

Welcome To
**WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**



SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Rev. Lorne Bostwick

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: Come Spirit, Come!



9:00 AM—Online Traditional Service

10:30—Online Contemporary Service

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The Mission of Westminster Presbyterian Church:
Creatively sharing Christ's love: We welcome, we serve, we grow.

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Boulder Knoll Scroll



May 20, 2020

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Sunday, May 31st***

OUR NEW MISSION STATEMENT:

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Dear Friends —

As many of you are aware, on May 20th, 2020, Governor Brown approved Marion County's application to move into Phase One of reopening. Effective, Friday, May 22, the following businesses are permitted to reopen: Restaurants and bars, Personal Care, including barbers, salons, massage and more; Gyms and fitness centers and malls. Churches are not mentioned, and no guidelines were issued for Churches.

Having read detailed guidelines for all of the above businesses, the main issues are social distancing and disinfecting spaces between guests and gatherings of less than 25 people.

I have prepared and sent an 8 page document to the Session called "Resetting our Expectations" to help the Session think through the questions and issues related to all three phases of the State's reopening. We need to be certain we are prepared to create a safe transition to "in-person" worship and meeting at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The issues of social distancing, disinfecting spaces between gatherings, and gathering size are minimum guidelines as we think about gatherings at the church. To date we have not been able to get the cleaning supplies necessary or create a plan for cleaning the building between services or meetings. Building and Grounds has been working on a solution, but it hinges on the availability of disinfecting equipment.

Because your safety is our highest concern, the Session determined last night that we are not ready to consider opening the building for "in-person" worship or meetings. We will be meeting again on June 4th to further consider our progress and to determine how Marion County is doing with re-opening.

In the meanwhile, our Sunday streamed services will continue indefinitely, and our dedicated staff will continue to work diligently to stay connected with you, and provide the spiritual food so needed during this challenging time.

In Christian Partnership—
Lorne



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THE NEWSLETTER



Mail Coordinator: Kenn Battaile

Until such time as it's safe to bring our BKS production team back together, our newsletter will be online only.

The **deadline for submission** of articles for the next Boulder Knoll Scroll is **Monday, May 18th @ 8:00 AM**. Publication is typically every other week. Articles may be submitted directly to the church office or by email to:
jean@salemwestpres.org



SEND US YOUR PHOTOS!!!

We need PHOTOGRAPHS of Westminster and activities that have taken place here over the past 3 years! AND our next BKS will feature photos of what you've been doing to entertain yourselves during this (boring) health crisis!

Send your pics to Jean at:
jean@salemwestpres.org

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Praises!

- ◆ Helen McGauhey is joyfully back at home, after recovering from a fall.
- ◆ Sandy and Doug McLean are celebrating the marriage of their son, Sean, to Sally Warner on May 2nd. The wedding was supposed to be in Friday Harbor, but instead, they were married with a Zoom audience. The McLeans say “Thanks be to God for this blessed event. We are thrilled to welcome a second daughter to our family.”

Our Love and Prayers go out for:

- ◆ The friends and family of Mary Koster, who passed away on April 21st.
- ◆ Nancy Crawford’s daughter, Amy, who is being treated for pneumonia and pleurisy.
- ◆ Carolyn Lawrence’s sister, who is ill.

Continue to Remember:

Cynthia Currin, Tim Holsten, Bill Hruska, Duff Kannier, Mark Lawrence, John Trigg, Mather’s great-grandson, James Pratt and his parents, Linda & Dick Stephens

Daphine Russell (age 7), grandniece of Cindi & Bruce Chinnock, is slowly improving

Sally Jacklin’s son-in-law, Joe Huntington, who’s in treatment for brain cancer

Barbara Friday’s mother, Patricia Schlundt, who suffers with medical and mental health problems

Grubby & Laurie Haines friend, Betsy Steinberg, who is undergoing cancer treatment.

Grubby & Laurie Haines’ son, Jesse, who has complications from cancer treatment.

Jennifer Russell, niece of Cindi & Bruce Chinnock, who has cancer, as she undergoes treatment.

Prayers for the Balint Family. Their 10 year old cousin Johnny is recovering from brain surgery for two brain aneurysms. He is having complications and is paralyzed.

Lynnea Lyman’s friend, Tracy Doherty, who has been waiting on the heart transplant list since 2018.

Sheila Powell and her husband Tom, as Tom undergoes treatment for cancer.

