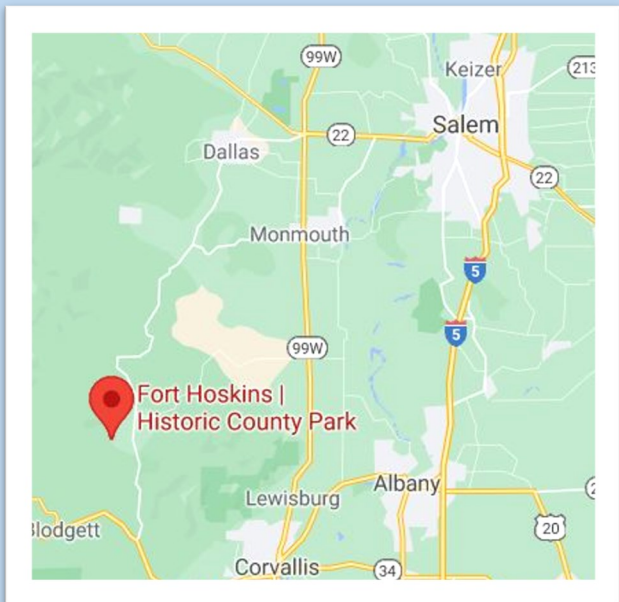


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Westminster Summer Fun



FAMILY PICNIC & HIKE—THIS SUNDAY

Join us this Sunday, July 18th for a family picnic and hike at Oregon's historic Ft. Hoskins County Park. We'll meet at 12:15-12:30 for a picnic lunch (bring your own) followed by a family-friendly, all-ages-welcome, hike!

Vacation Bible School

August 16-19

REGISTER TODAY!!!



Family Barbeque - August 31st!





Grace and peace to you Westminster family!

It was wonderful to see so many of you in the building last week for the 9am and 10:30am worship services. I have asked folks what it is like returning to the sanctuary and many of the responses balanced the joy with what is familiar and comfortable alongside the growth from things that are new and changing. That certainly makes sense. I have heard some call the year ahead of us “Covid 2.0,” where we have finished crisis phase and are entering a place of learning to thrive amidst a whole new set of realities.

Many of you have expressed gratitude for the direction the sermon series has taken us recently. We’ve been exploring the connections between our own experiences of unraveling and those in Scripture. Our holy texts are filled with stories of how people adjusted to very new circumstances, most of them not of their own choosing.

In August, we will shift our attention toward another change in the world around us – how we interact with one another. With places in our society praising ‘take down,’ ‘make them cry,’ and ‘owning one another’ as aspirational forms of behavior, we will take a look at Ephesians and how the early disciples approached one another and nurtured a strong community. If you get a chance to peek at Ephesians between now and then, I encourage you to do so. It’s quite an intriguing letter.

A few highlights in July/August:

- Look for the Romeo family featured in our mid-week video series.
- Sunday care group gatherings with me and the Deacons for fellowship and conversation.
- Your Session met for a prayerful time of leadership during their summer retreat.
- 3 memorial services to celebrate the lives of Bill Grupe, Mark Lawrence, & Judy Austin.

Take care of yourselves and one another. My door is always open for a drop-in. The best way to contact me is pastorkelly@salemwestpres.org or (503) 364-3327.

Ever onward,

Pastor Kelly

Congregational Life

MASKS OPTIONAL STARTING THIS SUNDAY

The Reopening Committee met this week and agreed it's time to drop the facemask requirement for indoor worship services, starting this Sunday (June 18th). Here are the important details:

- Some members of our congregation are not able to be vaccinated and will continue to wear facemasks. *Please be respectful and supportive of those who continue to wear masks for any reason.*
- If you would like to maintain a social distance in the Sanctuary, purple "Social Distance" placemarks will be available. Look for them as you enter the Sanctuary, and take one or two so you can hold an empty seat next to you. →
- We are still required by the OHA to sign everyone in for contact tracing purposes. Thank you for your cooperation.
- We want to protect our children who have no vaccine available to them. If you are spending time with children indoors, please put on a facemask and help keep our young ones safe.
- As the situation continues to change, Westminster leaders will continue to meet, and will strive to keep everyone's well-being in mind.



