

Welcome To
**WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

Rev. Lorne Bostwick

Scripture: John 10:1-10

Sermon: Coming In And Going Out: The Key To
Abundant Life

9:00 AM—Online Traditional Service

10:30—Online Contemporary Service

Connect through our website: www.salemwestpres.org.



*Remember—
Mother's Day is
coming up on
Sunday, May 10th.*

Boulder Knoll Scroll



May 1, 2020

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RED CROSS RETURNS TO WESTMINSTER FOR BLOOD DRIVE ON MAY 18TH

An emergency blood drive will take place at
Westminster on May 18th, Noon-6PM.

Donations are at an all-time low, and your participation is
greatly needed.

To sign up, call Sharon White (503) 930-2561 or
Matt Hale (503) 365-7355

OR sign up at:

<https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html>

CREATION SUNDAY CHALLENGE

On Sunday, April 26th, WestPres
observed Creation Sunday, which is
aligned with International Earth Day. It's
our chance to celebrate the wonderful
planet we live on, and to explore ways to
be better stewards.

The City of Salem is partnering
with Westminster on a special activity. We
are inviting everyone to brainstorm ideas
of how we, as individuals, can actively be more engaged in improving
our environment. The City of Salem has provided prizes which will be
awarded to some creative individuals. All you have to do is email your
ideas or send a postcard to Deanie Anderson. We're looking for:

- Ideas for ways to be more responsible to the environment
- Environmental pledges you and your family are making

We need your entries by May 8th.

Send ideas to Deanie Anderson at: deanieha@comcast.net

or mail to:

1846 Rye Lane NW, Salem, OR 97304-1308



Dear Friends —

We may be socially distancing and following stay-at-home protocols, but we are still active in ministry. Your giving continues to fund ministries like Family Promise/IHN, Congregations Helping People, Marion Polk Food Share which includes Table of Plenty, other food pantries, and Melas on Wheels and MidValley Community Action Agency that includes Arches, Taylor's House HOME Youth services, DeMuniz Resource Center helping people in our community with housing, food assistance, and other social needs. Many of these are critical, essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Of course, there are also many other things we are funding nationally and around the world.



This week we received from the Presbytery of the Cascades a \$1,000 mission stimulus check, encouraging congregations to find new and creative ways to spur service to those effected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Westminster Session approved the creation of a stimulus fund, seeded by the Presbytery mission stimulus, to further support the work of the above agencies who are on the front lines with those effected by the pandemic.

Given that some of us will receive stimulus checks from the federal government which we will not need for our own ongoing expenses, we challenge the congregation to consider donating part or all of their federal stimulus to this fund. The Presbytery stimulus will match one dollar for every ten you donate. Our goal is to provide an additional \$10,000 or more to the vital ministries listed above. Some elders and members have already indicated their intention to contribute when their stimulus comes.

100% of these donations will go to the agencies above for relief during the COVID-19 pandemic. As funds come in, they will be distributed monthly. They will not sit in the fund. The fund will be open through 2020 but on December 31st remaining funds will be distributed, and the fund closed.

The Session has sent out an invitation to First Presbyterian Church and John Knox Presbyterian Church in Kaiser to join us in this effort, making it a regional Presbyterian effort. We will keep the congregation regularly informed of the impact we are making through this fund.

Lorne

NEXT ZOOM FELLOWSHIP HOUR

When: Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Time: 6:30pm

What have you been up to? With limited opportunities to see each other face to face, Zoom Fellowship Hour is a social gathering to catch up on our lives together. We all meet in the Zoom Room which is easy to do. All you have to do is click the link from the front page of the website found near the bottom of the left-hand column entitled "Upcoming Events." If you do not have Zoom on your computer or tablet it will ask if you want to download the software. This usually takes seconds. Then it will ask if you want to "open zoom?" When you click on "open zoom"

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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

Daphne 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@salemwestpres.org). We strive to keep the listing as current as possible, and
 rely on your ongoing assistance to do so. Thank you.

button and you are in the waiting room and will be admitted by the host. We talk for a few minutes, I open with prayer, then send you to breakout rooms with 4-5 other people to talk. We do this several times so you get to talk with multiple people. We close with a time of prayer in the main room before the meeting room is closed. In order to participate you have to have a camera and microphone in your computer or tablet or connected to them. Webcams and external USB microphones are available for purchase on the web and delivered to your door.

