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THE WESTMINSTER LOG



In Summer!

Summer is nearly upon us. There are hardly sweeter words in the English Language. If I can just push through the Spring bloom and the allergies that accompany the budding trees, I will be ready to dance in the fields like Olaf the snowman from Disney's "Frozen!"



I'm looking forward to the summertime pace as much as anyone, but I have to confess — I'm looking ahead to a stretch at Westminster that fills me with joy! Literally every week, there is something unique and not-to-be-missed happening at church, and I am so thrilled that we get to share it with one another as we look to grow spiritually together as children of God.

This week, probably right after you receive this, is our annual Appreciation Picnic. The Family and Fellowship Ministries group has been planning a wonderful time of food and fellowship with one another. Come and have a hot dog and some ice cream, and share in giving thanks to God for one another and our service to our neighbors!

The very next Sunday, on June 5th, we will welcome Michael and Rachel Ludwig to be with us at 3pm for a special presentation about their mission service in the Republic of Niger. Through our Mission Partnerships group, you have been supporting their work in Community Health Evangelism in one of the world's most poorly developed countries. I've known the Ludwigs for years, and it's a true pleasure to bring them — and their family — to Westminster. See more from them inside!

The following week brings us Graduation Sunday! Celebrate with us as we mark meaningful transitions in the lives of our young people (and maybe even "not-so-young" people). If you could let the church office know ASAP of graduations

among your family or friends who are part of WPC, that would be much appreciated. We don't want to miss anyone, and we only know if you tell us! Not to be missed as well is that this Sunday will be our Confirmation Sunday, when we recognize the faith commitments of two of our young people!

June 19th will wrap up our amazing week of Vacation Bible School, as we hear songs and stories of faith from our little Presbyterians! Later that week, the General Assembly of the PC(U.S.A.) will meet in Portland. Look inside for a special announcement about that! Then, Sunday June 26th is our celebration of the gifts of Men. Hear the Men's Choir sing and join in lifting up leaders for our church and community.

Wow! This didn't even mention the construction set to begin this summer, the Photo Directory on the horizon, and so many other amazing opportunities to share the love of God in Christ Jesus with one another. I hope and pray that this month will bring us all a taste of the rest and relaxation we look forward to, as well as a real opportunity to use our time to grow our faith deep and wide as we serve God as a family of faith.

See you in church!
Pastor Matt

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Summer Communion Servers

June	July	August
Bill Shelt Pam Binder Ed Griffin	Sharon Thomas Ron Deuscher JoAnne Deuscher	Chris Elzinga Neil Harrelson Leonor Robinson



FINANCE

MEETING TIME CHANGE Until further notice, finance meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. The next finance meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 13.

Music at Westminster



Men's Sunday

The Men's Choir will sing on **Men's Sunday, June 26, 2016.**

Men interested in singing on this special occasion should see Buzz West or call the church office.

Rehearsals

Sunday, June 19 @ 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday, June 22 @ 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 26 @ 9:30 a.m.

Beginning Junior Bells

Keep the Date...

Westminster's Beginning Junior Bells for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders begins in September!

No experience necessary. Come learn and have fun!



TREASURER'S REPORT

Building Improvement Fund

March Balance \$24,852.90
April Income \$872.00
April Expense: \$369.87
April Balance: \$25,355.03

Operating Fund

April Income: \$25,629.20
April Expense: \$30,591.53

Major Repairs Fund

\$27,349.93

Donate online at www.wpcbc.org

Spring



Rummage Sale

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Spring Rummage and Bake Sale possible! Another big thank you to those who donated goods to sell. The total amount raised for the Presbyterian Women's Association was \$1,427.40. The Bake Sale raised \$129.25.



GRADUATION SUNDAY

If you know someone who is graduating, please call the church office and let us know! We will honor graduates on June 12 during the worship service.



VS



Dow Diamond

Fellowship Night

August 4, 2016

7:05 p.m.

Enjoy \$1 hot dogs, 16oz. Pepsi products, ice cream sandwiches, and chips throughout the game.

Westminster has a limited number of tickets on hand. To reserve your seat, please pay the church office before July 20. Tickets are \$9.50 each.



Nate Doan Park Early Summer Clean-up!

Last year, the Mission Partnership Ministry spent a Saturday cleaning, painting, and sprucing up Nate Doan Park. We would like to continue our efforts this year.

Join us **Sunday, June 12**, immediately following worship, as we clean up our neighborhood park. This time we'll be picking up trash and raking.

If you are able, please bring a rake or two, trash bags, yard bags, and gloves.

We hope you can join us!