AND FINALLY....

Our hymnals are back in their holders! Those of us who love to read music can once again attempt a harmony on Sunday morning.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the office during business hours.

Summer Outdoor Services - A Change!

Our next summer outdoor service is planned for July 25th, with one big change: it will be held in the shade of the Boulder Hall patio! Our tech team doubled-down on their efforts and is now confident they can make this happen.

On July 25th we can look forward to getting a cup of coffee and enjoying worship on our beautiful and relaxing patio, surrounded by nature.

So get out your calendars, and note our remaining dates for outside worship are:

July 25th
August 8th
August 22nd
September 5th



CATCHING UP WITH *SESSION* - *JUNE SESSION MEETING*

JUNE MEETING SUMMARY

- Approved Barbara Friday as the candidate to fulfill Betty Flick's remaining 3 years as Deacon.
- Accepted the resignation of Suzie Heringer from the role of Deacon with gratitude and love.
- Approved the date of Sunday, February 27, 2022 as the next Annual Congregational Meeting.
- Received reports on the recent Presbytery meeting, GEM team activities, and the new Policies and Administration manual being developed.
- Scheduled a leadership retreat at WPC on Saturday, July 10, 1-5 p.m.

-Carol Richmond, Clerk pro tem

NOTES FROM THE SESSION MINI-RETREAT

On Saturday, July 10th, Session met for a 4-hour mini-retreat. The Session produced a goal statement for leading Westminster Presbyterian Church through the transition from our COVID restrictions to a "new normal" now that restrictions are being modified. These notes are a work-in-progress, and are open to impressions and feedback.

Goal Statement: "Creatively sharing Christ through reexamination of the use of time, building relationships, healing, and fostering peace within."

The focus of the retreat included:

Time

- Possibly adding other times/days for worship that don't conflict with families' sports and obligations.
- Scheduling of committee meetings to meet the needs of all participating members.
- Investigating the possibilities of scheduling events to fit the needs of more of the congregation.

Relationships

- Building acceptance and comfort levels for congregants.
- Creating more opportunities for service and volunteering.
- Actively encouraging and inviting people to serve and volunteer.
- Providing more opportunities for social interaction and fellowship.
- Possibilities of providing more small group opportunities.
- Developing ways that congregants who choose to worship online can build relationships with those who choose to meet in person.

Healing

- Dealing with loss of familiar routines and rituals.
- Accepting that some people still have a reluctance to return to in-person services due to COVID-19 anxieties.

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Session Retreat—Continued

- Helping the congregation maintain confidence in Church leadership even though things will look a bit different than before.
- Acknowledging that people may be upset/unhappy with changes and be willing to listen to them and validate their concerns.

Fostering peace within

- Connecting prayerfully with people in the congregation.
 - Affirming congregants' concerns and addressing them in a timely manner.
 - Accepting people where they are and encouraging them to grow.
 - As Church leaders, providing a supportive leadership style and demonstrating the love of Christ to all congregants.
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A prayer for the second summer in a pandemic

by Jay Blossom

Creator of the stars of night:

You time the seasons and the tides,
You set the planets in the sky,
You water the earth with refreshing rain,
And bless us day by day with moonrise and sunset.

Give us, we pray, renewed appreciation for your handiwork.
Whether at home or away, grant us zeal to love our neighbors,
to lift the downcast and to encourage the faint-hearted.

Redeemer of a suffering world:

You see our sins and frailties with unblinking eye,
You mourn our petty jealousies and unchecked greed,
You weep at our hard-hearted tolerance for injustice,
And offer yourself as our guide, our friend and our savior.

Make us, we ask, into your hands and feet.
As we forge new connections and repair old ones,
empower us to serve Christ, live Christ and
be Christ wherever we may be.

Sanctifier of the faithful:

You bless our celebrations and longed-for reunions,
our birthdays and graduations, our childbirths and weddings.
You meet your children at postponed funerals,
at the bedsides of the sick and in the lonely hours.
You transform turmoil into peace,
And dry every tear-filled eye.

