



# THE WESTMINSTER LOG

# FORWARD

*In Faith - Stewardship 2017-2018*

*Thankful*

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Have you checked your mail lately? I will be willing to bet that alongside this newsletter you received at least one catalogue. If your house is anything like ours, the advertising to earn our Christmas dollars started as soon as the first leaves fell. As we begin thinking of the Thanksgiving and Advent season, it is our pattern that we also enter a time of reflection on stewardship. Stewardship is not just the church throwing its “hat in the ring” for your Christmas dollars, but an invitation to prayerfully you consider how God is calling you to give of your time, talents, and treasure this year to make an impact on the world, and to partner with the Lord in Christ’s work.

The past few years have been a time of significant change for many of us, even as we are now settled into a refreshed and renovated church building. Even so, we commit ourselves to not simply dwell on the heritage we share and the accomplishments of the past - though they are meaningful and important parts of our story and who we are. Instead, we press on, and commit ourselves to moving “forward in faith,” to providing a home of faith, hope, and love all of God’s children.

In moving “forward in faith,” we endeavor to leave a legacy that will be great. We may never know who will be fed by the fruits of the trees we plant today, yet, we will leave those who come after us a solid church, one with missions that matter, that is growing in its service to God and all God’s people.

This Thanksgiving season, and particularly here at Westminster, we remember that God has, time and again, expressed love for his children through giving. For as “every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father,” so too has THE good and perfect gift, Jesus Christ, been given for us for our salvation.

**STEWARDSHIP  
COMMITMENT SUNDAY  
IS NOVEMBER 26, 2017  
DURING THE 10:30 A.M.  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Please join with the Westminster family of faith in making your commitment to this congregation; and, more importantly, to God’s work in our community. We pray that you will join us in taking this opportunity to present your completed pledge card and, along with all your brothers and sisters in Christ, investing in moving forward, as we dedicate our gifts for 2018 to God’s use.

*-Westminster Stewardship Committee*

If you are not able to attend on the 26th, you may mail your pledge cards - preferably by that time - to the church, attn: Heather Heidtman.

# THE WESTMINSTER LOG



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<div>November</div>		
<div>5</div> <div>           9:00 a.m. Sunday School            9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study            9:30 a.m. Turkey Sale for Food Baskets            9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time            10:30 a.m. Worship Service            11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time         </div>	<div>6</div> <div>7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting</div>	<div>7</div> <div>           10:00 a.m. Hearts &amp; Hands            12:00 p.m. Bay ISD            6:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting            7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts         </div>
<div>12</div> <div>           9:00 a.m. Sunday School            9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study            9:30 a.m. Turkey Sale for Food Baskets            9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time            10:30 a.m. Worship Service         </div>	<div>13</div> <div>           6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting            6:30 p.m. Small Group            7:00 p.m. Family &amp; Fellowship            7:00 p.m. Stewardship         </div>	<div>14</div> <div>           10:00 a.m. Hearts &amp; Hands            12:00 p.m. Bay ISD            1:00 p.m. Lions Sight &amp; Hearing            6:00 p.m. Spiritual Growth            7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts         </div>
<div>19</div> <div>           9:00 a.m. Sunday School            9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study            9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time            10:30 a.m. Worship Service            11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time            11:45 a.m. Turkey Basket Set-Up         </div>	<div>20</div> <div>Turkey Basket Distribution</div>	<div>21</div> <div>           10:00 a.m. Hearts &amp; Hands            12:00 p.m. Bay ISD            7:00 p.m. Session Meeting            7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts         </div>
<div>26</div> <div>           9:00 a.m. Sunday School            9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study            9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time            10:30 a.m. Worship Service            11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time            11:45 p.m. Hanging of the Greens         </div>	<div>27</div> <div>6:30 p.m. Small Group</div>	<div>28</div> <div>           10:00 a.m. Hearts &amp; Hands            12:00 p.m. Bay ISD            12:00 p.m. Seasons of Grace/Aging &amp; Spirituality            1:00 p.m. Log Crew            5:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry            7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts         </div>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>1</div> <div>           10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting            5:30 p.m. W @ W            6:00 p.m. Choir            6:00 p.m. Property            7:00 p.m. Mission Partnerships         </div>	<div>2</div> <div>           8:30 a.m. TOPS            12:00 p.m. Bay ISD            3:30 p.m. My Tempo            5:00 p.m. Food of Faith            5:00 p.m. Women of Westminster         </div>	<div>3</div> <div>10:00 a.m. My Tempo SpringHill Youth Retreat</div>	<div>4</div> <div>SpringHill Youth Retreat</div>
<div>8</div> <div>           5:30 p.m. W @ W            5:45 p.m. Bay City Fireworks            6:00 p.m. Choir            7:00 p.m. Worship         </div>	<div>9</div> <div>           8:30 a.m. TOPS            12:00 p.m. Bay ISD            1:00 p.m. Esther Circle            3:30 p.m. My Tempo            5:00 p.m. Food of Faith         </div>	<div>10</div> <div>10:00 a.m. My Tempo</div>	<div>11</div>
<div>15</div> <div>           5:30 p.m. W @ W            6:00 p.m. Choir         </div>	<div>16</div> <div>           8:30 a.m. TOPS            12:00 p.m. Bay ISD            1:00 p.m. Lydia Circle            3:30 p.m. My Tempo            5:00 p.m. Food of Faith            7:00 p.m. Deborah Circle         </div>	<div>17</div> <div>10:00 a.m. My Tempo</div>	<div>18</div>
<div>22</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Happy Thanksgiving</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>
<div>29</div> <div>           5:30 p.m. W @ W            6:00 p.m. Choir         </div>	<div>30</div> <div>           8:30 a.m. TOPS            12:00 p.m. Bay ISD            3:30 p.m. My Tempo            5:00 p.m. Food of Faith         </div>	<div> <div>Happy Birthday to...</div> <div> <div>           Sandy Falardeau            Hazel Kish            Arvilla MacPhail            Anna Pavlawk            Shirley Howell            Charlotte Blumenstein         </div> <div>           Edith Elliot            Betty Lunger            Scott Newcombe            Fred Meyer            Alma Watton         </div> </div> </div>	

