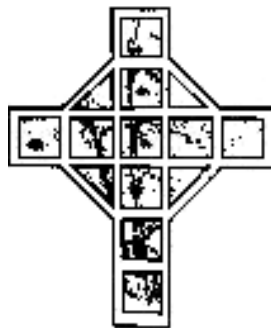


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The Triangle

September 7th, 2010



Worship Schedule Changes

Beginning this Sunday, September 12th we will return to our schedule of worship at 9:00am and 11:15am

Sunday School for all ages is at 9:45am – also beginning September 12th.

Please note that we will have a single 10:00am service of worship on October 3rd (new fellowship hall celebration) and on October 24th (Stewardship Sunday).

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

We are adjusting to a new school year, and a new season. So much of life is in motion; so much seems to zoom past us as we travel through time. Physicists tell us that even the hardest surfaces are in motion; their electrons are spinning. The earth itself is in flux. We assume the ground beneath us will be stable, but earthquakes remind us otherwise.

How we adjust to life as a changing event is crucial to our health and our faith. Sometimes it is important to act fast and to move quickly. But should we remain in the fast lane and make too many quick decisions we will be thrown into exhaustion and chaos. At other times our calm and restful moments are an absolute necessity, yet our bodies must eventually move again or we will lose our health. We are asked in this life to make many adjustments and through them it is important that we are anchored in some things that do not change. They give us the stability through which we can adjust.

Psalm 46 has something for both our speedy, tumultuous times and for our quiet, restful times. It begins by claiming God's stability even through dramatic changes and ends by infusing us with serenity. It begins with: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change..." It ends with: "Be still, and know that I am God!" The final verse is not so much a command as a proclamation that people can and do find stillness in God; that stillness we often long for is out there waiting for our acceptance.

The Church is here for both the ups and the downs. When the pressure is on or we feel the need to make sure we have some down time we are sometimes tempted to avoid worship or other aspects of church life. However, that choice can leave an empty hole in our spirituality, omitting ways to connect with the stable truths of God. Our faith is challenging, moving, life-changing, and it is also a stabilizing force that enables us to cope with life. Make plans this new season to worship regularly and to participate in church events. Allow yourself the stability of God's love and power.

Peace, *David*

Calendar for This Week and Next

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:15am Book Group (library)
Youth Beach retreat begins

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:00am Worship
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
11:15am Worship
Youth return from retreat
4:00pm Camp Quixote dinner

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

4:30pm Nominating Comm (lib)
4:30pm Stephen Ministries (rm 7)
7:00pm Camp Quixote meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP
10:00am Horizon Bible Study (chapel)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10:00am Bible Study (chapel)
7:00pm Session (chapel)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters
1:00pm Dorcas Circle
3:00pm Presbytery @ Lacey Pres
6:00pm Praise Team
7:00pm Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

5:30pm Golden Delicious potluck
(Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:00am Worship
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
11:15am Worship
12:30pm Youth Group
4:00pm Camp Quixote dinner

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

12 noon Triangle articles due
7:00pm Rachel Circle
7:00pm Camp Quixote (room 12)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:30am Triangle folding (library)
10:00am Bible Study (chapel)
7:00pm Deacons
7:00pm S&F Budget meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters
7:00pm Chancel Choir



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS . . .

Sunday School begins this Sunday, September 12 at 9:45am.

Preschoolers, children and youth meet downstairs in the CE wing.

Adult Christian Education classes meet upstairs in the CE wing.

Classes offered this fall include:

"Practicing Diversity" - a Catalyst class lead by Pastor David Kegley and others.

"How Much is Enough?" - a parenting/grandparenting class led by Donna Burkhart and Susan Harris (see class description below)

"Upper Room" - a continuing class lead by Elsa McLain.

Everyone is invited to participate in a class of their choice and you may begin at any time. Please watch for the **Fall Christian Education Brochure** in the church literature racks for more information on these classes and on other study opportunities at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Sandy Crouch and Greg Burkhart, for the Christian Education Department

HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH? PARENTING CLASSES

Sundays from 9:45 to 10:45, starting September 12th 2010

Susan Harris and Donna Burkhart look forward to seeing you there. This is an excellent class for parents and grandparents alike who are struggling to find balance in their own lives and provide balance to their children and grandchildren. Topics include ways to teach what "enough" means, ways to instill responsibility and independence and tips on establishing firm rules and structure.

Past participants praise this class for its "no-blame no-guilt strategies for raising children in a more balance and loving way". Books can be purchased on the first day of class if you let us know before September 9th (as soon as possible) that you will be attending.

Please call or email: *Donna Burkhart* (360) 357-4210 or gregndonna@comcast.net

COUPLES BIBLE STUDY

Westminster has a Couples Bible Study that is open to new couples! We generally meet every other Friday evening, and we will begin a new study this fall. Our first meeting of the fall will be Friday, September 10th at 7:30pm at the home of Jon and Chris Halvorson. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this study.

Julie Johnson, 438-0405, for Couples Bible Study

YOUTH NEWS . . .

School is back in session!

While the youth may have some mixed feelings about that, there is one thing about "back to school" that makes us all happy! It's the Annual Beach Retreat at South Beach Church in Westport! This year's Beach Retreat theme is "Walking With God". We will depart Friday, September 10th and return from the coast on the afternoon of Sunday, the 12th. The youth will play games, pray, eat, play on the beach, and window shop in little Westport.

This is also the time of year when we welcome our new members. Sixth graders this year include Spencer Johnson and Kayla Sadlier. We express a warm welcome to them both!

