

Westminster United Church

Week of March 15th, 2026 – Announcements

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Sundays Scripture Readings:

Hymn "Open My Eyes, that I may see" VU #371
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 Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21)
Landis
La Ronge
Leader, Sceptre (Leader-Closing)
Long Lake (Regina Beach)

Stewardship Second:

Use generosity and gratitude to bring light, truth, and wholeness.

Westminster Meetings & Services

March 14th - Coffee party
Sun March 15th - 10:30 am – Worship Service
Sun March 15th - 12:15-Worship Core Team
Mon March 16th - 1:30 pm - Anniversary Unit Meeting
Mon 10:00am- Walking Group
Tues 9:30am – WUC knitting Group
Tues 1 pm – Faith Study Thurs 7 Pm- Choir

Thank you!

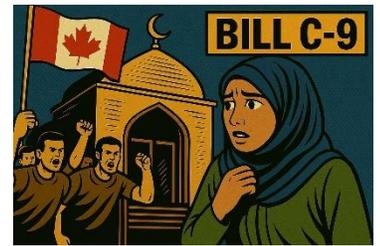
For all the newspapers!
At the moment, they have enough.
We will stop collecting them after this Sunday.



REMINDER- The Annual Congregation Meeting takes place after worship on March 22. Items of discussion are nominations, receipt of the financial statements, and receipt of the annual report. Please note, a few sections were missed. If you did not receive them via email, there is copies in Narthex.

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.





Reminder: THIS WEEKEND! Saturday, March 14th-St. Patrick's Coffee Party 9:30-11:00 AM Fellowship Hall-Use Cameron St. Entrance Coffee/Tea, Muffins, Fruit Bread Irish Sing along/Admission by Donation

Bring your Family & Friends!

Spring Rummage & Bake Sale

April 10th & 11th-We are now accepting donations of Rummage for the Sale until Wednesday April 8th. Please try to bring your items from now until March 27th and on April 7th & 8th during Church Office Hours. (Please try to avoid the Holy Week of March 30th to April 2nd as the



Church Office and Darrell are very busy this week). Office Closed Good Friday April 3rd. If you have a large amount of rummage items, please contact the Church Office, at 306-757-6444 during Office Hours, to arrange a time and day to facilitate the use of the elevator. We appreciate your donations as this helps greatly for a successful sale.

Pastoral Care Task Group - this group exists because there

is passion for caring for others. Some of the things we have do are:

1. Provide the Celebration Cake and other refreshments each month
2. Send out birthday, anniversary, sympathy cards to those we may know about.

3. Try to visit those in hospital

4. Provide a memorial candle for those in the congregation who have passed away

5. We have been taking in a program called "Equipping the Saints" where we have learned about pastoral visiting people. We welcome anyone to join us. There are no set terms for this task team.



Outreach Task Group - This group has only met once since covid but the work continues

1. The areas of outreach are: The Emergency Food pantry, Bread and monetary donations for Carmichael, Sandwiches or other food items for the wellness pharmacy, The mitten trees, collecting of prescription sunglasses, newspapers for Salthaven wildlife rescue, program space for Regina Transition House, the Puzzle library, collecting items for the Baby-Mother bags that go to Regina Native Outreach Ministry. We have occasionally provided funds from the Bessie Barker Fund.
2. One of the areas that we also reach out is co-sponsoring refugees. Sheila Dowling has been the lead on this and has done a tremendous job. These are sponsorship in paper only.



"With God all things are possible."

Matthew 19:26



Upcoming Holy Week Services

March 29 - Palm Sunday with Communion

April 2 - Joint Maundy Thursday Service at Knox Met - 7pm

April 3 - Joint Good Friday Service at WUC with Knox Met - 10:30pm

April 5 - Easter Sunday with baptisms and confirmation

