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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Mary Lee

This year's annual congregational meeting is set for Sunday, January 31 at 11 a.m. following the morning service via Zoom.

All members of the Westminster congregation are invited and encouraged to attend this important gathering to discuss and conduct the church's business.

God has been on the move in the life of the church this year. Join us to reflect on what He has done, and to look ahead at what is to come. You will hear updates from our church elders on the ministries, and future plans of Westminster Presbyterian Church. We will also spend time reviewing the 2021 budget. The floor will be open to discussion and questions from the congregation. ❁

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Valerie Sager

Westminster Infant Care Center and the WICC Board would like to thank everyone who helped support us in 2020 during a most difficult time during COVID-19. We managed to get one fundraiser done, although it was "virtual", with the Make-it Take-It bazaar. We made over \$600 and are very thankful for the support. Also, thank you to those who helped us with the Christmas gifting fund for our WICC moms and babies. Our children were incredibly grateful for the gifts and were so touched by the thoughtfulness! My parents, Joe and Char Rickey, also made handmade scarves, hats, sweaters, and blankets for the children. Our WICC children were blessed in many ways. Thank you all so much for your support and your prayers during the last year. God bless you, Valerie Sager ❁





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DECEMBER SESSION NOTES

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The YMCA program to benefit Whittier School children who do not have an adequate place to study on days when they are not attending in-person classes has begun. About 10-15 students are in attendance every day. The program is working well, according to Elder Jan Leonard, who, among others, has spent considerable time and energy on this effort.

During the month of November, 483 families representing 1426 individuals were served by the food pantry. Unfortunately, the pantry distributed all of the available food and some people had to be turned away on the Monday before Thanksgiving.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is scheduled for January 31, 2021. Because of Coronavirus complications the meeting will have to be held online via Zoom. The business of the meeting is to hear committee reports and to vote on the terms of call for the pastor. Long-time Presbyterians will recall that, until recently, the denomination has taken a dim view of voting in any form other than in person. This rule has been relaxed somewhat during the last few years and has apparently been ignored completely during the pandemic. Obviously, we will need to vote on the terms of call via Zoom. Copies of the committee reports and the terms of call will be available for review before the meeting. Also, instructions for connecting to a Zoom meeting will be available for anyone who needs them. ✱

Westminster Presbyterian Church Notable Numbers November 2020

| | Year to date | | |
|----------|--------------|------------|------------|
| | November | Actual | Budgeted |
| Receipts | \$ 9,714 | \$ 178,899 | \$ 186,748 |
| WDF | \$ 5,100 | \$ 248,720 | \$ 234,665 |
| Total | \$ 14,814 | \$ 427,619 | \$ 421,413 |
| Expenses | \$ 26,606 | \$ 409,160 | \$ 421,413 |

ONLINE GIVING

Brian Hakes

If you are accustomed to online bill pay or simply prefer to not write checks you can now give to Westminster through the church information system, "On Realm." You can do this even if you have not registered as a member user of the application. You can use a computer or a cell phone to enter the internet address into your preferred browser. To make your gift online, all you have to do is type onrealm.org/Westminster1420/give into the browser. Once you do that, you will see the following screen:



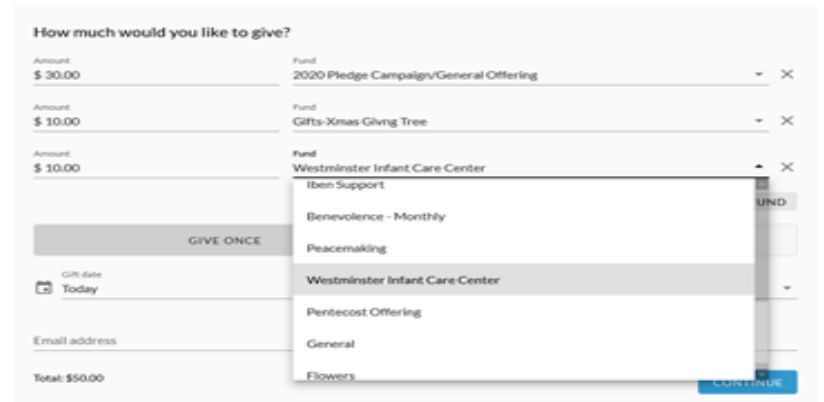
From this screen you can give to as many funds as you choose. To select a fund, place your cursor over the upside-down triangle and click your mouse. This will bring up a pull-down menu from which you can choose where you would like to assign your gift.

