apr 3, Apr 17, May 1, May 15

Time: 6:30–8:00 PM

Venue 4506 Sherwood Dr

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Faith in Action

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."

— John Wesley

