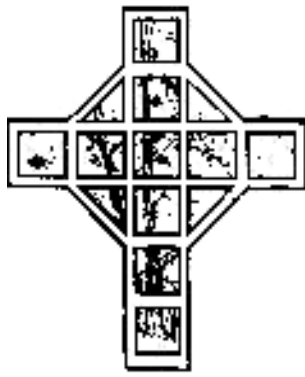


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The Triangle

October 18th, 2011

See You at the Variety Show!

This Saturday, October 22nd at 6:00pm

Westminster's Variety Show is a favorite all-church event you won't want to miss. This is our fourteenth annual show. We never cease to be amazed at the variety of acts our congregation can come up with – many involving talent. Proceeds will benefit Westminster's Special Music Fund that allows us to enjoy extra musicians at Christmas and other special services.

Plan to join us. It promises to be an evening of surprises.

Terry Shaw

Westminster's Director of Music Ministries

PASTORS' CORNER
The Rev. Dr. David Kegley

“We gather today, O Lord of Life, seeking fullness. Not the fullness our world offers, but the fullness that comes from you” read the Call to Worship this last Sunday. This was written by

The Rev. Sterling Morse, taking inspiration from Isaiah 55:1-9. This Call to Worship made me wonder: Are our lives marked by something else; by a fullness that comes from God?

It is clear that the world all around us, and all around the globe, is not satisfied with things as they are. The Arab Spring gives evidence that there is significant discord and unrest. Our own minor version of the Arab Spring, the Occupy Wall Street protests, indicates something similar.

What I gather from a distance about the Arab Spring is that people saw their leaders living in luxury and themselves in relative poverty, lack of safety, and oppression. They couldn't see themselves gaining any ground in their social/political system. In the U.S., our jobless rate hovers around 9% and our recession still stings especially those without work. Others live with lesser stability than we did previous to 2008. The people protesting in America have witnessed a polarized political system, unable to respond expediently. While our standards of living overall are higher than many in Arab nations we still experience a decline in the way our government is able to solve problems and care for us.

I wonder if the high level of dissatisfaction also reveals a faith-gap in our society? Or shall we say, a growth opportunity? Isaiah asks: “Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?” (Isaiah 55:2) The Psalmist warns: “Mortals cannot abide in their pomp [or wealth]...” (Psalm 49:12) And Matthew 6:24 says: "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

It seems to me that of all people, Christians should be less ego driven and more inspired to work toward solutions right out in the open; less captivated by the gods of wealth and power and more free to come up with solutions for people; less concerned about themselves and more engaged with the general public. This is a reality that many, many people need, yet which appears missing.

The crucial challenge for Christians is whether we actually bring love and peace to the tables of negotiation or, for that matter, the dinner table. Have we anchored our faith securely enough so that selfish ambition, greed, and pride are getting refined out of the mix of our thoughts and actions? Have we cultivated a graciousness that allows for us to infuse dialogue with hope, love and respect in relationships and constructive solutions?

Peace, David

Calendar for This Week and Next

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

6:00pm All-Church Variety Show

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

9:00am Worship

9:30am High school class fieldtrip to
Hindu Temple

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

11:15am Worship

12:30pm Youth Group/Confirmation

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

6:00pm TuesdayNightTogether

6:30pm Dave Ramsey class and
fellowship opportunities

7:00pm Bell Choir rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)

6:30pm Deacons (library)

6:30pm Naomi Circle (chapel)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:30am "Sew Happy" quilters (rm 12)

12:00pm Triangle articles due

7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:00am Worship

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

9:45am Water 1st Presentation – all
are welcome

11:15am Worship

12:30pm Youth Group/Confirmation

5:00pm Pumpkin Carving and
Potluck (see page 4)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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

10:30am PW Board (library)

12 noon Women's Luncheon (FH)

6:30pm Dave Ramsey class (chapel)

7:00pm Bell Choir rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9:30am Triangle folding (library)

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters (rm 12)

6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal

7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal



SUNSHINE PRESCHOOL BEGINS ANOTHER FUN-FILLED YEAR!

Yes, we are excited to welcome back some returning families and also many new families to our program. We now have an afternoon Pre K class, making a total of thirty seven children in all.

The children come in gleefully and have settled in fast. Even the few tears, that are shed, disappear when they see interesting new activities at the tables. These last few weeks we have been getting to know each other, learning new rules and class routine and discovering that each one of us is unique and is a very special part of our classroom. We also talked about the importance of being a friend.

This year we are introducing a program called ZOOPHONICS with fun animals. The children love to imitate the animal and sing the zoo phonics song as they learn the alphabet.

As the year goes on we hope to get to know these families better and work as a team to help each child take big steps socially and intellectually.

Shara Davenport and Julie Taylor continue to help me set up the exciting curriculum each day. Though our teachers are committed to the program, there are times when we may need to take a day off (especially with the flu season around the corner.) So, I am looking for someone who is willing to help us as a substitute teacher. This will be very rare. Yet I know it is necessary to have a back-up. If there is someone out there who is willing to get a call occasionally, please email me at sunshine@wpcoly.org or talk to Julie Taylor about it.