Refine us and purify us, we beg,
strengthening us to become more wholly your people,
Loving and beloved, forgiving and forgiven,
caring and cared for, life-giving and alive.

And at all times, and in all places, draw us ever closer to you,
the author and finisher of our faith, who lives forever and ever.

Amen.

Congregational Life



A big thanks to all of you who showed up on our two clean up days. We had a tremendous amount of work to do and you did it! We could never have cleaned up the mess from the ice storm and all the other work without your help. Very special thanks to all of you!!

Your Buildings and Grounds committee.

URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Building & Grounds needs help! They need a team of volunteers to set up tables and chairs for church events, memorial services, weddings, meetings, etc.

After a year of little-to-no activity, life at the church is suddenly shifting into a new gear, and volunteers are key to our success.

This isn't a high-pressure or full-time job - your help will usually be needed a couple times a month. We hope to get enough volunteers to rotate people and share this responsibility. If you can be part of this important team, please contact Jean Christian: (503) 588-7026 or jlchris2@gmail.com.



OUTREACH COMMITTEE WILL AGAIN SPONSOR BACKPACK PROJECT IN AUGUST

Have you seen 'back-to-school' ads yet? Buy a backpack and start gathering school supplies for a needy student (Grades K-2, 3-5, & 6-8). The tree and tags, which describe the grade level and supplies needed, will be up Sunday, July 25th. Turn in filled backpacks with the tag attached by Sept 1st. If you would like to

help distribute backpacks to the schools on September 2nd, or need more information, call Nancy Battaile: (503)364-3128.

For those who don't enjoy shopping, we also join in the Assistance League's "Operation Backpack" program by collecting money to help them buy school supplies. Look for the collection box by the tree if you would rather donate money.

Congregational Life

MEMORIAL SERVICES - SCHEDULE

Bill Grupe's Service

The memorial service for Bill Grupe will be held on Friday, July 23rd at 2:00 PM.



Mark Lawrence's Service

The memorial service for Mark Lawrence will be held on Saturday, August 7th at 10:00 AM.



Judy Austin's Service

The memorial service for Judy Austin will be held on Sunday, August 29th at 2:00 PM.



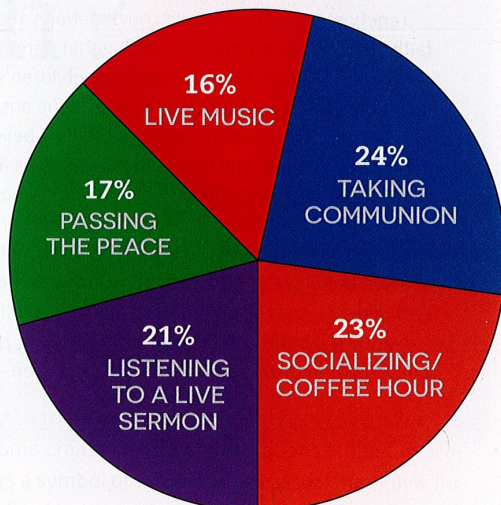
LOST & FOUND



Did you lose your cell phone last Sunday? If so, it's in the church office, waiting for you. Call Jean at (503) 364-3327, or pick up your phone on Sunday at the Greeter's table.

CLOSER LOOK

WHAT CHURCHGOERS MISSED MOST ABOUT IN-PERSON WORSHIP IN 2020:



SOURCE: BARN A 2021.



RED CROSS ISSUES A SEVERE SHORTAGE ALERT

Donors are strongly urged to give now to help ensure lifesaving blood products are available for patients. Hospital demand continues to outpace donations, and your help is vital.

Westminster's next Red Cross Blood Drive is on Monday, July 26th from 1-6PM

Contact Sharon White (503) 930-2561
or Matt Hale (503) 559-3577



SUMMER VIDEO SERIES

This week saw the premier of the next "pod" of our summer video series, *Jireh: Living Through a Pandemic*. Episode 1 features our very own Romeo Family as they share the joys and struggles of navigating COVID-19. The series is viewable on Facebook and YouTube.

