

MINUTE FOR GRACE – MARCH 6TH, 2016

‘Minute for Grace’ is brought to you the first Sunday of the month by the Spiritual Nurture in Faith Formation Team.

ART is a small word but one that has enormous emotional power. Art is defined as: something that is created with imagination and skill; is beautiful in the eye of the beholder and expresses important ideas and feelings. There are many pieces of art throughout Grace-Westminster. Look around and absorb the beauty that is housed within these walls. Every piece has significance!

“The Approaching Storm” is a painting by **Ernst Freidrich Lindner**. Ernst or Ernest was an Austrian-born Canadian painter who moved with his parents to Canada in 1926, settling in Saskatoon. Lindner is known for his many watercolors inspired by the natural beauty of the wooded country around his summer home at Emma Lake. His works are widely exhibited in Canada in public and private collections, Canada House in London, England and Canadian Cultural centres in Paris and Brussels. Several fascinating works are on permanent display in the library of Aden Bowman Collegiate. He was presented with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Saskatchewan, was an elected member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts and was made an Officer of the Order of Canada. Ernst died in Saskatoon in 1988. “The Approaching

Storm” was presented to Grace-Westminster United Church by loved ones **In Memory of Ida L. Milliken** in 1967.

Joseph (Josef) Fruhmesser was an Austrian-German artist well known for his landscape paintings. This painting was presented to Grace-Westminster United Church by family members **In Loving Memory of Walter and Velma Brice**, long time members of our church family.

This art piece is of special interest as it was both created and presented by congregants of Grace-Westminster United Church. **Alice Hedger** started her craft of needle work in the 1950’s and has many works on display in her home at The Palisades. This needle work piece titled “The Gleaners” was presented to Grace-Westminster United Church in 2012 by Shirley Aaro a now retired member of the Sanctuary Choir.

The artist, **Colin G. Pattle**, was born in New Zealand, joined the Royal New Zealand Air Force in 1942, spent time as a staff pilot with the Commonwealth Air Training Scheme in Canada and immigrated to Canada in 1952. This painting completed by Pattle in 1995, was presented: “To the Congregation of Grace-Westminster United Church. Thank you for being the wonderful nurturing community to us through action in faith. We will miss you all. Landis and Brenda Maitland-Whitelaw.”

Landis and Brenda were valued participants in our Contemporary Services before moving to Vancouver.

All of the works presented today can be found displayed in the Lounge.

Quoting Naomi Friesen, “Everything around us, Everything we see, Is a part of God’s creation, is a part of mystery!” Look around and absorb the power of many creative talents.

I will move the art to the auditorium during coffee time today so you can have a closer look.