Boulder Knoll Scroll

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2021 Stewardship Campaign

October 18—November 15

The 2021 Stewardship Campaign is quickly approaching. While this year has been a filled with twists and turns, our congregation has adapted well. We still have a full ministry and we have remained generous through it all. Now we prayer-fully and care-fully ask that you consider the hope Christ has put within you, the ministry to which we have all been called, and consider how you can share in the vital work of our congregation through your stewardship decision.

Thank you.

Lorne Has

He'll be back in time for the next BKS!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

For the past three years the advent poinsettias have not stayed in good condition and looked poorly by Christmas Eve. Consequently, the Worship Committee would like to purchase artificial red poinsettias for the chancel steps in the sanctuary. We are asking congregation members to donate for these purchases through October 31, 2020 at which time the donation will close. If you are able and willing, please donate by check or cash with a designation of poinsettias on the envelop or check.

At the conclusion of Advent we shall store the poinsettias for use next year. The storage will be in clear plastic bags on a shelf in a location as approved by the Building and Grounds Committee.

Thank you.

PS: Any funds not used for the poinsettias will be used in the purchase of oil candles for the Advent wreath.

Help Celebrate the Tallman's 60th Anniversary!

The family of Darrell and Barbara Tallman is requesting a card shower in honor of the couple's 60th wedding anniversary. Darrell and Barbara were married October 22, 1960 at Fremont Presbyterian Church in Sacramento, California. They moved to Des Moines, Iowa, with many adventures as the "city girl" and the "country boy" began their life together.

Darrell's work in insurance sales led them to Denver, Colorado where they formed many long-time friendships and connections. They moved a final time to Salem, Oregon in 1974, where they have resided ever since. Darrell and Barbara adopted three children: Kristina, Scott and Kenneth. Barbara earned her Master's Degree in Education and worked in the Salem-Keizer school district for many years in Special Education. Darrell and Barbara's family includes three grand-children: Samantha, Jackson and Austin.

Cards of congratulations will reach Darrell and Barbara at:

1144 Pawnee Circle S.E.
Salem, Oregon 97306.

They request that the cards arrive by October 16, so that they can take them to an anniversary coast getaway and enjoy reading them.

Future of the Advent Walk

(A Note from Craig & Betsy Johnson, and Dan Johnson)

This note is to inform you that we have decided to end our administrative involvement with the Advent Walk. It has been our pleasure and privilege to participate in the Walk for the last 29 years and to plan and lead it for the last few. The Jackson's dream of bringing the Walk to Salem from Bavaria has been a highlight of the Advent Season for many in our community.

We believe that it would not be prudent to hold the walk in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Additional reasons include the minimal involvement from the sponsoring congregations, Craig and Becky's move to Hillsboro, and the fact that we're all feeling our years.

Of course, our stepping back doesn't necessarily mean that the Walk won't happen if there are others who step forward to plan and lead it. If no such leadership is found, we feel that the Statesman-Journal, Salem Golf Course, and our congregations need to be notified immediately.

If you have questions or would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to e-mail or call. Our contact information is below. We would appreciate hearing your decision. If all agree to cancel, we will handle contacting the newspaper and golf course. Thank you.

Dan Johnson (representative from Trinity Covenant)
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Our Beautiful New (Spacious) A/V Booth!

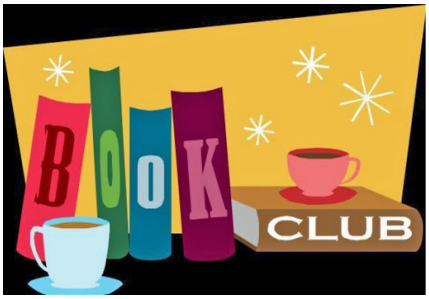
Isn't she a beauty!!

When we started broadcasting our Sunday services, we found we needed three technicians working together to make the process run smoothly. Our old sound booth barely fit two people, so our technicians —and all their equipment, tables, cables, etc. - are scattered around the sanctuary, making it quite a treacherous place. We clearly needed a much bigger Audio/Video booth in the sanctuary. To the rescue came Chet Flick, and his expert carpentry skills. Chet, along with Bruce Chinnock and Jeffrey Larkin, designed the booth to accommodate all our needs, then Chet disappeared into his workshop for a couple weeks…..and VOILA! One beautiful, HUGE, custom-designed sound booth. Moving it to WestPres was quite a challenge, but now it's here and is being wired for sound and video.

Many, many thanks to Chet for his talent and generosity. It's clearly a booth made with love, and will be part of our worship for decades to come.

"And all at once,
Summer collapsed
Into fall…"

-Oscar Wilde



Westminster Book Club, October 28th

This month the book club has been reading "Fifty words for Rain" by Aha Lemme. The novel tells the compelling story of a mixed-race girl growing up in Japan after WWII. We will try to meet at the church; more planning will occur to arrange details and members will be contacted.

Westminster Book Club meets at 10:30 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday. Newcomers are welcome!

