



Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Voice of Westminster

May 2017

Westminster has been working diligently on a fresh vision for the church, a statement of what we hope to become (or become more of). Many, many of you have participated in the various pieces of formulating this vision, and your work has been crucial to helping us achieve this milestone. At their April meeting, Session heard the report from the Navigate team, reviewed the work that has been accomplished, and formally adopted a new vision statement:

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

This vision entails a number of elements. We hope for inspiring, fulfilling worship and spiritual nourishment. We want to invite and engage more people in our ministries and missions, including ministry for (though not limited to) the next generation. We hope to understand and trust each other; to be flexible and resilient; to find shared solutions. Most important of all, we know we need to lean on God.

In addition to this new vision statement, four strategic priorities emerged from the April workshop:

- (1) discerning God's will with the church community;
- (2) building small group ministries for the generations;
- (3) driving effective communication and engagement;
- (4) getting to know each other and our neighbors.

Session has identified goals for each of these priorities. Over the coming weeks and months, team leads will be inviting people to join in the work of brainstorming, planning, and executing actions to help the church move forward toward that shared vision. Finally, we arrive at the fun part! We hope each of you will find the niche where you can put your interests and talents to good use and help build our future together!

Elsewhere in the newsletter, you will find the beginnings of a timeline we intend to use to outline and track progress on both our strategic priorities and the pastor nominating process. While these two processes are separate and distinct, they are clearly related to each other and will move forward on parallel tracks. With the visioning work we have accomplished, we should be able to begin conversations with the Presbytery this spring about forming a PNC. The work of the PNC will engage some of you very intensely. But the rest of the church will also be intensely engaged in the important work of advancing on our goals to become the community of faith God is calling us to be.

Jesus called his first disciples to work for the coming kingdom of God with urgency, because it absolutely wasn't going to wait for anyone. Yet at the same time, he told them not to worry, not about food or clothing or anything else, because God had them under His care. We may be different disciples in a different time, but the message is still the same. The work before us demands our urgent attention, but we need not be anxious about what might happen, because God has everything in His hands.

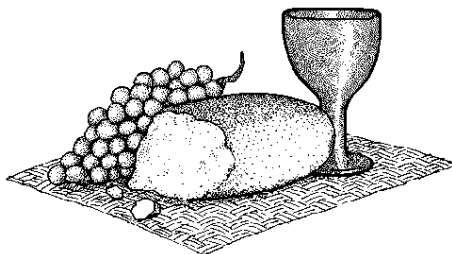
Praising God always, in all ways!

~ Pastor Randi



MAY BIRTHDAYS

1	Faustine Banner
1	Robert Vancura
2	Richard Cornish
5	James Heck
5	Missy Sturbaum-Anderson
7	Prince Nabuyoli
7	Stephen Sturbaum
7	Susan Winegarden
7	Richard York
10	Kristin Canning
11	Jason Schoenbeck
12	Tony Huebsch
13	Michael Azevedo
13	Corda Ewen
13	Carmen Hammerberg
13	Fran Hanzel Johnson
13	Elsa Schoenbeck
14	Rhae Lampe
16	May Nabuyoli
17	Roy Ewen
18	Brooke McDermott
18	Judy Ruth
19	Joshua Wagner
20	John Henderson
20	Aaron Plummer
21	Lori Sturbaum-Anderson
22	John Swanson
23	Anogene Stary
23	Julie Sturbaum
24	Michelle Azevedo
26	Stephen Allsop
26	Joyce Sedlacek
27	Anna Long
27	Patricia Teig



Communion Volunteers Needed

We have an important volunteer opportunity that requires a small time commitment. We need a couple of volunteers to prepare Communion and a couple of volunteers to set up and clean up after the service.

Communion Preparation

- ◆ Cut bread cubes and place in baggies
- ◆ Fill Communion cups with juice

1-1/2 hours quarterly

Communion Set Up

- ◆ Place elements on the Communion table prior to 11 a.m.
- ◆ Clean up after the service which includes picking up used cups and putting away trays.

30-45 minutes

Preparing for Communion is an important part of the Christian tradition. If you could help, we would appreciate it. Please talk with Karol Cooper or call the office at 319-366-7185 if you're interested. Thank you!

PW Circle on Hiatus

The PW Circle has decided not to meet in the near future. We will keep you posted on any updates.

May Loaves & Fishes Donations

Canned beans-white, navy, pinto
Canned fruit/peas
Bath soap or shower gel

*Canned and boxed food only; no jars, please.
Standard sized cans as most of our guests walk to the pantry.*

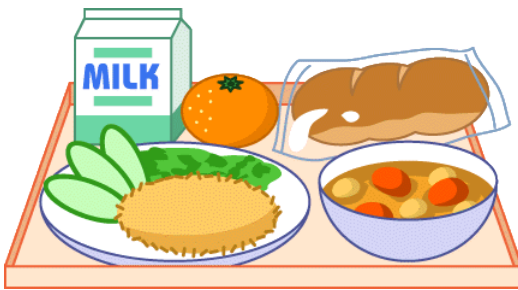
*Loaves
& Fishes Food
Pantry*
"When did I see you hungry?"

