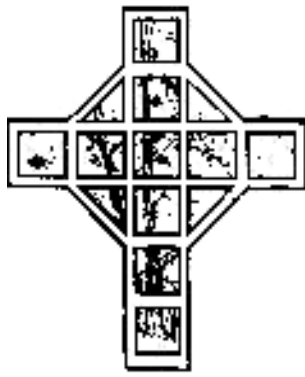


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# *The Triangle*

*September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011*

## **Buildings & Grounds Work Party**

There will be a church-wide work party to spruce up our building and grounds on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00am. We suggest work clothes, gloves and your favorite tools such as rakes, loppers and clippers. Food and beverages will be provided by your friends in the Mission & Fellowship Department. We would like to concentrate on the memorial area as well as areas most visible to visitors and the public. All are welcome – including families. There will be a task for everyone, as well as fun and good fellowship.

**Ernie Petermann, 456-4137**  
**for the Buildings & Grounds Department**

**PASTORS' CORNER**  
**The Rev. Christine T. Long**

Our Confirmation Class is underway this fall. This class is designed for middle school aged youth and assists them to explore and deepen their faith. At the conclusion of the class the youth will have the opportunity to join Westminster as members, but that is not required to take the class. We are meeting on most Sundays during the Youth Fellowship time, 12:30-2:30pm through Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

As often happens when you teach a class, I feel like I am learning just as much as our youth. Of course, the material should be at the foundations of my ministry with you and the PC(USA) but it is refreshing to revisit important aspects of Christian life, community and specifically what it means to be Presbyterian.

So far the youth have had two lessons. In the first lesson we learned how our baptism marks our entrance into the family of God, as we are clothed with Christ, and is the beginning of a lifelong journey with God and God's people. While not all of our youth may be baptized, we affirm to them that they are welcome and invited into the body of Christ. As a denomination and a church it is joyful to know that we want to tell our youth that they are chosen and dearly loved by God. What a privilege to be a part of shaping their identities.

Our second lesson was on being Presbyterian. We learned that the church is called to God's purposes in the world and organizes itself to fulfill those purposes. A lot of jokes are made about Presbyterian's being "decent and in order" but did you know those words from the Bible? (See 1 Corinthians 14:40.) How affirming to learn or remember that Christ is the head of the church, God calls the church into being and that in the church we believe that each believer can speak and contribute to the life of the church. Each person is valued in the eyes of God and through the ministries of the PC(USA).

Thanks for taking time to read just a bit of the kinds of things we will be learning in Confirmation Class. It would be great if you could keep our "confirmands," that is, our youth participants in your prayers. Understanding and claiming the truths of their baptism and connection with church as their own is one of their first adult decisions in life. Here are the names of the youth that you can pray for:

*TURNER AKIN, JAMES BOOTH, SPENCER JOHNSON, ALEX KOVACS,  
DONOVAN LONG, LAUREL MACK-WILSON AND KAYLA SADLIER*

*As God's chose ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion,  
kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Colossians 3:12-15*

*Christine*

# Calendar for This Week and Next

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Scheduled photo sessions for new pictorial directory (room 12)

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Scheduled photo sessions for new pictorial directory (room 12)

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School for all ages  
11:15am Worship  
12:30pm Youth Group

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP  
6:00pm TuesdayNightTogether  
7:00pm Bell Choir rehearsal

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)  
6:30pm Deacons (library)  
7:00pm Session budget planning

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:30am "Sew Happy" quilters (rm 12)  
12:00pm Triangle articles due  
7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:00am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School for all ages  
11:15am Worship – World Communion  
Peacemaking Offering  
Receiving our monthly offering for the Food Bank  
12:30pm Youth Group

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP  
6:30pm Dave Ramsey class (chapel)  
7:00pm Bell Choir rehearsal

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:30am Triangle folding (library)  
10:00am Bible Study (room 12)  
7:00pm Confirmation Parent's info

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters (rm 12)  
6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal  
7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

**Note: If your meeting is not listed on the calendar, please call the church office.**



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS . . .

**Survey – it’s not too late to respond:** To all the women who have turned in your survey, we thank you. Westminster’s Presbyterian Women has already made a decision based on your responses and more will come in the future. If you haven’t filled one out and returned it, please do this by Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. We really want to hear from all the women involved in our church. If you haven’t received a survey, they will be available during the coffee hour this coming week. You may also contact me at 438-5619 and we will try to get one to you.

**October PW Board meeting:** The Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> board meeting will be held in the church library at 10:30am.

