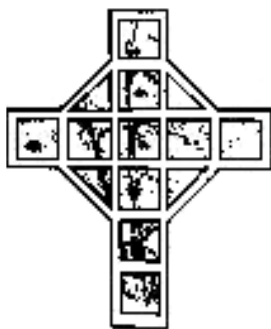


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The Triangle

April 6th, 2010

Spring Sunday Morning Adult Education Classes

Five weeks: April 11 & 18, May 2, 9, 16

Join any of these classes for fellowship and spiritual growth!

New~ starting April 11

"Spiritual Grace - Poems for Meditation and Prayer"
with Pastor Christine Long in room 7

"Growing Up Again" (Parenting Seminars, new class)
with Donna Burkhart in room 8

Continuing classes (you may join us at any time)

Catalyst Series Unit on "Beauty"
with Pastor David Kegley & others

"The Upper Room, The Present Word" - Bible Study
with Elsa McLain

PASTORS' CORNER

The Rev. Dr. David R. Kegley

One of the astonishing things about the 21st century is the rapid exchange of information. It has changed so much about how we learn and what conclusions we draw.

Since knowledge can be transmitted so freely, the way doctors, scientists, technicians, students and almost everyone does their work will never be the same. The last time I got an X-ray my doctor called me the same day. He was looking at my X-ray not on film but on his computer screen. If he wanted to he could have consulted with anyone in the world while they viewed the same image. While I'm talking to him on the phone, I can be checking out the diagnosis on-line to see what options I might have even before he tells me about them. While I'm doing that he's checked medication options and ordered them so that they will be waiting at the nearest pharmacy.

What adds to the astonishing nature of this burst of information-loaded technology is that everything I just related about my doctor is not surprising anymore. Right now this is pretty commonplace. Forty years ago we imagined what it might be like. Twenty years ago it started to trickle into the main stream. Today it's everywhere, and it's often wireless, and it's still evolving.

This can't help but affect our spirits and our faith. It places a high demand on our self control so we don't become over-stimulated, over-busy or simply numbed by the barrage of information. I have to ask myself often "Why are you doing this computer search right now? Is this a priority?" Or sometimes I have to tell myself: "Stop. This is a waste of time."

While information is available with speed and volume, we are left with the challenge of evaluating and sorting. Today so much of the information is pure spin, so little filtered for accuracy and reliability. When I read something on-line, even for my own profession, I also read other sources, including traditionally published sources, so that I can make judgments about the information. When it comes down to it, we must think about the information we access. We must use our minds carefully to avoid assumptions or biases that we may be absorbing unwittingly.

On-line life can be a plus for spirituality but it's not the full story. Being connected to others occurs with remarkable expedience via electronic means. Information technologies can enhance our being human and knowing God. Yet, nothing replaces some simple solitude, some non-technological prayer and real flesh-and-blood contact with those who are also praying.

Peace, David

Calendar for This Week and Next

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

9:15am Book Group (library)

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

9:00am Worship

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

11:15am Worship

12:30pm Youth Group

1:00pm Golden Del. at Nickelby's

MONDAY, APRIL 12

4:30pm Stephen Ministries (rm 7)

5:00pm Nominating Comm (lib)

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP

10:00am Horizon Bible Study (lib)

6:00pm TuesdayNightTogether

7:00pm Craft Group

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)

11:30am FH Construction (lib)

7:00pm Department meetings

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters

1:00pm Dorcas Circle

(no music rehearsals tonight)

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

9:30am Kitchen Comm (library)

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

9:00am Worship

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

11:15am Worship

12:30pm Youth Group

MONDAY, APRIL 19

12 noon Triangle articles due

7:00pm Rachel Circle

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP

9:30am Elizabeth Circle (library)

11:00am Mary-Martha Circle

6:30pm Naomi Circle (library)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

9:30am Triangle folding (library)

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)

11:30am FH Construction (lib)

7:00pm Session (room 12)

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters

7:00pm Chancel Choir

Dates for Your Calendar

Sunday, April 25th, Youth Mission Auction, worship at 10:00am

Sunday, May 2nd, 30th annual CROP Walk for hunger beginning at the state capitol steps at 1:00pm (sign up in the narthex on Sunday)

June 4th-6th, All-Church Retreat at Sound View Camp

June 28th-July 2nd, Vacation Bible School with theme Galactic Blast

Sunday, August 1st, All-Church Picnic at Tumwater Falls Historical Park

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES . . .

Sunday School Mission Project – We have made our goal of collecting enough items to put together 100 plus hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance who will use the kits for earthquake victims in Haiti and Chile. Thank you to all who provided items for this project. The Sunday School children and youth will assemble these kits this Sunday, April 11th, during class time. If you are available during this time and would like to help us, you will find us in the lower CE wing.

