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THE WESTMINSTER LOG

This update has been a long time coming. It is such a blessing to share that this past week, Westminster's Session approved a contract to begin work on our construction project very, very soon. A step taken only after years of planning, it is a significant "leap forward" for our congregation into our "Next 150 Years!" Hopefully, the information below will answer a few of the most commonly asked questions about our new adventure!

WHO IS THE CONTRACTOR?

After submitting our project to seven area construction companies, we received four competitive bids from contractors of various sizes. After assessing the details, costs, and timelines in each proposal, we have committed to Serenus Johnson as our General Contractor. Serenus Johnson is a Bay City company in business since 1917 with an excellent reputation, and, like Westminster, is a strong supporter of the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission. Several area subcontractors will be involved with different aspects of the project as well, many of whom we have worked with before. Remer Plumbing and Sierra Technical Services, who handled our boiler project a few years ago and its asbestos remediation, will both be involved, as will the Fowler Organ company, ensuring that our instrument is not damaged in the project. Dave Tagget is continuing to work with our team as our architect and church design specialist. Please take the time to welcome and to share your appreciation for these skilled tradespeople and workers, as they we are their host in God's house, and it is our privilege to share a witness of faith with all of our guests!



A Heritage of Faith, Hope, and Love
For Today and For Our Next 150 Years

Construction Project Update



WHEN WILL CONSTRUCTION BEGIN?

We are hopeful that construction will begin within the first two weeks of October. As it goes with construction, some delays were inevitable in getting to this point, but we believe we are ready. Because we do have several areas of the church that used asbestos building materials in previous construction, we are required to submit an asbestos remediation plan to the state, and wait for a mandatory review period before demolition can begin. This period should be over in just a few days; during this time, we have "dotted our i's and crossed our t's" with the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, who will be providing our financing for the project. The first major undertaking will be the roof; though, in order to fix the roof, new roof drains and lines moving water away from the building will need to be installed first. When that is finished, new, tapered insulation will be installed on the roof, completely redesigning water flow and creating a gradual slope on our "flat" roof in order to funnel water to the drains (and for those of you who have helped clean up floods at the church, there will even be emergency overflow drains!). One of the other tasks will be cleaning offices and classrooms and getting things out of the way for the next steps. We may be looking for volunteers to help move furniture and furnishings, so keep an ear out.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

All told, we will be undergoing renovation here at Westminster for at least the next six months. Sections of the facility will be sealed off in a strategic order so that we can provide for air quality control with regard to asbestos, but also so that we can both make progress as quickly as possible and continue the programs and ministries of Westminster in the meantime. While work in our most obvious space, the sanctuary, is not scheduled until after Christmas, the entire building will be "in use" by the congregation for the duration of the construction period. So, we will need to be flexible in many ways. We are blessed with a "busy" building, and know that we will all do our

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on our website!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<div>October</div>		
2 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time Drop off items for Rummage Sale after worship service	3 9:30 a.m. My Tempo Music 7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting 7:15 p.m. Bay Chorale Drop off items for Rummage Sale	4 9:30 a.m. My Tempo Music 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands 6:00 p.m. Personnel Meet. 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout150 Drop off items for Rummage Sale
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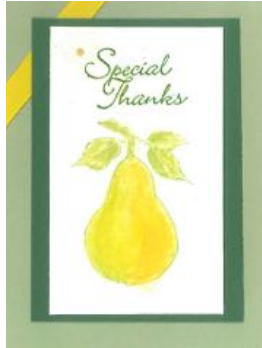
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Happy Birthday to... <div> Leota Clark Janet Dannesberger Conrad Drescher Lloyd Schoeppach Fran Ferdinand James Rowley </div>			1 Mission Trip
5 6:00 p.m. Wednesday @ Westminster 6:00 p.m. Rummage Sale - Members Only 6:00 p.m. Property Meet. 7:00 p.m. Mission Part. 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	6 8:30 a.m. TOPS 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale - Open to Public 5:30 p.m. Food of Faith 7:00 p.m. PW Board Meeting	7	8
12 5:45 p.m. Bay City Fireworks 6:00 p.m. Wednesday's @ Westminster 6:00 p.m. Worship Comm. 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	13 8:30 a.m. TOPS 5:30 p.m. Food of Faith	14	15
19 6:00 p.m. Wednesday's @ Westminster 6:30 p.m. Crisis Committee 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	20 8:30 a.m. TOPS 1:00 p.m. Esther Circle 1:00 p.m. Lydia Circle 5:30 p.m. Food of Faith 6:30 p.m. Humane Society 6:30 p.m. Deborah Circle	21	22
26 6:00 p.m. Wednesday's @ Westminster 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	27 8:30 a.m. TOPS 5:30 p.m. Food of Faith 6:30 p.m. Hannah Circle	28	29