The youth will also be leading the Kids' Club at TNT this fall, working with younger kids to create craft projects and take part in fellowship. This should be a time of growth and enjoyment for all.

We look forward to a fun and enlightening year, full of new experiences and spiritual growth!

Katrina, Youth Ministry Coordinator

FOR AND ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY . . .

Our Prayers and Sympathy to the family and friends for Duane Larsen. Duane died Friday, August 13, 2010 and a funeral was held at the church on Saturday, August 28. Duane had been a member of Westminster since 1948.

Sign Up to Serve Communion: Church officers (Deacons and Elders) are encouraged to sign up to serve communion. Dorris Hensel will be in the fellowship hall this Sunday to sign you up. If you miss her, don't hesitate to give her a call at 455-1019.

A special thank you to those who assisted at the recent funeral reception for Duane Larsen – to all those who furnished delicious cookies (29 dozen); to the Deacons who assisted in the kitchen; to the ladies who furnished the beautiful flowers for the tables; and to Carol Sanborn, who assisted in the kitchen – she knows where everything is!

It was a joy to host the first reception in the new Fellowship Hall. God's Blessings to All.

*Doris Y. Gerber-Nelson, Chair
Care and Concern Committee for the Deacons*

Another Thanks: Thank you to all for the cards and support you gave me during my recent cancer surgeries and recovery. Knowing friends are caring and praying makes getting through the ordeal so much easier.

Peggy Pontious

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS . . .

“Sew Happy” Quilters – All are welcome to join our “Sew Happy Quilters” group for a time of fellowship and to do God’s work. We are beginning another busy year sewing quilts and other projects which support many missions. We meet every Thursday at 9:30am starting September 9th in room 12. If you like to sew or want to learn to sew, bring your lunch and join us.

Carol Sanborn, for the “Sew Happy” Quilters

Our New Kitchen and Coffee Bar – Thank you to the following people who served with me on the Kitchen Committee – Betty Kordas (organizer & first chairperson), Suzanne Fell (co-chair), Monica Tanner, Mary Snyder, Joan Schlect, Emily Elstrott, Elsa McLain and Phyllis Ryan.

A number of people are learning their way around the kitchen, operating the dishwasher, and preparing coffee at the new coffee bar. A handbook is located in the kitchen containing instructions for the appliances, dishwasher, cleaning instructions, etc. An updated inventory list will be added to the notebook soon.

We ask that everyone who uses the kitchen and coffee bar – please clean and put everything away before you leave, turn off the ovens, warming drawers, dishwasher, lights, unplug coffee makers and empty the garbage cans. Also, please clean tablecloths and wipe down the tables. It is also appreciated if you would take the dish towels and dish cloths home to wash and return as soon as possible.

Do not borrow any kitchen items and take them home – a twenty-quart Belgique stockpot (value \$130) is missing from the kitchen, and we hope it will be returned soon. If you take items from the new kitchen to use in other locations of the church, please return them to the new kitchen.

Thanks for your help in keeping our kitchen clean and organized for everyone to use.

Carol Sanborn, for Westminster’s Presbyterian Women

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING VOLLEYBALL?

Anyone interested in playing with a Church Volleyball Coed Recreational Team is asked to give me a call. We are hoping to have some open gym practice at the church on Monday evenings and we encourage anyone to join us (adults and youth / experienced or inexperienced players).

Susan Engels, 481-5277

BLANKETS + OFFERING

Our congregation began a special offering at our Mission Sunday worship on August 29th. The Blankets + offering, through Church World Service (CWS), is a way for our congregation to aid global missions through the purchase of blankets, and much more, for those suffering after a major disaster. Often, the first thing CWS provides in an emergency is a blanket for warmth, comfort, and sometimes even shelter. But, as needs change, other things are required – tents, food, water, and the tools to rebuild. That's why it's called Blankets + !! Just \$5 can purchase a blanket for someone in need. There are special offering envelopes in the pews for the month of September as well as additional information and envelopes in the narthex. Be sure to check out our progress on the narthex poster. Our goal is to raise approximately \$400 – this would be about one blanket for each member of the church. In our home, our 5-year-old daughter is helping around the house to earn dollars to purchase blankets for others. It's a tangible way for everyone to help those who have so much less than we do. The Blankets + Offering will end on Sunday, September 26th at our Mission Fair where we will celebrate our generous gifts to CWS.

For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. Psalm 72:12

Kate Scriven, for the Mission & Fellowship Department

CAMP QUIXOTE REQUESTS AND NEEDS

Camp Quixote wishes to remind us that members of the camp are willing to provide work for you for \$10 to \$12 an hour depending on the work. Following are just some of the skills represented by camp members:

- ◆ Landscaping
- ◆ Painting
- ◆ House cleaning
- ◆ Light home repair
- ◆ Gardening
- ◆ Moving furniture

As the colder weather is on its way (or is it here?) Camp Quixote has requested some specific needs and they are as follows:

- Blankets, comforters, sleeping bags, pillows and gently used pillow cases (no sheets)
- Pocket "hotties"/hand and feet warmers
- Rain gear
- Small coolers
- Hygiene items
- Propane heater
- Used DVD's and VCR (action, sci-fi and comedy) They do not need another TV set.
- Richard needs a watch and Dale needs a laptop

Joan Schlect, for Mission & Fellowship and Camp Quixote

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

August 22 – 170

August 29 – 183

September 5 – 201



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