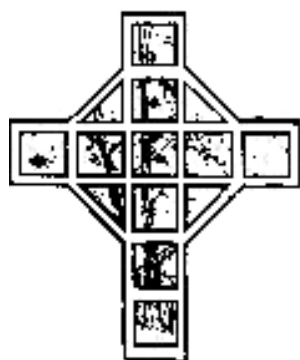


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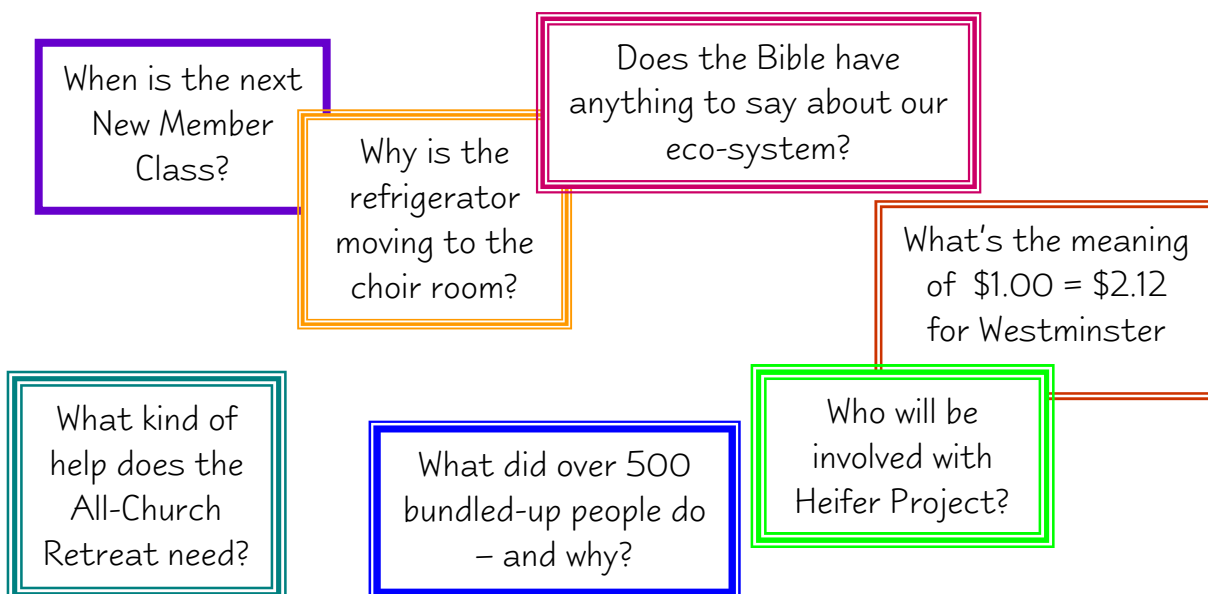
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The Triangle

May 4th, 2010



Answers Can Be Found in This Triangle



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

Every day lately we've been hearing about the oil-rig accident off the Louisiana coastline. Even if the event is overstated—and the likelihood is that it is actually understated—it will cause tremendous destruction to the well-being of the fragile eco-system of the Gulf Coast and even the Eastern seaboard.

Whether it's chemical spills, oil spills, air pollution due to fuel consumption or a myriad of related eco-system toxins we continue to be reminded of the ways we threaten the planet even as we attempt to thrive as human beings. Of the Gulf Coast it was said recently that our ability to extract the oil outpaced our ability to be safe about it.

A misreading of our Bible often creeps into our theological thinking. The misreading runs like this: "If God placed us on the planet and put us in charge, then we can use the planet for our welfare, regardless of damage it may cause. We are after all in charge and the planet is there for us to use." Many theological circles have now caught up with that and are rushing to stave off the tide of abuses that have come from such a utilitarian attitude.

Apparently giving humankind sanction to use the planet for our welfare seemed like a blank check; seemed like permission to use with abandon. Christian theologians have needed to say "wait a minute, abuse of the planet isn't what God had in mind."

When scripture says: "...have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth..." in Genesis 1:28, we must interpret it with an understanding of the deep respect with which God created the whole planet. It would be important to do so because verse 28 of Genesis 1 is only one verse of the creation story. We must note that while humans were given "dominion" with that came responsibility to care for creation.

