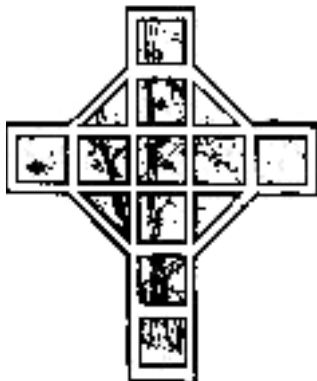


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# *The Triangle*

*August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011*

## POTLUCK SUPPER THIS SUNDAY

You are invited to join us this Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall at 5:30pm for a potluck centered around the theme eating locally and organically. Please bring a dish with at least one ingredient that you either grew or purchased that was locally grown – with a label noting what ingredient(s) you used. Childcare and activities for the children will be available. Speakers will share information about organic foods, community gardens, growing food for the Food Bank, etc. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Please bring (last names beginning with):

**A-H:** Entrée

**I-P:** Salad or side dish

**Q-Z:** Dessert

*Carol Vannerson, 413-0213, for Mission & Fellowship*

**PASTORS' CORNER**  
**The Rev. Dr. David Kegley**

I'll be teaching a class on creativity this fall as a part of our Catalyst series. I think creativity is one of the most underrated and yet potent theological issues of our time. I notice that it is hard for groups of people to be creative these days and we need inspiration in this area to fulfill our calling as God's people. While creativity is often the way to embellish a greeting card, it is also the way we solve any variety of problems we face and is employed to express the best and deepest truths we know. The most creative novels, plays, poems and songs of the world not only entertain, they actually change both thought and behavior, sometimes shifting our culture in entirely new directions.

Denominations, like our own, cannot seem to agree on how to hold different ideas in tension without fracturing. Neither can our society at large. People tend to polarize about urgent matters and create "essentials" over which we then fight and falter. But at that point—the breaking point—we may actually become creative out of necessity. When pressed with disparate options and forced to arrive at new solutions due to deep consternation, we are poised to do our best work.

The process of being creative is one of the most grounding, affirming, and grace-filled acts that a human being can experience. Whether it is designing a computer program, creating an effective team, growing a garden, writing a poem, farming the land, quilting, painting, building a house, or taking on a new career challenge; such acts often fill people with energy they never knew they had. We can experience some of that energy in the upcoming class and understand more clearly why creativity helps us become more ourselves, giving us the hope and intrinsic satisfaction necessary to embrace the next day.

I invite you to join me in the creativity class, offered from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings beginning the 11<sup>th</sup> of September. I will be asking participants to do a creativity project of their own choosing. A portion of the classes will be devoted to presentations of those projects later in the season. Such a project may take many forms and could be centered on anything from a new recipe, to a photo essay, to helping a group of people accomplish a task, to how you are adapting to a new phase in your life.

We'll have fun and grow deeper in our spirituality as God gives us the grace to do so. If this isn't the right time in your life for the class I'm describing, there will be several other excellent classes to choose from this upcoming season, ones I can highly recommend. For some the choice of which class to take will be the hardest part—they're that good! The other classes will be publicized in the very near future. I'm looking forward to a wonderful fall season with you!

Peace, *David*

# Calendar for This Week and Next

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

- 10:00am Worship
- 3:00pm Youth Group
- 5:30pm Mission & Fellowship Potluck

## MONDAY, AUGUST 8

- 1:00pm Grief Support Group (lib)

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

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

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

- 10:00am Bible Study (room 12)
- 6:30pm Stephen Ministries (rm 7)
- 7:00pm Department meetings

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

- 12 noon Triangle articles due
- 7:00pm Book study with Christine (library)

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

- 9:15am Book Group (see page 5)

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

- 10:00am Worship
- 12 noon Deacon picnic at Rainier Vista Park (for more information, see page 5)

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

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

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

- 9:30am Triangle folding (library)
- 10:00am Bible Study (room 12)
- 6:30pm Olympia Choral Society rehearsal
- 7:00pm Session (chapel)

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

- 4:00pm Book study with Christine (library)
- 6:30pm Nominating Comm (lib)

## THE CHURCH CALENDAR

It is time to think about the church calendar and the activities and events that will begin in September. It is important that you let the church office know if there are additions or changes to your group's schedule. Please let us know of your meetings, so there will be no confusion about meeting times and spaces available. Call the office or email us at [office@wpcoly.org](mailto:office@wpcoly.org).

