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Session meets second Tuesday,
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Mary Dill, Personnel
Brian Hakes, Clerk of Session
Suellen Kirkwood, Worship
Jeanie Olson, Finance
Elizabeth Richmond, Missions
Carole Willadsen, Christian Ed.

OSF & CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL EXCELLENCE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Submitted by: Marjorie Willadsen, WPC Member

Leader of the Year Award: Recognizes directors, managers, or supervisors who demonstrate excellence in leadership, foster teamwork, volunteering within the Medical Center and/or community, leading by example, and successfully implementing initiatives promoting employee satisfaction and development.



The 2016 Leader of the Year Award was given to Carole Willadsen, Medical Information Services, Peoria. Congratulations Carole!

BARN GETS ITS WINGS

Submitted by: Edna Nugent, WPC Member

Designing artist, Linda Webb, left, (daughter of Jim and Sue Burnham,) Mitch Gregory and wife Charli Gregory pose for a photo for the Peoria Journal Star Newspaper, which appeared on the front page cover, Tuesday, June 28, 2016.



They were in front of the newly installed monarch butterfly barn quilt on the Gregory farm in Washington. The Gregorlys have 33 acres of pollinator mix land to help facilitate the growth of the pollinator population and came in contact with Webb after her design won the ArtPop Peoria competition. Webb donated the rights to her work for the barn and plans to continue with related conservation artwork throughout Peoria.

BEST NEIGHBORHOOD

Submitted by: Brian Buralli, Moss Bradley Residential Association President

Peoria Magazines has recently come out with its Best of Peoria list and the Moss Bradley Residential Association has been voted Best Neighborhood! Now all of Peoria knows what we've known for so long. Congratulations everyone!!



Of Peoria's many unique neighborhoods, none are more distinctive than Moss-Bradley, its eclectic, historic homes full of caring residents with an old-fashioned sense of community, all amidst the cul-

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ture of a university. In their ornamental iron works, turrets and fish-scale shingles, you can still find the beauty and craftsmanship that made it the city's preeminent neighborhood in the late 19th century—and preserved its character with love for the 21st century.

Hungry Bulletin

Written by: Ashley Foster, WPC Member

Food Connection is an organization that was started on December 1, 2014, by members of the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Asheville, North Carolina. This organization uses taxis and volunteers to deliver food that has been donated from restaurants and caterers in Asheville to shelters and feeding centers in the community. There are a few colleges that donate food as well, including the University of North Carolina - Asheville and Mars Hill University. The church raises money to pay for the transportation of "extra food to feed hungry people and reduce waste." Some of the places that receive the donated food include a shelter for runaways and a facility for veterans who are homeless, as well as a variety of other feeding programs throughout Asheville. According to Flori Pate, the co-founder and executive director of Food Connection, "Food Connection donors are relieved to have an alternative to tossing out perfectly good food." Food Connection has delivered more than 15,000 meals to people in need over the past year. Regarding the overall success



of the organization thus far, Pate stated that, "this fresh, healthy food that was being thrown away is now filling the bellies of our neighbors in need."

Vanderau Fund Available to Help

Written by: Elizabeth Richmond, Missions/Outreach Elder

Included in the Westminster Development Fund is a restricted gift identified as the Frank Vanderau, Thelma Vanderau, and Barbara Vanderau Memorial Trust. Income from this trust is to "be distributed for the benefit of persons who are either mentally or physically handicapped, giving preference to members (of Westminster) who are in need of financial assistance..."

Some income from this gift is available for distribution in 2016. Please submit requests or suggestions to Elizabeth Richmond, Elder for Outreach/Missions at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1420 W. Moss Ave., Peoria, IL 61606, or email wpcepeoria@gmail.com by September 1, 2016.

WestMark Food Pantry

Written by: Elizabeth Richmond, Missions/Outreach Elder

During the month of June we provided food to 1,678 individuals. The partnership we have with St Mark's Church creates an amazing opportunity to help those that might otherwise be hungry. This makes for lots of work for our volunteers but it is great to help hungry, grateful folks.