You decide how to parse your offering. After you highlight the amount line and enter the number, to give to another purpose simply touch the 'Another Fund' button and repeat the process. Your computer screen should look

something like this:

Once the gift is completed you assign a date when the gift is given using the calendar. You will also need to enter your email address. The reason for that is a receipt, acknowledging your contribution, will be sent to that email address.

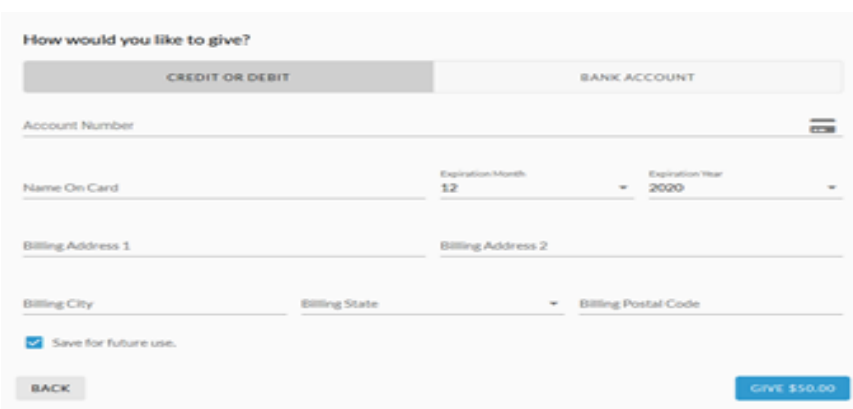
Once you have completed this screen, choose the continue button and click on it to move to the next screen.



This screen is how you determine the source of your gift. Choosing a debit or credit card is shown but if you select a checking account another screen will ask you for your account number and the bank routing number.

Once the fields are populated, you can save the information, so you do not have to enter it the next time.

The advantage to being registered on Realm, as a member user, is not having to populate the last screen. Also, you can also access your giving history and compare where you are with respect to your pledge commitment. As they say in the infomercials, "wait there's more" - you will also be able to update your church profile, have access to the



church directory, see the history of messages sent through realm, as well as view announcements. Once you become comfortable with online giving, consider registering as a user. All members of Westminster are eligible. Brian Hakes, Treasurer/Finance ❄

REVISED
COMMON LECTIONARY
READINGS



Sunday, January 10, 2021
the Baptism of the Lord

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29:1-11

Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

Sunday, January 17, 2021

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel

John 1:43-51

Sunday, January 24, 2021

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

Sunday, January 31, 2021

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111:1-10

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays | January 7, 14, 21, & 28 | 1:00 PM

Mary Lee

Join us as we dig deeper into the meaning of the scripture for Sundays. For this month we will meet on January 7, 14, 21, and 28.

Bible study is on Thursdays at 1 p.m., via Zoom. We take an in-depth look at the scriptures for that Sunday. All are welcome to join us either at 1 p.m. via Zoom or those who can not make it at the scheduled time can watch at our website: <https://westminsterpeoria.org/worship/bible-study/>. These are usually available within a week of the study.

