



Welcome, Church! Thanks so much for tuning into our Westminster Church worship online service.

We may not be in the building where we typically worship, but we know as Christians that the Church is not the building, but the people. We are so glad that you've chosen to join us today to do what we are called to do every day as Christians, which is to worship the Lord. We invite you to just praise Him as you would if we were together in person, to sing and to praise however you choose. It's so hard to think about the future in times like these, when everything feels so uncertain. Scripture tells us, in Jeremiah 29:11, "I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Friends, the Lord gives us hope. That is one of our core virtues as Christians: hope. The Lord gives us hope, that no matter what comes our way, He has a plan for us. He has a plan for us, for us to prosper. That is such a special gift! Isn't it awesome to know that we don't have to worry about the future? Because He's already got it taken care of! What matters is that we are here today, to worship Him, and to thank Him for the plans He has for us, even though we might not know what they are yet. Church, let's join together and worship Him.

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10 AM

"YOU DO IT!" by Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

In this time of the Covid-19 pandemic, I sympathize with parents of school age children. Even having college and graduate level courses in cognitive development and education, I would not have been a good full-time teacher for my own children. One of the quandaries parents has always faced, even before becoming their children's teachers or online learning manager, is how much help to give their children on school assignments. Our natural inclination is to help our children succeed. This leads to the temptation to become overly involved in our children's work. And children, if they are frustrated, are likewise, willing to let their parents do their work for them. Too much frustration leads to what is called, "learned helplessness," and can engender feelings of inadequacy such that a child will quit trying to do anything they find difficult. Bypassing the struggle to figure out problems by themselves diminishes the learning process. It's a delicate balance teachers must negotiate. Jesus was a teacher, a rabbi. He spoke in parables to challenge his audiences to understand the kingdom of God. Last week we read that

after Jesus spoke to the crowds assembled to hear him, he spoke to his 12 disciples privately, to give them further instruction as to the meaning of the parables. Today, we have read about a situation in which Jesus did not answer his disciples' question about how they were to feed a multitude with the meager resources they had. He didn't solve the problem for them, he just gave the assignment: "You feed them."

AN UPDATE FROM SESSION

The major topic of discussion at the Session meeting on July 14 was, as you might expect, re-opening the church. The sanctuary is now empty of pews while the mold remediation is being done. This will probably continue for another week. The consensus of the Session was that the current situation, in terms of the Covid-19 virus, has not changed enough to safely open the church yet. However, the situation can change before the next meeting, so the Session will be meeting more frequently to make a decision based on the most current information.

Some of the work of re-opening already been

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READ THE WORD

Daily Scripture Readings
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THINK ABOUT THE FAITH

This Sunday's bulletin to print and follow along with the service. [click here](#)

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CHURCH NEWS

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done. Personal protection products have been purchased. The pew cushions, hymnals and bibles have already been removed from the sanctuary due to the mold-remediation work. We It will be imperative that we have volunteers who are willing to be ushers to navigate movement for optimal social distancing.

Because many of Westminster's members will not be able to attend indoor public gatherings, due to medical vulnerability or residential living rules, we will continue to offer pre-recorded worship services online every Sunday. We are looking into the possibility of live-streaming the service after the church opens. We are learning about new ways of doing church in this pandemic. Larry Hick's technical expertise has enabled us to make more use of the Internet than we have ever done before. Mary Lee Caudle has done a great job keeping the membership informed during this time of physical separation. Steve Sager has taken on more vigorous cleaning and will be indispensable in preparing the church for re-opening.

The mission of the church continues despite the building being closed. I pray every day that a vaccine will be created soon so we can all be together for worship and fellowship. I am thankful no one from Westminster has contracted the virus. Keep vigilant in your prevention practices! In protecting ourselves we are protecting others and giving witness to the second half of Christ's Greatest Commandment: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt.33:39) - Pastor Denise

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We invite you to join the Westminster family for fellowship via Zoom. If you lose the Meeting ID number or the Password to that meeting, you can always find it on the Westminster website calendar.

Wednesday Coffee Talk, 10 a.m.

Meeting ID No. 240 398 210 | Password: COFFEE

Sunday Fellowship, 11 a.m.

Meeting ID No. 970 970 631 | Password: FELLOWSHIP

And for those of you who are in choir or handbell choir, you can join Tom in musical topics on

Thursday, Choir Chat, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting ID No. 911 870 506 78 | Password: CHOIR

To join the fellowships, via Zoom, you need to first download the app onto your phone, iPad, or tablet. Or if you are using your laptop or desktop computer, you will need to sign up and register. This is a free download.

If you have not used Zoom before the process of logging on may take a bit longer, so start a few minutes before 11 a.m. - the 'room' will be open starting at 10:50 a.m.

You will be asked if you want to join with video. If you don't want folks to see you, and just have a screen with your name on it, click no.

You will then be asked if you want to join with computer audio. Click on that blue bar and you will receive sound.

As of July 16, Zoom as required that ALL meetings have a Passcode. They have designed these security measures to help keep our meetings safe from unwanted visitors while keeping the experience as frictionless as possible.