Barbara Friday’s friends, Jim & Brenda Cochrane. Doctors have given Brenda a 4-year life expectancy, and Jim has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

PLEASE SEND PRAY REQUEST UPDATES TO JEAN SEVERSON
(jean@saalemwestpres.org). We strive to keep the listing as current as possible, and rely on your ongoing assistance to do so. Thank you.



SESSION APPROVES NEW
SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY

On May 20th, Session reviewed and approved a revised Sexual Misconduct Policy. It includes definitions, prevention and reporting of any conduct as stated in the policy. All employees, deacons and elders will be given a copy of the policy for signature. A copy of the revised policy is available in the church office, or can be provided electronically if you’re interested. Contact Jean Severson for more information: (jean@saalemwestpres.org)



THANKS TO THOSE WHO DONATED BLOOD

Heartfelt thanks to all who donated blood on Monday, May 18th. All possible safety precautions were in place, and the Red Cross was very grateful for the volunteer staff Westminster provided, as well as the clean, safe space for their drive.



Everyone who participated in the Blood Drive had their temperature taken as they entered the church



PCN UPDATE

The Pastor Nominating Committee has been 'zooming' weekly in the search for our new pastor. We have spent the last several weeks discussing the five essay questions on the Ministry Information Form which gives an insight into the life of Westminster and will ultimately be read by future candidates. The committee has enjoyed working on this as a group and in sub-committees to create the final product now being reviewed by Brandon Lewis, our mentor assigned to us by Presbytery. In the near future this document, after being approved by Session, will be sent to PCUSA for candidates to view. And then the 'fun' begins!! We'll keep you posted.



Katie Nelson gives a ‘thumbs up’ as she donates.

FAMILY PROMISE/IHN HOSTING JUNE 7

Westminster is scheduled to host IHN families during the week of June 7. These are unusual times, yet in times like this, there are of course, neighbors in need.

Because of this health crisis, we will be hosting in a very abbreviated way:

Neither families nor volunteers will be at the church at all.

Families are staying at the Day Center or in hotels, if needed.

Westminster volunteers will be making and delivering dinners for 4 days to the Day Center, and we will be funding groceries for their breakfasts and lunches.

The Day Center is a bit cramped for guests, but this is the best solution for now, since most churches are closed and/or would have great difficulty getting volunteers.

And, just as we all are stressed during this pandemic, it's even more so for these families, and it's somewhat comforting for them for now to avoid weekly transitions.

Family Promise not only supports and helps the families we serve, but they also assist other families who can avoid homelessness if they get some targeted help/resources to transition them from staying with family or friends to getting into their own apartment. It is much less expensive to avoid homelessness than lose everything and try to work through the process of overcoming homelessness. Recently five more families secured housing through this process, which is a real celebration.

In this difficult and painful time, we are still part of supporting these families. Family Promise is addressing a growing volume of needs. As economic stress continues to unfold, and soon there will be a lifting of restrictions on evictions, staff expects "an avalanche" of housing need by summer. Family Promise always welcomes your contributions to their mission of assisting families in crisis. Our MPEJ committee is making a sizable contribution. Other donations needed are microwaves, pots and pans in good condition and baby wipes.

As hard as life is for everyone at this time, it's even harder to imagine how challenging and scary it is for families and children. How fortunate our community is that Family Promise/IHN is there to support and care for these families. And how fortunate we are that Westminster can be part of making a difference in the lives of these parents and children. This is our calling to love our neighbor.

(Questions: Arlene Pate 503-362-1828/Marge Kmetz 210-218-5741)

THE FACES OF SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



Clockwise: Bill Nelson, Lorne Bostwick, Jeffrey Larkin, Ariana Recher, Mike Friday, David Horn, the Production Team

WESTPRES CALENDAR

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Sun., May 3

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP—YouTube only
10:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP—
YouTube only

9:45 AM Children's Education Hour
To join along on Zoom, email Krishna for Info. Follow
along with at-home materials: [https://
www.pcusastore.com/Pages/Default.aspx?
ContentID=10581&Title=GGG-Quarter-Downloads-
ENGLISH](https://www.pcusastore.com/Pages/Default.aspx?ContentID=10581&Title=GGG-Quarter-Downloads-ENGLISH).

