

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Worship Times

Sunday

8:00 a.m. traditional service in the Chapel

9:00 a.m. contemporary service in the Family Life Center

11:00 a.m. traditional service in the Sanctuary

Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month.

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AROUND WESTMINSTER

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION FOR LOAVES & FISHES

Each year, the Westminster Student Ministries assists in blessing the families that utilize our Loaves & Fishes food pantry by providing some of the groceries that make up a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. This year, the students are challenging the congregation! There will be two tables set up in the Old Dining Room, one for the collections of the students, and another for the congregation. Who will collect more?

You may begin picking up the bags and their attached lists of suggestions outside the FLC and Sanctuary on Sunday, November 7th. Please return the bags of groceries to the Old Dining Room by Nov. 21st. Loaves & Fishes currently serves over 125 local families each week. Can you help us ensure that they all have a good dinner to be thankful for this holiday?

Deck the HALLS!

The Hanging of the Greens and chili supper are coming on Sunday, Nov. 28th at 4:00 p.m. Please join us for an afternoon of decorating, carols, food and fellowship. With a good crew to help, it usually doesn't take very long to get the decorations up, and this is always a fun event for all ages. Nursery will be provided, so please join us! If you'd like to bring a pot of chili, a pan of cornbread, crackers, cheese, dessert or anything else, please let Kirk Lampe know by emailing him at kirk.lampe@gmail.com.

PREPARING THE WAY OF THE LORD

If you would like to help prepare the way of the Lord during the upcoming Advent season by lighting the Advent candles during the 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. worship gatherings, please let Pastor Jim know by emailing him (jlangley@crwpc.org) or by calling the Church Office (366-7185).

The lighting of the candles is a special part of worship each year. This year, Advent begins on Nov. 28th. Anyone is invited to take part in this activity...you don't have to be a family with little kids! Singles, couples, a group of friends...all are invited...and a script will be provided.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IS COMING SOON!!

Our annual Christmas Program will be held on December 12th at 4:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary! This year, we have a very special program adapted by our own Director of Christian Education, A.J. Plummer, and Pastor Jim Langley from a story entitled "The Christmas Pageant" from The Good News from North Haven by Rev. Michael Lindvall. This story takes a satirical look at Christmas programs as they've developed over the years and the forces behind them. This intergenerational Christmas play incorporates actors from all aspects of the church and walks of life from those in preschool to those who are, well, let's just say, well beyond preschool. If you're interested in helping out in any way from acting to herding kids to back stage production to providing desserts, please let A.J. know. We hope you'll come and join us for this very special worship experience. There will even be a dessert reception following the production. We look forward to seeing you there!

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

We will once again be ordering poinsettias to be displayed around the church during the weeks before Christmas. An order form will be inserted into the bulletin on November 14th, and forms will also be available in various areas of the church. The poinsettias may be taken home on Sunday, December 19th, or donated to a shut-in to enjoy over the Christmas holiday. Pricing will be available on the order form, or you can call the Church Office for more information. **Orders must be in the Church Office no later than NOON on Monday, November 29th.**

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PASTORAL PREFACE

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was elected by the congregation September 26, 2010. The PNC consists of John Swanson, Chairperson, Lisa Conkling, Don Damsteegt, Tony Huebsch, David Jiruska, Glenn Lane, Deanna Long, Barb Read, Beth Roof, Dr. Mark Tyler, and Matt Wilding.

Last evening, October 19, 2010, the Session approved the Church Information Form (CIF) that the PNC just finished drafting. The CIF requires the approval of the PNC, the Session, and the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of East Iowa. It has been approved by all three entities. Even as I write, the CIF is being transferred to the website of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Louisville, Kentucky, www.pcusa.org. Potential pastors will be able to view the Westminster CIF, once it is online, and apply for the position of pastor if they are interested. I want to commend the PNC in writing an accurate, balanced and outstanding CIF. Westminster is well represented!