Psalm 24 says it this way: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it..." Paul sees all of creation awaiting redemption when he says: "...creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God." It seems that we are more connected to creation than we tend to assume; that what we do with creation not only reflects our convictions, but also affects how we live in faithfulness to God, not to mention how we can survive as a species. In other words there's no dismissing creation as a mere throw-away tool for our immediate needs. We express our faith by our very participation with creation. Our life should be more a respectful cooperation with all that God has made.

This is an opportune time for us to assert a new attitude toward creation; one where our concern for safety and eco-justice is on a balance with our personal needs for consumption.

Peace, David

Calendar for This Week and Next

SUNDAY, MAY 9

9:00am Worship
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
11:15am Worship

MONDAY, MAY 10

4:30pm Stephen Ministries (rm 7)
6:30pm Stamping Class (room 12)

TUESDAY, MAY 11

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP
10:00am Horizon Bible Study (lib)
4:30pm FH Finance Comm (lib)
7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)
7:00pm Department meetings

THURSDAY, MAY 13

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters
10:30am FH Construction (lib)

FRIDAY, MAY 14

9:15am Book Group (library)

SUNDAY, MAY 16

9:00am Worship
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
11:15am Worship

SUNDAY, MAY 16 CONTINUED . . .

12:30pm Youth Group
1:00pm Golden Delicious lunch at
Hawk's Prairie

MONDAY, MAY 17

12 noon Triangle articles due
7:00pm Rachel Circle

TUESDAY, MAY 18

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP
9:30am Elizabeth Circle (library)
11:00am Mary-Martha Circle
6:30pm Naomi Circle (library)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

9:30am Triangle folding (library)
10:00am Bible Study (room 12)
11:30am FH Construction (lib)
7:00pm Session (room 12)

THURSDAY, MAY 20

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters
1:00pm Dorcas Circle
3:00pm Presbytery at Pacific Beach
6:00pm Praise Team
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Dates for your calendar:

June 4th-6th, All-Church Retreat at Sound View Camp (see page 4)

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 – the end of the Sunday School year is approaching quickly. We are studying the story of “Road to Emmaus” found in Luke 24: 13-35. We have two more weeks of class and will celebrate with Sundae Sunday and Teacher Recognition May 23rd.

The **Mission Project** for the end of the year will be to collect money for “Heifer International,” an organization that provides livestock to families who live in underdeveloped countries. See www.heifer.org for more information.

TuesdayNightTogether (TNT) – our last meeting for the program year has ended and we will pick up again in September. We send a special thank you to Frances and Emily Elstrott for setting up and cooking our dinners for us and also to those who stepped in while the Elstrott’s were away.

New Phone Number – after two months of monitoring our home we discovered that the only people who call us on it are politicians and telemarketers. So we have decided to get rid of our landline and go completely cell phone. If you need to reach me please call my cell at (360) 402-0109.

Cheryl Kinnamon

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE ALL-CHURCH RETREAT?

Camp Sound View – June 4th, 5th and 6th

We are hoping that many of you will attend the All-Church Retreat. Brochures with registration forms are in the literature racks at church. The theme this year is “Entertaining Beauty.” You will find the costs and more information in the brochure. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Greg Burkhart, 357-4210, for the All-Church Retreat

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: For Children's Activities at the Retreat

The All-Church Retreat is quickly approaching and we are looking forward to seeing lots of beautiful little faces there. Of course, that means creating some fun activities for them. So, if you are interested in working with me to put together some activities and/or participate with the children and me at the retreat (Saturday afternoon) please call me at 357-4210 or e-mail at gregdonna@comcast.net. I look forward to hearing from you and to having a great time. Thanks.

Donna Burkhart, for the All-Church Retreat

FULFILLING THE VISION

Fellowship Hall Project Update

The exterior of our Fellowship Hall is nearing completion and the interior is making rapid progress. The exterior of the new Preschool addition should be framed and roofed by Friday, May 7. Sunday, May 9, will be the last day the current kitchen will be available to us, since demolition of the kitchen is scheduled to begin next Monday, May 10th.

The refrigerator, which will be reused in the new kitchen, will temporarily be located in the choir room, and room 12 will become our only kitchen for the next 2½ months.

Construction on the new storm water retention pond is also scheduled to begin within the next couple of weeks.

The congregation seems to have adapted well to the parking situation and is utilizing our overflow areas nicely. Please let me know if you think we need to add a couple more handicapped designated spots at this time.