October	November	December
Randy Thibo	Janet Beattie	Bill Shelt
Len Petroff	JoAnne Deuscher	Jack Gustafson
Sheryl Petroff	Diane Grabke	Patti Wesnick
Tom Tolles	Candy Green	Kaye Walker
Sandy Thibo	Tiffany Frontjes	John Hegenauer
Lisa Beson	Nancy Swantek	Joyce Hegenauer
Dawn Reszke	Jan Witucki	Anne Remington
Tom Majcarzak	Pam Monville	Russ Marvin
Marilyn Bechtel	Pati LaLonde	Lee Pratt
Barb Tolles	Jeff Rogers	Melissa Woodward



Prayers of the Congregation are extended to the family and friends of Jeannette Bain. Jeannette passed away Tuesday, September 6, 2016. A funeral and committal service took place at Squires Funeral Home on Friday, September 9, 2016 with Rev. Matthew Schramm officiating.



Dear Westminster Family,

Thank you for the cards and prayers during my recent illness and surgery recovery.

Love and peace,

Hazel Kish

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part in helping the process, even understanding that some groups and events may need to be relocated or rescheduled at times. Patience will certainly be appreciated, as we hope the improvements in our facility will enable us to even better serve the needs of the congregation and community. Be on the lookout for more information, as scheduling and sequencing will become clearer over the next several weeks.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Pray for Westminster! Pray for the project, the workers, all who are in and out of this building, and pray for all those who will be so very blessed by a new and improved space for worship, fellowship, and community life! Words cannot express how blessed we have been thus far with your support for the project, and we are hopeful that the beginning of construction may inspire even more generosity, whether through fulfilling pledged gifts, or going above and beyond! Again, the more financing we have collected by the time construction is finished, the lower our loan principal will be. If you have questions on how you can best contribute, please don't hesitate to call WPC Treasurer Heather Heidtman.

What an exciting and expectant time for all of us at Westminster! We are so very blessed that when all is said and done, Westminster will be a safer, more energy efficient, more inviting, and more welcoming space for any and all who might enter our doors. It's a new day for Westminster, as we take one more step along the journey of "Our Next 150 Years!"

In Christ,
Pastor Matt

TREASURER'S REPORT

Building Improvement Fund

July Balance: \$27,193.03

August Income: \$554.00

August Expense: \$107.70

August Balance: \$27,639.33

Operating Fund

August Income: \$25,666.90

August Expense: \$27,695.30

Major Repairs Fund

\$31,846.93

Donate online at www.wpcbc.org

Wednesdays @ Westminster

Children 3rd grade and up, join us for an evening of music and special workshops!

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. every Wednesday

Beginning Handbells

Grades 5 and up
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Children's Choir

Grades 3 and up
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Time

Grades 3 and up
(For those not participating in Choir)
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Workshop

For all ages



Join us in all the activities, or only ones that interest you!
Any questions, contact Dana Schramm at dana.schramm@gmail.com