\*Birthdays listed are for our 75+ Members





## COMMUNION SERVERS

### *November*

Len Petroff  
Sheryl Petroff  
Donna Tetil  
Tom Majchrzak  
Ann Jay  
Tom Tolles  
Barb Tolles  
Pam Binder  
Marilyn Bechtel  
Nancy Swantek

### *December*

Candy Green  
Bill Shelt  
Pam Monville  
Jack Gustafson  
Russ Marvin  
Chris Thurman  
Tiffany Frontjes  
Brian Graves  
John Hegenauer  
Joyce Hegenauer



Penny and I would like to thank our church family for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits that we received during my recent surgery and hospital stay, and also with the loss of Penny's mother. Your concern and thoughtfulness meant a lot to us.

*Phil & Penny Reagh*

We sincerely apologize to Donna Horn, who should have been recognized in last month's Log as a 50-year member. Donna joined Westminster Presbyterian Church in 1962.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Building Improvement Fund

August Balance:  
\$8,677.96  
September Income:  
\$428.00  
September Expense:  
\$0.00  
September Balance:  
\$9,105.96

### Operating Fund

September Income:  
\$24,955.00  
September Expense:  
\$31,856.77

### Major Repairs Fund

\$8,362.00

Donate online at  
[www.wpcbc.org](http://www.wpcbc.org)



## *Music at Westminster*

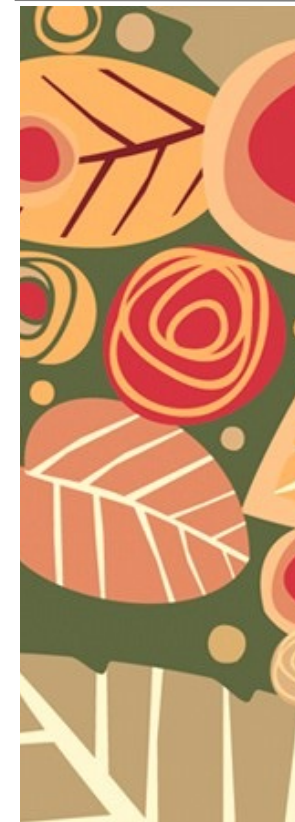
The following ensembles will perform during worship in November

Nov. 5 - Chancel Choir  
Nov. 12 - Chancel Choir  
Nov. 19 - Junior Choir  
Nov. 26 - Junior Bells



## *Rummage Sale*

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make October's Rummage and Bake Sale possible. Another big thank you to those who donated goods to sell. The rummage sale raised \$1,089.25. The bake sale raised \$120.79. All proceeds go to support the Presbyterian Women's Association.



