

Voice of Westminster



October 2024

Pursuing Peace Amidst Polarization

We conclude our services each Sunday morning by singing one of the verses of *Let There Be Peace on Earth.*” In the first verse we note *“and let it begin with me.”* If this is our prayer in song, with us being an important part of the answer, how do we go about that?

On Worldwide Communion Sunday, October 6, 2024, we begin a new sermon series: *“Pursuing Peace Amidst Polarization,”* in order to take **practical steps** to live out this aspect of what it means to follow Jesus, the Prince of Peace. I don’t think anyone disagrees with the statement that we live in a polarized culture, but do our lives add to that polarization or move us toward peace?

We will explore such areas as:

1. What does it really mean to be a peacemaker (rather than just a peace lover) and how does that relate to our calling in Christ?
2. Why is it that important? Is it worth the time and effort it takes to move toward peace?
3. What are the character qualities necessary to be a fruitful peacemaker?
4. What is the pathway or process that can move us toward peace?

Our Theme verse for this series is: ***“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”*** I encourage you to take time to meditate on this verse before we begin on October 6, 2024.

It promises to be a fascinating journey, one that can help us make a positive impact in our culture, whether it involves peacemaking at home, at church, at work, on social media, in our community, or throughout our country. Tune in each week either in person or via livestream!

Pastor Roger



Balloon Launch 2024

Sunday, September 15, Westminster held its second Rally Sunday/Balloon Launch. After the Sunday service everyone gathered in the large parlor to collect their balloon to launch. Pastor's Dedic and Marcy Roundtree had filled the balloons in preparation of the launch. Thank you to you both!

After receiving the balloons everyone gathered in the foyer for treats and fellowship and then proceeded to the parking lot. Pastor Roger offered a prayer and the balloons were launched. It was such a perfect day; blue skies and a slight breeze. The balloons were beautiful against the back drop as they floated away.

Westminster office sadly still awaits even one phone call from someone that found a balloon. We will not give up hope, maybe someone will find a balloon yet and call.



"BOOK HOUSE IS FILLED WITH BOOKS"

The September Newsletter talked about the beautiful book house located in the large parlor. At that time we said the lending library would be coming soon. It is here!

A note from the Deacons:

To **donate** books suitable for all ages and in good condition (no more than 5 at one time), place them in the marked **Book Basket** outside the church office.

Books will be sorted and placed in the **Little Book House**.

Take a book(s). No checkout required!

Returning a book? Simply place it in the **Little Book House Book Basket**.

We look forward to sharing our favorite books! **HAPPY READING!**



NEW FENCE

The fence in the Southwest corner of our parking lot has been replaced. After many months of looking at the backyard of the house connected to our property we do not have to do that anymore. The fence was completed by D & N Fence in one day on September 3.



AWARD FROM HIS HANDS FREE CLINIC –

On Wednesday, September 11, Dawn from His Hands Clinic presented an award to Westminster for storing the most shoes for over 30 days – 24,127 pairs of shoes.

Dawn brought pizza and dessert for the office personnel thanking us for putting up with so many interruptions during the collection and removal times of the shoes.

It definitely ended up being a much bigger project than His Hands or WPC thought it would be. But in the end what a great blessing it was for many people to obtain shoes and for His Hands to receive some funding for this upcoming year. A definite win, win for all. If you are interested in seeing the award it is on the front counter in the Westminster Office.



Calendar: Special Events

- Oct. 6** - World Communion Sunday
Anniversary Celebrations 11 a.m.
- Oct. 7** - Deacons 5 p.m.
- Oct. 13** - WPC Breakfast Begins 8 a.m.
- Oct. 14** - Property Meeting 1 p.m.
Finance Meets 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 15** - Session 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 19** - Father/Son Breakfast 9 a.m.
Trunk or Treat @ St. Paul 2:30 p.m.
- Oct. 21** - Foundation Meets 5 p.m.
- Oct. 27** - Soup Luncheon 11 a.m.

**Pastor Roger attending
Michigan Pilgrimage Oct. 9-15.**

Access the updated WPC calendar at
crwpc.org/calendar

Calendar: Regular Events

Sundays

- Worship 10 a.m. - Sanctuary
Beacon of Light 11:30 a.m. - Chapel
Beacon of Light Community Dinner every other
Sunday starting on 4/7
EGPC-1:30 p.m. - Old Dining
Chorale Midwest 5 p.m. - Lg. Parlor

Mondays

- Bridge 11 a.m.-4 p.m. - FLC
Marion Gospel Hall Youth Group 7 p.m.

Tuesdays

- L&F Pantry 2:30-5 p.m.
Beacon of Light (100 in 24) 6 p.m.

Wednesdays

- Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - Atrium
Prayer Shawl Ministry-1 & 3 Wednesdays
9:30 a.m. - Small Parlor
WPC Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. - Choir Room



This Month's Birthdays

Truman Johnson	October 3
Heather Wagner	October 7
Beth Allsop	October 12
Shuna Tosa	October 14
Kay Basler	October 19
Jan Walton	October 19
Jack Evans	October 22
Nancy Haney	October 24
Judy McCracken	October 27
Carl Schuettpelz	October 30

Liturgist Schedule for Oct.

- October 6 - Jan Kosowski
October 13 - Ben Fashimpaur
October 20 - Ed Mumford
October 27 - Jill Grandia

Greeters

- 1st Sunday - Jim Fine
2nd Sunday - Terry Perkins
3rd Sunday - Brian Read
4th & 5th Sunday - Kupka's or Neubauers

**Greeters please be in foyer between 9:30
- 9:45 a.m.**

Thursdays

Beacon of Light (Youth Group) 6 p.m.

Fridays

Office Closed

Saturdays

Office Closed

EGPC 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Old Dining

3 p.m. English as a 2nd Language -

Adult classroom

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