Jireh: Living Through a Pandemic [The Romeo Family]

<https://youtu.be/VIRiRKPk5A0>

AND, don't forget to watch the first episode of our ***UnRaveled*** series featuring Pastor Kelly at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCHdy_qXeCA

NEW TESTAMENT STUDY SCHEDULE

This month the focus is Ephesians 6 & Revelation 1-22.

Note: Adult Education would love to hear from any of you who have taken up this challenge! Send your update to Krisha or Bev Mayhew.

Month	Scriptures	Month	Scriptures
January	Matthew 1-23	July	Ephesians 6, Revelations 1-22
February	Matthew 24-28, letters of John, Colossians, Jude, Luke 1-3	August	Titus, Philippians, Romans 1-15
March	Luke 4-24	September	Romans 16, John 1-20
April	Peter, Thessalonians, 1 Corinthians 1-6	October	John 21, James, 2 Corinthians, Galatians 1-4
May	1 Corinthians 7-16, Acts 1-13	November	Galatians 5-6, Hebrews, Philemon, 1 Timothy 1-5
June	Acts 14-28, Ephesians 1-5	December	Timothy, Mark



Women of Westminster

Do you have a wig, head scarves, or summer hats you no longer wear? If so, please consider donating them to the Cancer Resource Center at Salem Hospital.



The Resource Center, part of the Salem Cancer Institute, is staffed solely by volunteers. The office serves female cancer patients dealing with hair loss. We gratefully accept donations, clean them, and give them to patients without charge.

If you have donations we can use, please contact Lynnea Lyman at lklyman@msn.com.
Your donation will improve the life of a woman battling cancer.

Westminster Book Club - July 28th

"The Night Watchman" tells the story of the Turtle Mountain Chippawa in the 1950's and the US senator who tried to "emancipate" Native American Tribes! The novel was written by Louise Erdrich. The club will review at 10 a.m. in Eastminster Room of Westminster Church.

For information, e-mail Dolores Byrnes, winbyrn@comcast.net or call 503-364-6646.



JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR!

As more and more members return to services, we want to invite everyone to Coffee Hour, which takes place in-between services. While the weather is nice, we're enjoying coffee on the Boulder Hall Patio. We hope to see you there!



VBS UPDATES

VBS Dates: August 16-20

Children's Ministry is hard at work planning VBS 2021. Here are some items we need to borrow this year:

- 5 medium-sized coolers
- 2-3 garden hoses
- Very large cardboard boxes

Skill Needed: Somebody to help create two water misting stations.

VBS WORK DAYS

Or join the team for a work day to help get things ready:

Thursday, July 29 10 am-noon. Light work--we'll be attaching things, packing kits, painting, etc.

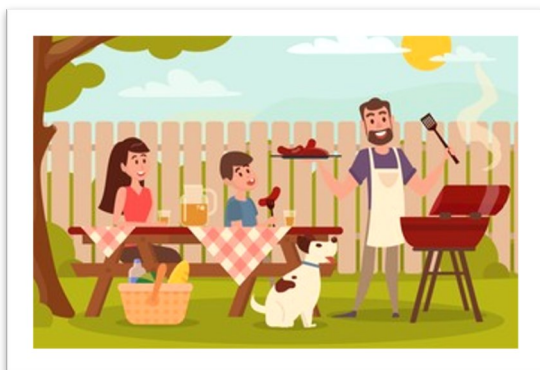
Sunday, August 15 time TBD. A bit heavier--hanging things, setting up, creating pathways in the parking lot, etc.

Contact Krisha for details: krisha@salemwestpres.org

STILL NOT REGISTERED? GET GOING! REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON AUGUST 1ST

Rocky Railway VBS Registrations are open! Kids age 4 through incoming sixth graders. August 16-20, 9 am through 12 pm. \$10/child, maximum \$25/family. This event is being planned to take place outdoors this year. Tell your friends and sign up here: <https://vbspro.events/p/salem-west-pres-rocky-railway>

THE FAMILY BARBEQUE IS BACK!