ZOOM PRACTICE SESSIONS

If you would like to learn a bit more about using Zoom. Join me on Monday mornings at 9:00 am to learn the most common features of Zoom Video Conferencing you are likely to want to use. If you would like to come to a practice session, please email me lornebstwick@gmail.com and let me know so I can send you a link to the practice session.



FIRST QUARTER 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

The complete and detailed financial report is available from the office. This is a summary expressed as percentage compared to budget, with explanation and clarification where needed.

The 2020 Budget was approved by the Session in December 2019 and presented to the Congregation at the Annual

Meeting in January 2020. Our budget is a guideline for our expenses and while it is fixed upon approval, expenses can be over or under budgeted amounts depending upon particular situations. While the goal is for expenses to be on or under budget there are safeguards and protocols present to allow a particular expense item to be over budget if required. Shortly after the 2020 Budget was approved, additional revenue above the budgeted amount was recognized and certain expenses were projected to be below their budgeted amount. The Budget and Finance Committee recommended and Session approved certain accounts to be over budget. Presbytery Partnership Giving and *Per Capita* were approved to be over budget and a new fund was established to be over budget to fund the Contemporary Worship Leader.

Total income, when corrected for the error in posting the 2019 receipt of the Lambert Trust income to 2020, is 29.20% of budget and total expense is 25.36% of budget with the year being 25% completed. The total income is slightly skewed because it reflects the *Per Capita* receipts received in January and February and some early fulfillment of pledges from IRA distributions. Total expenses are slightly skewed because the entire *Per Capita* payment and 90% of the Presbytery Partnership Giving budget were remitted to Presbytery instead of being amortized over the entire year. The good news is that pledge receipts are 28.76% of budget and Identifiable

loose offering is 32.12% of budget. March was the beginning of the closure period of the church and the March pledge amount was slightly over the average of the prior two months. Pledges are the majority and most important part of our income. While a significant amount of our pledges are received by ACH direct deposit the March total was propelled by members mailing in their envelopes or dropping them off at the church. Our Committee appreciates the faithfulness and generosity of the congregation during this difficult time.

Our church has a very strong cash position. Our working capital is satisfactory and we have a reserve account on deposit with the Synod. The process has been altered slightly but checks are being deposited on a timely basis and our accountant is providing the service necessary for timely payments.

Our church is eligible for the government Paycheck Protection Program-PPP which is a loan which will be forgiven if we continue the employment of our staff. Our original application to Columbia Bank was not successful. A subsequent application was placed with Pioneer Trust Bank.

The use of the internet to broadcast our message has made it apparent that our technology needs to be upgraded. The Budget and Finance Committee has approved a request that our Internet Access Budget be over budget to accomplish this. As we move into the second quarter of the year there are no significant surprise expenses on the horizon and financial transactions are being processed quite normally under very trying conditions. The Budget and Finance Committee appreciates the flexibility of our staff to accomplish our mission and the prudent management of their budgets by the various committee chairs. Special gratitude goes to our members and friends for their generosity and faithful support. Thank you.

Gary Slangan
Elder and Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee
Prepared April 17, 2020.

NEW SYSTEM FOR REPORTING INCIDENTS AT WESTMINSTER

In previous newsletters, we’ve highlighted our new system for reporting incidents at WestPres. The third report is **Child/Youth - Confidential Incident Report**. This report form is located in the three-tiered rack in the Narthex hall on the wall by the building alarm.

The safety and well-being of our children and youth is a top priority for the Church. When a staff member, volunteer, or other person witnesses or suspects child abuse or is told of child abuse and/or sexual misconduct, the person shall immediately follow the guidelines below.

GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING ABUSE

- 1. Be sure the child or youth is safe and try to have two appropriate adults left with the child or youth.

WESTPRES CALENDAR

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>.

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
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>.

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!



YOUTH IN QUARANTINE: CREATING COMMUNITY IN A TIME OF ISOLATION

Here is a youth update for the BKS --

PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK THE CONFIRMATION CLASS NAMES I THINK I FORGOT SOMEONE.

Outside of attending virtual church, the youth celebrated Easter with a rousing game of Easter Jeopardy on zoom. Youth were quizzed on their knowledge of the Passover, Easter Candy, Bunnies, and more.. Congrats to Autumn, Laurel, and Mylah on their big wins!

The youth have been doing Devotions for Quarantine weekly, meditating on the lessons we have been learning in "Unafraid". Each devotion has them doing an activity to connect with themselves, their neighbors, or their church family.

Thank you to all who have supported the geranium sale! We had nearly 50 orders! Both the Youth and Egans thank you for the support!