## *Thanksgiving Food Baskets*

*Donate to a family in need*

Once again, your Crisis Committee will sell "turkeys" for our Thanksgiving baskets. The sale dates are **Sunday, November 5 and Sunday, November 12**. The money collected from our turkey sales will be used to purchase gift cards that families can use to purchase a turkey for their Thanksgiving dinner. We will assemble 100 baskets to be used in our community to help families that might not have a happy Thanksgiving otherwise. The Crisis Committee will also include a package of rolls and a loaf of bread. Monitor Sugar has graciously donated 100 2-pound bags of sugar, which are also included in the baskets.

This is always a very successful project, and very much appreciated by the families that are served through it. The Crisis Committee appreciates all the support that Westminster members give to this project.

**We will also collect food** to put in the baskets to round out the Thanksgiving dinner. Those items will include the following: boxed potatoes, corn, green beans, canned fruit (2 cans), macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, Jello, instant pudding, stuffing mix, cake, frosting, and cranberry sauce. **Please donate all items by Friday, November 17.**



## *Hanging of the Greens*

Join us Sunday, November 26 immediately following the worship service as we decorate the sanctuary in celebration of Christmas. All are welcome to help!

## *Annual Christmas Concert*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**  
**7:00 P.M.**

We are looking for choirs, vocalists, instrumentalists, and anyone willing to share his or her talent. To volunteer, or if you have any questions, please call Wendy Wissner Tally at 989-284-8161 or email [wendywtally@msn.com](mailto:wendywtally@msn.com).



## *Children's Christmas Program*

**DECEMBER 17**  
**10:30 A.M.**



## *Christmas Around the World*





**Consumers Energy**

Earn up to \$2,000 for your faith organization.

Call 989-607-2168

[HomeAnalysis-ConsumersEnergy.com](http://HomeAnalysis-ConsumersEnergy.com)

Westminster's promo code: WPCBC17

All people of faith are called to care for God's creation. Conserving energy is one important way for us, as Christians, to protect our planet and love our neighbors.

#### REWARDS TO THE ENERGY-WISE

The more committed our faith community is to saving energy, the greater the reward. Check the table below to see how you can help our faith community earn up to \$2,000.

ADVOCATE \$500	Host an energy efficiency workshop with minimum attendance of 25	Promote Home Energy Analysis over 90-day period	50 scheduled appointments
SUPPORTER \$1,000	Host an energy efficiency workshop with minimum attendance of 35	Promote Home Energy Analysis over 90-day period	75 scheduled appointments
AMBASSADOR \$2,000	Host an energy efficiency workshop with minimum attendance of 50	Promote Home Energy Analysis over 90-day period	100 scheduled appointments

#### WHERE DOES WESTMINSTER STAND?

Westminster is well on its way to earning the \$2,000 reward. On Sunday, September 17 we hosted an energy efficiency workshop with 56 people in attendance. Our goal now is to schedule 100 Home Energy Analysis appointments before December 17, 2017. **As of October 26, Westminster had 70 scheduled/completed appointments!**

#### HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Home Energy Analysis Program offers Michigan residents a 90-minute initial in-home assessment performed by a trained analyst. He or she will perform a visual inspection of your home, install high-efficiency measures where needed, and share a customized summary report with energy-saving tips and recommendations for your home.



#### FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017



Congratulations to Jack and Dianne Young! On Sunday, October 15, 2017 Jack and Dianne celebrated 50 years of membership at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

After the worship service Jack, Dianne, and the congregation enjoyed a luncheon organized by the Deacons and catered by Kentucky Fried Chicken.



#### WELCOME NEW MEMBER SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

After 37 years of teaching, Mary Rose Davis is now enjoying mornings without an alarm clock. She and her husband are lifelong Bay County residents and their two sons now live in Florida and Texas with their families. She writes, "a continuing gift we cherish is seeing the world anew through the eyes of our five grandchildren," and that her hobbies include traveling, biking, water aerobics, reading, and spending time with family and friends. Mary Rose is the sister-in-law of Ann Jay, and joins us by Letter of Transfer. Welcome, Mary Rose!



*Mary Rose Davis*



*"As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."  
Galatians 3:27*



Dear Westminster Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$264.13 to the Clean Water for Peru Effort and international mission efforts of Group Cares. On behalf of Group Cares, our staff and the thousands of people we serve, we want you to know how much we appreciate your support.

During 2017 we will host over 130 home repair and community service mission trips across the United States and will serve in over a dozen countries around the world. Over 18,000 people will serve and repair over 1,500 homes and bring hope to communities through service to the elderly, poor, and homeless.

