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THE WESTMINSTER LOG

JOIN US FOR "THE GREAT CHURCH CHILL OUT" THIS SUMMER!

Many of us are anxious and stressed. Our children and youth have lived through a really weird last three years. Life has always been uncertain, but we are all more aware of that truth than ever these days.

Join Westminster this summer as we take a break with a series that reminds us all to:

Settle Down (Psalm 139:7-12)

Laugh Out Loud (Proverbs 17:22; Psalm 126:1-3)

Shed Expectations (Psalm 62:1-8)

Take a Break (Psalm 61:1-5)

Celebrate (Psalm 118:24)

Using passages from Psalms let's spend summer remembering that we were not created to be anxious creatures, but to rejoice, revel and rest in God's good creation. Each service will invite us into deeper reflection on the Psalms. We've got lots of special music planned to go along with this series, including some of our children and adults sharing their talents, some old favorites to sing along to, and some new songs to learn and love!

JOIN US IN WORSHIP AS WE WALK THROUGH THE PSALMS THIS SUMMER AND...



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SUNDAY, JULY 30 @ 10:30 A.M.

FOR OUR "TAKE A BREAK" SERVICE ON JULY 30, WE'LL PLAN TO WORSHIP ON THE NORTH LAWN, WEATHER PERMITTING. SEE YOU UNDER THE TENT!

Worship ON THE LAWN

You'll notice the Log is smaller than usual this month. We're following the advice of our summer worship series and "chilling out" a little bit. A calendar of events is on the following page with a few announcements about our July happenings. We'll have pictures of VBS and our Block Party in the August Log (or check out our Facebook page). We'll also begin highlighting our Fall Programming.

But until then...a little respite.

Most of the staff have vacations scheduled at various times during July and August, but please know you can call the church office during normal hours and someone will be here to help you out. We do have access to our emails and voicemails if you contact us outside of the office hours.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

PEGGY LANGE
JOYCE GRIGG
SHARON HIGNITE
NANCY BERTA
MARGARET HANSON

GARY EAGLE
LEANOR ROBINSON
NEIL EVERSON
JUDY WYCOFF

July Events

2 SUN	WORSHIP @10:30 A.M.
3-4 MON-TUES	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
9 SUN	WORSHIP @10:30 A.M.
16 SUN	WORSHIP @10:30 A.M. BOOK AND BRUNCH @ 11:45 A.M.
18 TUE	SONGCATCHER MOVIE @ 1:00 P.M.
23 SUN	WORSHIP @10:30 A.M.
27 THU	ANNE OF GREEN GABLES MOVIE @6:00 P.M.
30 SUN	WORSHIP @10:30 A.M.

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

Join your church family for a time of fellowship before and after Sunday's worship service.

Coffee and donuts included



Thank you!

On behalf of my fellow golfers: Len Petroff, Jeff Rogers and Tim Rutzen, I would like to thank all the members of our church family who sponsored our play last week at Fortress Golf Course in Frankenmuth. The funds were directed towards the 3M Rescue Missions of MId-Michigan which runs the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission in Bay City. We were able to raise over \$5,000.00 towards helping the homeless in our area. The total money raised at this even was over \$90,000 this year!

Sincerely,
Chris Elzinga



BOOK AND BRUNCH

We had a great initial discussion about hunger and access to food in our first Book and Brunch gathering on June 11. So much discussion, that we only made it through three chapters! We hope you will plan to join us as we continue to discuss the book, *I Was Hungry: Cultivating Common Ground to End an American Crisis*, by Jeremy K. Everett. Following the worship service on **July 16**, we'll discuss chapters 4-7, and on **August 20** we'll finish the book, reading chapters 8-10.



Please let us know if you plan on attending so that we can properly prepare food. Books are available through the church office. The book is also available in ebook format for those who prefer to read using a digital format. Please contact Pastor Jamie or Rev. Linda if you have any questions.

If you missed our discussion of the first three chapters, Pastor Jamie will be facilitating a discussion via Zoom on Sunday, July 9 at 7pm. Friends from churches throughout the Presbytery will also be in attendance. You can register to join the Zoom session at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcpdOuqrT0uGdx-FFReGWkze18HrBsTZuPX>

SUMMER MOVIE SERIES

Songcatcher is a film about a professor - Dr. Lily Penleric - researching and collecting Appalachian folk music in the mountains of western North Carolina. Although *Songcatcher* is a fictional film, it is loosely based on the work of Olive Dame Campbell, founder of the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, North Carolina, and that of the English folk song collector Cecil Sharp.

In 1907, Dr. Lily Penleric is denied a promotion at the university where she teaches. She impulsively visits her sister who runs a struggling rural school in Appalachia. There, she discovers a treasure trove of traditional English and Scotch-Irish ballads, which have been preserved by the secluded mountain people since the colonial period of the 1600s and 1700s. Lily decides to record and transcribe the songs and share them with the outside world.

With the help of a musically talented orphan, Lily ventures into isolated areas of the mountains to collect the songs. She finds herself increasingly enchanted, not only by the rugged purity of the music, but also by the courage and endurance of the local people as they carve out meaningful lives against the harsh conditions.

The story is beautifully written and acted; the music also makes it well worth the price of a ticket. Remember though for our summer movie series, admission is free! Popcorn, soda, and candy included!

Hope many of you can join us on **Tuesday, July 18th at 1 PM**. Any questions, please call the church office.



Anne of Green Gables

Join us for an evening of fun as we watch the movie *Anne of Green Gables*. This will be fun for all who have enjoyed the books or movies over the years. There will be finger sandwiches, tea, punch, and some yummy, sweet treats too! We hope that if you love Anne as much as we do, that you will join us!

Thursday, July 27th at 6:00 p.m.

In order to have enough food for all, please RSVP by calling the church office
989-686-1360