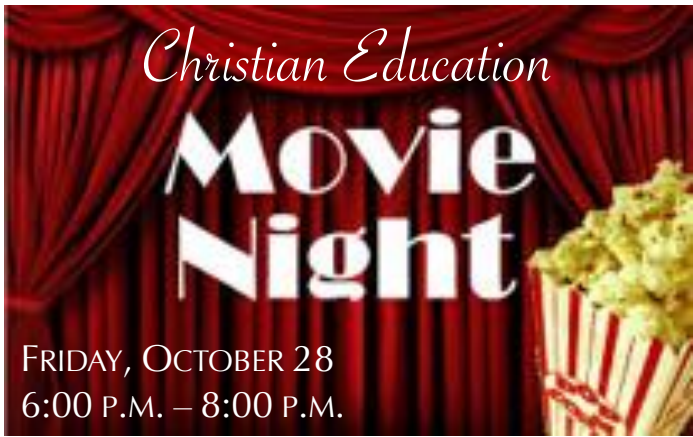
SET ASIDE ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 FOR MEMBERS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 FOR THE PUBLIC

You may bring in items for sale beginning after church Sunday, October 2 through Tuesday, October 4.

Volunteers are needed! Look for sign-up sheets in the Wenona and Dewitt Street lobbies.

All proceeds support the Presbyterian Women's Association.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28
6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Kids' Night Out!

Join us, children in preK through 5th grade, for Movie Night. Invite your friends!

Older youth and anyone interested in helping out, please contact Miss Dana.

Aging & Spirituality

If you are in the "second half" of life and seeking to value and explore this season of your life, come join us this month on **Tuesday, October 25 at noon.**

Bring a brown bag lunch along with a curious mind and spirit as we gather for lively discussions. Light refreshments will be served.

Please contact Pastor Linda if you have any questions.

BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY

Breakfast and Bible on **Sunday morning October 2** will kick off a new 8 week series on "Listening to God." From the series introduction:

How does a person listen to God? For some Christians, listening to God is a constant inner turning to

nudges from the Spirit as we go throughout the day...Others seem to hear God mostly through Scripture...reading scripture and listening to scholars to better understand its meaning and context.

But how did the people of the Old and New Testament listen to God? And how does reading their stories help us in our journey to listen to God as we live out our everyday lives?

Come join us on October 2 as we gather for eight weeks **to explore how and why** we seek to listen to God. We will kick off the first session at 9:00 a.m. with breakfast and thereafter meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Any questions, please see Pastor Linda. It would be helpful to register for the October 2 session to better plan for breakfast food. No need to register for the following Sundays.

Donate to a Family in Need

The Crisis Committee will be sponsoring Thanksgiving baskets for those in need within our community.



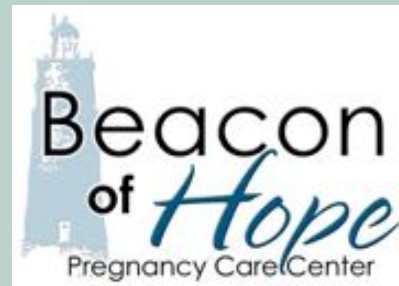
We intend to fill 100 baskets again this year. To do that, we need your help. We will sell our "turkeys" before and after church at both entrances on November 6 and November 13. The turkeys are \$10.00 each.

We are also looking for donations of food for the baskets. We usually include

canned green beans, corn, two cans of fruit (your choice), stuffing mix, jello, pudding, macaroni & cheese, cranberry sauce, a cake mix, frosting, and peanut butter. When you bring the food, you may leave it in one of the shopping carts located at both entrances of the church.

We thank you in advance for your generous support of this project.

Please donate all items by Friday, November 18.



Hope for Life Fundraiser

Saturday, October 22, 2016
4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Beacon of Hope
Pregnancy Care Center
2360 Midland Road, Bay City

Basket Raffle
50/50 drawing

Tickets
Adult: \$10
Children: \$6
includes: tacos, dessert, and drink

Tickets available at:

Beacon of Hope
Stan's Goldmine
Stock Pot
Uptown Grill

The Beacon of Hope will also hold a bake sale during the Hope for Life Fundraiser. If you are interested in donating baked goods, please contact Angela Iseler at 989-450-5207. Any help is appreciated!

*Offering unconditional love,
hope, & help to women and
families in our community*

Mark Quade

Mark is the Assistant Scoutmaster in Boy Scout Troop 150 and he enjoys helping his son and other scouts earn their rank and merit badges. For a living, he works as a Bail Bonds Agent, and although this work is frustrating at times, the benefits are that he gets to give advice and help others rebuild their lives. In his free time, Mark enjoys playing and watching sports. Go Blue! Mark is interested in getting to know the Westminster family.