*Carol and Lynne, office staff*

# CHILDREN & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

## *Rainiers Baseball*

Rain, delays, losing the game, and lack of name recognition on the display board couldn't keep our Westminster dads, uncles, grandfathers and kids from having fun! Thanks to everyone who signed up for this great event.

## *Donation Request*

*Have an extra couch?* Sunday School is looking for a **clean**, used couch for our new middle school youth room. Other wish list items include: small refrigerator, two cozy colorful circle chairs (available at Target), a colorful area carpet (5x7 or larger), and a book shelf. If you can provide any of these items, please contact Rachelle Dudley.

## *9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Sunday School*

In the fall, our 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders will begin a twenty-week exploration of the four largest world religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and Islam. We will also look at the beliefs of Unitarian Universalists and the Church of Latter Day Saints. Each will feature guest speakers and field trips. Do you have any artwork (statues, paintings, religions items) that you would be comfortable loaning to this class during this course? If you do, please contact Rachelle Dudley.

Yours in Christ,  
*Rachelle Dudley*, [rdudley@wpcoly.org](mailto:rdudley@wpcoly.org)  
Director of Christian Education for Children & Youth

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

You should have received a mailing a couple of weeks ago with information about Westminster's new pictorial directory. There was an invitation to sign up for your photo session on line. If you are not able to do that, there will be people from the Pictorial Directory Committee in the fellowship hall following worship the next few Sundays to help you through the process. If you have questions, please call Bonita Berndson at 491-8146. Photos will be taken August 23, 24 & 25 and September 22, 23 & 24.

Your Pictorial Directory Committee  
*Bonita Berndson, Johanna Chaney, Phyllis Ryan, Paul Taylor*

## BOOK GROUP PLANNING MEETING IN AUGUST

Westminster's Book Group will meet Friday, August 12, 9:15am, at the home of Suzanne Fell for meeting and potluck lunch. We will be deciding our "reads" for the following eleven months. Everyone brings ideas and suggested books for discussion. We try to vary/balance our selections with classics, fiction, nonfiction, local, global, male and female, etc. By 11:30, the decisions have been made, and we enjoy a potluck lunch together.

Our Book Group began in 1994, meeting on the second Friday of each month, at 9:15am in the church library. Some buy the books, some share, others get the books from the libraries. We register our list with Orca Books, where we receive a discount. We used to choose only books available in paperback, but now used hardbacks can be purchased sometimes online for \$1.00. Anyone is welcome, whether you are a member of the church, or other churches, or a friend of a friend. If you are interested, please call or e-mail me for directions.

If you wish to see our reading list for 2010-2011, check us out on [www.wpcoly.org](http://www.wpcoly.org), click under Activities, and click Book Club (though we are a group, not club).

Suzanne Fell, 459-2404, [ssfell@comcast.net](mailto:ssfell@comcast.net)

## ALL-CHURCH PICNIC – THIS ONE'S FOR YOU!

**Be sure to keep this date open.**

**The All-Church Picnic,  
put on by your deacons, is coming Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Plan to meet at Rainier Vista Park (corner of 45<sup>th</sup> SE and Ruddell in Lacey) starting at 12:30pm. We have a covered area for eating. Some balls will be provided, but encourage your kids to bring their soccer balls, skate boards, footballs, etc. as there is lots of field space, a volleyball area, and a skating park.