Each time a church goes through the process of calling a new pastor, the church reenvision its ministry in its current context and reinvents itself to carry out its mission moving forward. One compelling metaphor for today's church is "halfway house". David True, associate professor of religion in Wilson College, Chambersburg, PA writes in the Oct. 4, 2010 *Presbyterian Outlook*:

The church in America is for the most part a hybrid or halfway house, combining elements of both forgiveness and discipline. It is also like a literal halfway house. Since its earliest days, the church at its best has been a home for repentant tax-collectors and sinners, recovering addicts and criminals. It is a community that, having heard the good news, confesses its brokenness even as it works to mend up the broken-hearted. This church understands conversions to be a life-long process for all the members of the covenant. In this vision, the people of God are both saints and sinners, but they are also on a pilgrimage that involves discipline, striving, and recovery.

Many churches share this core identity, what one might call a covenant of grace. Of course, they also display tradition-specific features, but beneath such distinctives is a common framework of belief, a theological identity in need of nurturing. This is a daunting challenge in part because it's not a discreet task that can be checked off once and for all or even weekly. It calls for constant attention in the ordinary moments of a congregation's life: in preaching and worship, baptisms and confirmations, marriages and funerals, retreats and hallway conversations, newsletters and blogs, and on and on. It is easy to see why pastors need rest, and lots of it, but in these countless moments, pastors and parishioners have the opportunity to help us re-envision church, what it means to be part of this motley crew, this halfway house, this covenant of grace. -p.15

Happy re-envisioning your mission and ministry to church and community at this juncture in your 155- year history, people of Westminster Church! Happy searching for the pastor who is being called by God to lead you in the next era of your life together!

Faithfully ,

Interim Pastor Don

ORIGINAL CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

The Fine Arts Committee invites you to create original Christmas ornaments to hang in the gallery during the month of December. Ornaments can be created from any type of material you can find from home or in a craft store. They must have a loop of some kind so that they can be hung during display. Name tags will be available to identify each ornament. Ornaments can be delivered to the Church Office starting the week of November 22nd. All ornaments must be submitted no later than November 29th. If you wish to use your ornament on your Christmas tree, please plan to take it the week of December 19th. Those who wish to leave their ornaments at the church over Christmas may pick them up the week of December 26th. We hope everyone will participate and enjoy this project.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER 2010

8:00 a.m. Greeters/Ushers

November 7 Jack & Nancy Haney
November 14 Don & Sherryl Hoepfner
November 21 Connie Hayes & Patty Lewin
November 28 Jim & Sue Patterson

9:00 a.m. Greeters/Ushers

November 7 Rich & Connie Ripley
November 14 Ibsa Tilahun & Lemi Tilahun
November 21 Joyce Sankey & Deb Sprague
November 28 JR & Jackie Alff

11:00 a.m. Head Usher

Scott Olson

11:00 a.m. Greeters

November 7 Wendy Thomas
November 14 Ed & Ardyce Brunsting
November 21 Jack & Nancy Evans
November 28 Joyce Sankey & Judith Schoff

11:00 a.m. Ushers

November 7 Chuck & Mary Jo Crull, Dee Davis, Herb & Carm Hammerberg
November 14 Bryan & Nancy Hawkins, John Henderson, Tony & Suzanne Huebsch
November 21 Ted Kahler, Jean Kenison, Flora Kitzman, Carl & Velma Kintzel
November 28 Gary & Vicki Owens, Kent Steenblock, Jim & Cheryl Shanklin

Offering Stewards

November 1 David Basler
November 7 Jenna Alff & Tom Read
November 8 Ed Brunsting
November 14 John Swanson & Jackie Alff
November 15 Connie Hayes
November 21 David Basler & Marcia Elhart
November 22 David Marner
November 28 Dave Marner & Sue Winegarden
November 29 Pat Teig

Nursery Volunteers

9:00 a.m.

November 7 Brady Grimm
November 14 TBA
November 21 Kim Langley
November 28 Michelle Pearson

10:00 a.m.

