



Northminster United Church, 676 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa, ON L1G 4V7



What's Happening at Northminster?



Sunday, January 1, 2017

10:30 am Worship

Guest Speaker - Susan Pleasance

Thank you, Susan, for your excellent leadership in this morning's worship service during Rev. Sandra's vacation.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Tues., Jan. 10, 2017—7:00 pm Please send your committee reports to Margaret this week.

PARTICIPATION SUNDAY—JAN. 15

Participating groups are reminded to let Margaret know your needs—tables, access to electrical outlets, etc.

Set-up time is available from the office.

CHURCH HOURS - JAN. 2-6, 2017

Mon., Jan. 2, 2017 — closed (stat. holiday)

Tues., to Fri., Jan. 3-6 - 9:00 - 12:00 noon.

Regular office hours resume January 9, 2017.



On behalf of the Northminster Congregation, I wish to extend my thanks to the many folk who made our church such an exciting place to be in 2016.

Firstly, to the staff — to Rev. Sandra — thank you for your leadership and guidance this past year; — to Margaret — thank you for your dedication to all things “office” and the many, many extras that you do which benefit the Northminster Congregation; — to Ashton — your musical leadership has been outstanding and we at Northminster truly appreciate your dedication to our church; and to Robbie — thank you for your many hours keeping our church “spic-and-span”.

To the members of Northminster who have stepped forward and assumed a role on one of the many committees in the newly structured Church Council, thank for your patience and your efforts as we transition from the Session/Committee of Stewards model of Governance to our current Church Council model.

May your hard work and efforts continue in 2017 to benefit Northminster.

Tim Slocombe, Chair, Northminster Church Council

Normal Office Hours:

Monday to Friday
9:00 am— 12:00 pm

For Afternoon appointments,
Call ahead so we will be able
to serve you better.

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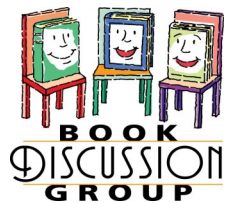
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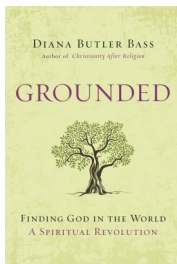
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Book Discussion Group will resume in January and will

discuss the book **GROUNDING: Finding God in the World — A Spiritual Revolution** by

Diana Butler Bass.

Contact the office for exact date and time of the first meeting to begin the study of this book.



DIANA DOROTHY SMITH

It is with deep sadness that Northminster United Church learns of the passing on Dec. 29, 2016 of **Diana Smith** in Halifax, Nova Scotia after a long illness.

Diana is the daughter of Northminster's **Sandra and Joe Pegg**.

A Memorial celebration will be held in Oshawa later this year.

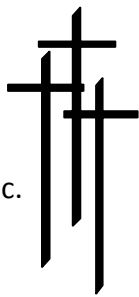
We at Northminster will keep Sandra, Joe, Diana's partner, Mark and her family in our prayers at this sad time.

An on-line Guest Book to leave a message of condolences may be found at: <http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Diana-Smith&lc=3758&pid=183261667&mid=7230670>

GROCERY GIFT CARD SALES

Thank you from the Grocery Gift Card Committee to all those who purchased cards in 2016.

In 2017, sales will resume on Thursday, January 5.



The United Church of Canada



U.C.W. ANNUAL MEETING

The UCW Annual Meeting will be on **Wed., Jan. 11** at

1:00 p.m. followed by refreshments. Please note that there will **NOT** be a lunch this year.

Call Megan Russell at 905 404 9735 if you need a ride .



MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Sat., January 14, at 8:30 am

Traditions Family Restaurant

Call Gord Terwillegar (905-728-1974)

to confirm that you will attend!



FROM DALE SINGER

Thank you to everyone for your kind words, cards, phone calls, prayers and support for Vic during his illness and on his recent passing.

Dale Singer & Family

The date of the Congregational Annual Meeting, planned for early February, 2017, will be set at the next Council meeting, on Jan. 10th. Standing Committee Chairs are asked to begin to prepare a report for your committee to be included in the 2016 Annual Report.

Tim Slocombe, Church Council Chair