

Westminster News- SEP 18th 2022

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to the glory of God. for 145 yrs*

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The church office phone # is : **905-682-8140**

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Minister - Rev Dr. Paul Miller

Bible study classes will resume on October 12th.

Wear masks to services if you wish.

Check the Church website for previous service videos.



Happy Birthday

Sept 21- Karen Orlandi. Sept 23- Bruce Cosby

Anniversary congratulations

Sept. 19/59- Dave & June Mayer ----- 63 yrs

Sept. 21/ 2002- Rob & Jennifer Kennedy - 20 yrs



Reading:-

Luke 16: 1-13

The scheduled reader is John TenBroeck

Hymns

312 - "Praise with Joy the World's Creator"

657 - " He Leadeth Me "

506 - "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Meditation-

" The Strange World of the Parables "

Choir practices take place each Thursday, @ 7pm

Newcomers welcome - all you need is to enjoy singing.

PLEASE NOTE !!!

We are having a **coffee hour this Sunday** Sept. 18th 2022 in the Friendship Hall downstairs **following the church service**. Please stay and enjoy homemade goodies, and refreshments. ---

Next coffee hour is October 16th, 2022 - Mark your calendar.

The Prayer cycle church for Sun Sep18th 2022, is --
'Appleby' United Church, Burlington, Ont.

Ryan Stevens is out of hospital now, and continuing his recovery at the Shaver rehabilitation center near Brock University. If you are considering a visit, please check there for his availability first.

The church has some areas that need painting, **no ladder work**, if you enjoy painting and are able to help out at your church, please see Bruce in the office for details.

The United Church of Canada informed Westminster **that our portion of the United Church 2022 assessment (dues) is \$5525**. These dues are used to operate the United Church Head Office and all the regional councils including Horseshoe Falls Council, of which we are a part. Based on our 100 church members it works out to be **\$55.25 per member**. If you are able , please consider making a contribution of **\$55.25 per member, in addition to your regular offerings** to help offset this cost.

Just a reminder if anyone has forgotten about the series of podcasts launched several months ago by Westminster's **Kathy Wilson**. They are a light hearted and often amusing review, of her many experiences with her seeing eye dogs who've shared her daily life through the years.

She thanked her nephew Matthew Steeves for all the work he did to record and get them online. Describing him as a fantastic nephew". --- **Matt Steeves** Director - Cinematographer - Editor ph: (647) 567-2435 mattcsteeves@gmail.com Their work can be heard by putting your curser over the address --- Press control, and click.

Itunes: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/side-by-side-with-kat/id1618298184>

The Westminster BBQ was hosted by a wonderful group of volunteers. Their cheery helpfulness was reflected in the happy faces of the close to 150 people who attended.

With just one change in our past, even one word

any one of us could have been in that unthinkable position of having nowhere to live, and not knowing where our next meal is coming from.

With the absence of a catastrophic event, having the right opportunities, making mostly the right decisions, and having the right friends where and when they were needed, we made it to where we are today, with predictable necessities of life.

Let's show our gratitude for our good fortune by donating freely to the community support system in our area. **The need has never been greater**, and remember.

Our collection barrel **is just out there -- in the hall by the Chapel**, waiting for our contributions.

Even though in person services have resumed, you can still view our online service videos, and even continue sending your offerings to Westminster if you wish, by mail, or through your bank with electronic transfer. When allocating amounts if you wish to help pay the membership charge, put UC dues \$55.25 for each one you pay.

Individuals using e-transfers are asked to use only the password prayer. (Please DO NOT use other passwords as it makes processing the e-transfers less efficient. -- Thanks, - Jude.)

Another (and easier) way is by pre-authorized remittance (P.A.R.).

This can be set up through the church office, and means no further action needs to be taken by you, as long as you wish payments to continue.

Old Codger remembers those 1940's school days.

As mentioned earlier, on the back section of Endon school, between the girls and boys cloak-rooms was the hall in which all students assembled for prayers before the days classes began, after which they all went to their classrooms. At lunchtime the students who stayed for lunch would again come into the hall. First would come senior boys who would place and unfold possibly a dozen ten-place tables with chairs in the hall, and about four on the stage for the teachers. One table which I was helping to move, wasn't properly latched and the legs of my end collapsed, with the full weight of the wooden table landing across my big toe. It left me hopping around for a few days.

Local women prepared the hot meals, and some of the vegetables were grown in the school garden, although I don't suppose there was enough to meet all the needs. A boy and girl (prefects) from each table would go and get the food served from hatches from the kitchen on trays, and take them to their tables. 5 plates and two or three bowls of food plus gravy to each prefect. After one of the teachers had said grace, the prefects from their seats at opposite ends of the table, would serve out the food, the boy to his juniors on his right, and the girl prefect to the girls on her right. It was also their duty to see to maintaining order and cleaning up and taking back the waste and dishes. During the meal the teacher whose turn it was and had said grace, would also get up and intervene if things got too rowdy, which didn't happen too often. I remember the girl prefect on my table was Celia Moss who happened to live on Victoria Street, right at the back of our house.

If you have news, or thoughts to share, please call, Dave Mayer at -905-687-9046, **leave a clear message, or-just your name or number for a return call**.
Better still -e-mail me at-- dave.mayer@sympatico.ca

