



The WestPres Friday E-Blast

August 5, 2022

Greeting all!

This week we're focusing on the next steps in our Matthew 25 exploration – a SURVEY and Sunday morning Q&A forums. The details are below; we hope everyone will fill out the survey and attend one of the forums.

Other interesting Eblast news:

- The backpack tree is up – pick a tag and shop!
- Help us raise the new cross; small donations are greatly appreciated.
- Family BBQ and Night of Music and Prayer is coming up on August 16th

Read on -- Cheers!

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KELLY

Dear friends,

The conversations this month around Matthew 25 - eradicating poverty, dismantling racism, and building congregational vitality, have been dynamic and insightful. There is a certain energy when we consider how the gospel is really lived out and how we might be a part of real and lasting change rather than quick fixes or temporary solutions. The 3 Sunday evening discussions brought a lot to the surface including ideas and dreams as well as a sense of loss about how things used to be. Much has changed in many of our lives over the past couple of years.

In August, the Matthew 25 discussions will continue in the form of mini-forums and a survey followed by a leadership retreat. The preaching focus is shifting to "Staying sane in an age of tech" with a close look at Philippians and how to approach the world when conflict and chaos reign. Some wise thinking has started to emerge in how we engage with the tech all around us and we'll look at how we also might think well about the inner compass that guides our interactions.

I'll see you in worship.

Ever onward,
Pastor Kelly

MATTHEW 25 FORUMS & SURVEY

Now that we've spent the month of July exploring what it means to become a Matthew 25 church, it's time to take the next step on this journey. On Sunday Aug 7 & 15 after each service, there will be a Forum to answer any questions. (Every Forum will be the same, so if you go to one, you're done!) The Forums will be both in person and available over Zoom, using the following link:

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN SUNDAY ZOOM MEETING](#)

MEETING ID: 872 0417 3683

PASSCODE: 576006

ALSO: We've created a SURVEY and hope everyone will take a second to fill it out. There only 3 questions but they'll provide valuable insight. You can access the survey via the link below or pick up a paper copy at the church.

[CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT SURVEY](#)

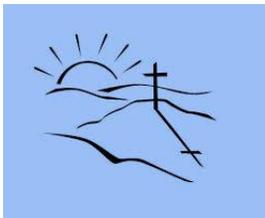
FAMILY MINISTRY BBQ AND MORE!

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 16th at 5:30PM. Family Ministries is sponsoring their annual Family BBQ, which will be followed by a short service of Music & Prayer with our Worship Team. This will be a great event for everyone, and we hope to see you all there.

BACKPACK TREE IS HERE

Help provide a backpack for a needy family's child in the community. Having a backpack filled with basic school supplies helps a student start the new school year prepared and more confident. Select a tag from the "Backpack Tree". Fill the backpack with school supplies, **attach the tag**, and return it to the church by Wednesday, August 31st.

Help Raise the Cross



Westminster's original cross met its demise a few months ago and, for safety's sake, was carefully taken down. Our wonderful Chet Flick is working with his son Chris to build a new cross to take its place near our entrance.

Usable sections of the old cross will become the crosspiece, continuing its service to the congregation. Chet has also used some pieces to create two communion plates.

Some parishioners suggested we invite everyone to help us raise the cross by making a donation in the special collection box, which will be available during the month of August.

If you wish to submit a check, please note on it that it is for the cross. If we receive more money than we need for the cross, we will use the extra for the plantings and celebration following the official installation.

- *Buildings and Grounds committee*

WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT

The next Women's Night out is on Monday, August 8th, and will be at Geppetto's Italian Restaurant (616 Lancaster Dr NE). Contact Susan Ray (503) 319-0511 or Bev Silveira (503) 364-4858 to RSVP.

MEN'S NIGHT OUT IS FINALLY BACK!

Men's Night Out is officially back. Our manly men will meet every third Tuesday at The Ram (where else?!) at 6:00PM. The next meeting is August 16th – give John Dalen a call to RSVP (503) 364-8095.

OUR SIGN-IN PADS ARE BACK

Last week we almost got it right - here's what to do:

1. The sign-in pads are in the chairback on the aisle chair.
2. The person sitting there should take out the pad, sign their name and send it down their row.
3. Everybody in the row signs.
4. When the last person in the row has signed, the pad goes back to the start and that person tears out the sheet(s) and leaves them on their chair at the end of service.

Practice makes perfect!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY – UPDATED SUMMER SCHEDULE

Reminder – this Bible study takes place on Tuesdays at 10:30AM. All are welcome.

Pastor's Bible Study - Updated Summer Schedule

TUESDAY	LEADER	SCRIPTURE/TOPIC
July 26	Bill Faust	DVD: Honor & Shame 9:30 Video 10:30 Discussion
August 9	Michele Hare	DVD: Harriet Tubman
August 16	Michele Hare	DVD: Harriet Tubman
August 23	Pastor Kelly	PHD Presentation
August 30	End of summer break	No Bible Study

OHA RECOMMENDS MASKING INDOORS

The Oregon Health Authority highly recommends residents of Marion County resume wearing masks indoors. The church is not yet requiring masks, but we also highly recommend you consider this Covid safety measure.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

We are still looking to hire one more Childcare worker for Sunday morning services. Please contact Krisha (krisha@salemwestpres.org) for more information or to apply.

TOOLS NEEDED

Buildings and Grounds would welcome donations of new and gently used outdoor tools. We have a safe, locking tool shed for their storage. Here are a couple guidelines:

- Bring tools no longer needed or that may be heading to a garage sale.
- Functional tools are best – nothing broken or needing repair.
- Please bring to the church, if possible. Bring them on Sunday or during the week—Jean will happily take them in.
- If items are large and need to be picked up, contact Ted Burney or Bill Nelson.

We greatly appreciate donations to our future tool library.

PRAYERS & JOYS

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Prayers for Bob and Ramona Tinnell. Ramona has been dealing with heart issues, then in July tested positive for Covid and was in Salem hospital for 4 weeks. Now she's in rehab, and it's expected to be a lengthy recovery.
- Mary Smith, who is now in hospice.
- Jim and Pat Randle, as Jim transitions to assisted living.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

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

- Sheila Powell and her husband Tom, as Tom continues to undergo treatment for cancer.
- Bill Hubble as he continues to receive cancer treatment.
- Prayers for Nancy Klarr, who is also battling cancer.