SAVE THE DATE

The Family BBQ will be on Tuesday, August 31st @ 6PM. Watch for more information in the next few weeks.

Paddle Boarding at Turner Lake




Climbing at Rock Boxx



Making Italian Ices for Coffee Hour during Outdoor Services (a treat we can look forward to wherever we have an Outdoor Service!)



JULY / AUGUST CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>JULY 18</p> <p>9AM Trad. Worship 10:30AM Contemp.Svc Noon—Family Hike & Picnic @ Ft. Hoskins 1PM MPEJ Planning Meeting <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i></p>	<p>JULY 19</p>	<p>JULY 20</p>	<p>JULY 21</p> <p>9:30AM Women's Bible Study 4:15PM Staff Mtg. 5:30PM Worship Tm 7PM Session 7:30PM Live 4 Today</p>	<p>JULY 22</p>	<p>JULY 23</p> <p>2PM Bill Grupe Memorial Service</p>	<p>JULY 24</p> <p>9AM Creative Discoveries Preschool—Parent Meeting</p>
<p>JULY 25</p> <p>OUTDOOR WORSHIP* 9AM Trad. Worship 10:30AM Contemp Svc <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i> <i>*Weather Permitting</i></p>	<p>JULY 26</p> <p> RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 1PM—6PM</p>	<p>JULY 27</p> <p>1:30PM Charity Circle</p>	<p>JULY 28</p> <p>9:30AM Women's Bible Study 10AM Book Club 4:15PM Staff Mtg. 5:30PM Worship Tm 7:00PM Deacons Mtg 7:30PM Live 4 Today</p>	<p>JULY 29</p> <p>10AM VBS Work Day 1:30PM Stephen's Ministers</p>	<p>JULY 30</p>	<p>JULY 31</p> <p>YOUTH MISSION TRIP - Youth leave for Reedsport— 9AM Creative Discoveries Preschool—Parent Meeting</p>
<p>AUGUST 1</p> <p>9AM Trad. Worship 10:30AM Contemp. In <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i></p>	<p>AUGUST 2</p>	<p>AUGUST 3</p>	<p>AUGUST 4</p> <p>9:30AM Women's Bible Study 4:15PM Staff Mtg. 5:30PM Worship Team 7:30PM Live 4 Today</p>	<p>AUGUST 5</p> <p>9:30AM Tea w/Jesus 10AM Children's Min.</p>	<p>AUGUST 6</p>	<p>AUGUST 7</p> <p>10AM Mark Lawrence Memorial Service</p>
Youth Mission Trip to Reedsport						
<p>AUGUST 8</p> <p>OUTDOOR WORSHIP* 9AM Trad. Worship 10:30AM Contemp Svc <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i> <i>*Weather Permitting</i></p>	<p>AUGUST 9</p>	<p>AUGUST 10</p> <p>9AM Nominating Com 7PM Stewardship</p>	<p>AUGUST 11</p> <p>9:30AM Women's Bible Study 11AM Outreach 4:15PM Staff Mtg. 5:30PM Worship Team 7PM Personnel 7:30PM Live 4 Today</p>	<p>AUGUST 12</p> <p>10AM Children's Min. 1:30PM Stephen Min 5PM Worship Comm 7:00PM Building & Grounds</p>	<p>AUGUST 13</p> <p>4PM Clawson Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>AUGUST 14</p> <p>2PM Clawson Wedding & Reception</p>
<p>AUGUST 15</p> <p>9AM Trad. Worship 10:30AM Contemp Svc <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i></p>	<p>AUGUST 16</p>	<p>AUGUST 17</p>	<p>AUGUST 18</p> <p>9:30AM Women's Bible Study 7PM Session Mtg. 7:30PM Live 4 Today</p>	<p>AUGUST 19</p> <p>5:30AM MPEJ Mtg.</p>	<p>AUGUST 20</p>	<p>AUGUST 21</p> <p>NOTE: COMING UP AUG. 29TH Judy Austin's Memorial Svc—2PM</p>
VBS WEEK						

Prayer Requests

OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO:

