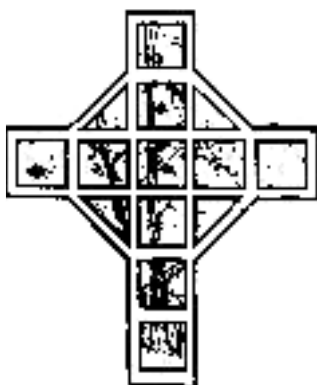


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The Triangle

June 7th, 2011

WORSHIP REMINDERS:

This Sunday, June 12th is Pentecost Sunday. Everyone is encouraged to wear something red to add to our celebration of Pentecost. You will find Pentecost Offering information on page 2 of your Triangle. Worship is at 9:00 and 11:15am. We will recognize our graduates at the 11:15am service.

Sunday, June 19th we will return to our summer schedule of worship at 10:00am. Children's Church, which began on June 5th, will continue during the summer for ages five through the 5th grade. Sunday School begins again in September.

PASTORS' CORNER
The Rev. Dr. David Kegley

Let me simply encourage you to stay current with your pledged giving and if you have for one reason or another postponed your additional giving, to go ahead and make that gift to the church. You will be sustaining the ministry of the congregation to which you belong.

You'll see in this issue of The Triangle we have a report from the Year-Round Stewardship Committee of progress with our additional giving. As you recall, we were being asked to give \$250 or more to bring us out of a deficit spending pattern.

Westminster joins with a majority of congregations in the nation having some difficulty with budgets as we all navigate through the aftermath of a major economic recession. Thankfully we are a congregation of vigilant and careful planners. So everyone on the Session, the Stewardship & Finance Department and the Year-Round Stewardship Committees has been watching the cash flow here at the church.

The donations above pledges have been cause for little celebrations each time we've learned of new figures. Truly this is a generous and responsive faith community! Additionally, the departments have mostly held back spending below budget so that we're eking by at this stage in the year.

Always I am thankful for each member and friend of WPC, no matter your situation or giving. It is a privilege to serve Christ along with you as we seek to change this world, one step at a time, into a more loving and faithful place.

Peace, *David*

BOOK GROUP MEETS IN JUNE

The next book group gathering is Friday, June 10th at 9:15am in the library. We will discuss THE PEARL OF CHINA by Anchee Min. Virginia Nordman will review this book about Pearl Buck. All are welcome, whether you have read the book or not. Friday, July 8th we will discuss our last book of the year, TINKERS by Paul Harding – reviewed by Carol Sanborn.

Friday, August 12th, is our annual gathering at my home at 9:15am to decide on our next eleven books of the year. Our discussion will be followed by a potluck luncheon. So, mark your calendars.

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

Calendar for This Week and Next

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

- 9:15am Book Group (library)
- 4:00pm Sunshine Preschool end-of-year Garden Party

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

- 9:00 & 11:15am Worship
- 11:15am Graduate Recognition during worship
- Presbyterian Women's Quilt Sale following services in the fellowship hall
- 1:00pm Golden Delicious lunch at Ramirez

MONDAY, JUNE 13

- 1:00pm Grief Support Group (lib)
- 5:00pm VBS Youth Crew (FH)
- 7:00pm Vacation Bible School mtng

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

- 10:00am Bible Study (room 12)
- 7:00pm Session meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

- 9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters
- 12 noon Triangle articles due

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

- 5:00pm Violin recital (sanctuary)

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

- 10:00am Worship
- 11:30pm Youth Group

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

- 9:30am Triangle folding (library)
- 10:00am Bible Study (room 12)
- 7:00pm Deacons (library)

2011 PENTECOST OFFERING



We will receive the 2011 Pentecost Offering next Sunday, June 12th. This offering provides a direct way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. Congregations are encouraged to keep 40% percent of the offering to support ministry with children at risk in their own communities.

The General Assembly's portion (60%) provides leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults and supports children-at-risk programs at the national level. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised more than \$8 million for these ministries that benefit younger members of God's family.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Goodbye Sunday School... Hello Summer!

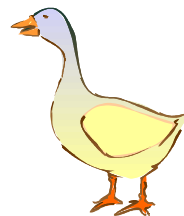
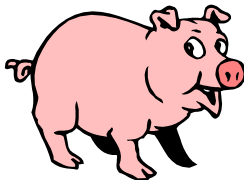
Our last day of Sunday school was May 15th, Sundaes Sunday was May 22nd, and summer is officially now around the corner. A heartfelt "thank you" to all the teachers who taught this year. We had three teams of three teachers and one team of two teachers for our four Sunday school classrooms. That's a lot of dedicated and God-centered volunteers!

Sunday school will resume September 11th, 2011. Mark your calendars. Interested in teaching Sunday school? Here's what it entails: commitment to part of a three-person teaching team, teach one time per month, coordinate and plan a monthly lesson. Complete lesson plans are provided, with plenty of room to bring in your own creativity, interests, and gifts if personal time allows. I already have one teaching team in place for next year. God is good! Let me know what age group you are interested in teaching or if you have any questions in general. Contact me at rdudley@wpcoly.org or 357-5750.

Heifer International News:

Our Sunday school children purchased seven animals and put another \$60 towards the Heifer gift category of "where most needed." What did we buy?

- pig
- goat
- flock of geese
- flock of chicks
- honeybees
- tree seedlings
- trio of rabbits



Thank you, parents, for your support in this very worthwhile project. I know our gifts will bring hope to many families around the world.