Easter Sunday Celebration – was a success and there were lots of happy children wandering around the church. Thank you to Katrina and the Youth who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt and to all of you who helped provide plastic eggs and candy.



Cheryl Kinnamon

FULFILLING THE VISION

Fellowship Hall Project Update

The construction of our Fellowship Hall and new Preschool additions continue to make good progress in spite of a very rainy week.

The framing on the Fellowship Hall wing is scheduled to be completed by the end of this week, and the roofing by the end of next week. The slab for the Preschool addition should have been poured on Monday or Tuesday of this week, weather permitting, with framing of the Preschool beginning soon thereafter.

The contractor has extended the use of the kitchen through Sunday, April 25th. Demolition will begin on Monday, April 26th. The gas range and dishwasher/sanitizer will be surplus and need to be removed from the premises shortly after the 25th.

Parking continues to be a challenge at times, and the congregation is coping well by utilizing our overflow areas. Additional handicapped parking spots have been designated.

The contractor continues to provide three-week interval schedule updates every week, which are posted in the narthex for your review. We will also post the schedule, with a summary of what to expect next, on the church website.

Please let us know if you have any concerns regarding parking or the construction project.

Frank Sanborn, Project Coordinator for the Fellowship Hall Steering Committee

Jim Morgan, Chair

YOUTH NEWS...

GREETINGS FROM THE YOUTH GROUP & THEIR FAMILIES!

Youth Auction, April 25th
Worship at 10:00am

The biggest event we have coming up in April is the annual Youth Auction. Rather than hold small fundraisers all year (and contend with fundraisers for all kinds of athletic organizations and student interests), the Youth Group holds the Youth Auction each April. Behind the scenes it's a pretty intense event! Youth work to collect items from church members, their own families and family friends, and charitable organizations. Their parents help to coordinate and organize the financial end of things by taking stock of all that has been donated, creating a booklet that describes the items, and transferring the inventory and payment information to three computers, all networked together. This takes dedication and time!

The Youth Group will decorate the rooms to be used during the auction, keeping with the Caribbean theme. Carol Vannerson (and sons) will be preparing a meal to fit the theme for families to enjoy as they "shop"!

Stay after the Silent Auction has closed and enjoy the Live Auction, which presents "large" items, such as vacation packages, services (including yard work done by four or more Youth Group members), and meals for special occasions.

The profits from the auction assist the youth to pay for the mission trips they plan each summer. This summer, 19 youth and parents are headed to Jamaica to serve the Lord by lending their physical labor skills and presenting a Kids' Club program to children in the mountain village of Catadupa.

Last year the WPC Youth Group did mission work in the small town of North Pole, Alaska, and was hosted by the gracious members of New Hope Church there. We have recently received word that the youth of New Hope would like to join us here in Washington to do mission work in the summer of 2011! We will be on the lookout for suitable mission opportunities within the state that we can share with the youth of North Pole!

Many of the youth have decided to take part in the CROP Walk after the late church service on May 2nd. They will join other congregation members in a 10K (6+ miles) walk around Olympia, beginning at the Capitol Building. This is a fundraiser that raises money for those without food in our own local community, as well as overseas. The funds are used to donate seeds to help grow agricultural goods in communities that are underprivileged. If you happen to be speaking with a Youth Group member and have just a dollar to spare, every bit helps and will be appreciated – both by the youth participating, as well as those who benefit from the CROP Walk in the "grand scheme".

Each Sunday, it is clear – through the words and actions of the youth – that they are aware of how blessed they are to be members of such a caring, generous, and conscientious congregation. Thank you all for your love, support, actions, and the lessons you have to impart.

Katrina Wyman, Youth Ministries Coordinator

FELLOWSHIP HALL: We'd love your help

What a thrill it is to see the walls going up for our new Westminster Fellowship Hall! It's "really real"! After nearly twenty years of waiting to complete our campus with a multipurpose gathering space, chapel and preschool, we can now see the tangible evidence that the doors will swing open this summer. To get this far, we've relied on your prayers and gifts and ideas, as well as the work of the Fellowship Hall Steering Committee and the Fellowship Hall Finance Committee -- and we do hope you'll make that **pledge or write that generous check** today!

Even as the workers are busy, we of Westminster also need to brainstorm the "next steps" for making these new facilities a true place of fellowship, worship, mission and play, both for our congregation and our community. To that end, your Session has created a Fellowship Hall **action committee**, and we hope you'll consider joining us for this targeted, time-limited opportunity to volunteer and to have a direct voice. Our organizing meeting is Wednesday, April 28, at 7:00pm, in room 12 at the church. Please consider this your invitation to come.

We will:

- ◆ Take a quick inventory of the potential uses of the Fellowship Hall and Chapel by our congregation and by community groups and mission-outreach opportunities. (We'd like input from all the departments and potential users of this space.)
- ◆ Develop policies for usage of the facilities, and a fee structure. We will need to check on liability uses and related matters. (Attorneys or insurance experts in our congregation? We could use your expertise.)
- ◆ Create a permanent system for scheduling and for payment of usage fees.
- ◆ Anything else?