How can you help? Come help unload deliveries every first

and third Tuesday (August 2 and August 16), at 11:30 a.m., then on Thursday, August 11, at 1:00 p.m.; and we now have a delivery on the fourth Thursday of the month (August 25) at 10:00 a.m. This fourth Thursday replaces the delivery we were getting on the first Monday. We also can use some help this summer filling in for our regular volunteers on Monday morning. Questions? Call Elizabeth Richmond or the Church office .

Six Months Report From the Finance Committee

Written by: Jeanie Olson, Finance Elder

Strategic planning was on the agenda at the July 12, 2016, session meeting. The basic question was the meaningful use of the development fund and the creation of a statement to be a good neighbor.

Westminster is asset rich. Our sanctuary building and our parish house present tremendous opportunities. How could the congregation make the best use of these buildings?

Music, education, and nutrition have long been a large part of Westminster's mission focus. The session has been studying a couple of proposals and will be informing the congregation as information becomes available.

A six-month's review of our finances shows that we are operating within the budget reviewed by the congregation in January.

There is an article in the July/August 2016 issue of *Presbyterians Today* called "The Unglued

Church." I am quoting directly from the article: "Many congregations are locked in buildings that they love, but upkeep and maintenance are sucking up dollars that could otherwise be directed toward mission and ministry."

"The hope of Unglued is to help churches reject survival logic that focuses on keeping the building open and move into a resurrection mindset that puts their resources to work in the world."

Part of the strategic planning the Session will be doing is to move Westminster into a resurrection mode as we evaluate programs to utilize the space in the O'Neill Parish House.

Stay tuned...

Summer Musical Notes from Tom ...

Submitted by: Tom Clark-Jones, Choirmaster

We are grateful to our choral scholars for some fine music the summer season. So far we've heard from Margaret McQueen, Ashlie Schlatter, Justin Sanchez and Zach Snyder. Aaron Roos will be part of that group by the time you receive this issue of The Window. Also our fine young flautist, Stephanie Ashton, did a beautiful job with one of the superb Flute Sonatas by Handel. There have been a few Sundays when we've done what I tag as an 'organ mass,' just organ music to carry the service. I hope this variety of singing, organ playing and instrumental offerings will carry us through the summer and back into the choir season.

Speaking of choir ... the Choir will begin fall rehearsals on September 1. That's Thursday evening at our usual time ... 7:30. We usually work until about 9:15 when everyone is thoroughly worked out and leaves with a happy smile from having spent this time with great music in a cordial setting. The Westminster Choir is a good, caring group which is always ready to welcome new singers. If you would like to join Choir this fall, speak to Tom so he can set aside some music for you. We will sing our first service for the fall on September 11, which we will mark with a commemorative anthem honoring those who perished on September 11, 2001, now fifteen years in the past! So choir members, remember September 1 for our first rehearsal!

I have been busy putting together a nice set of new pieces for our Hand Bell Choir to play. They will start in the middle of September, date to be determined very soon. Right now we have eight players and can play two octaves of bells. If we could find three more ringers, we could add another octave of bells and have a much fuller sound. You need not be a musical genius to play, simply be able to know the basics of reading music. If you can pick out a G on the treble staff and count to four or six, you can likely play the bells ... with just a bit of coaching. Speak to Tom if you would like to be part of this group. They add so much to our services when they play.

The Gretchen Iben Committee has met during July and sketched together a program for the coming season. It is ambitious and features a goodly number of events to enjoy. It will be a good variety, from the opening concert on October 14 (Friday evening) featuring the dynamic young KAIA String Quartet from Chicago, to Christmas celebrations by our own Choir and jazz musicians, to an evening of Bach Klavier Concertos with John Orfe and Chee Hyeon Choi, to a wonderful Vivaldi concert at the end of the season. We will also open the 2017 Peoria Bach Festival once again with an organ recital.

So, I am trying not to just sit on my duff this summer ... although I do some of that, too. I think the work of the summer will help bring to fruition some beautiful music from our choir, bells, organ and musical friends from Bradley and around the region.

As I write this, we are about to take off to visit family in Carolina. I hope you are able to spend some leisure time with those you love this summer ... and come back to Westminster in the fall refreshed and ready to continue to serve our God here on Moss Avenue in Peoria. Summer blessings ... Tom








Session Notes - 7/12 Meeting

Submitted by: Brian Hakes, Clerk of Session

The food pantry served 1,678 in the month of June.

