

Vanderau Fund Available to Help

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 e-mail wpcpeoria@gmail.com by September 1, 2016.

"The Streets Belong to ME" so says over 100 children on the South Side.

As you know, when we take the Peace making offering a percentage stays here at our church to be used locally. Westminster again supported the great work The Procter Center does to help youth on the South Side. On May 24, Procter Recreation Center hosted "The Streets Belong to Me" event for all of the neighborhood children. This event was not only fun with the water park open and a scavenger hunt, but also had a very serious side. The children and youth discussed ways to settle disagreements peacefully and signed a "Peaceful Life Pledge" promising to do their part to settle disagreements peacefully. Westminster provided Popsicles for any child that signed a pledge.

Pictured is the Peoria Police Chief speaking with the youth as they sign their pledge cards.



WestMark Food Pantry

During the month of May we provided food to 1,613 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, July 5 & July 19, at 11:30, Thursday, July 14, at 1:00 and we now have a delivery on the fourth Thursday of the month (7/28/16) at 10:00. 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 .

Congratulations!

At the annual Awards Ceremony at OSF, St Francis Medical Center, Carole Willadsen was named Leader of the year. She leads the Medical Information Services.

Session Notes from the June 14 Session meeting

The Session voted to endorse Alan Willadsen as a Commissioned Ruling Elder.

At the June Assembly of the Presbytery of Great Rivers, Rev. Dr. Alan Finnan was elected as the Executive General Presbyter.

There will be a special assembly of the PGR on August 20.

The assembly voted to increase the per capita to \$32 in 2017.

On the balance sheet, the asset account of Money Market has been closed to preclude a monthly service charge.

Westminster members have given over \$1,000 to the Choir Camp.

New toys have been purchased for the nursery.

The WICC sale generated over \$4,000.

The remaining items not sold at the WICC sale will either be stored in the church basement or shared with "Teen Reach."

In May the food pantry served over 1,613 people.

Westminster provided popsicles to 200+ kids at the "Streets Belong to Me" event sponsored by the Peoria Police Department.

The skylights are scheduled to be replaced during the week of June 27th.

Pat Flynn has been mowing the lawn, a service we had contracted for in the past.

Pat Flynn has also been doing minor plumbing repair. In the past the church would have called a plumber to do the same work.

A survey of the congregants attending the Jazz worship service were very favorable and all liked the existing format.

New customized Advent paraments for the Altar and Pulpit, and a banner and a bookmark have been order at a cost of \$900.

Respectfully submitted

Brian Hakes - Clerk of Session

HUNGRY BULLETIN

By Ashley Foster

The food pantry at Broad Street Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Ohio recently celebrated 45 years of helping hungry families. It is open every morning from Monday through Friday, as well as some Saturdays. Up to 30 families can visit the food pantry each day, and they may select 5 days' worth of food. In addition to non-perishable food items, they are given milk and lean protein. From May through October, fresh fruits and vegetables are given out as well. In addition, the church offers a variety of cooking classes and nutrition education classes each month. The church accepts canned and box food items, as well as fresh produce. Monetary donations are also accepted. This food pantry "envision[s] a time that no neighbor goes to bed hungry."