Thank you for all you do for Sunshine Preschool.

Dinali Dhammapala, Director, Sunshine Preschool

EVERYONE IS INVITED! Pumpkin Carving and Potluck

Please join us at the Pumpkin Carving & Potluck on Sunday, October 30th at 5:00pm. Childcare will be provided at 5:30pm following dinner. Please bring your own pumpkins and carving tools. We encourage you to hollow out your pumpkins at home, speeding up the carving process. Carved pumpkins will be judged at 6:30pm.

Bring a dish to share that will serve eight people, according to the following chart: If your last name begins with

A-F bring dessert;

G-P bring salad;

Q-Z bring a main dish



Beth Julian, Mission & Fellowship Department

PROJECTION SYSTEM UPDATE

Any church that strives to remain viable in its mission and ministry also faces the continual challenge of remaining relevant in an evolving environment. This includes embracing new congregants, new staff, and sometimes new technologies. Over the last two or three years Westminster has encountered an increasing need for a projection system in the sanctuary. These occasions for use have included weddings, memorial services and our own worship services.

Such a system is costly, and for the last two or three years there has been a token amount included in the budget as a place holder so that we would be constantly reminded of our goal. Recently a member stepped forward and committed a very generous \$30,000 toward a quality system that would meet our needs. That amount will cover approximately 60% of the projected cost. To make the system a reality, the additional funds need to come from contributions beyond our regular giving.

If this special project is something you can support through a donation, a special fund has been established and you can contribute directly to that fund. Just be sure to clearly mark your donation as being for the "Projector Fund".

If you have any questions about the proposed system, you may contact either

Terry Shaw at wpcmusic@msn.com or

Marv Ryser at marv.ryser@gmail.com or 352-8241

Your prayer support for the project is also much appreciated.

*Terry Shaw and Marv Ryser
for the Worship & Music Department*

FOR AND ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY . . .

FROM B&G: The Buildings & Grounds Department wishes to thank all those who participated in the fall work party Saturday, October 8th. Good work was done and good fellowship was enjoyed. There will be a follow-up work party on Saturday, November 12th to work in different areas and clean up leaves not yet fallen.

Ernie Petermann, for Buildings & Grounds

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TO OUR WONDERFUL CHURCH FAMILY We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your beautiful cards, prayer shawls and expressions of sympathy at the passing of our husband and father, Arvid Nordman on September 20th. To be involved with such a caring, wonderful church is truly a blessing. Thank you for making this difficult time much easier to bear for all of us.

With our love, *Virginia Nordman, Lisa Midles, Lorna Linden and Christine Murphy* (Spokane resident and occasional WPC attendee)

GOLDEN DELICIOUS LUNCH: The Golden Delicious Group will meet at noon Friday, November 4th in the fellowship hall for a soup and bread lunch. Ruth and Chuck Beck will be the chefs and hosts. Please sign up early (*at the Golden Delicious table in the narthex*) so we will know how many to prepare for.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: We plan to schedule a new member class Saturday, November 5th. If you are interested in participating, please call the church office. The class typically is from 9:30am until about 2:30pm.

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE THURSTON COUNTY FOOD BANK: A recent mailing from the food bank listed suggestions for donations. “What we need most are high-protein foods (*canned tuna, peanut butter, beef stew*) and children’s favorites (*macaroni and cheese, boxed cereal, canned fruit*). We often need items for our special needs clients (*low-salt soups and vegetable, fruit packed in water, foods appropriate for vegetarians*). Please do not include items packed in glass or bulk items requiring repackaging.” They noted that gifts of money buy a third more food. Checks may be written to Westminster noting food bank on the check. Our next collection date is Sunday, November 6th.

REMINDER FOR PHOTOS ON OUR WEBSITE OPT OUT: In an effort to provide privacy for those of you who wish to have it, we are providing the opportunity for you to opt out of having your picture appear on the church website or our church’s FaceBook page. There is a form in the church literature rack for you to complete if this is an issue for you. Or, you may call the church office.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is on the way! You are all invited to “pack a shoe box” with school supplies, hygiene products, toys, etc. The boxes will be collected and a pamphlet describing the Good News of Jesus Christ will be added. The boxes will then be distributed to needy children throughout the world in time for Christmas.



Look for the OCC table in the narthex starting this Sunday, October 23rd. Pamphlets with more information on the project (including how to pack a shoebox) and empty shoeboxes will be available. We will be collecting the filled shoeboxes through Sunday, November 20th.

Jennifer and Karen Crooks, Operations Christmas Child Coordinators

REPORT FROM STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Following is the financial report as of the end of September 2011.

	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
Income	\$37,636.38	\$371,603.81
Expenses	<u>\$39,294.95</u>	<u>\$370,361.15</u>
Totals	-\$ 1,658.57	+\$1,242.66

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th

SPECIAL
STEWARDSHIP
EVENT

3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

October 9 – 209 (75 at 9:00am)

October 16 – 197 (61 at 9:00am)



GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

Jerry and Beth Julian

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