To join Zoom Bible Study: <https://zoom.us/j/98673203228pwd=Tm5nc0JlTTlrRkxiSHg2VzNNdHNDdz09>

Meeting ID: 986 7320 3228 | **Passcode:** BIBLESTUDY ❄

PARISH HOUSE UPDATE

Jan Leonard

Fellowship Hall is home to around ten Whittier primary students during the school day. The occupant of the Parish House Morgan Room, River City Music Therapy owner, Katie Fitch, is the coordinator of the program. She and a YMCA employee run the program during school hours. Students can be seen on their laptops logged onto distance learning, building with Legos or doing other activities throughout the school day. The school district does not know at this time when school will be back to in-person learning, but for now, our Fellowship Hall gives them an avenue to learn. ❄

LUMINARY WALK ON MOSS AVENUE

Jan Leonard

On December 20, from 6-9 pm, there was a luminary walk on Moss Avenue, from Sheridan to Western Avenue. The Moss Bradley Residential Association asked Westminster to participate by placing 100 luminary candles on Moss Avenue in front of the sanctuary building and the Parish House. Westminster was happy to participate and hopes that more collaborative events can be held.

Thank you to Abbie Alexander, Pastor Denise, Steve Sager and Caden Richmond, who helped me make and place the 100 luminaries. ❄

WESTMINSTER SESSION

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Clerk of Session | Jim Burnham Class of 2021 |
| Christian Education | Peggy Bragg Class of 2021 |
| Church Life | Vacant |
| Finance..... | Brian Hakes Class of 2022 |
| Membership..... | Kim Mitchell Class of 2022 |
| Missions/Outreach | Jan Leonard Class of 2022 |
| Personnel | Larry Hicks Class of 2022 |
| Properties | John Jackson Class of 2021 |
| Worship..... | Suellen Kirkwood Class of 2020 |

**SESSION MEETS ON THE
SECOND TUESDAY, MONTHLY,
6:30 PM, VIA ZOOM.**



DEACONS

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Moderator | Jeanie Olson Class of 2022 |
| Anna Bussian..... | Class of 2020 |
| Sue Burnham..... | Class of 2020 |
| Alice Nash | Class of 2022 |
| Phyllis Rafferty | Class of 2021 |
| Marge Willadsen..... | Class of 2020 |
| Laura Van Riper | Class of 2021 |

LITTLE FREE PANTRY AT WHITTIER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Jan Leonard

Westminster partners with the Uplands and Moss Bradley Residential Association to supply food and toiletries to the Little Free Pantry at Whittier Primary School. We take our turn every three months, with the last month being this past November. ❁

ALARM CHANGES

Steve Sager

Recently, two significant changes have been made to our Oberlander Alarm System for both the Westminster Church and Parish House. These changes were made to standardize processes, update legacy protocols, and prevent accidental arming of the system. ❁

REZONING THE WESTMINSTER PARISH HOUSE

The Parish House has been rezoned into a single partition. There is no longer a Zone 1 and Zone 2. Those who had previous access to Zone 1 only, Zone 2 only, or both Zones, now have access to the entire building. You can enter the Parish House at either Alarm Panel entrance (North Entrance Parish House Foyer or West Entrance).

To Disarm the Parish House

- Enter your 4-digit passcode, depress the #1/Off button to disarm the entire building

To Arm the Parish House

- Enter your 4-digit passcode, depress the #2/Away button to arm the entire building.

For ease and uniformity, the Alarm Panel at the West Entrance has been moved up to the West Entrance Foyer. All users' original 4-digit passcodes remain unchanged.

GLOBAL ALARMING

Effective immediately, both the Church and Parish House buildings will automatically alarm at 10 p.m. each evening (seven days a week). This means that you do not have to remember to alarm the buildings if you are the last out as the buildings will arm themselves at the appointed hour. If for some reason you have occasion to be in either building after the 10 p.m. "Global Alarming," you must conduct the following steps:

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Advance Access Notification

If possible and highly recommended ... if you need to be in either building after 10 p.m., contact Oberlander Administration at (309) 676-3535 at least 24 hours in advance and inform them of your intentions. In this case Oberlander Administration will override the "Global Alarming" protocol. However, you will be required to alarm the building upon your departure (Alarm Panel: Enter 4-digit passcode, depress the #2 Away button).

