



The Voice of Westminster

We are a servant church, nurturing each other's spiritual journey and personal gifts. All are welcome!

October 2021



Autumn Leaves and Memories!



October is particularly special for us this year. What makes this different than most Octobers is that on October 4 and 5, 2021 we are taking pictures for our new church directory. If you haven't signed up for your photo time yet, please do!

Why is it important to have your picture there?

1. You are an important member of the Body of Christ known as Westminster Presbyterian Church. (If you are gone these days, please send another photo to be placed in it).
2. An updated directory enables us to better fulfill many of the "one another" passages of scripture that we focused on during worship this last summer:
 - a. Even though we have nametags (and hopefully you are faithfully wearing them), it enhances the opportunity to better know who is a part of WPC, so we can extend acts of kindness to them. One of the greatest acts of love is being able to call someone by name.
 - b. When someone is on the prayer list we can look them up in the directory, and can capture a visual of who we are praying for.
 - c. If we are launching an endeavor, it helps us see who we may want to specifically invite to help on both the leadership and participant levels.
 - d. It helps provide updated contact information on congregation members, so we can reach those we are hoping to get in touch with. Is it not frustrating to take the time to send a card, only to have it returned to you, or trying to call someone on a number that is no longer in use? Certainly addresses, phone numbers, and emails may change, but it is beneficial to have an updated list to operate with.
 - e. We have the pleasure of having our picture taken— a wonderful gift to ourselves and our families.

It is a wonderful gift all the way around!

-Pastor Roger

September Session Notes

The Westminster Session met on Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Atrium. Rev. Grandia shared a video regarding managing polarized opinions in congregations from "Conversations on Leadership." Discussion afterward suggested that communication and compromise are the keys to managing polarities and find a balance.

Session took the following actions:

Old Business

- It was noted that the Big Bang Foundation had chosen not to hold art classes at this time at WPC.
- We are still looking for those who might be willing to lead a small group.
- Jan Kosowski and Maggie York are stepping down from leadership from Property Committee at the end of the year.

Finance Committee

- Warren Feerer reported that overall WPC is in a good position. August was a slow month.
- Online giving system has been tested and is now live.
- Ann Buckheister reported another acoustic proposal has been obtained from Conference Technologies, Inc. for \$29,000. An updated proposal has been requested.

Personnel Committee

- Pam Richardson has sent a pastoral evaluation survey to Session members which needs to be returned to her via e-mail by Oct. 13.

Property Committee

- Approved Concrete replacement along the alley sidewalk (60 feet) at an estimated cost of \$3,800.
- Approved carpet stretching project in both parlors for \$1,125. Approved carpet cleaning of parlors and lower and upper level hallways for \$2,240.
- Approved termite barrier treatment for \$4,070. This is a once every five year treatment.

Mission House Update

- The Presbytery granted provisional approval of the Mission House so the sale can proceed. The item was not on the most recent Presbytery agenda, but will be on the next agenda. Session thanked John Swanson for his hard work on seeing the project through. Session adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Parlor Carpet Project | Worship in FLC

Carpet ripples like the ones in the Large and Small Parlor can pose a safety hazard. In October, carpet in both the Large and Small Parlors will be stretched and re-glued to smooth out the bumps.

It's recommended that we stay off the newly glued carpet for two weeks so it fully cures, then the carpet will be cleaned.

Therefore, we will hold worship service in the Family Life Center (FLC) on Oct. 17 and Oct. 24. at 10 a.m. We will be back in the Sanctuary on Oct. 31. Groups that use the Large or Small Parlor for meetings or rehearsals (Chorale Midwest, Prayer Shawl Ministry) have been asked to meet elsewhere between Oct. 10 and Oct. 30. Please stay off the carpet in the Large and Small Parlor during this time. Thank you to the property committee for identifying this need and working to get it fixed.



Out & About | Fall Property Projects

As the year winds down, the Property Committee has a host of projects that they are hoping to complete by the end of the year. In September there were two projects slated—replacing the garage door and resurfacing the 4th Ave. and 3rd Ave. parking lots. The garage door was damaged in the derecho and its replacement has been completed. The parking lot work is a moving target due to weather and the work load of Pate Asphalt. The 4th Ave. lot has had asphalt repair work done. The next step is for both lots to be seal coated and have parking lines painted on them. This will likely be delayed until the spring, due to the cooler temperatures.