MISSION TRIP 2016

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 -
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

The Mission Partnerships Committee is very excited about this newest mission adventure and hopes you can join us. Please contact the church office for more information or go to www.wpcbc.org to register.



DEADLINE NOW — CALL TODAY!



Presbyterian Women of Westminster will hold their June Association Meeting and Potluck at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 16 in Fellowship Hall.

Julie Marter Kukla and Karen Gillman of Home Neat Home will share with us "Stress-Free Ways to Get and Stay Organized."

All are welcome! You do not have to be a member of a circle, and we welcome men to attend as well. Bring a dish to pass, and paper and pencil to take notes. Beverages and tableware provided.



Spirituality of Aging

It has been said that "life is a journey, not a destination."

This summer we will have the opportunity to explore "life as spiritual journey" through a three-part film series.

On Tuesday, June 28 we will watch the movie *Places in the Heart*.

On July 26 we will see *The Way*.

August's movie is yet to be determined, but we will meet on the 23rd.

Each time we will meet at noon. Please bring a sack lunch; beverages will be provided.

Since a movie runs about two hours, we will meet from noon until 2:30, which will give us some time for discussion following the movie.

Adults of all ages are invited to attend.

Any questions, please call or see Pastor Linda.



Men's Retreat July 28 – July 30



Men's Retreat!

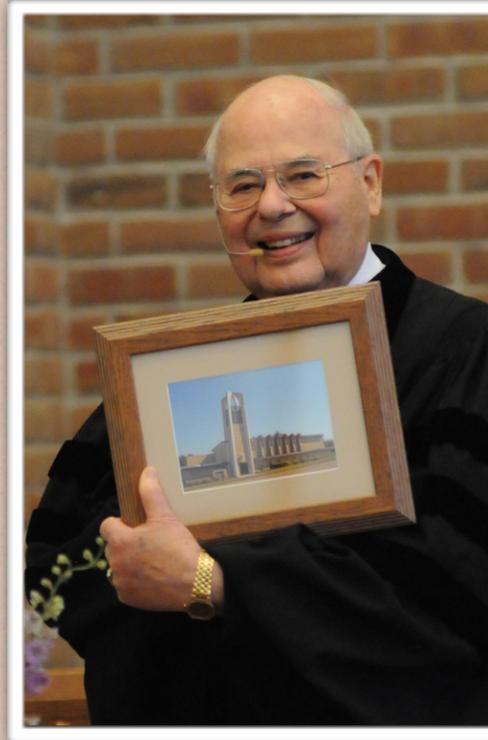
Invite some friends out for a weekend of fun and fellowship to beautiful Barnes Park, located on Grand Traverse Bay.

Enjoy kayaking, canoeing, hiking, mountain biking, fishing, camping, and campfires.

Stay all weekend or part. Extra kayaks and canoes are available.

Contact Jake Bennett, or connect with the event on Facebook for more information!

George Baird to be Honored at the 222nd General Assembly of the PC(U.S.A.)



The denomination's Association of Stated Clerks (ASC) has reported that Westminster's dear friend and former Parish Associate, the Rev. Dr. George Baird, has been named the 2016 recipient of its C. Fred Jenkins Award. Many in the church consider this to be the "lifetime achievement award" for those who have served as Stated Clerks of presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly (in a nutshell, in the Presbyterian Church, the Stated Clerk is the "engineer" of the church's work - the one who ensures that the church is accomplishing its mission in a manner consistent with the constitution of the church, its expectations, standards, and policies). This honor is awarded at each General Assembly to an individual or group that has given wise, prudent, and vigilant support to the Constitution and polity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

From the ASC: "C. Fred Jenkins served his Lord as Associate Stated Clerk of the PC(U.S.A.) from 1990 until his death in 2000. During his tenure, Fred was available always to those who sought his counsel and wisdom, and demonstrated in his responses, in wonderful ways, a love of the church and a grace in the face of our frailties. In his memory and in an attempt to preserve and nurture the values for which he stood, the Association has established this award."

A longtime clerk for the Presbytery of Lake Huron, George was a colleague of Fred Jenkins, which adds one more layer of joy to this prestigious honor. The ASC will be presenting George with this award at their meeting during the 222nd General Assembly this month in Portland, OR. An award lunch will be held Thursday, June 23rd. Pastor Matt and other friends from the Lake Huron Presbytery will be attendance to share our congratulations and to join in celebrating this well-deserved recognition.