Nick Quade

Nick is currently a Boy Scout in Troop 150 with the rank of Star, striving to be an Eagle Scout. Nick plays the baritone and guitar, and recently joined the Central High School Marching Band. He enjoys video games and is learning how to make short movies. His family has two "rescue" dogs who adopted them. It is important to Nick to donate to the animal shelter and volunteer his time in community events. He looks forward to an opportunity to complete confirmation class later this year.



Sunday School Kickoff & Ice Cream Social

September 11, 2016



Mission Work Team Commissioning September 18, 2016 Worship

Donna Tetil, Pam Monville, Tom Monville,
Lee Pratt, Sherry Holley, Bill Schramm, and
Rev. Matthew Schramm

The mission team left for Virginia on Saturday, September 24, 2016 to help make an Appalachian home warmer, safer, and drier. The team will return on Saturday, October 1.



Welcome New Members
September 11, 2016



Barbara English

Barbara grew up in Au Gres, Michigan. She married her husband in 1958, and they moved to Bay City to raise their son and daughter. Her children have since blessed her with six grandchildren. Barbara worked as a bookkeeper for 23 years until her retirement in 1997. Her hobbies include reading and baking, but most of all, she enjoys anything to do with her family. By joining Westminster, Barbara hopes to renew her faith and meet new people.



Barbara Timm
Mark & Cheryl Quade
(Included in the photograph is Nick Quade,
Mark and Cheryl's son)

Barbara Timm
Barbara is a mother of two and grandmother of three. She enjoys attending her grandchildren's dance recitals, sports events, and band performances. In the past, Barbara has enjoyed traveling to far away places such as Hawaii, Spain, and the Caribbean. She is fond of walking, doing ceramics, going to the movies, and relishing family time during the holidays. Barbara looks forward to being a part of the Westminster community.

Cheryl Quade
Cheryl has worked for the Bay City Public Schools for over 30 years and will soon look to retire and find another position with less hours to spend more time "living." She is the Rank Advancement Chair for Boy Scout Troop 150 and enjoys her involvement with this troop. Cheryl has a fondness for reading, hiking, art, family outings, and she has recently learned the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

*Fifty-
Year Members*

**On Sunday, October 16, 2016 we will celebrate
our 50-year members!**

We would like to thank the following parishioners on their continued witness to the glory of God.

The Deacons are hosting a wonderful luncheon following the service, and all are welcome.

1933
Arvilla "Rae" MacPhail

1945
Elizabeth Dore
Marilyn Lewis

1946
Russel Marvin

1948
Marian Larive

1951
Janet Dannesberger

1953
Betty Lurger
Patricia Quantz

1954
Alma Watton

1955
Ross Brown
JoAnne Deuscher
Neil Everson
Margaret Hanson
Robert Hanson
Mary Lou Higgins
Bonnie Scheddel

1957
Claire Jacobson
Hazel Kish
Howard Schmidt

1958
Peggy Hawkins
Janice VanNostrand
Florie Wright

1959
JeAnne Hebner
Richard Hebner
Joyce Hegenauer

1960
Doris Bibbee
Charlotte Blumenstein
Edith Elliot
Joyce Grigg
Roy Grigg

1961
Dianne Grabke
Thomas Kayner
Philip Reagh
Richard VanNostrand
Robert VanNostrand

1962
Carol Castrodale
Dorothy Eickel
Lloyd Schoeppach

1963
Ronald Deuscher
Thomas Lange
Beryl Mall
Colleen Schmidt
Sharon Thomas
Joy Thompson

1964
John Hegenauer
Carol Lange
Karen Schoeppach

1965
Marie Capp
Richard Case
Elaine Edwards
Marilyn Kayner
Molly Molyneaux
Judy Randall
Elizabeth Talbot

**This year's 50-year
members:**

1966
Gloria Bublitz
Paul Dannesberger
Robert Merritt
Mary Kay Prudden