November 7 Alisa Shields
November 14 Nikita Thies
November 21 Ibsa Tilahun
November 28 Abby Papesch

11:00 a.m.

November 7 Lauren Zimmermann
November 14 Marcia Elhart
November 21 Marcia Elhart
November 28 Andrea Schoenbeck

Liturgist

November 7 John Ruth
November 14 Kim Langley
November 21 Martha Wilding
November 28 No Liturgist

Handicap Host / Flower Delivery

November 7 Carol Ferguson
November 14 Jennifer Edwards
November 21 Ted Kahler
November 28 Deb Sprague

Coffee Hosts

November 7 Cheryl Shanklin & Alice Crosier
November 14 Signe Munson & John Henderson
November 21 Bryan & Nancy Hawkins
November 28 Dake Weiske & Fran Hanzel Johnson

9:00 a.m. Communion Servers

Heather Wagner, Joan or Wendell Snow, Jackie Alff, Leanne Leeper

11:00 a.m. Communion Servers

Darlene Cox, Signe Munson, Marcia Elhart, Martha Wilding, Sue Judy Ruth, Jennifer Edwards, Marion Engel, Carol Ferguson

SCHEDULED TO SERVE AND CAN'T MAKE IT?

If you are scheduled to serve on a Sunday and cannot serve on your scheduled day, please find a replacement or someone to switch with you. Please let the Church Office know of any changes by Thursday of each week to ensure that it is printed correctly in the bulletin. If you have any questions regarding the schedule, please call the Church Office at 366-7185 or email Christina at westmin@crwpc.org. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

JOTTINGS FROM PASTOR JIM

Many of you might not be aware of this, but a young man who grew up here at Westminster is currently studying for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament at Columbia Theological Seminary. Steve Sankey, the son of Jim and Joyce Sankey, graduated from Westminster College in Pennsylvania and, feeling God's call on his life, was led to South Carolina and a vocation in the church. What follows is a note from Steve about how things are going...

"Greetings from SEC country! I am about halfway through this first semester, and oh, how I miss my beloved Big 10! I've been proudly wearing black and gold every Saturday, and even found a sports bar where I can watch the game! Go Hawks!

Besides football, it has been an exciting first semester at Columbia. I am enjoying all of my classes and am doing fairly well thus far. My favorite class is Reformed Theology. As we are reading through The Book of Confessions, I am learning how valuable a resource it is. While I don't think I will be memorizing the Westminster Shorter Catechism, I appreciate now the various expressions of faith within it, especially in light of the contexts of oppression and conflict from which the statements came.

God has blessed me in so many ways over the past few months. I have made friends that are full of faith and incredible leaders from whom I hope to learn much. I have been able to play sax in a band of other first-year students, along with playing during worship at churches in the community. I have opportunities to get out of my comfort zone and see God working in the community as I help out at Mercy, a church of mostly homeless people. God has also blessed me much with support. I received an Apollos scholarship from the Omaha Seminary Foundation and a grant from the PC(USA) along with some money for books from the congregation I served in New Wilmington, PA. On top of all of this, I was given a brand-new moped by someone in Decatur! Long story short, they won it at a charity auction last year but haven't used it much, and decided to give it to someone who needed transportation. As I don't have a car, that happened to be me!

I hope all is well back home and that it hasn't snowed yet! It is still shorts weather here, so feel free to come down and visit any time!

Steve

P.S. Speaking of visitors, I ran into Kristin Hutson last week at Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta! I continue to be amazed at the small world of the PC(USA)!"

If you would be interested in assisting to offset some of Steve's book or tuition expenses, please talk to Marilynn Shoger, our Business Manager. And look for more to come about Steve in future newsletters.

Jim Langley



ATTENTION KNITTERS & CROCHETERS!!

Would you like to be a part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, but are unable to attend the bimonthly meetings? We welcome those who prefer to work on their projects at home or are only able to attend an occasional meeting. For more information, please contact Karol Cooper at 393-2569 or cooperlk@aol.com. Patterns and yarn are available or you can choose your own!