5:30 PM Online High School Group

Sun., May 10

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP—YouTube only
10:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP—
YouTube only

9:45 AM Children's Education Hour
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5:30 PM Online High School Group

Mon., May 4

Stay Home, stay safe!

Mon., May 11

Tue., May 5

10:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom online
4:15 PM Staff Meeting via Zoom online
8:30 PM WestPres Parent's Online

Tue., May 12

10:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom online
4:15 PM Staff Meeting via Zoom online
8:30 PM WestPres Parent's Online

Wed., May 6

7:00 PM Online—Mid-High Group

Wed., May 13

7:00 PM Online—Mid-High Group

Thurs., May 7

Stay Home, stay safe!

Thurs., May 14

Stay Home, stay safe!

Fri., May 8

Stay Home, stay safe!

Fri., May 15

Stay Home, stay safe!

Sat., May 9

Stay Home, stay safe!

Sat., May 16

Stay Home, stay safe!

OUR NEW MISSION STATEMENT:

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Our congregation has a new Mission statement, which you will now see displayed on the church website, Sunday bulletins, and other places as well. It was officially adopted in November, by Westminster's Session. This revision resulted from the process of writing the Mission Study, which was completed in late November, as the first step in the process of calling our new Pastor. The Mission Study Team has a number of required steps, and taking a new look at the Mission Statement is one of them. After first coalescing as the Appreciative Inquiry Design and Deliver Team, and then morphing into the Mission Study Team, we looked at the components of the Mission Study, and realized we had many parts completed from our previous work. We began to write, addressing some of the required components such as history, mission as defined by the activities of the congregation, and areas for growth. As we wrote, we saw themes emerging, a congregation that valued creativity and the arts- including the siting of our church on the forested knoll, the design of our sanctuary and Boulder Hall, and our annual Festival of Fine Arts.

We are centered in our shared commitment to Christ and the expression of Christ's love in our community. As a congregation, we have been known over the many years for a strong connection to the community in reaching out to fill needs in service. Westminster has also valued continued learning through worship and sermons that challenge us to think and embrace the full meaning of our faith, to the many opportunities for growth through educational offerings.

Finally, over the many years since inception, new members have spoken of the welcoming nature of our congregation as a primary reason for joining.

As we worked to put the words to paper, the Mission Statement: **"Creatively sharing Christ's love: we welcome, we serve, we grow"**, emerged. The final wording came from a process of involving the congregation in a broad wordsmithing experience. And the final words emerged. Session gave its stamp of approval in late November. It's been a very busy time in the church office since then, and are glad to have it making its way to our website. We thought you might like to know about the change and how it came about.

West Pres Kids & Family Update

Hi friends,

The Sunday school kids managed to bless the residents of Hidden Lakes even though we couldn't deliver flowers this year. Using electronic means, we delivered a colorful spring-time card for each resident with well wishes from us! They were passed out on the morning of Mother's Day and were reportedly greatly appreciated. Here's a small sample of what our cards looked like.



The Adult Education Committee presents...Westminster Reads! Let's read the same Thing...apart...together. Now's the time to vote for one of the following three books to read for summer. You can vote with a like on our Facebook post, comment on the Shareboard, or email krisha@saalemwestpres.org. Votes will be tallied and results released on May 29. Book club meetings for those interested TBD.

The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by Dalai Lama XIV, Desmond Tutu, Douglas Carlton Abrams

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/29496453-the-book-of-joy>

The Brothers K by David James Duncan

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/19534.The_Brothers_K

Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life by Richard Rohr
<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/9963483-falling-upward>

The Adult Education committee wants to let you know that the SOAR presentation by Jeffrey Larkin titled "The Making of a Passion: Pain and Suffering Through Music" and the *Unafraid* study by Adam Hamilton are both still available on the church website. Go to the Ministries tab and choose Adult Ministry. The *Unafraid* videos continue to be offered free of charge until June 30.

Thanks!
Krisha



GRADUATION 2020

The Youth Committee is exploring ways for all of us to help celebrate our graduating Seniors. Stay tuned for updates!

In the meanwhile, if you would like to write a card to any of our graduates, please send it to Westminster attn: Vik before June 25th. Our seniors are:

Makayla Whiteley -Oregon State University
 Alistair Heringer - Oregon State University
 Quintin Conder -Chemeketa Community College
 Ben Crall - Portland State University
 Josh Nishimura -Oregon State University
 Alexie Rowland -University of Oregon
 Olivia Sproed -Adventist College