

Greetings!

It's been another busy week WUC! The palette trees are up and loaded with winter gear ready for the picking! Thank you everyone for the generous donations, these garments will certainly help out some folks in need. Another huge thank-you to Wayne & Arlene Harper for the idea as well as putting together the finishing touches.

Westminster United Church Christmas Online Service Schedule:

Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>: Advent IV  
Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>: Longest Night(Blue Christmas)  
Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve Worship  
Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>: "Lessons in Carols"

The Church Office will be open during regular hours this week excepting Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday from 10:30-1:00. We will be open on Christmas Eve. Reverend Lynn can be reached on her cell: (403) 866 - 4045

A reminder for committee's to submit their annual reports to the office at the earliest possible convenience. Much appreciation to those of you that have already made submissions.

**Jeanette Zollner has provided the following announcement:**

**We have started doing a quarterly newsletter at the Medicine Hat Cowboy Poetry Foundation. This is our December issue. We did our first one in September which is on our website: [MHCowboyLife.com](http://MHCowboyLife.com) There are other things on our web page like:**

**-Stories from Seniors (videos of seniors telling their story and then a poem telling it (way way down on the left side of the screen)**

**-a 'Round the Hat' article this month with Highlights of the town of Hilda**

**-brand and ranch stories**

**Wishing you all the best Christmas possible!! There is a lot of 'ice'o-lation but here's sending the warmest of wishes.**

This week's Minutes for Mission:

### **Humanitarian Aid for Rohingya**

No person should ever be persecuted because of their religion or culture. No one should have to struggle daily to find enough food, a place to sleep, or simply a place to exist, yet that has happened repeatedly to the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar.

For decades they faced religious and ethnic persecution, which escalated in 2017. They were tortured and killed in Myanmar, and their homes and villages were burned to the ground.

Almost a million escaped to the town of Cox's Bazar in nearby Bangladesh to what became, in November 2018, the largest refugee camp in the world. ACT Alliance, a Mission & Service global ecumenical partner, is on the ground at the Cox's Bazar refugee camp distributing humanitarian aid in the form of food, shelter materials, warm clothing, hygiene kits, safe water, and emergency medical help. ACT

Alliance also hosted the organization Clowns Without Borders to share the importance of hygiene in a fun way. The Cox's Bazar camp is located in a floodplain; mix that with almost a million people and the result can be a variety of diseases, some of them life-threatening.

Thanks to ACT Alliance, many of the Rohingya refugees are able to keep disease at bay by using the skills they were taught and the hygiene kits they received. Through our gifts for Mission & Service, lives are truly saved every day in Cox's Bazar camp. If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week 😊