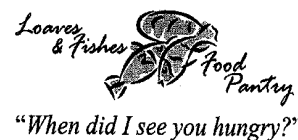
!AGING SERVICES WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR STORY!

Aging Services is publishing an heirloom collection of personal stories and remembrances of life in Linn County. If you'd like to share, please contact Anneliese Tisdale at 365-8507 to be included in this publication. Deadline is December 31st!

LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

NOVEMBER - PORK & BEANS AND FRUIT COCKTAIL, SHAMPOO
DECEMBER - PORK & BEANS AND PEARS, LOTION

CANNED & BOXED FOOD; NO JARS PLEASE. STANDARD SIZE CANS,
AS MOST OF OUR GUESTS WALK TO THE PANTRY.
TOILET PAPER & PERSONAL PRODUCTS ALWAYS NEEDED.



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE=STEWARDSHIP

From the AARP September *Bulletin*: "Shred everything with your signature, birth date, Social Security number, account numbers, passwords or PINS. When? Shred credit card statements after 45 days unless you need them for proof of purchase or for tax purposes. Shred bank deposit slips and ATM and credit card receipts as soon as the transactions appear on statements. Shred bank statements, pay stubs and medical bills after one year. Save indefinitely any paperwork that is related to taxes, mortgage payments, improvements on your home, and medical and prescription records." Place all shredded material in a paper (not plastic) bag and place in your blue recycle bin.

I assume you saw in the news about the contractors going through Linn County garbage to see what is being thrown away that could be recycled. It seems the county is doing better, but still too much is being thrown away. Remember to throw all paper towels and napkins, fruit and vegetable peelings, tea bags and coffee grounds in your Yardy along with the leaves, grass and sticks. The only paper that cannot go in your Curby is gift wrap or wet/soiled paper (be thinking ahead to Christmas by creating gift wrap out of material, paper bags, or gift bags).

Again, please do not throw coffee cups at Westminster into the recycling bin!! The wax interior makes them unrecyclable.

As you begin getting out holiday lights, please remember that if you find lights and electric cords that no longer work, they do NOT go into the recycling. Please take them to one of the Linn County sites for recycling.

If you have questions or difficulty getting items to their proper recycling sites, please talk to me. I will be glad to help as I can.

Marilyn Lodge

PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

With the Session's approval of the Church Information Form, (CIF) the Pastor Nominating Committee has completed the first major step in the search for a new senior pastor. The 15-page document will be available to anyone with an interest in the position and be the basis for a matching process coordinated by the Church Leadership Connection (CLC), a clearinghouse for Presbyterian pastors seeking a new call. We will also investigate other options for informing qualified Pastors of our search. Members will be able to review the CIF on our website, www.crwpc.org under the Resources 'drop-down' tab.

Our objective is to begin reviewing applications later in the month, and we will continue the review process until the position is filled. Our goal is to have the process completed by late spring; permitting the new Pastor to get moved (if necessary) and settled before the 2011-12 school year begins.

I know I speak for the entire PNC when I tell you how honored we are to be representing the congregation and how seriously we take this responsibility.

John Swanson, Chairman
Pastor Nominating Committee

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL NOVEMBER OFFERINGS

November 7th

Dr. Meira Kensky, Assistant Professor of Religion at Coe College, continues with Part II of "The Split Between Judaism and Christianity: Fighting Words".

November 14th & 21st

Deb Salz leads a class entitled, "Happy People Secrets" focusing on research findings that expose the "secrets" of happy people.

November 18th

Leslie Wright begins an "Advent Study" that will continue through Advent.



CHURCH CHATTER FOR CHILDREN

Family Advent Celebration

On November 21st from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m., Westminster will host the **Third Avenue Family Advent Celebration** in cooperation with our friends at First Lutheran and St. Paul's United Methodist. We will make advent wreaths in the Family Life Center and then cross the street to St. Paul's to watch a performance by Sam Kauffman, a professional children's dramatist and musician, that will get the entire family in the spirit of Advent. If you and your family are interested in attending, please RSVP to the office no later than Monday, November 15th. It will surely be a magical afternoon!