Don't have internet? If you do not have access to online internet you may call 1-312-626-6799 to join in a fellowship. The operator will prompt you through each step. You will need to know the Meeting ID Number and the Password so have it handy before you call.

OTHER ZOOM MEETINGS

The church has a subscription to ZOOM. If you would like to hold a meeting or a group study for the church and do not have a subscription to ZOOM, contact Mary Lee for information and scheduling.

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other as indeed you are doing." -1 Thess. 5:11. The prayers of God's people are powerful and effective. *"We do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in our prayers..."* - Eph. 1:16

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- † For our homebound - Elizabeth Alt, Juliet Babbitt, Hettie Beers, Marilyn Heubach, Marilyn Walker, Rosemary McCurdy, Tippy Short, and Jean Osterman
- † For Gary Dutro, health.
- † For Charles Allen, to be encouraged to drink more water to stay hydrated.
- † For Alice, a daughter of a friend of Marilyn Luman, who has COVID-19 and pneumonia (along with weakened immune system). She was admitted July 8 and is now home on constant oxygen. All in the family has tested positive for COVID-19, so all need to be covered in prayer.

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

OLLI, also known as Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, had many interesting meetings and classes, via ZOOM, offered in their newsletter this past week. You do not have to be a member to take part in any of their Zoom gatherings or classes. If there is a cost though to attend a specific class, that you will need to pay.

ONLINE GIVING

In the midst of unusual times, Christ still calls us to give as we have received. Please consider continuing to give your pledges and offerings. Gifts may be received by any of the following below. We are grateful for your continued support of the mission and ministry Westminster Presbyterian Church!

WAYS you can make a donation:

- **Website online portal**, just select the fund to which you would like to contribute in the drop down list on the right.
- Mail to WPC, 1420 W. Moss Avenue, Peoria, Illinois 61606
- Text **WestminsterPresh** \$50 (any amount) to 73256 to give to General Funds using your text messaging. Standard text message

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to give Sanctuary flowers, we have a couple of Sundays that are available in June: June 14 and June 28. Thank you Dick & Norma Helfrich for providing the flowers for June 7 and Marilyn Luman for providing the flowers on June 21 for Father's Day. If you are interested, please notify Mary Lee (wpc@westminsterpeoria.org) of the Sunday you would like to donate.

DO YOU NEED A FACE MASK?

If you need a mask contact Bonnie Jackson. She has been busy sewing and has available masks. Cell 309-696-1955
Email: bon1jon2@yahoo.com

MEMBER NEWS

Send us photos to share with the congregation. We love to see you or perhaps you have some exciting news you'd like share? Let us know and we will include it in the next bulletin.

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rates do apply.

You can pay towards your 2020 Pledge, make a general offering, or give to a specific mission. You choose. If you have questions, please email **Denise Wirth**

OFFICE STAFF

As we continue to monitor public health concerns, most of our church staff will work remotely. Health officials are advising everyone to limit physical contact, so for the safety of our staff and members, we have asked staff members Mary Lee and Denise to work from home until further notice. Steve is still working his normal hours (8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mon. Wed., Thur., & Fri.)

Through the wonder of modern technology, all staff will have access to their work computers from home, and can be reached by email. They will also be able to check and respond to any voicemail messages that are left on their office phones. During this time, Steve is keeping the church campus deep cleaned and disinfected, so we will be ready to go once we are able to occupy the building again.

HOSPITAL

No one as of Friday morning.

HOSPITAL ADMITTING TIP

When you are asked if you belong to a church or your religion, please mention the full name of Westminster Presbyterian Church not just Presbyterian. This will help us know that you have been admitted and not overlooked when we do our daily hospital calls.

Also, if you know you are going to the hospital and do not want this information shared, please let the office know this. We understand your privacy and want to respect it.

Give those having a birthday or anniversary a shout out. Click on their name to send an email birthday or anniversary wish. (You need to have your email set up to do this) If you want to mail them a card and need an address, contact Mary Lee.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - [Edna Nugent](#)
- 3 - Hannah Willadsen
- 6 - [Linda Kupper](#)
- 10 - [Joyce Hakes](#)
- 11 - [Jean Schlesinger](#)
- 12 - [Monte Gibson](#)
- 16 - Ruby Picl
- 17 - Emily Stinnett
- 22 - [Janet Baker](#)

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 - [Carole & Alan Willadsen](#)
- 6 - [Kim & Larry Hicks](#)
- 17 - Kim & Robert Fisher
- 23 - [Jean & Art Schlesinger](#)



WESTMARK FOOD PANTRY NEWS



The WestMark Food Pantry continues to be open and to serve the Community. They are open on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Requested items by the food pantry is: **Peanut Butter and Grape Jelly, Macaroni and Cheese, any child friendly foods.** These items can be dropped off any day of the week.

Please contact Steve (309-224-6237) to arrange a time to drop off. Place your food donation in the trunk or on the backseat of the passenger side, pull up to the Parish House and Steve will come out and get.

If you have a way to bring to the food pantry on Monday mornings, they would love some fresh produce. This can only be received on Monday mornings from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. to make sure it can be given out that morning and not go bad.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

VISIT <http://westminsterpeoria.org/serve/food-pantry/> for more information or contact Elizabeth Richmond.