**October Luncheon:** All women of the church are invited to the October 4<sup>th</sup> potluck luncheon at noon – following the board meeting. The program will feature crafting. More information will be available in the Sunday bulletins. Please invite a guest to share in the potluck and program.



*Marty Braun, 438-5619, PW Moderator*

## SOUNDS AROUND THE CHURCH

One of the joys of fall programs beginning again is the multitude of sounds heard around the church. Many friendly greetings are heard in the Christian education wing as people gather for the new offerings for adult education classes. The sounds of ringing bells and blending voices are heard as the Bell Choir, the Praise Team and the Chancel Choir begin rehearsing.

We hear dinner conversation and the delighted squeals of children at play at our **TuesdayNightTogether's** meal and fellowship time; the hum of the coffee hour on Sunday mornings; appreciative clapping for speakers and entertainment in the fellowship hall; and, something new – excited little voices in the preschool area in the afternoons since their program has expanded to afternoon hours. Soon we will hear the sounds of loppers and clippers as we gather to clean up our church grounds. As you read your Triangle and the announcements at worship, consider ways you might want to add your sounds to the many opportunities offered at Westminster.

## THE PEACEMAKING OFFERING

“A Harvest of Justice is Sown in Peace” (James 3:18)



The Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. It is one of four special offerings received each year by the Presbyterian Church (USA). Westminster will participate in the Peacemaking Offering on October 2 – World Communion Sunday.

Every time our congregation celebrates the Lord's Supper there is the opportunity to remember other Christians around the world who are also receiving these gifts of God. But we make a special point of remembering our unity with Christians worldwide on World Communion Sunday. It is a day to be mindful of the love of Christ, who draws us all together despite our many differences.

The Peacemaking Offering encourages all parts our church to work for peace. Westminster will retain 25% of the Offering we receive, and we will decide how best to put this money to work in our local community. Another 25% will go to our presbytery or synod, and the remaining 50% will go to the General Assembly Mission Council for peacemaking involvement throughout the world.

Join us on October 2<sup>nd</sup> as our church celebrates World Communion Sunday and we commit to being instruments of the peace we find in Christ. Please come ready to give generously to the Peacemaking Offering. Envelopes for that purpose can be found in the pew racks, or you may note Peacemaking Offering on your envelope or check.

*Kathy Marshall, for Mission & Fellowship*

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY to the friends and family of Ray Coon who died Thursday, September 15, 2011. Ray had been a member of Westminster since 1975.

## NOVEMBER 13 – BE SURE TO SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, November 13, 2011

We will be having two special worship services (9:00 and 11:15am) as well as a time of fellowship and celebration in the fellowship hall between 3:30 and 5:00pm. One feature of the afternoon gathering will be to take a group photograph of all our Westminster members and friends who are there. We encourage everyone to plan now to attend.

*Marv Ryser*, for the Year Round Stewardship Committee  
and the Stewardship & Finance Department

### REPORT FROM STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

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

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
Income	\$36,250.20	\$333,967.43
Expenses	<u>\$39,317.11</u>	<u>\$331,066.20</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>-\$ 3,066.91</b>	<b>+\$2,901.23</b>

### GET YOUR NEW DOOR KEY CODE NOW

The old code will be removed soon. If you currently have an access code, you may call the church office to receive the new code. If you are in need of a code, we ask that you come by the church office during office hours to sign for the code. We will let you know when we remove the old code.

*Carol and Lynne*, the Office Staff

## FOOD BANK OFFERING

Westminster receives an offering for the Thurston County Food Bank the first Sunday of each month. The next food bank offering Sunday will be October 2<sup>nd</sup>. For monetary donations, please make your check out to Westminster noting Food Bank on the check. Below you will find a list of the food bank's preferred items.

### POPULAR FOOD BANK ITEMS

Listed in order of preference

#### Canned Protein

Spam, Seafood,  
Corned Beef Hash,  
Ravioli & Ham  
Chili; Vegetarian Chili  
Peanut Butter  
Chicken; Roast Beef, Tuna

#### Soups/Broths/Tomato Products

Vegetable, Beef and  
Chicken Soups  
Tomato Sauce  
Cream of Mushroom Soup  
Chicken Broth  
Tomato Soup

#### Vegetables

Corn; Green Beans  
Mixed Vegetables  
Peas; Carrots

#### Unusual, but highly

##### popular items

Ground Coffee (not decaf)  
Oil – olive, canola & vegetable  
Mayonnaise  
Ketchup and Mustard  
Baby Food

#### Fruit

Pineapple; Peaches, Apricots; Pears; Cranberries; Applesauce

## 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.

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

September 11 - 180 (52 at 9:00am)

September 18 - 237 (72 at 9:00am)



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