The contractor continues to provide three-week interval schedule updates every week, which are posted both in the narthex and on the church website.

We ask that you continue to let us know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the construction project. Thank you.

Frank Sanborn, Project Coordinator, FH Steering Committee
Jim Morgan, Chair, Fellowship Hall Steering Committee

FUNDING “FULFILLING THE VISION”

(Follow our progress on the wall chart near the library door.)

Please remember that up-front funding of our construction project is the most efficient funding we can do, (right now \$1.00 has the funding power of \$2.12) and the opportunity to take advantage of that efficiency in funding will disappear when we complete the project this summer. Some members have found that a direct transfer of funds from an IRA to the Fellowship Hall project can meet the annual disbursement requirement without creating any tax liability.

This Sunday, May 9, Paul Taylor will be telling us about plans for furnishing tables and chairs for the new chapel and fellowship hall. Please plan to be at worship to hear about it.

Marv Ryser, for the Fellowship Hall Finance Committee

FOR AND ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY . . .

Another Successful CROP Walk: Thanks to everyone who supported the recent successful CROP Walk. It is estimated that over 500 people bundled up and walked on May 2 – at least 25 of them from Westminster. It isn't known yet how much money was raised to help alleviate hunger in Haiti, Chile and Olympia, but as soon as we know we will pass the word. Thanks to everyone who walked and to everyone who donated.
Elsa McLain, for CROP Walk

Thanks for the Youth Auction: My appreciation to the youth group, their leaders, and parents for another enjoyable and successful youth auction. The planning, organizing and operation went very well. As the very lucky winner of the beautiful Caribbean basket, I would also like to thank Susan Girard for her talent and generosity in making and contributing the basket – something I understand she has done for several years. Also, thanks to perennial ticket master, Gordon Robinson, for selling me the winning ticket.
Ernie Petermann

Thank You from Map Eang: On behalf of Map and Nay and also Map's parents Mon and Ly, they wish to express their sincere thanks for all the cards, prayers and well wishes being sent their way during Nay's illness.

Irene Smith would like to thank everyone for celebrating her 80th birthday with her and her family. Thank you especially for the lovely cards and all the many kind blessings. Irene would also like to thank everyone for the wonderful get well cards she received after her surgery earlier in March.

Olympia Early Learning Center's (OELC) Women's Tea: This is a reminder the OELC (formerly the Olympia Child Care Center) Women's Tea is scheduled from 2:00–4:00pm on Saturday, May 22nd 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. 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

Presbyterian Women invite all the members to participate in a fall sale of crafts, collectables and confections. The proceeds are to benefit the new kitchen. Carol Sanborn has a wish list that was shared at our April Board Meeting. We look forward to a fun time of sharing our treasures and talents with the church. Date is yet to be decided.

Ruth Getchell, Moderator Westminster Presbyterian Women



A NEW MEMBER CLASS

We plan to schedule a New Member Class on a Saturday in June. If you would like to participate in this class, please indicate your interest on a Friendship Card at worship. Or, you may call the church office (357-5750).

If you currently belong to another church where you no longer attend, you may join us by transferring your membership. If you have never been a member of a church before, you may decide at this time to join by profession of faith. If you have simply lost touch with a previous church affiliation or that church does not transfer membership, you may recommit to being a member here by reaffirmation of faith. You are also welcome to attend the class if you are interested in learning more about Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SUNSHINE PRE-SCHOOL DIRECTOR UPDATE

Sunny Petermann is moving on after eighteen years of teaching in our Sunshine Preschool, with eight of those years serving as director. The Personnel Department has been busily working posting the position and screening applicant files. We are pleased that several candidates meet the qualifications for this position.



The Department is currently in the process of scheduling interviews. The goal is to have a replacement identified for Sunny prior to her departure to allow for transition time.

Thank you to the Personnel Department for their hard work in filling this important position. Members are Irene Hunter, Debbie Kovacs, David Palmer and Stu Vannerson.

Debbie Kovacs, for the Personnel Department

YOU ARE INVITED

The Rev. Wayne Keller invites everyone to his celebration of life memorial. It will be Saturday, May 22 from 2:00-5:00pm at the San souci Mobile Home Park in Puyallup. Please bring a plate of veggies or fruit or dessert. For more information call (253) 841-3093.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

April 25 – 174

May 2 – 221 (61 at 9:00am)



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