REVELATION

A SUMMER SERMON SERIES

The Lion and the Lamb. The Anti-Christ. The Mark of the Beast. Armageddon. Paradise. Eternity. All these themes find a place in the biblical Book of Revelation. Few books of the Bible create more interest, inspire more curiosity, invoke more fear, or are more misunderstood than this one. What is the meaning of Revelation? How are we to read it? And how does its message speak to us today? Engage these questions and more in our summer sermon series. If you've ever wanted to know more about this book, join us soon for this exploration of the teachings of Revelation.

Dear Westminster Presbyterian Church,

April 19, 2016

Thank you for your support of the Rescue Mission through the Annual Golf Challenge. Your \$2,500.00 gift in combination with others will help provide emergency shelter services to the homeless of the Bay area this summer.

Summer is typically a challenging season — a time when donations drop, even though the needs of those we serve do not decline. This summer the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission will provide over 7,000 nights of emergency shelter and serve over 15,000 meals.

Thank you for being a part of the 2016 golf challenge and providing hope and care to those in need this summer.

Sincerely,

Dan Streeter
Mission Director

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in ministry!
-- Dan



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the countless survivors who come to Bay Area Women's Center for assistance, we would like to thank you for your most generous donation of \$1,000.



Through your generosity, we are able to help families move forward by providing the assistance they need.

Truly,

Jeremy J. Rick
Executive Director

Lynn Weaver
Director of Development



Westminster has a well stocked food pantry thanks to the 24th Annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, which took place Saturday, May 14, 2016.



Westminster is happy to have the assistance of special needs students from the Bay-Arenac ISD throughout the school year, who work with Harold to help clean the building.

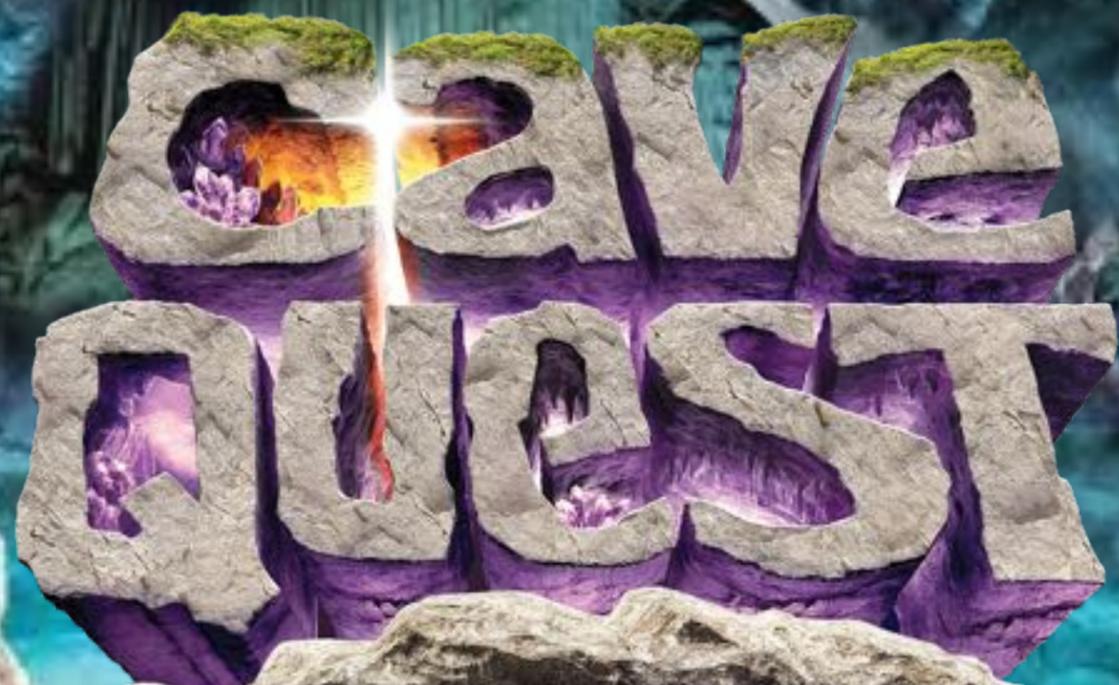
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Register online: wpcbc.org

After June 1st a \$10 fee will be applied.



**FOLLOWING JESUS
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

A Letter from Michael and Rachel Ludwig Serving in Niger

MARCH 2016 - A SUSTAINABLE WITNESS

Mud brick classrooms collapse and the roof falls in on students' bedrooms at a Bible school. A local church splits and looks for how they will stay active in God's mission around the world. A small church is attacked, necessitating long-term social and physical rebuilding. Mission personnel worry about the future of their positions and the witness to Jesus that might be lost in their part of the world. We're being confronted with the problems of sustainability over and over.