Our rummage sale has been postponed, but we do not yet have a set date. We are hoping for late June. More details to come. Save your donations!

Our confirmation class joined the church last week via Zoom Session Meeting. Congrats and a big Westminster Welcome to Maddie Ditzel, Stephanie Romeo, Mylah Clowser, and Zeldon Carpenter.

We continue to be in prayer each week at youth group for our extended church family. We miss you all!

Attached is a picture of Maddie and Zoe Ditzel's stained glass window chalk art. It was part of a devotion for quarantine.

Vik Schaaf, Youth Director



2. Do not personally confront the alleged or accused violator of the Policy, but take the allegations seriously.
3. Contact a member of the staff (Director of Children/Family Ministry, Youth Director or Pastor) for guidance before reporting to Department of Human Services.
4. The designated Pastor or director may work with you to determine the appropriate follow through for reporting the incident to the parent or guardian.
5. Contact the parent(s) or guardian to take their child or youth home.
6. Using the Incident Report as a guide, the person filling out the form must call and report the incident to the Department of Human Services hot line at 1-855-503-7233.

Again, the **Child/Youth - Confidential Incident Report** form will help to preserve the facts of the situation while they are still fresh. Once the report is complete, submit to the Office Manager, or if the office is closed place the form in the Incident Report drop Box in the Narthex.

Since the **Child/Youth - Confidential Incident Report** form contains information protected by privacy laws, the completed form will be kept in a secure locked file cabinet in the Church Office.

Thank you.



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2020 FESTIVAL

The Westminster Festival of Fine Art was pleased to have another successful show in 2019! A record number of artists participated and we had over \$24,000 in sales. Seventy percent of the sales was returned to the artists and \$1,500 in scholarship money was awarded to two 2019 graduating seniors. In celebration of that success, the Art Committee voted at the March meeting to use \$1,500 as a principal payment to reduce the Boulder Hall debt.

We feel very blessed to have such a beautiful facility to use for our annual Festival, and for the support we receive from the many volunteers who participate year after year. We receive compliments every year from the artists and visitors about the wonderful location.

At this time, we are moving forward with plans for the 2020 festival. If all goes well, the festival will be held October 8th-11th. See you there!

West Pres Kids & Family Update

Hi friends,

This week what I'm thinking about is maintaining our connections with one another during this time because after all, our church is not the building but the people!

I've been encouraged to hear reports of people taking the time to write notes and check in on each other using social media, the phone, email, and snail mail. (Here's Charlie getting return mail from some of his "church lady" friends who are now his new pen pals!)

Our family has enjoyed being the recipient of fun and delicious care packages. We also enjoyed delivering Easter bags with treats and activities for the church's children on behalf of the family ministry committee in lieu of the regular egg hunt. Some of us are getting over the awkwardness and embracing Zoom calls for virtual fellowship hour, parent chat, and Sunday school. Seeing a screenful of familiar, friendly faces can be a highlight of the week.

And speaking of connections, the church session welcomed four new members to our congregation on April 15! Our seventh and eighth-grade confirmation students had been meeting monthly since October to think more deeply about their faith and the church and what it means to them. They each had a confirmation mentor to help them through the process. The students had to finish up their course of study at home, unfortunately, before presenting their written statement of faith and meeting with the church session over Zoom. They each shared with us one thing that had been meaningful to them throughout the confirmation process. Each mentor shared some words about his or her student, the session voted, and we prayed a blessing over them. I hadn't expected to sense the Holy Spirit at work on a Zoom call, but what do you know? I guess God's on Zoom too. When we're able to meet in person again, we'll all get to welcome our new members in a church service—Zeldon Carpenter, Mylah Clower, Maddie Ditzel, and Stephanie Romeo.

It doesn't necessarily take a lot to let someone know you're thinking about them, but one other way to stay connected while apart is through prayer. There are, of course, many needs, but I'd like to especially ask for prayer support for our families and teachers as they try to find a sustainable rhythm with the start of distance learning and the variety of challenges that comes with that. May we all find renewal in our relationships with God and each other this Eastertide!

Together in Christ,
Krisha



Charlie gets mail from his "church lady" pen pals.

The WestPres kids' Easter bags are delivered with a warning label.



WELCOME WILLIAM!

John, Kirsten, and Big Brother Charlie Adams, joyfully welcome William Edward Adams into their family! William was born Wednesday, April 29th, and weighed in at 8lbs. 13oz.

The entire congregation of Westminster cheers this happy event, and looks forward to seeing William in services (some day!)

