

## Westminster News for Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 2023

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Guest Minister- Rev Colleen Smith  
Minister of Music- Jude Kudera

### No Birthdays This week

**Gospel Reading-** Matthew 25: 31-46

The scheduled reader is Dave Mayer

Hymns- 213 - "Rejoice the Lord is King "

326 - " O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

697 - "O for a World "

Service theme- "The Many Faces of Jesus."

The Prayer Cycle Church for Sun Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 2023, is --  
'Applewood' United Church, - Mississauga, Ont.

Bible study, is on Wed's. at 10 am

**We will be decorating the sanctuary**

this Tuesday Nov 28th 9 to 11 if you'd like to help.

CHOIR PRACTICE IS 7PM THURS.  
New members are always welcome



It is with great sadness and sense of loss that we announce the passing of our church's previous caretaker Mario Aubin. The funeral service for our old friend, will be **here at Westminster on Saturday Dec 16th at 11 am**

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DAY. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Although no more items are needed, **volunteers and bakers are needed for the big day** - Carol Ann

The **sale of bazaar items** will continue in the craft room **after each service** for the next few weeks. Come and see what you have been missing.

**Broadview Subscriptions** are due for Renewal or New Subscribers by December 31st. The cost is \$30.00. Please contact Carol Ann McGarr if you have any questions.

**Winter is coming! Connaught School needs our help**

**NEW** Winter Apparel including --- mitts, socks, scarves, pyjamas, laundry pods, and gloves are needed! --

**USED COATS AND BOOTS** will also be welcomed.

**ALL FOR AGES 4-14 YRS** Your gift to keep the children warm can be dropped off at the church office:- *Thank you.*

**Westminster's Weekly Euchre sessions-**

Each Monday at 1:00pm. For newcomers, there is a **one time fee** of \$5:00 per person (for the use of the church). **Then** a weekly \$2:00 per person (towards prize money) **every Monday** when you come to play.

**Our United Church assessment, amounts to roughly \$87.50 for each member. Member payment of this amount is appreciated, but perhaps a more manageable method would be to add an extra \$2 or more per week to our giving. - (mark it U.C. Dues if paying by bank transfer) ---**

**(Old Codger made it an extra \$5 a week. -- 2 people)**

Whether you physically attend our services, or view them through our online service videos, you can still continue sending your offerings to Westminster by e/mail if you wish, or through your bank with electronic transfer. When allocating amounts *if you want to help pay* the 2023 membership charge, -- put **UC dues** for each membership you pay.

Another (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.

### How you can dine and help our church too !!

#### DINE AT SWISS CHALET -

\* On the 3rd Friday of each month at 5 pm, we meet to enjoy a meal at the Swiss Chalet on Glendale Ave., near the Keg. **After paying, give your meal receipt to Lisa Mansfield.**

***If you plan on joining your church family for an evening meal, Please tell Lisa, to allow the staff time to arrange for suitable seating accommodation for the number expected.***

For all of our cheques added together, Westminster church gets (10% of each pre tax bill). Our total for this year is now around \$1,000, and it wasn't until April 1st that sessions began.

\* The next one is **Fri Dec 15th 2023** -- Lisa

You can also benefit our church by attending the fundraising event at Fielding Estate winery. If you enjoy wine anyway, see Lisa Mansfield for details. Our church will receive 25% of all before tax sales to support our community and neighbourhood.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Westminster United Church, please see Rev. Paul Miller.

Grace Mennonite Church at 677 Niagara St. in St. Catharines welcomes donations of homemade shawls and or small blankets for our Bears and Blankets program for Elders in Long Term Care. We have provided 117 care-kits thus far. We have requests for 171. Our care-kits go to Seniors who don't get many visitors or who are lonely. Please contact Jan at 289-990-4839 or [janscats@gmail.com](mailto:janscats@gmail.com). Thank you! Jan Carrie Steven

Thanks to all who have given so generously. The needs never seem to diminish, so please continue with your donations to support those less fortunate. For remember, that **with just one change in our past, illness, loss of a job, 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.

But 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 provisions for the everyday 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 downstairs -- in the hallway by the Chapel**, awaiting your appreciated contributions

### Website for Kathy's Podcast

Itunes: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/side-by-side-with-kat/id1618298184> --Matt Steeves Director - Cinematographer - Editor [ph: \(647\) 567-2435](tel:6475672435) [mattcsteeves@gmail.com](mailto:mattcsteeves@gmail.com)

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