

- * fellowship events to reach out to neighbours, community and fellow congregants;
- * Welcoming Circle, a small group gathering to promote intercultural relationships within UCiM;
- * supporting West Broadway Community Ministry;
- * weekly drop-in groups for parents and tots;
- * raising awareness of fair trade practices;
- * providing meeting space for community groups - Brownies, Cubs, Baby & Me, Collège Jeanne-Sauvé students;
- * preparing Christmas hampers;
- * sharing the bountiful harvest from our gardens with inner city households;
- * financial support to The United Church of Canada Mission and Service Fund that allows us to do things together that we could not do alone – e.g. theological education, church run medical facilities, international emergency aid and economic development, and support of 5 inner city ministries in Winnipeg;
- * the participation of our ministry personnel and members of our congregation in the work at all levels of our denomination – Presbytery, Conference and General Council; and
- * being in touch with other faith groups in our community.

*It is with thanks that
we give.*



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This year, because of the generous giving of people in our congregation, **WE SING THANKSGIVING.**

God is creative and self-giving, generously moving in all the near and distant corners of the universe. Nothing exists that does not find its source in God. Our first response to God's providence is gratitude. We sing thanksgiving.



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OUR GIVINGS SUPPORT MINISTRIES THROUGH WORSHIP, LEARNING AND SERVICE

1. WORSHIP

"To worship God in word, song, prayer and sacrament"

An affirming congregation, we gather as a community of faith to celebrate God's presence.

This ministry includes:

- * Affirming-ministry services;
- * the celebration of Holy Communion once a month for everyone to partake.
- * the celebration of baptism to symbolize the beginning of our faith journey;
- * a gifted and committed choir, music director and accompanist;
- * weddings and funerals;
- * a multi-media worship space;
- * scripture readers, hosts, ushers, sound technicians, offering counters;
- * an accessible building, large print hymn books and orders of service, head sets for the hearing impaired; and
- * a nursery for infants and toddlers.

2. LEARNING

"To learn about God, Christian life, the Church and its ministry"

There are opportunities for all ages and stages to nurture their faith so that they might each grow in their knowledge of God and what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Together we explore, question, reflect and learn.

This ministry includes:

- * Children's Church in an inviting space;
- * Talking Teens where teens gather for hands-on ways of exploring our faith;
- * Interpreting Whispers, an innovative small group-based Thursday morning Bible Study;
- * O'Donohue Book Study (two weekly small groups);
- * faith exploration classes and seasonal evening studies for adults;
- * small group leadership formation;
- * adult membership support for those wishing to belong and be active at UCiM;
- * a community where we can talk about our faith ; and
- * a library in the MacAskill Room.

3. SERVICE

"To build a sense of belonging, caring and fellowship; to be a significant Christian presence in the community"

As we care for each other we are able to both share and experience the love of God. We know ourselves to be part of The United Church of Canada and the world wide Christian faith and we are called to participate in the wider church.

This ministry includes:

- * visits and telephone calls at times of illness, bereavement, crisis and celebration;
- * coffee before and after worship;
- * maintenance of a congregational data base which helps us connect with congregants;
- * a pastoral care team;
- * seniors luncheons;
- * our prayer shawl ministry;
- * small groups including a book club and grief support;
- * the Meadowood Monitor, our congregational newsletter; (over)