Group Cares provides service in many ways through our local and international partners. Through your support we may build a home in Costa Rica, serve in a women's shelter in Haiti, assist a food program or repair a home in the United States, provide life saving water or mosquito nets in Africa, or provide much needed Bibles in Thailand. None of this would be possible without friends like you continuing to support us as we serve those in need.

We are honored that you would trust us with these funds and commit to using them wisely as we share the love of Jesus.

In His service,

Tim Gilmour  
President

**Thank you to all the Vacation  
Bible School children who  
donated to this mission project!**



**Thank you Tom Dillard for celebrating  
Reformation Sunday with us  
on October 29, 2017.**

*Thank you!*

Sincerely,

Brent Neubecker '95  
Director of Annual Giving

On average, a customer participating in the Home Energy Analysis Program receives about \$50 worth of energy-saving measures, which provides an estimated savings of up to \$100 – \$150 after the first year. These \$50 worth of improvements may include:

- LED bulbs
- Kitchen and bathroom faucet aerators
- High efficiency shower heads
- Water heater pipe wrap
- LED nightlight
- Programmable thermostat



To help Westminster receive the \$2,000 reward, please sign up before December 17, 2017.

Sign up by calling Consumers Energy at 989-607-2168  
or visit [HomeAnalysis-ConsumersEnergy.com](http://HomeAnalysis-ConsumersEnergy.com)

The Home Energy Analysis promo code for Westminster is:  
**WPCBC17**



Please give support to the Crisis Committee with this year's Giving Tree Project. Gift tags will be available on two Sundays: **December 3 and December 10.**

Each tag provides age, gender, and suggested gift items. Some tags may have several items, but please only buy one of them. If you buy more than one item, especially with a child's tag, someone may get more than another.

Please place all gifts in gift bags unwrapped. Attach the gift tag to the handle of the bag. Please return all gifts to the church no later than **Sunday, December 17.**

**Thank you for your continued and generous  
support of this project!**



#### WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER BOARD

Meets at church  
Thurs., November 2 at 5:00 p.m.

#### ESTHER CIRCLE

Meets at church  
Thurs., November 9 at 1:00 p.m.

#### DEBORAH CIRCLE

Meets at Sherry Holly's home  
Thurs., November 16 at 7:00

#### LYDIA CIRCLE

Meets at church  
Thurs., November 16 at 1:00





# Bay City In Bloom

## RECOGNITION AWARD

Dear Friends:

Bay City In Bloom recognizes businesses, homeowners, and others who have made a difference in the appearance of Bay City and the surrounding area in the year 2017. Bay City In Bloom has chosen locations within the City and in the surrounding area that our committee members feel went the “extra mile” to add to the beauty of our city and area. Committee members volunteered their time to scout their neighborhoods looking for these locations.

As a result of their efforts, the Bay City In Bloom Committee is delighted to present this recognition award to Westminster Presbyterian Church for fostering civic pride by making improvements to property, preserving or conserving older structures (or features on an older structure), planting floral displays or for impressive landscaping. Thank you for the effort you put forth to make our community a nice place to live!

# Thank You

A big thank you to Sandy Thibo, Randy Thibo, Judy Randall, and Karen Schoeppach for keeping the courtyard blooming and beautiful this summer!



# WEDNESDAYS @ WESTMINSTER



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# STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 26, 2017 DURING THE 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

**Member Copy**  
Keep this for your records

## Stewardship Commitment

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

I/WE PLEDGE THE FOLLOWING IN 2018 PER: (CIRCLE ONE)

WEEK MONTH YEAR

GENERAL FUND: \_\_\_\_\_

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR REPAIRS: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGAN FUND: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: \_\_\_\_\_

(IF YOU HAVE NOT PLEDGED TO THE CAMPAIGN AND WOULD LIKE TO, THIS WILL BE A ONE YEAR COMMITMENT FOR 2018)

☐ I would like to make electronic payments

☐ I have included WPC in my planned giving by way of a will bequest or as a beneficiary of life insurance, retirement account or living trust

☐ I would like to know more about including the church in my planned giving

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Please return in worship on Nov 26th or mail to the Church by Nov 30th

## Stewardship Commitment

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

I/WE PLEDGE THE FOLLOWING IN 2018 PER: (CIRCLE ONE)

WEEK MONTH YEAR

GENERAL FUND: \_\_\_\_\_

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR REPAIRS: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGAN FUND: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

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