It's Summer Neighborhood Meal Time!

Would you be willing to donate a few hours for one week during the summer? What about taking your lunch hour and spending it to help serve? Get your picture taken in a 1950s hairnet? Okay, you don't have to get your picture taken with a hairnet on; we made that up.

Seriously, for 25 years, our neighbors, St. Paul's Methodist Church have hosted the Summer Neighborhood Meal and Enrichment program with volunteers from six area churches, including Westminster. Together, we serve more than 2,000 meals over the course of the summer.

It's a crucial time because children are out of school and therefore don't receive school lunches during the



summer. Over the years, more and more families have come to the summer meals program to receive a balanced meal. Many stay and chat, often one of the few times they are able to socialize in a healthy environment.

Westminster Presbyterian Church has committed to serving the week of June 19—23 and we could take on the week of July 17—21 if there's enough interest. We need 8 or 9 people each day. Some for

prep work, some for serving and some for dishwashing.

This is a great way to build camaraderie within a church and do the Lord's work at the same time! Please give this careful thought and if you will be around the week of June 17, please consider joining us. When you help others, it feels good!

Calling All Graduates

In the past our prayer shawl group has made fleece blankets for our graduating high school seniors and recognized college grads. Know a graduate? We would like the names of our seniors and their post-grad plans. Let the office or Karol Cooper known by **May 15**.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

There will be a table set up outside the office area on Sunday, May 7 for free blood pressure checks. The screenings will take place between the 9:00 and 11:00 services. The regular checks are part of the services provided by Westminster's Health Ministry. Thank you for this great service!

Worship Volunteers for May 2017-Note: Joint Service on May 28

If you are unable to work on your date, please make arrangements for a substitute.

Offering Stewards

May 1— Pat Teig & Mark Tyler
May 8 —Maggie York & Ann Buckheister
May 15—Larry Cooper & Barb Schultz
May 22—Connie Hayes & Warren Feerer
May 30—Pat Teig & Mark Tyler

8:00 a.m. Greeters/Ushers

May 7—Don & Sherryl Hoepfner
May 14—Jack & Nancy Haney
May 21—See the Sign-Up Board by Chapel
May 28—No 8 a.m. service -Joint Service

11:00 a.m. Greeters

May 7 —Fran Hanzel Johnson & Mary Jo Crull
May 14—Dale & Alice Crosier
May 21—Barb Schultz & Flora Kitzman
May 28—No 11 a.m. Service — Joint Service

11:00 a.m. Ushers

May 7-Barb Schultz, Luman & Sharon Colton
May 14-Claudia Warfel, Jim & Cheryl Shanklin
May 21-Dick Trotter, Joan Charters
May 28-No 11 a.m. service—Joint Service

9 a.m. Liturgists

May 7—Don Damsteegt
May 14—Eric Swanson
May 21—Val Neubauer
May 28—No 9 a.m.service – Joint Service—Butch Hataway

11:00 a.m. Liturgists

May 7—Barb Read
May 14—Dick Trotter
May 21—Signe Henderson
May 28—No 11 a.m. — Joint Service—Butch Hataway

11:00 a.m. Coffee Servers

May 7 — Sharon Colton & Carm Hammerberg
May 14 — Cheryl Shanklin
May 21 — Abbie Smith & Pat Teig

8:00 a.m. Communion Servers

Bob or Carol Ferguson

9:00 a.m. Communion Servers

David & Linda Cosgrove, Don Damsteegt & Mark Tyler

11:00 a.m. Communion Servers

Tom Read, Jan Kosowski, Val Neubauer, & Carm Hammerberg

Communion Prep

Joyce Sankey & Sharon Colton

Communion Clean Up

Larry & Karol Cooper

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat							
30	1	2	3	4	5	6							
	1pm • Pastor Randi Drop-In	3pm • L & F Pantry @ 6pm • Deacons Meeting @	7:30am • Men's Brkfst @ 7pm • Chancel Choir	1pm • Pastor Randi Drop-In 5:30pm • Personnel		7:30pm • Chorale Midwest							
7	8	9	10	11	12	13							
Communion Sunday 8am • Chapel Worship 8:30am • Breakfast @ Old 9am • FUEL Worship @ 10am • Christian Education 11am • Traditional Worship 5:30pm • Chorale Midwest	12:30pm • Property 1pm • Pastor Randi Drop-In	3pm • L & F Pantry @	7:30am • Men's Brkfst @ 9:30am • Shawl Ministry @ 5pm • Mission Committee 7pm • Chancel Choir	9:15am • Kindred Sisters @ 1pm • Pastor Randi Drop-In									
14	15	16	17	18	19	20							
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3							
RLH Vacation Wk 1 8:30am • Breakfast @ Old 10am • Memorial Day 5:30pm • Chorale Midwest	Office Closed	3pm • L & F Pantry @ 6pm • Chorale Midwest @	7:30am • Men's Brkfst @ 6:30pm • Chorale Midwest										

Please visit www.crwpc.org to stay informed of changes to this month's calendar.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship Times

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel
9:00 a.m. blended service in the Family Life Center
11:00 a.m. traditional service in the Sanctuary

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