Our family is privileged to witness firsthand these struggles across the cultures of the U.S. and Niger. That is, both the struggle for sustainability of a fellowship that represents Jesus Christ and the sustainability of each person's participation in God's life-giving work. These struggles lead me to share with you a proverb from the Hausa people of Niger: *Ka yar da alheri baya, ka tsince shi gaba*, or "Throw your grace behind you, and you will collect it ahead of you." The Christian community links this saying to the wisdom of Ecclesiastes 11:1, which uses almost identical Hausa wording in encouraging us to "cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days" (KJV). We're excited to witness that this is a season when our partners in the Evangelical Church in the Republic of Niger (EERN) are seeking to follow that wisdom for the future sustainability of the church.

Sustainability in Scarcity

We've experienced the Hausa people as very generous, especially by Western standards, but we've noticed that there's also often a mentality of scarcity lurking in communities and the church. The underlying feeling of scarcity is not surprising in this country that continues to be ranked by the UN as the least developed in the world. Scarcity tends to push people to think about what they can get now, how they can immediately use what they have, and to let the future worry about the future.

But we're happy to see that the church leaders are thinking more and more about sustainability. This thinking shows itself in their recent efforts to establish a rickshaw taxi business for the church. The business trains and employs

Christian youth, but it also generates ongoing income for the evangelism programs of the church. The EERN's new emphasis on sustainability also shows in things like how they are seeking the small salaries for new evangelists from EERN church members first rather than from foreign organizations.

For us the most exciting of these moves towards sustainability is helping to plan how the EERN will integrate the Community Health Evangelism strategy (CHE) into their churches.

Taking Sustainability Further

A central question for the EERN in reaching out to their underserved nation is: How can they help their outreach workers find a foothold in new communities that is based on internal sustainability rather than continued outside intervention? How can the love and transformation of Christ grow in a community by drawing on local resources instead of depending on outsiders offering incentives? CHE is one tool that can help answer these questions, using a strategy based on simple, locally available solutions to wellness and subsistence problems that the community itself identifies and considers important. We know CHE can be useful to evangelists like one we recently met in the major village about an hour from where we live. One of his main activities



The President of the EERN joyfully shows a group of visitors the crumbling room he stayed in 20 years ago when he attended this EERN Bible School in Guesheme.



is going to other villages or his own to sit with men on mats under trees and tell anyone who will listen about Jesus' message. He told us a colorful story about regularly walking to a far village you can't find a ride to—so far that it costs \$2 just to buy the soap to wash the dust out of your clothes when you return from that long journey.



The evangelist at Sabon Mache (center with his wife, the secondary-level students he hosts, a member of his church (right), and EERN President Kadade (left).

This evangelist already hosts five students from other villages who come to his village for secondary school, but the EERN is hoping to expand that as part of a program to reach out to Muslim students and to boost church membership beyond its current two families. He may need better transportation and more rooms on his house, but this evangelist will benefit from the CHE resources that include culturally appropriate methods of surveying communities for needs and easily taught lessons on family practices that address these physical and spiritual needs.

Sustainable Foundations for CHE

People here like the idea of CHE and the idea of sustainability that goes with it. But this strategy is very different from the expectations that people from the villages have formed over the years in response to the regular flow of relief supplies sent by NGOs. Recently I was asked by a regional leader a typical question about CHE: When someone gets sick in the village, what solutions or medicines can CHE bring for them? The answer is complicated, but it boils down to the key concept that CHE is about prevention and not treatment. CHE doesn't offer much value added after a person is sick; rather, the value is added by making it easier for a

community to deal with problems like common illnesses before they come to a head.

It can be hard to explain to some people why this approach is worthwhile for them, but it starts with that Hausa proverb about casting your bread upon the waters and trusting you will collect it after many days. In this way CHE seeks to foster true development within a community, done by an evangelist's family that is modeling good health, subsistence, and spiritual practices, bringing their neighbors and community alongside through basic planned-out practices that address local needs.

It's our hope that the EERN will be able to offer CHE training to its evangelists in 2017. Part of our job is to help plan the best process and structure for this to happen, how to ensure hands-on follow-up, and how the PC(USA) can best partner in this effort.

Michael and Rachel Ludwig

Westminster Welcomes

Michael and Rachel Ludwig & Family



**Sunday, June 5
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
In the Chapel**

Westminster invites everyone of all ages for a special afternoon of education and fellowship! Michael and Rachel Ludwig will visit Westminster Sunday, June 5 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Come out and listen to a presentation on their mission work and personal experiences in Niger. There will be time for questions.

Children are welcome, too! Children will have the opportunity to meet the Ludwig children and make crafts.

Light refreshments and snacks will be available.