



The Voice of Westminster

We are a servant church, nurturing each other's spiritual journey and personal gifts. All are welcome!

June 2020

What a Gift!

Many businesses and organizations have a "Christmas in July" sale or promotion. We have "Christmas in June" at Westminster as we are excited to give each of you a tremendous gift. Members and Friends at WPC will have the opportunity to access the world's largest Biblical video library—some 20,000 videos for all ages and stages in life. From cartoon lessons for the young ones to in-depth biblical instruction for the seasoned Christian; from studies on books of the Bible by some of your favorite authors and teachers, to topical studies on issues like marriage, finances, depression and mental illness, history, faith, prayer, facing our fears and trials, to making the most of our senior years.

These work great for small groups (everyone can view the material before gathering to optimize discussion), Sunday School classes, personal or family devotions and just plain entertainment. Access to these videos through "Right Now Media" has been equated to a Christian Netflix. We can never say we just don't have anything interesting to watch.

Imagine standing in line or on a road trip, and the kids or grandkids are getting a bit antsy or maybe on each other's nerves (maybe this never happens to you). How about hitting the app on your phone and having them watch a cartoon on loving one another or forgiving one another?

Besides all of this, you also are able to give this gift to your friends, family and neighbors. It might even lessen the tension with your enemies. You will be receiving an email invitation from Right Now Media with the details of signing up and establishing your own PIN. What a great opportunity to grow in Christ and building relationships in Him. If you'd like to learn more, you can head to their website at [Right Now Media](https://www.righnowmedia.com).

Enjoy!

- Pastor Roger

Congratulations Westminster Grads!

Any student can tell you that this has been an unusual time at school. This is especially so for graduating seniors. Images of mortarboards and diplomas turned into virtual graduation ceremonies, thanks to the COVID-19 virus. We have several graduates this year and we couldn't be more proud. Our two high school graduates who grew up at Westminster are immigrants. They've had a lot of learning to do, including the English language. Please view our grads below. We think you'll be proud of them, too. The future is in good hands!



Susan Kibui-Jefferson H.S.
Daughter of Veronica Ndungu
College: Kirkwood



Haji Ali-Kennedy H.S.
Son of Tamene Gelashe & Shuna Tosa
College: Kirkwood



Jacob Bemus-Washington H.S.
Son of Amy & Scott Bemus
Grandson of Judy McCracken
College: University of Iowa



Anna Gygi, Centaurus H.S.-
Colorado
Granddaughter of Barb & Bill Moss
College: Northwestern University



Jacquiline Fashimpaur
Carnegie Mellon University
Daughter of Ben & Karen Fashimpaur
Hilery Livengood, Eric Swanson
Computer Science
Hired by Oculus



Frankline Nabuyoli
Mount Mercy University
Daughter of Prince & Aline Nabuyoli

The Virtual Era

Zoom Zoom Westminster

There's certainly no doubt that the Internet has provided new opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic. I mean, a person can only watch so much Netflix and 24/7 news channels. At Westminster, we've managed to accomplish a lot despite all the restrictions. Session has been meeting at their regular times (plus one "called" meeting) via the cloud-based software called Zoom. And to think that a few months ago, most of us hadn't really heard of Zoom, now it's as much a part of our lexicon as television and low-carb diets.

Besides Session, Westminster's Prayer Shawl Ministry has met at least twice via Zoom, with Barb Moss's daughter Trudy setting up the Zoom connection. Our Sunday School teachers had an organizational meeting, too. That's not counting the online worship services and story time for kids that we've been posting to YouTube. It's amazing how well we can adapt when we need to.

Now that we got the hang of it, we may find that we like these communication channels enough to use them when the pandemic subsides. They provide good solutions for including elderly or infirm members who can't get into church for meetings or worship. And like Mrs. Jones, in the cartoon below, you can wear the bunny slippers any time.



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

Mission News

Neighborhood Clean-Up Morning

Westminster's Mission Committee is organizing a neighborhood clean-up for June 13 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. They'll be picking up trash and litter in the neighborhood and they could certainly use your help. Westminster will provide bags, but if you can bring your own gloves, face masks (if needed) and a long-handled grabber. Folks will meet at Westminster at 9 a.m. and head out from there. We hope you can help!



Working Together!

Our brothers and sisters at First Assembly of God Church have held two drive-through food distributions. They had leftovers and Loaves & Fishes (L&F) reaped the benefits. Last week, a team with two trucks and two cars met at First Assembly and loaded boxes and hauled them to our mission house.

We constructed a make shift slide so we could slide the boxes into the basement since none of us are spring chickens! Thank you Al and Terry Boyden, Paul and Zora Ronan, Ruth Quisling, Paula Krings, and Jan Kosowski for filling the basement with food and helping L&F stay on top of the supply chain.

-Jan Kosowski, L&F Director



June Needs at L&F

Peanut butter & jelly

Marshmallows

Graham crackers

Bar soap

Session Notes

Session met via Zoom for its regularly scheduled meeting on May 19. The following actions were taken:

- Session voted to accept a general plan put together by an ad hoc committee regarding reopening of the church building. No date has been set and Session agreed the plan could change.
- Session members shared their experiences and feedback from calling individual members during the COVID crisis.
- Session voted to purchase, on a monthly basis, access to "Right Now Media." This is a comprehensive online video library with selections ranging from children's faith-based cartoons to documentaries.
- After discussion, Session tabled, until the June meeting, a vote to approve a Session Retreat agenda and a tentative date of a July 18. Hopefully we will have a more clear picture of future church activities by that time.

Special Thank-You

Westminster's Session would like to thank everyone who has continued to send in their offerings during this unusual time. As you know, the expenses and work of the church exist even when we aren't able to meet together.

If your work or income situation has changed during this virus pandemic, we understand and appreciate whatever you can do.

Blessings!



June Birthdays

Sharon Colton	2
Darald Schultz	2
Chuck Crull	3
Basil Tilley	3
Ben Fashimpaur	5
Sherryl Hoeppner	5
Warren Feerer	11
Bonnie Keiper	13
Barb Read	14
Rick Whiteaker	14
Sandra Yarrington	14
Gloria Kromminga	17
Terry Perkins	20
Diane Brooks	23
Pamela Feerer	24

Camp W, Synod School Canceled

The Presbytery has announced that in-person Camp Wyoming activities will not be held this summer. In addition, Synod School at Buena Vista University has been canceled as well. Both changes are due to the COVID-19 virus.

The Month of June Thank You Volunteers!

Westminster continues to worship online due to concerns over the impact of the COVID-19 virus. Therefore, we are not putting together our usual list of volunteer assignments. When it is safe for us to worship together (in person) again, we will send out an e-mail with assignments. Thank you for understanding.

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Current Services are online at crwpc.org. Office hours will vary.

Office Hours-May vary during COVID-19 restrictions.

Monday - Thursday

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship Times-All Services online. Links at crwpc.org

9:00 a.m. FUEL service in the Family Life Center

11:00 a.m. Traditional service in the Sanctuary

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