- ◆ Prayers for Cindi & Bruce Chinnock's niece, Jennifer, who _____
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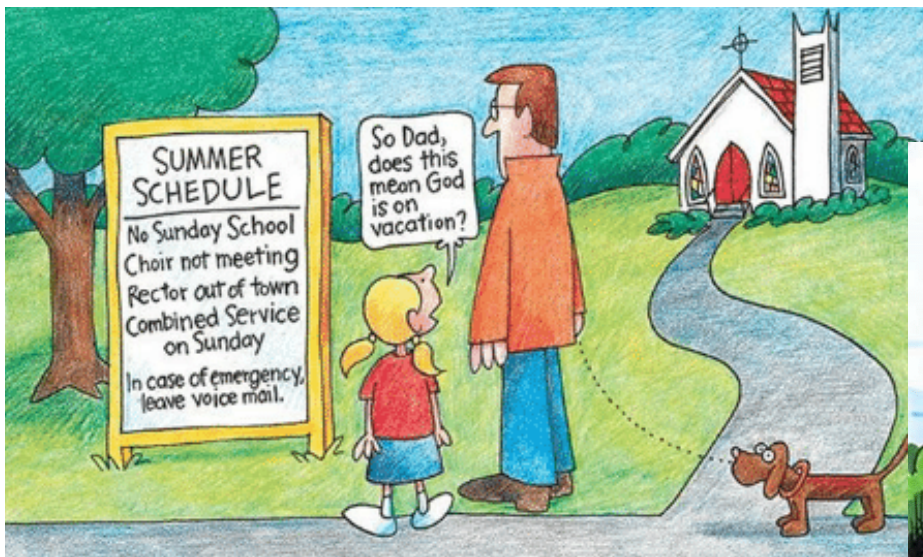
CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

Bill Hruska; Duff Kannier, Mather's great-grandson, James Pratt and his parents; Dick Stephens; Cynthia Curran

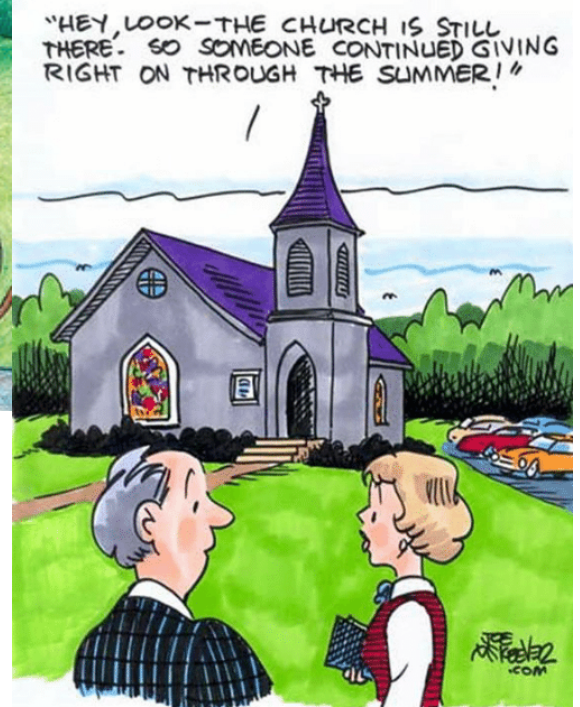
- ◆ Daphine Russell (age 7), grandniece of Cindi & Bruce Chinnock, is slowly improving,
- ◆ Sheila Powell and her husband Tom, as Tom continues to undergo treatment for cancer.
- ◆ Cindi & Bruce Chinnok's niece, Jennifer Russell, as she continues her battle with cancer.

PLEASE SEND PRAY REQUEST UPDATES TO JEAN SEVERSON (jean@salemwestpres.org). We strive to keep the listing as current as possible, and rely on your ongoing assistance to do so. Thank you.

SUMMER IN THE CHURCH



STEWARDSHIP HUMOR →



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday:

8:30am—4:00pm (at the moment)

Friday:

8:30am—1:00pm

The next BKS newsletter will be published on Friday, August 13.

Articles may be submitted directly to the church office or by email to:

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