Another way you might want to get involved is the **open-house/celebration** for the congregation and community. Session is expected to create a "party committee" this month to plan and carry out this fun event, probably in early September. (Move-in is some time in June-July, we're thinking.)

If you would like to serve on one or both of these time-limited workgroups, please contact me (357-8908 or ammonsdave1@gmail.com) or Bob Dixon (at 455-4510 or bob_bec@comcast.net) or the church office.

Best, *David Ammons*, for the Fellowship Hall Steering Committee

ARE WE FULFILLING THE VISION?

Have you noticed the chart on the narthex wall by the church library door?
It is tracking our success in reducing the amount of money we will need to borrow to complete our building project.

During the month of March we raised over \$30,000 toward our goal.
Please help us continue that progress.

FOR AND ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY . . .

Request for more quilters: The "Sew Happy" Quilters would like more women to join their group. No experience is necessary. Now that Lois Larsen has moved, we miss her and her wonderful contributions. Lois has been making 40 baby quilts a year for many years. We meet every Thursday from 9.30am until about 2:00pm. We bring a sack lunch. Please call if interested, or just join us!

Betty Stoker, 491-5038, for the "Sew Happy" Quilters

A new baby! Congratulations and best wishes to Paul and Sharyn Brogger on the birth of their new granddaughter, Phoebe Layne Carter. Phoebe was born March 27th, 2010 and weighed 6 pounds and 13 ounces. Proud parents are Chelsea (Brogger) and Dustin Carter.



Olympia Early Learning Center's (OELC) Women's Tea: OELC (formerly the Olympia Child Care Center) is hosting its second annual Women's Tea on Saturday, May 22, from 2:00 – 4:00pm at the Abigail Stuart House, 1002 Washington Street SE. Mothers, grandmothers, daughters, and friends are invited to come and enjoy tea, food, entertainment, and sentimental moments. Dress up with hats, gloves, and all the pearls you can get your hands on! A photographer will also be there. The cost is \$30 for the first ticket and \$20 for each additional ticket. Proceeds benefit the children at OELC. Tickets are available at OELC, 943-9857, or contact me at 943-4195.

Carol Sanborn

The **Dorcas Circle** will meet Thursday, April 15 at 1:00pm at the home of Suzanne Fell (5536 South Bay Terrace NE – 459-2404). All are welcome for Bible study, and fellowship.

Westminster's **Book Group** is meeting Friday, April 9th at 9:15am in the church library. Dorris Hensel is reviewing *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society*, a delightful story taking place during WWII. All are welcome, whether you have read the book or not.

Suzanne Fell, ssfell@comcast.net, 459-2404

Music Notes: The Olympia Choral Society, directed by WPC's Director of Music Ministries Terry Shaw, will be presenting a very special performance of THE CIVIL WAR April 16-18. The performance features the New Life Baptist Church Choir as well. The concerts will be at North Thurston High School and start at 7:30pm. You are encouraged to arrive early for good seating. As always, admission is free. THE CIVIL WAR is a Broadway musical that tells the story of the war through actual letters and diaries written during the war. Several WPC members will be performing- *Steve Wilson, Jim Long and Jennifer Shaw* all have solos. *Stu Vannerson* will be playing harmonica. *Glenn and Coleen Yeary, Ghery Pettit and Sara Bryan* will be singing as well. If you have any questions, contact me or any of the people listed here. Thanks!

Terry, wpcmusic@msn.com

Grief Support Group: I have a small plaque standing on the counter in my bathroom. The plaque depicts the four seasons of our lives: a young tree starting to bud, a fully mature tree in leaf, a tree in fall colors, a tree stripped of leaves and standing in snow. I received the plaque shortly after my husband Dick's death, and it has stood on my bathroom counter for fourteen years. The plaque helps me to see the hand of God as I travel through the seasons of my life.

For some reason, Americans tend to celebrate the first three seasons and reject the fourth season. Yet, the fourth season of life is a great treasure because in that season is housed the richness of experience and faith. It is the season that has weathered the fire. In it is the wisdom to understand, to accept the unknown and to walk without fear with the Lord!

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven -- Ecclesiastes 3:1

Westminster's Grief Support Group meets at 1:00pm the second Monday of each month in the church library. Then, every quarter, at noon, we have a joint luncheon/meeting with Puyallup Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church at Panorama Chambers House Restaurant. For more information please contact Bill or Leah. Walk-ins and newcomers are always welcome.

Leah Starr, 915-7613, for the Grief Support Group

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

March 21 – 162 (58 at 9:00am)

March 28 – 235 (62 at 9:00am)

April 4, Easter Sunday – 358 (102 at 9:00am)



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