A summary report of the Choir Camp expenses and disbursements showed that disbursements exceeded the receipts by \$345.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 Communion AM 10am Worship 4pm Jazz Vespers 	1 9am WestMark Food Pantry 1pm Golf at Kellogg's	2 11:30am WestMark Food Pantry Delivery	3 7:30am Men's Coffee Fellowships 10am Staff Mtg	4 9:30am Lectionary BS 1pm Golf at Kellogg's	5	6
8 9am WestMark Food Pantry 1pm Golf at Kellogg's	9 6:30pm Session Mtg  Reports due by noon for copying.	10 7:30am Men's Coffee Fellowships 10am Staff Mtg	11 9:30am Lectionary BS 12:45pm Large Food Delivery for WestMark 1pm Golf at Kellogg's 	12	13	
14 10am Worship	15 9am WestMark Food Pantry 1pm Golf at Kellogg's	16 11:30am WestMark Food Pantry Delivery	17 7:30am Men's Coffee Fellowships 10am Staff Mtg.	18 9:30am Lectionary BS 1pm Golf at Kellogg's	19 Window Deadline Don't Miss the 	20
21 10am Worship	22 9am WestMark Food Pantry 1pm Golf at Kellogg's	23 Pastor will be out of the office.	24 7:30am Men's Coffee Fellowships 10am Staff Mtg 12pm Finance Mtg. 	25 9:30am Lectionary BS 10am WestMark Food Pantry Delivery 1pm Golf at Kellogg's	26	27
28 10am Worship	29 9am WestMark Food Pantry 	30	31 7:30am Men's Coffee Fellowships 10am Staff Mtg.	SEPT 1 CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN 	SEPT 2	SEPT 3

AUGUST SERVANT SCHEDULE

SERVICES	USHERS	GREETERS	SOUND	ACOLYTE	LITURGIST	WED. OFFICE VOLUNTEER
7 Sun AM	Kim Mitchell Anna Bussian Horst Prohaska Alice Nash	Dick Helfrich	Patrick Flynn & Marcus Foster	Kim Mitchell	Laura Van Riper	Aug. 3 Marilyn Luman
7 Sun Jazz	Marcus Foster Ashley Foster Marge Willadsen	Suellen Kirkwood	Alan Willadsen	Marcus Foster	Pastor Denise	Aug. 10 OPEN
14 Sun AM	Gary Dutro Alan Kupper Linda Kupper Marge Willadsen	Dick Helfrich	Patrick Flynn	Linda Kupper	Susan Leighty	Aug. 17 Peggy Bragg
21 Sun AM	Susan Leighty Diane Case Jeff Case Laura Van Riper	Dick Helfrich	Patrick Flynn	Laura Van Riper	Carol Carlson	Aug. 24 Peggy Carter
28 Sun AM	Gary Leonard Jan Leonard Janet Kelley Dan Callahan	Dick Helfrich	Patrick Flynn	Janet Kelley	Jim Burnham	Aug. 31 OPEN

If you are unable to work on your scheduled date, please try to find your replacement or switch with someone, before contacting the Ministry Elder with the changes.

COMMUNION SERVERS

MORNING WORSHIP / AUGUST 7

Bread Brian Hakes
Wine Joyce Hakes
Bread Monte Gibson
Wine Pastor Denise
Traveler Gary Dutro



Ministry Elders: Coffee Hour - Jill Bell / Wed. Ofc. Volunteers - Mary Dill / Worship - Suellen Kirkwood



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SEPTEMBER "WINDOW" DEADLINE - FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2	Edna Nugent
3	Hannah Willadsen
6	Linda Kupper
10	Joyce Hakes
11	Jean Schlesinger
11	Charles Byrkit
12	Monte Gibson
13	Ruby Picl
16	Marcus Foster
17	Emily Stinnett
20	Rosalie Youngman
31	Sarah Nolan

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

4	Alan & Carole Willadsen
6	Larry & Kim Hicks
17	Robert & Kim Fisher
23	Art & Jean Schlesinger

