

Westminster News- May 16th 2021

Pulling together to get things done, to the glory of God.

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

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Services are virtual. We can worship at home.

Welcome back Rev. Dr. Paul Miller.

Happy Birthday

May 18 - Owen MacNevin, -

& Paulette Cheseborough

May 20- Paul McLean,



On our May 10, 2021, Westminster Official Board Meeting, we passed a motion to **support Connaught School's Community, fully accessible playground project.** The project estimated cost is \$75,000 and Connaught School targets to raise \$10,000 of this amount. The playground will be on a rubberized surface which is fully accessible to those in scooters and wheelchairs and will replace the existing play structure located on the east end of Connaught's property near the Ida Street entrance. Access to this playground is open to the community after school hours.

Westminster United Church **is pledging to support \$1000.** As members of Westminster, if you wish to contribute to this playground, on your Offering **Envelope, please indicate any contribution amount on the "other" line.**

The Prayer cycle church for this Sun May 16th 2021, is
'Stamford Lane, U.C. - Niagara Falls, Ont.

PLEASE NOTE!!!!

Community Care has Spring food drive. Please bring your food donations to the church, Thursday mornings. Community Care will pick up your donations on June 7th 2021

At this time virtual worship services are all that we can hold, **if you have an internet connection,** just go to our church website, (**click on the address at the top of this page**). Then on the **worship page** and it's all there.

The service should be available at 10am. -Past services **and sermon videos,** are accessible on the same page.

For our virtual services, we have a Virtual Choir- and we could use some more members. Words & music are provided. If you would like to give Paul and Pam some help and join in, -please **contact Jude at jukudera@hotmail.com** and he will send instructions.

Every Sunday after the service, you are invited to join a **'Coffee Hour' Zoom meeting** scheduled by **Jude Kudara** - All that should be needed, is to click on the meeting icon **on the worship page of the website.**

Otherwise -

<https://zoom.us/j/99533726791?pwd=SkZjdURIT2JKSVNwOHlwS1dadHdJdz09>

Meeting ID: 995 3372 6791 Passcode: 76N0Xa

Any questions, email Jude at jukudera@hotmail.com

Cave Springs Camping Day

This year we cannot send counsellors to your congregation to participate in Camping Sunday, so some board members and staff members have made a worship video you may choose to use in your regular congregation electronic gathering, or to send to parishioners.

Anyone with this link can see a 15 minute sample.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/knc3lzn71x6k2bp/Camp%20Sunday%202021.mp4?dl=0>

If you register with Dropbox (available with the free account) you can see the full 53 minute worship. Alternatively Horseshoe Falls Regional Council will soon have a distribution mechanism.

Thank you for considering it for your use. We had fun making it! What great resources and staff we have!

Caroline Duffus, Heather Grundy, Dave Duffus
Board members & President of Cave Springs Camp

We can all help to keep getting the bills paid, and things running at Westminster, until we are again able to worship together on Sunday mornings. We can just send our offerings to Westminster by mail, or through our bank with electronic transfer. It is really quite easy.

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 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.

AND DO PLEASE

Remember Cave Springs Camp in your offerings.

Some people might not have noticed, that at the bottom of the e-transfer form, there is a line that says something like 'message', or 'note'. You can use that space to specify where you want portions of your offerings to be directed. -- *example \$xx gen fund. \$xx M.S. \$xx 'Cave Springs' etc...*

OLD CODGERS CORNER

As I said earlier, we will likely be getting booster shots for Covid 19 along with our annual Flu shots.. Possibly all in one.--- I came across this article the other day.

Researchers at the CDC are looking into whether a booster specific to variants that are already in the U.S. will be needed as well as if protection from the virus fades over time,

"The vision would be that we would do it in the same way that we do flu vaccine," she said. "We hope we don't have to do it every season, but we're preparing in case we do." --- "We want to hope for the best, and prepare for the worst," CDC director Dr. Rochelle Walensky has said. ---

(The longer the epidemic drags on, the more variants will become enabled).

Kathy sent this to me & I just had to pass it along.

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, and the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column -----continued below

Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals.

But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible!

IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!

(It also said)

B. I. B L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!

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. Or better still -e-mail me at--

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