What to bring: A lawn/camping chair

Play equipment

Food item to share (bring items based on first letter of your last name)

A-H salad or side dish

I-R main dish

S-Z dessert



*James Mobley, for the Deacons*

## THINK ABOUT RESPONDING . . .

### Westminster's Nominating Committee Is At Work.

Do you feel called to serve as a Deacon or an Elder at Westminster? The Nominating Committee has begun its work to identify individuals to serve in the Elder and Deacon Classes of 2014. According to our Book of Order:

"**Elders** exercise leadership, government, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a particular church as well as the church at large. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment."

"It is the duty of **deacons**, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ."

If you have an interest in serving as a Deacon or an Elder, or know of someone you believe we should contact, please call Kathy Marshall at 493-2487 or Mike Ardington at 956-3449. Please keep the work of the Nominating Committee in your prayers.

*Kathy Marshall, for the Nominating Committee*

## BITS OF INFORMATION FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY . . .

**Request from the Thurston County Food Bank:** The Food Bank is in need of clean, untornd paper grocery sacks. If you have extras to donate you may drop them off at the Food Bank (220 Thurston Ave NE in downtown Olympia) 8:00am-4:00pm, Monday through Friday. Thank you for your support!

This is a timely request for us as this coming Sunday is our week for receiving donations for the Food Bank. You may bring your untornd paper grocery sacks to the church if that is easier for you. We will add them to our food and monetary donations, Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**A thank you from Presbyterian Church (USA):** Last week the church received a letter of thanks from Presbyterian Church USA for our donation to Presbyterian Disaster Relief following the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami in the amount of \$1,988.00. This generous donation was the result of the checks many of you wrote to Westminster for that purpose.

**The Golden Delicious lunch** that was scheduled for this coming Sunday at Indian Summer has been cancelled.

## BOOK DISCUSSION – YOU ARE INVITED

Pastor Christine Long is hosting a book discussion of *ALTAR IN THE WORLD*. The book relates to ‘ordinary time’ in our liturgical year. You can read more about this book in Christine’s Pastor’s Corner in the July 19<sup>th</sup> Triangle. Christine invites you to prayerfully consider how you might, with God’s help, stretch your understanding and experience of ordinary time. Two different dates are being offered to accommodate those who might need a daytime event and those who need an after-work event.

Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm or Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm

Please RSVP for either event by e-mailing Christine at [ctlong@wpcoly.org](mailto:ctlong@wpcoly.org) or calling the church office at 357-5750. Book title: *AN ALTAR IN THE WORLD*. Author: Barbara Brown Taylor. ISBN 978-0-06-137047-2. Books are not provided.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD APPROACHES!

Yes, while it seems that summer hasn’t been around for long, it is never too early to start saving shoeboxes and supplies for Operation Christmas Child. Back-to-school sales are a good time to pick up school supplies at great prices. Westminster will again be participating in this project to send shoe boxes filled with toys, school supplies, hygiene products, etc. to needy children throughout the world during Christmas. Look for more information as we get closer to the November collection dates.

*Jennifer and Karen Crooks, Operation Christmas Child Coordinators*

## HONORING FIVE LIVING LEGENDS OF THURSTON COUNTY

On Saturday, August 13, 2011, Entertainment Explosion will be hosting the Living Legends Concert and Reception from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Five honorees have been chosen as Living Legends of Thurston County, including Greg Cuoio, Rudy Wagner, Carolyn and Art Folden and Eileen McKenzie-Sullivan. All of the recipients are outstanding community members and have made significant contributions to Thurston County. You may recall our own Lillian Clark was honored last year.

Tickets for this event are \$10 and all the proceeds go to support the STARS Programs at both the Olympia and Lacey Senior Centers. For further information and for tickets, please call 357-4001. Please come and recognize our 2011 honorees and, at the same time, help our low-income STARS clients receive essential services. Thank you.

*Carol Thompson, Entertainment Explosion*



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

July 24 – 172

July 31 – 177

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