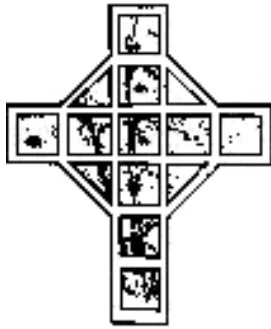


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The Triangle

July 6th, 2010

Summer Activities

Vacation Bible School is over for this year. Almost forty children had a "*Galactic Blast*" under the fine leadership of Greg Burkhart and Gordon Robinson.

Westminster's Youth will be heading out for their summer mission trip soon. See Katrina's article on page 5.

The Deacons are again sponsoring the All-Church Picnic. It will be Sunday, August 1st at Tumwater Historical Park.

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

Like turning a page and finding a new chapter beginning, the south portion of our property has completely changed. One week ago as many as ten vans and trucks sat next to two different trailers, one housing our construction supervisor, the other headquarters for the HVAC installers. Today the ground is home to Camp Quixote, and all the construction related vehicles and trailers have gone. As the chapter of construction ends, the chapter of ministry begins.

It is fitting that hospitality is the dominant theme for this chapter of ministry. What better way to begin than to welcome people onto our property?

This year the camp is smaller than when they stayed with us in the spring of 2009. Currently there are 14 residents, with the prospect of two or so becoming members of the camp in the near future. One or two of the camp members play on our co-ed softball team and they seem like regular friends among us. There are quite a few new faces at the camp. Many from last year have moved on and a number of new residents have come into the camp.

It would be great if all of them worshiped with us on Sunday, and some may, but we must recognize that camp members have a variety of faith convictions and so may not be inclined to worship in our particular way. Part of being hospitable is being open to the variety of opinions and faiths (including no faith) that others may have. I don't believe we are called to force people to believe like we do, but instead to embody the love that God has shown us.

Such love translates well into giving people space and the warmest welcome we can share. What I notice is that we are called not so much to give advice, fix, or otherwise change the people we welcome, but rather to listen, empathize and make room for them.

I sat at the host table at the Camp on Monday of this week and heard one of the residents say that they never want to turn down the help that people offer to them, but sometimes they just aren't ready for help in the way that it is offered. I get that. When someone provides hospitality to me—the best kind—they let me be me, they are open to making me comfortable in any sensible way possible, but they don't force me to be comfortable. Some of the best hospitality I've experienced came in the form of a generous space to express myself, get to know someone else, and to enjoy a good meal (or receive help, or learn something new or just sit quietly) in another's warm company.

That kind of hospitality is a divine gift. After all, our Creator has provided a planet full of gracious space for everyone to enjoy a good meal in fellowship with God and the rest of creation. While receiving Communion this past Sunday, I was keenly aware of that.

Peace, David

Calendar for This Week and Next

FRIDAY, JULY 9

- 9:15am Book Group (rm 12)
- 8:20pm Coed Softball (RAC #2)

SUNDAY, JULY 11

- 10:00am Worship
- 11:30am Youth Group
- 4:00pm Camp Quixote meal (rm 12)

MONDAY, JULY 12

- 4:30pm Stephen Ministries (rm 7)

TUESDAY, JULY 13

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

- 10:00am Bible Study (room 11)

THURSDAY, JULY 15

- 7:10pm Men's Softball (RAC #4)

FRIDAY, JULY 16

- 6:00pm Coed Softball (RAC #2)

SUNDAY, JULY 18

- 10:00am Worship
- 12 noon Golden Delicious lunch at Ricardo's

MONDAY, JULY 19

- 12 noon Triangle articles due

TUESDAY, JULY 20

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

- 9:30am Triangle folding (library)
- 10:00am Bible Study (room 11)

THURSDAY, JULY 22

- 6:00pm Men's Softball (RAC #4)



YOUTH NEWS . . .

Greetings Westminster Church Family!

The Youth Group just finished up a successful week of VBS. The program was led by Greg Burkhart and Gordon Robinson, who fearlessly (and very carefully) designed the entire week around a church-- and nearly finished fellowship hall-- of construction workers and equipment! Many youth participated, as well as several of their parents. Their roles ranged from decoration crew and assembly leaders to "crew leaders", as well as assistance in arts and crafts, recreation, and Bible discovery time. We appreciate the help of the congregation members and the participation of local children. The many hands involved made this year's VBS a lot of fun and an overall success!

The Youth Group received several donations in response to our requests for tools for our (rapidly approaching) mission trip to Jamaica. One donation of tools was left anonymously in Cheryl Kinnamon's office and monetary donations were given by Caren and Russ Rose, and Allen and Harriet Evans. We have gathered enough money and tools to fund our tool needs! **Thank you all so much for your generosity!!**

Several of the youth and parents headed to Jamaica will be leading a Kids' Club program for almost 50 children in the town of Catadupa. They are working with a series of lessons provided by our contacts in Catadupa and pulling together crafts and snacks to carry with them to Jamaica. This group will be leading the children of the village in songs, games, Bible lessons, and arts activities each day. This requires a great deal of forethought, as none of the necessary materials can be purchased in the tiny village. Please pray for this group as they plan an enjoyable and meaningful experience for the children they plan to serve.