Preschool & Village Sunday School Cancellation

There will be no Sunday School for the Preschool & Village (K-4th Grade) on November 21st in order to allow families the opportunity to attend the Family Advent Celebration later that afternoon.

Logos Cancellation

There will be no Logos on Wednesday, November 24th, in observation of Thanksgiving.

Save the Date for the Toy Give-Away!

Wednesday, December 1st is the Annual Toy Give-Away!! We as a congregation have done an amazing job bringing in new and gently used toys throughout the summer and this fall. Please consider joining us in our mission to spread Christmas joy to our neighborhood families. And don't forget about the **battery box!** Almost every toy uses batteries these days. Please consider donating new AA, AAA, C, D, and some 9-volt batteries to our cause.



KIDS' CLOSET THE FIRST YEAR A SUCCESS!

Who could have know the way God would work through a simple Vacation Bible School offering of clothes! The Kids' Closet Ministry started by children bringing used and new clothes to VBS 2009. Suddenly there seem to be a bigger vision for the offering and it grew. God worked through the talented people who planned space organization, people with a "lead" on used shelving, East Iowa Presbytery providing new mission start up money, the children's Sunday school offering of 250 pairs of socks, a congregational drive for undies, diapers and jeans, a collaboration with Christ Episcopal Church (our Mission House partner), thousands of donated clothing items and many volunteer hours to make it all happen. A true miracle!

Kids Closet started slow but over the past year we have provided good, clean clothes to children in our neighborhood and beyond. We are open two days a month and at our October opening, 38 adults visited representing 75 children.

As with any ministry, there is always a need for volunteers. Consider giving just two hours a month of your time to the kids. Volunteers are needed to tag clothes and work on distribution days. We have the need. You have the time. Call Karen Carver at 393-4295 for more information on how you can contribute.

SURVIVING INFLUENZA SEASON A Health Ministries Article by Lisa Conkling

Influenza season is just around the corner. Flu virus is transmitted by droplets in the air from a cough or sneeze. It can also be spread by touching an infected object, such as a phone or computer keyboard, and transferred to the eyes, nose, or mouth. The influenza virus constantly changes or mutates with new strains appearing regularly. The best defense to protect yourself and others around you is to get a flu shot each year.

The influenza vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months or older. Vaccination is especially important for those who are at a higher risk of complications, such as individuals over 65 years old, health care or child care workers, those with a chronic illness or weak immune system, and expectant mothers. The 2010-2011 vaccines include protection against the H1N1 strain as well as two additional seasonal strains. This year, there is an ample supply of vaccine and the immunity will last all season, so there's no excuse not to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Don't like needles? FluMist is an inhaled form of influenza vaccine for healthy individuals ages 2 to 49. Check with your doctor or pharmacist to see if you're a candidate for this type of protection.

The influenza vaccine may not be 100% effective, so it's wise to use other methods to decrease the spread of infection. Like your mother always told you, wash your hands! Effective hand-washing should last at least 15 seconds. Hand sanitizer is a good alternative if you don't have access to soap and water. Always cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. Avoid crowds during peak influenza season as the flu spreads easily where large groups of people gather.

The flu vaccine is the most effective means of avoiding influenza. Get your shot now if you haven't already; you'll be glad you did. And remember, you will never develop influenza from a flu shot!

'LANDS END' ENGLAND NEXT MAY

In 2004 and 2009, a group from Westminster toured western England, guests of the members of St. James the Great church, a 900-year-old church in a quaint, but well maintained hamlet nestled between Bath and the Cotswolds. To foster the on-going restoration of the building; the congregation hosts an American church group every other year. So we're planning our third visit next May.