Impromptu Access

If you are going to be in either building after 10 p.m. and did not contact Oberlander Administration in advance, ensure you are at an Alarm Panel and when the "Global Alarming" is implemented at 10 p.m., manually turn off the alarms at that building. (Alarm Panel: Enter 4-digit passcode, depress the #1 Off button). Then call Acadian Monitoring at (309) 682-3800 and inform them that you are in the building and have turned off the alarm system. You will be required to alarm the building upon your departure (Alarm Panel: Enter 4-digit passcode, depress the #2 Away button).

The above scenarios are the exceptions to the normal. Generally, we all go about our business leaving well in advance of the 10 p.m. hour. Now we no longer have to wonder if we set the alarm on our way out and can rest assured that both buildings will automatically alarm themselves at the appointed hour.

To Turn Off the "Global Alarms" do the following Regular Morning Access (After 4:45 a.m.)

To turn off the "Global Alarms" in the morning after 4:45 a.m., which is the set "Early Open" time, enter the building, input your 4-digit passcode on the Alarm Panel and depress the #1 Off button.

Irregular Morning Access (Prior to 4:45 a.m.)

If you have occasion for entry into either building before 4:45 a.m., enter the building, input your 4-digit passcode on the Alarm Panel and depress the #1 Off button. Immediately call Acadian Mon-

itoring at (309) 682-3800 and inform them you have need to access the building before the 4:45 a.m. "Early Open" time. Remember to manually alarm the building upon your departure (Alarm Panel: Enter 4-digit passcode, depress the #2 Away button).

It is our hope that you will find the above new Oberlander Alarm System protocols will simplify, without sacrificing security, your daily routine of access in and out of the buildings.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Sager, Westminster Buildings Manager at (309) 224-6237, email: slsager1976@gmail.com or buildings@westminsterpeoria.org. ❁

POINSETTIA DONATIONS

As in years past, the congregation was invited to honor or remember loved ones this Christmas with a donation of a poinsettia while also helping with the decorating of the sanctuary during this Advent Season. This year we were able to provide six poinsettias to our homebound and members. Thank you for the 2020 Christmas Poinsettia donations.



David & Jan Baker

In memory of Roy and Laurel Baker & John and Evelyn Spurny

Margaret (Peggy) Carter

In memory of her son, Brian, and daughter-in-law, Carol Rooney Carter

Richard & Norma Helfrich

In honor of their children, Karen, Lisa and Steve

Marilyn Luman & Sons, David and Douglas

In memory of her husband and their father, Roger Luman



Alice Nash

In memory of her husband, Arlo Nash, and our parents

Karen, Lisa, and Steve

In honor of their parents, Richard and Norma Helfrich





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ANNIVERSARIES

There are no anniversaries for January

PLEDGE REMINDER

Brian Hakes

Not being able to worship as a community, we are inclined to forget our role of sustaining members so that the church can function. Still, it is not too late to submit your 2021 pledge. If you can't locate your 2021 pledge card, you can call the office and request one. You may also find one on the church website or in a previous Window. You may also email the church financial secretary or even call Denise Wirth and let her know what you can pledge. No amount is too small and every pledge is important. ❁



**The church office will be closed
Monday, January 18, 2021,
in observance of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**

2021 Pledge Commitment to Westminster Presbyterian Church

With a grateful heart for God's grace and as an expression of Christian stewardship, I/we make this commitment to the ministry, missions, and operations of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

I/we pledge: \$ _____ per week or
\$ _____ per month or
\$ _____ per year

☐ Check here if you do **NOT**
want to receive envelopes.

I understand that I may adjust this pledge at any time due to changes in my circumstances by contacting the financial secretary.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email (optional): _____

Thank You!

Please mail to the church or place into the offering plate at any worship.

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Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

JOIN US SUNDAYS

10 AM Morning Worship
Livestream on YouTube

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*"Serving God with
Open Mind, Hands, and Heart."*

Happy New Year to



2021 STEWARDSHIP



DO
justice



LOVE
kindness



WALK
humbly

"... Do Justice; Love Kindness; Walk Humbly with your God." - Micah 6:8