Sound View Camp Scholarships:

We still have many camp scholarships to offer to any Westminster family and/or child or youth interested in attending Sound View this summer. Sound View offers many wonderful camps with lots of fun activities. Check out their website for more camp information: www.soundviewcamp.com. Interested in applying for a Westminster scholarship? It's easy: complete the application (located in the narthex and office literature racks) and turn it in to the office. Even though the May 15 deadline has passed, we are still taking applications.

Dads and Kids Baseball Day-Out, Sunday, July 17th @ 1:35pm

Dads, grandpas, uncles! Grab the kids and head out to Cheney Stadium for a day of baseball, food, and fun. We need a minimum group of twenty to get discount tickets of \$9.95 per person which includes: ticket, group seating, hot dog, chips & soda, and video board group recognition. Sign-up and more information is in the narthex. Contact Rachelle or Lit Dudley for more information.

Vacation Bible School – Shake-it-Up Café:

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help run VBS. Did you know that this one event takes 50+ volunteers to run? Whew! Together with United Churches of Olympia we have most all of our volunteers in place. We need one more person to help run Discovery Time which will be led by Marty Braun.

Save and recycle your cereal boxes – they are needed for a VBS craft project. Please put them in the box in the kitchen labeled “VBS Donations.”

Other food and supply donation requests are on display in the narthex. If you can, please drop by and take a “chef’s hat” with the item requested. The deadline for donations is Sunday, June 19th.

Have a safe, relaxed, and fun summer!

In His Name, Rachelle Dudley

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT (PNO) WAS A BIG SUCCESS!!

A big thank you from the Outreach Committee (*part of our Mission & Fellowship Department*) to all those who volunteered at or participated in our first Parent's Night Out! We gathered in the fellowship hall the evening of Friday, May 20th. About twenty-five children joined us for pizza, a movie and games. The night was VERY fun and we hope to host many more! A HUGE thank you goes to Sue Harris who spent many hours and dollars to ensure that this night was fun, safe and well organized for everyone.

Keep your eyes out for notices of our next PNO. To keep this outreach project going we'll need volunteers to help at each event along with donations for the food and supplies. We had several families attend who lived in the neighborhood and came just from seeing our signs. This is outreach at its finest!

Kate Scriven, for the Outreach Committee

MESSAGE FROM YOUR YEAR-ROUND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

As was reported in the May 3rd issue of The Triangle, in order to maintain our ministries at Westminster we are using \$25,312 out of our reserve fund. Granted, that is one good use for our reserve fund, but it is not sustainable year after year. Also in that article, the Year-Round Stewardship Committee requested that each giving unit (family) consider increasing their annual gift by \$250, or more, to help close the gap on our deficit spending. As of May 31st, you have given an additional \$4,885.00 and the committee would like to say thank you!

At our last meeting, we talked at length about the economic downturn and the effect it was having on our families. For my family it would be pretty tough right now to write a check for \$250, so we have chosen to stretch our additional giving out over a period of time. We also discussed other creative financial ideas such as using capital gains for donations, thus lowering your amount of taxable income. We will have more information for you on that in the following months.

\$4,885 is a great start, but we have a way to go if we are to maintain our ministries at current levels.

- For those of you who have given an additional \$250 – thank you.
- For those who have given more – thank you.
- For those of you who are putting a little extra in your offering each week – thank you.
- And, for those of you who are struggling in the worst economy in 80 years and just can't give more – we love you, we understand, and we thank you for your prayers.

Carl Harris, for the Year-Round Stewardship Committee

Note: The Year-Round Stewardship Committee was formed last year to promote stewardship throughout the year. The Committee works in conjunction with the Session and our Stewardship & Finance Department.

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT WPC DEACONS

Did you know that the church is divided into twelve geographical zones with a deacon overseeing each zone?

Do you know in which zone you live?

Do you know who your deacon is?

Do you know some of the things your deacon can do for you?

Here is just a sampling of what the deacons do:

- Plan and execute the church picnic every year - this year it is on Sunday, August 14th at Rainier Vista Park off Ruddell Road in Lacey
- Assist with memorial services
- Serve in-home communion quarterly. In June we served fourteen people.
- Visit in nursing homes, hospitals, living rooms, coffee shops and in the Fellowship Hall!
- Provide gift baskets at Christmas to those members in need, an average of forty every year
- Help serve communion monthly at church - they're actually ordained officers!
- Send birthday cards
- PRAY with and for our members (we'll do this no matter what)

We would **love** to serve you in any way possible. Please feel free to call your deacon, even if just for a chat. We'd love to get to know all of you better. And if you're not sure who "your" deacon is, you can call the church office.

Carol Vannerson, for the Deacons

KNOW SOMEONE READY FOR HOMEOWNERSHIP?

Do you know a family who would benefit from the advantages of home ownership? Who is willing to work hard to make such a dream come true? Who has lived in or worked in Thurston County for at least a year? Perhaps it's your family. Or a good friend . . . a work associate . . . someone you've known for years, or just recently met.

South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity (SPSHFH) is looking for partner families for a future build site in Lacey. These families should contact Habitat at: (360) 956-3456, x5 or susan.newman@sps habitat.org. For more info: <http://sps habitat.org/partnerships/>.

Paul Taylor, SPSHFH board member



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

May 22 – 212 – (78 at 9:00am service)

May 29 – 181 – (46 at 9:00am service)

June 5 – 196 – (59 at 9:00am service)

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