The tour dates are May 12th through the 25th and there's space for 20 people. The itinerary will be truly unique, very different from the first two tours. We'll spend 5 nights on the 'Lands End' peninsula of Devon and Cornwall, including visits to the Eden Project, largest botanical garden in the world, Tintagel Castle, legendary home of Arthur, and the Minack Theatre, carved into a cliff-side, perhaps the most unique theatre in the world, with the English Channel as the back stage. We'll also visit the fishing villages of Penzance, Mousehole and St. Ives, of nursery rhyme fame. Then it's on to 8 nights with our hosts in Wiltshire, doing day trips throughout the region.

An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, October 31, in the Family Life Center, at 10am following the 9am service. For additional details you can contact John Swanson at 362-5644 or jwsltd@msn.com.

Thank You

We would like to extend a sincere thank-you to those who helped during the photo sessions for our new pictorial directory which should be coming out next month: Marcia Elhart, Joanne Koza, Joyce Sankey, Eileen Naber, Jan Naxera, Jack & Joyce Sedlacek, Marilyn Philipp, Sharon Colton, Judy Schoff, Karol Cooper, Ann Buckheister, Darald & Barb Schultz, Sherry Swanson, Barb Mumford, Abbie Smith, Gingie Hunstad, Chuck & Mary Jo Crull, Sherry Weiske, Fran Hanzel Johnson, Jan Kosowski, Roxi McCrane, Kathie Lane, Pat Teig. And to Barb Moss, for all the extra help she's given during the process of this muc- needed directory. Thank you!

Grace Notes



SPECIAL MUSIC FOR NOVEMBER

During the month of November, Westminster's Chancel Choir, conducted by Rich Hoffman, will continue to sing at our 11:00 a.m. traditional services. The Praise Band, led by Jason Wright, will keep the energy up at the 9:00 a.m. "FUEL" services, and Marilyn Lodge will provide music for the 8:00 a.m. services in the Chapel.

This month, the Logos Choirs will begin to share their music in worship, and the Minster Bells will also ring on the dates listed below. Please join us in worship, and enjoy the music these groups have prepared for the glory of God!

- November 7 – 9:00 a.m. – Logos 3rd-5th Grade Vocal Choir
11:00 a.m. – Logos 2nd Grade Rainbow Bells
- November 14 – 9:00 a.m. – Logos K-2nd Grade Vocal Choir
11:00 a.m. – Logos 4th-5th Grade Golden Bells
- November 21 -- 11:00 a.m. – Logos 3rd Grade Silver Chimes & Minster Bells

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

Cedar Rapids Chamber Music Series will present a concert here at Westminster on Saturday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Fans of chamber music will be delighted to celebrate the return of the Chamber Music Series. This series features a wide array of chamber music written for a variety of ensembles and instrumentation. If you are interested in attending this concert, please call the Church Office at 366-7185 during regular office hours to reserve a complimentary ticket.

WESTMINSTER CANCELLATION POLICY

If Sunday services are cancelled due to inclement weather, we will make every attempt to contact the following television stations: KCRG (Channel 9), KGAN (Channel 2) and KWVL (Channel 7). There may also be a message on the Church's voicemail, so you can call to double-check.

Wednesday night children and youth activities will be cancelled if the Cedar Rapids Public Schools have been cancelled or dismissed early due to bad weather. Please contact the Church Office if you aren't sure.

As always, the final decision is in your hands. If you are uncertain or uncomfortable with the weather, please don't venture out.

OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 25th, and Friday, November 26th, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.



IT'S TIME TO FALL BACK!

Daylight Savings Time is on Sunday, November 7th, and we set our clocks back an hour. This is a friendly reminder to make this change to your clock before you go to bed on Saturday night.

LIFE GROUPS

"LIFE Groups" is the name of Westminster's small group ministry program. LIFE is an acronym for Living In Faith Everyday, which is what these groups help us do. Westminster has LIFE Groups that meet in a variety of locations at a variety of times. Some meet weekly; some meet every other week. Each group has its own focus – from book discussions to Bible studies to women's and men's groups. To learn more about joining a LIFE Group, please contact Kay Basler at 550-2614 or email her at ksbangel@mchsi.com. Or, you can also contact Pastor Jim for more information by emailing him at jlangleley@crwpc.org or by calling the Church Office at 366-7185.

