

Voice of Westminster



February 2025

VALENTINES & BLACK HISTORY MONTH

If you ask people what is the first thing that comes to mind when we think about February, many will name Valentine's Day, a day that highlights the importance of love. Interestingly the Epistle Lesson for this Sunday's Lectionary is I Corinthians 13, what most refer to as the "love" chapter. I am not sure if we can ever read this passage too much. I encourage you to read the entire chapter. Paul's definition provides a good evaluation point for each of us: vs.4-7 4 **" Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self- seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."**

May God give us the grace to experience his love at a deeper level, and express that love to him and others at an ever deeper Level.

Pastor Roger



The yearly Congregational meeting was held on January 26 after the Sunday service. The Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes from February 2024, all the Committee and Ministry Annual Reports were accepted and Approved. The new Ruling Elders for Class of 2028 put forth by the nominating committee were voted on and accepted. The following are the new Elders: Val Neubauer, Jan Walton and Debra Liljedahl. The new Deacons are Heather Wagner and Dave Cosgrove. Jan Kosowski updated the members in regards to Loaves & Fishes needing to be relocated from it's current location. See article about Loaves & Fishes farther into this newsletter.

WPC and B.O.L to host a Chili Cookoff in February!

Would you like to enter your favorite chili into the cookoff?? Just call WPC office or email: lisa@crwpc.org to get signed up. The contest will take place after the Sunday service on Feb. 9. The top 3 chilis voted on by the attendees to the cookoff will win great prizes! Everyone is welcome!



WPC's Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry Mission

Our food pantry is losing its current lease and has been searching for a new location within the Wellington Heights neighborhood where the need is so great. The search has not uncovered a suitable new space, and a proposal is before our Session to approve a move of our mission into the church on the lower level. An operational description has been submitted and is circulating among those interested in the potential impacts to WPC. These documents are available upon request if you would like them. Session will be voting on this proposal at its February meeting so after reading these documents, please raise any questions you may have. Questions can be directed to Jan Kosowski, jmkosows@yahoo.com.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

In the event of adverse weather conditions please check KCRG, KGAN and Facebook for information regarding delays or closures of church office hours or Sunday services.



Calendar: Special Events

- Feb. 2 - Communion Sunday
 Feb. 3 - Deacons 5 p.m.
 Feb. 9 - Chili Cookoff 11 a.m. FLC
 Feb. 10 - Property Meeting 1 p.m.
 Mission Meets 6:30 p.m.
 Feb. 17 - Finance Meets 4:30 p.m.
 Feb. 18 - Session Meets 6:30 p.m.
 Feb. 23 - Ordination and Installation of New Officers at Sunday Service

*Coe College Jazz Summit will be using Westminster's Parking Lots for bus parking Feb. 26, 27 and 28.

Access the updated WPC calendar at crwpc.org/calendar

Calendar: Regular Events

Sundays

- Breakfast 8 a.m. - Old Dining Room
 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

Tamene Gelashe	February 4
Robert Ferguson	February 6
Lois Kahler	February 6
Catharine Johnson	February 7
Anne Bluder	February 14
Patricia Horton	February 16
Ruth Chipokas	February 17
Ruth Nash	February 17
Jeanne Pickney	February 21

Liturgist Schedule for Feb.

- February 2 - Pam Richardson
 February 9 - Brian Read
 February 16 - David Basler
 February 23 - Heather Wagner

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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