Patching areas where the asphalt had deteriorated was Pate's first step in parking lot repair.

In October carpet repair and cleaning are scheduled. (see above). Then carpet in the upstairs hallways, downstairs hallways and the parlors are scheduled for cleaning—currently scheduled for Oct. 27. In addition the Property Committee hopes to address the crumbling alleyway side walk and the front stairs outside the narthex. The carpet cleaning was included in our annual property budget but the carpet repair, side walk repair, and stairway repair were not in the 2021 budget and will have to come from WPC's reserves. -WPC Property Committee

Christian Ed Kicks Off at Westminster!

Both Adult Education and Sunday School started up on Sept. 12 after a lengthy Pandemic-related hiatus. While numbers are a bit small, it's a start. Adult Education is studying "Survey of the Bible." Classes include videos by Bruce Wilkinson, who has an attention-getting style of teaching. Class moderators are Barb and Ed Mumford. Please consider joining the class. It means at 9 a.m. on Sundays in the Atrium. All are welcome!

Moderator, Barb Mumford, takes care of last minute matters before Adult Ed.



Sunday School Explores God's Purpose

Westminster's Sunday School got off to a busy start with lessons about how God speaks to us and helps us find our purpose. Val and Loren Neubauer kicked off the fall semester with lots of interactive fun for the kids. Sunday School also meets at 9 a.m. The classes start in the Synagogue room upstairs and finish in either the art room or in the puppet room.





October Birthdays

Truman Johnson	3
Heather Wagner	7
Marion Engel	11
Beth Allsop	12
Shuna Tosa	14
Bradley Lock	19
Jack Evans	22
Nancy Haney	24
Penny Novak	24
Judy McCracken	27
Rachel Kongshaug	29
Carl Schuettpelz	30



October Food List for Loaves & Fishes

Following are items needed
at L&F this month.

Canned chicken
Gravy mix
Deodorant

The Month of September Thank You Volunteers! Liturgists

Oct. 3—Ann Buckheister

Oct. 10—Jan Walton

Oct. 17—Deb Liljedahl

Oct. 24—Barb Read

Oct. 31—Ed Mumford

Greeters (at Front Door)

Oct. 3—Jim Fine

Oct. 10—Bob Moore

Oct. 17—Brian Read

Oct. 24—Terry Perkins

Oct. 31—Val/Loren Neubauer

If you are unable to cover your Sunday, please make
arrangements with a substitute. Thank you!

Meme of the Month...



The woodpecker might have to go.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PLEASE NOTE- LARGE & SMALL PARLORS WILL BE	OFF LIMITS FROM OCT. 11- TO-31	FOR CARPET REPAIRS & CLEANING.	WORSHIP WILL BE IN THE FLC ON OCT. 17 & 24.		Church Closed 8 pm-Narcotics Anonymous	Church Closed 8 pm-Narcotics Anonymous
3 Communion Sunday 9 am Christian Ed 10 am-Worship 1 pm-Beacon of Light 3:30 pm-Chorale Midwest 6pm-Cedar Singers	4 11 am-Bridge Club 2-8:30 pm- Directory Photos- Lg Parlor 7 pm-AA	5 2-8:30 pm- Directory Photos-Lg Parlor 2:30 pm-L&F 6:30 pm-NA	6 7:30 am – Men’s Breakfast 5:30 pm-Confirmation Class 7 pm-Choir Practice	7 No Meetings Scheduled	8 Church Closed 8 pm-NA	9 Church Closed 8 pm-NA
10 9 am Christian Ed 10 am-Worship 1 pm-Beacon of Light 3:30 pm-Chorale Midwest 6pm-Cedar Singers	11 11 am-Bridge Club 1 PM-Property 6:30 pm-Mission 7 pm-AA	12 2:30 pm-L&F 6:30 pm-NA	13 7:30 am – Men’s Breakfast 9:30 AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:30 pm-Confirmation Class 7 pm-Choir Practice	14 9:30 AM-Kindred Sisters 5:30 pm-Personnel	15 Church Closed 8 pm-NA	16 Church Closed 8 pm-NA
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31 9 am Christian Ed 10 am-Worship-Sanctuary 1 pm-Beacon of Light 4 pm-Chorale Midwest 6pm-Cedar Singers						

Please visit www.crwpc.org/calendar to stay informed of changes to this month’s calendar.

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9 a.m.—Christian Education

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