For info call Dolores Byrnes 503-364-6646 or "e" at winbyrn@comcast.net.

Charity Circle – October 27

On October 27th Charity members will discuss Lesson Two, "Lamenting Together" from the new bible study "Into the Light, Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament." Members will continue to exchange thoughts about the lesson via e-mail as virus concerns prevent our meeting in the usual format at the church.

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Last year's event was such a hit, that we're doing it again - with a few safety tweaks. This year we're keeping the guest list smaller, with only our WestPres kids and the Preschool kids. Masks will be required, and social distancing will be enforced. And, we're working out the safe distribution of all that candy!

Make your calendars for **TRUNK OR TREAT 2020!**

RUMMAGE SALE

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THANK YOU....

For all the great stuff!

Upcoming Adult Ed Events

Mark your calendars for **October 25, 2020, at 6 pm**, when the Adult Ed committee will host a conversation with **Rev. Lorne Bostwick** following release of his video, **"A Brief Introduction to Reformed Worship."** View the 15-minute video on your own time following its release on October 18, then enter the conversation with your questions in-hand on the 25th. From the big picture to the details, expect to gain a fuller understanding of the various elements of the worship service and how these elements of worship connect with the whole of Christian life. Watch for a preregistration form to attend in person and for information on how to join us from home.

Check out a copy of Dr. Andy Harris's new book *Spirituality and Social Action* from the church library or the adult ed cart in Russell Hall (contact krisha@salemwestpres.org or 503-602-7302 for assistance). The book explores the teachings and activism of Jesus in the context of today's needs for social justice and reconciliation. You're also invited for an evening of **discussion with Andy on the theme of "Thorny Issues in Christianity,"** controversial issues to which Christians bring different perspectives. This will take place Sunday evening, **November 8, at 6 pm.** Watch for a preregistration form to attend in person and for information on how to join us from home. Andy is a long-time friend of Westminster and a physician activist who has practiced medicine in many low-income countries around the world. He founded and directed a global health course to train health professionals at Oregon Health & Science University. He is a past president of Physicians for Social Responsibility, co-recipient of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize, and is the co-founder of a homeless shelter and free medical clinic. He has a life-long interest in spirituality and social justice.

West Pres Kids & Family Update

Sunday School Live Online 9:45 AM every Sunday for Pre-K through grade 5. Parents are welcome to log in any time after 9:30 for chat and check-in time! And/or check out our **use-at-home materials** (including recorded story, parent sheet, coloring/worksheets, etc.) any time throughout the week. These materials plus the Zoom link and access to our Sunday school photo gallery will be available on the website at **salemwestpres.org/sunday-school**. This page does need to be password protected, so contact krisha@salemwestpres.org or 503-602-7302 to access it.

WESTPRES CALENDAR

Sun., October 11

9:00 AM Traditional Worship—Online only
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship—Online only
12:00 PM Mid High Youth
5:30 PM High School Youth

Mon., October 12

10:30 AM Stewardship

Tue., October 13

9:00 AM Nominating—Eastminster
10:30 AM Pastor's Bible—Eastminster
4:15 PM Staff Meeting via Zoom

Wed., October 14

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study—Home Patio
11:00 AM Outreach—Eastminster
2:00 PM Bells Class—Boulder Hall
7:00 PM Personnel—Eastminster

Thurs., October 15

9:30 PM Tea with Jesus—Eastminster
3:00 PM Budget & Finance—Russell Hall
5:00 PM Mission Peace—Russell Hall

Fri., October 16

Stay Home, stay safe!

Sat., October 17

Stay Home, stay safe!

Sun., October 18

9:00 AM Traditional Worship—Online only
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship—Online only
12:00 PM Mid High Youth
5:30 PM High School Youth

Mon., October 19

Stay Home, stay safe!

Tue., October 20

10:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom
4:15 PM Staff Meeting via Zoom

Wed., October 21

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study—Home Patio
2:00 PM Bells Class—Boulder Hall
7:00 PM Session

Thurs., October 22

Stay Home, stay safe!

Fri., October 23

Stay Home, stay safe!

Sat., October 24

Stay Home, stay safe!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Praises!

- Thanks to our Pastor Nominating Committee, who is prayerfully busy interviewing candidates. They are a hard-working and dedicated group!

Our Love and Prayers go out for:

- Prayers for Bill & Lucy Foster's daughter, Gwen, who is in Switzerland and has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Prayers for Barbara Friday's mother, Patricia, who will transition this week to a skilled nursing facility in Ohio, where she will be near family. Prayers that Patricia will have a safe and sane plane trip to Ohio.

Continue to Remember:

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

- 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
- Sheila Powell and her husband Tom, as Tom continues to undergo treatment for cancer.

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

My favorite color is October…..

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THE SUPER STAFF

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 is Thursday, October 22nd @ Noon. Articles may be submitted directly to the church office or by email to:
jean@salemwestpres.org

PLANNING A COMMITTEE MEETING?

Remember to reserve a conference room.

Contact the office!

(jean@salemwestpres.org)