LIFE GROUP LEADERS WANTED!!!

Do you have a passion for spiritual growth? Are you kind and compassionate? Would you be willing to give up a couple of hours each week to help other members of the Westminster family grow in their faith, while growing in faith yourself? If so, please let Pastor Jim (jlangleley@crwpc.org) or Kay Basler (ksbangel@mchsi.com) know! We are always looking for new leaders for our LIFE Groups. Training will be offered, so sign up today!

PASTORAL STAFF NEWS

Contrary to what one might think, even the Pastoral/Program Staff need to be spiritually fed. And right now, they are fulfilling this need through a six-week book study of *The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith*. Written by Timothy Keller, pastor and founder of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, which has nearly six thousand regular attendees at five services, *The Prodigal God* takes Keller's trademark intellectual approach to understanding Christianity as he uncovers the essential message of Jesus as locked inside his most familiar parable: the Prodigal Son. Within that parable Jesus reveals God's prodigal grace toward both the irreligious and the moralistic. This book challenges both the devout and skeptics to see Christianity in a whole new way. If you're interested in studying this book, there will be a copy available for checkout in the library.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

The 13th Annual Community-Wide Alternative Gift Market will be on Saturday, December 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Gage Hall on the Coe College Campus. The Alternative Gift Market is a great place for "alternative" shopping, especially when searching for a gift for someone who has everything! If you can't make it on December 4th, come to the Mini Market at Westminster on Sunday, December 5th or 12th, located outside of the Atrium. You can even purchase "alternative" gifts for our own Loaves & Fishes and Kids' Closet! Don't miss out!

FINANCE CORNER

General Contributions for September were way down. The total was \$32,194. Our expenses were \$8,232 more than our total income. From the amounts below you can see our deficit jumped up significantly.

<u>General Contributions thru September 30, 2010</u>	
Amount Budgeted	\$412,263
Amount Received	<u>371,999</u>
Deficit	\$ -40,264

If you have not paid your apportionment for 2010, now would be a good time to do so. Our total to pay this year is \$21,278 (each active member is assessed at \$29.00). To date we have received \$6,062 from our members. The difference comes out of the church budget.

Marilynn Shoger

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 David Bluder	19 Don Mooty
2 Jim Weems	19 Tyson Schultz
2 Matthew Kiley	20 Sara Wright
3 Janet Trotter	20 Beckam Moss
4 Cheryl Shanklin	20 Matt Krug
4 Sue Patterson	20 Marilyn Lodge
4 Peggy Loomis	20 Duffy Schamberger
5 Bob Young	20 Jim Evans
6 Marilyn Sweet	21 Bruce Chambers
7 Christi Moss	21 Jim Fine
7 Rick Titus	21 Brett Warner
9 Curtis Litow	22 Andrea Schoenbeck
11 Dave Passmore	22 Meseret Tilahun
11 Cooper Pearson	22 Lindsey Crawford
12 Alice Snarskis	23 Mary Larson
12 Skippy Atherton	23 Nancy Walker
12 Jack Sedlacek	23 Jessie Alff
13 Willard Holtz	24 Tessa Lovekin
14 Betty Holmes	25 William Wagner
15 Louie Fine	25 Henry Wagner
15 Keller Grado	26 Tony Davis
15 Jack Brokaw	26 Kaitlin Sturbaum
16 Hayden Passmore	26 Trenton Weiske
17 Jean Schoneman	27 Evelyn Novak
17 Sherry Swanson	27 Maggie York
17 Johnine Howe	27 Erin Ervin
17 Stacy Duffy	27 Jacob Bjornsen
17 Lydia Keiper	29 Kirk Lampe
18 Gingie Hunstad	30 Berta Mullin
19 Richard Whiteaker	30 Loren Neubauer
19 Carole McFarland	



WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, November 7th - Communion
 All Services - Pastor Jim Langley
 "Renewed in the Spirit:
 The Word of the Lord"
 Text: Psalm 119.105

Sunday, November 14th
 All Services - Christian Education Director
 A.J. Plummer
 "Tune My Heart to Sing Thy Praise"
 Text: Psalm 96

Sunday, November 21st - Christ the King Sunday
 All Services - Pastor Don Houdeshell
 "Forgiveness Transcends Tragedy"
 Text: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 23:33-43

Sunday, November 28th - 1st Sunday of Advent
 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. - Pastor Don Houdeshell
 "What Time Is It?"
 Text: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44

9:00 a.m. - Pastor Jim Langley
 "Renewed in the Spirit:
 The Sound of Silence"
 Text: Psalm 46; 1 Kings 19.1-13

PW CIRCLE NEWS

Martha/Ruth Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 17th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Small Parlor. Please join us for this time of fellowship. Guests are always welcome!

Naomi/Esther Circle will meet on Friday, November 19th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Small Parlor. A.J. Plummer, our Christian Education Director, will present the program. Please join us!

E-NEWSLETTER

If you are interested in receiving the newsletter by email instead of a hard copy by mail, please contact Christina in the Church Office at 366-7185 or west-min@crwpc.org.

HAVE A PROJECT? NEED A HANDYMAN?

Ben Fashimpaur is offering his "handy man" services to those who may need a hand finishing or starting any household repairs or maintenance. Please call Ben at 365-7954.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9:30 am Bible Study 10:15 am Staff Meeting	3 7:30 am Men's Breakfast WNA	4 5:30 pm Logos Training Mtg	5 9:30 am Women at the Well	6
7 Communion SMA 11:00 am Baptism of Jaedyn Rhatigan	8 9:30 am S.A.M. Meeting	9 9:30 am Bible Study 10:15 am Staff Meeting 4:45 pm Stewardship Mtg 5:30 pm CMT Meeting 6:30 pm SMT Meeting	10 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am CR Child's Theatre Session Email WNA	11	12 9:30 am Women at the Well	13 9:00 am Recital Pract (Titus)
14 SMA 11:00 am Baptism of Peyton Marshall 1:00 pm Recital (Titus)	15 4:30 pm Finance Meeting	16 9:30 am Bible Study 10:15 am Staff Meeting Newsletter Deadline 6:30 pm Session Meeting	17 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Martha/Ruth WNA Logos in FLC	18	19 9:30 am Women at the Well 9:30 am Naomi/Esther 6:00 pm CR Symphony Rehr	20 7:00 pm CR Symphony
21 Christ the King Sunday SMA 3:00 pm Family Advent Celebration	22 5:30 pm Worship Meeting 7:00 pm Property Meeting	23 9:30 am Bible Study 10:15 am Staff Meeting Proof Newsletter	24 7:30 am Men's Breakfast WNA - No Logos No EA	25 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27
28 1st Sunday of Advent SMA 1:00 pm Emmaus Turkey Bowl 4:00 pm Hanging of the Greens/Chili Supper	29 Print Newsletter	30 9:30 am Bible Study 10:15 am Staff Meeting Mail Newsletter				

SMA—Sunday Morning Activities

8:00 am: Worship in the Atrium
 8:30 am: Breakfast
 9:00 am: Worship in the FLC
 10:00 am: New Member Class
 10:00 am: Sunday School
 11:00 am: Worship in the Sanctuary

WNA - Wednesday Night Activities

4:00 pm: Logos
 6:30 pm: Middle School EnterActive
 6:30 pm: Minster Bells
 7:30 pm: Chancel Choir

Music Schedules

Sun. 11/7 - 3/5 Vocal @ 9:00am
 2 Rainbow @ 11:00am
 Sun. 11/14 - K/2 Vocal @ 9:00am
 4/5 Bells @ 11:00am
 Sun. 11/21 - 3 Chimes @ 11:00 am
 Minster Bells @ 11:00am