When the youth return from Jamaica, there will be much to plan for the coming year, including: volunteer activities, serving the families who purchased the time and skills of youth members at the Youth Auction in April, the annual fall Beach Retreat, and working with the residents of Camp Quixote.

Last, but not least, we recognize that two of our youth members are spending time representing our congregation outside of Olympia this summer. As most of you know, Anika Engels is currently in Minnesota at the General Assembly. We are very proud of her and look forward to her reports upon her return. Also, Sam Kegley was hired to spend the majority of the summer working at Sound View Summer Camp as a counselor. He is one of the youngest counselors on their summer staff and-- no doubt-- one of the most amiable, entertaining, and enjoyable to be around. Congratulations, Anika and Sam!

Thank you, Westminster Congregants, for helping to shape and teach such an extraordinary group of promising young people!

Katrina Wyman, Youth Ministry Coordinator

FULFILLING THE VISION

Take a Seat in the Fellowship Hall Update

The furniture has been ordered for the new fellowship hall, but we still need some funding. You can still **Take a Seat in the Fellowship Hall** by donating funds to offset the costs. You may check out our progress on the chart in the narthex. Your donation may be dropped in the offering plate at church or brought or mailed to church office. Be sure to mark your check “for furniture.”

Thanks! *Paul Taylor*, for the Fellowship Hall Finance Committee

FOR AND ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY . . .

Thank You from Jennifer: A big thank you to the congregation of Westminster for your kind words of support after receiving the God and Life award. The reception was a pleasant surprise. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Jennifer Crooks

Thank You from Sunny: I spent eighteen years reminding children to say please and thank you in Sunshine Preschool. I reminded them that when someone shows you kindness we must thank them and that when we ask nicely we often will get what we ask for.



I say a heartfelt thank you to the CE Department and the congregation for the personal support I received, and the times help was asked for and someone heard. Thank you to the teachers, Sandy Crouch, Barb Sadlier and Cheryl Kinnamon for a delightful “Bon Voyage” party. We said please give and through the years many have donated to a new play structure. With a full heart I say thanks to those who recently donated to the structure fund in my name. You all have shown your love and generosity not only for me but to the children. Thank you!!

Sunny Petermann, former Sunshine Preschool Director

FOR AND ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY CONTINUED . . .

Missing You! Dear Friends. I miss you already. Thank you for so many good times during the past 35 years in Olympia and your loving friendship. Please keep in touch.

My new address is: Alice Ruth Link
Bonaventure Place
5850 N. Five Mile Road #195
Boise ID 83713.

Ruth Link

New address for Cheryl and Randy Kinnamon . . .

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Strawberry Shortcake and Lakefair! Lakefair and strawberry shortcake booth time is almost here – Wednesday, July 14 through Sunday, July 18. This is a major fundraiser for the Olympia Early Learning Center (formerly Olympia Child Care Center). The Center is one of Westminster’s mission projects and we enjoy staffing the booth to help raise money. Making and serving shortcakes to the Lakefair goers is lots of fun. Just ask Chuck Beck who has enjoyed the duty for several years. I will be available at church the next two Sundays signing people up to work a three-hour shift between 11:00am and 11:00pm on those days. Look for me in the narthex or call me at 357-9674. This is an easy and fun job.

Elsa McLain, 357-9674, for Mission & Fellowship

Congratulations to Peter Geyer! We received word that Mary Finch’s son Peter will marry Andrea Parrish July 31, 2010 at the Corbin Art Center in Spokane. If you would like more information please visit www.hopecastlewedding.com using password jmj7022.

Golden Delicious is a loosely organized group that focuses on the value of friendship. We take turns organizing the outings (usually lunches after worship) where we meet and greet new and old friends. All are welcome. Please sign up for events at the Golden Delicious table in the narthex. For more information, please give me a call. Our next event is lunch at Ricardo’s on Sunday, July 18th.

Elsa McLain, 357-9674

CAMP QUIXOTE HAS ARRIVED!

God has blessed us indeed with the opportunity to host Camp Quixote again this summer. The Camp moved to Westminster on July 3rd and will be with us for the next ninety days. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to stop by the camp, introduce yourself, and welcome the residents to our Westminster family.

There are so many ways you can help with Camp Quixote – there is something for everyone to do:

- Pray for the residents, for our church, for our neighbors, and all who are homeless in our community.
- We still need many volunteers to serve a three-hour shift at the host table at the entrance to the camp. Contact Julie Johnson at julieandcris@msn.com to learn how to sign up. The host table calendar at the Camp Quixote website is currently not updated. Just show up for the shift you have signed up for anyway! We will update the online information soon.
- Jane Jones is looking for individuals or groups to prepare a Sunday evening meal with the camp residents. You can call Jane at 459-1718 or email Jane at bjkjones@comcast.net to sign up. You will be preparing food for fifteen to twenty people.
- Contribute financially to Westminster to help with our expenses while hosting the camp.
- Invite the camp residents to worship with us on Sundays or to participate in other Westminster events this summer.

Kathy Marshall, for Camp Quixote Committee



Stephen Ministers are there to care.

Are you going through a difficult time – emotionally, spiritually or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing.

To find out more, talk with Dick Petermann at 956-3438.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

June 27 – 198

July 4 – 152



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