

Boulder Knoll Scroll



February 20, 2019

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Once Again, Westminster Proudly Presents:

The Variety Show

Friday, March 8th, at 7:00 p.m.

Come enjoy the musical and theatrical talents of Westminster-ites and friends. Bring a dessert to add to the dessert table if you can!

Emcee Michael Woods

Incredible Instrumentals

Sensational Singers

A Panoply of Pleasing Players, and a
Treasure-Trove of Tremendous Talent!!!

We'll also be fundraising for two items on the Westminster Wish-list:

- ◆ Replacing the stained sanctuary carpet
- ◆ An updated, safer Westminster Van

What better way to spend a damp March Friday evening than with friends, tasty treats, good performances, and fun?!

See you there!

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SIGN UP FOR E-BLASTS! If you're not receiving E-Blasts from Westminster, please send your email address to Jean Severson at: jean@salemwestpres.org, and request to be added to the E-Blast list. Let's all stay in touch!

Sunday, February 24, 2019

Rev. David Mote

Scripture: Matthew 28: 16-20

Sermon: "Marching Orders For God's People, Part 2"

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:45 AM Contemporary Worship
- 11:15 AM Traditional Worship

The mission of Westminster Presbyterian Church is to embody God's purpose in Jesus Christ by reflecting and actively sharing God's love within a dynamic community for all God's creation through worship, education, development of faith, service and fellowship.

Dear Friends -

It is almost two weeks since I began as your half-time "Bridge Pastor," to provide pastoral leadership until your interim pastor begins. Thank you for the warm welcome.

People wonder why the process of calling a pastor takes so long. If you think about your relationship with John Moody, it isn't the same as the relationship between the head of a business and its employees and customers. There is something more like a family relationship between a pastor and the church.

The end of a pastor's ministry is an important emotional event for most church members. If a marriage ends through death or divorce, you recognize that it is important not to rush into a new marriage in a big hurry. As a pastor, I once saw a widow remarry within a few months of her husband's death. Many times I saw a widower remarry within a few months of his wife's death. In none of those cases did that turn out well.

It can happen that a new pastor chosen within a few months of the previous pastor's retirement turns out to have been a good choice, but that is rare. Much more often that new pastor becomes an unintentional interim, leaving after two or three years (sometimes sooner) with bad feelings all around. Going through this frustratingly slow experience with the guidance of a trained interim pastor makes it much more likely your new pastor will serve a long and fruitful term with you.

The church is God's project. God wants you to have the pastor best suited to lead you for the next decade or more. Frustrating as it is, I encourage you to trust God's timing in this important matter.

Blessings,
Rev. David Mote



GIVING THAT GROWS

On Sunday, March 31st at noon, join Dr. Rob Hagan (our guest preacher that day) for lunch and an inspiring discussion about how you can help turn your dreams for Westminster into reality through our planned giving program. *"We all have the power to shape and ensure Westminster's future, while making an enduring statement of faith."*

LENTEN EXPLOSION

March 3rd, 10th, & 17th 5:00-7:00
Dinner Included

The Forgotten Creed: Christianity's Original Struggle Against Bigotry, Slavery, & Sexism **Led by Stephen Patterson,**

Chair of Religious and Ethical Studies at Willamette University

Come explore the story of Christianity's first, forgotten creed, and the world of its begetting, a world in which foreigners were feared, slaves were human chattel, and men questioned whether women were really human after all. Into this world the followers of Jesus proclaimed: "You are all children of God. There is no Jew or Greek, no slave or free, no male and female, for you are all one." Where did this remarkable statement of human solidarity come from, and what, finally, happened to it?

The Wellbeing of Your Young Person **Led by Rena McGrath and Ty Dripps,** **Salem Pastoral Counseling**

Two licensed professional counselors will help parents, grandparents, and anyone invested in the lives of young people learn about mental health issues that affect elementary-aged children and adolescents. We'll explore ways to be proactive about mental health, how to recognize signs of anxiety and depression, suicide prevention, and how to talk to your kids about all this.

Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet **DVD Series facilitated by Krisha Horn**

Join Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. The first three weeks of this six-week series were presented at Fall Frenzy last year. Continue, or join the journey with us.

Children's Activities Available
Sign-up in the Narthex

Women's Retreat

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

May 3-5, 2019 - On the coast in beautiful Lincoln City

Leader: Dawn Taloyo: "Foster Friendship"

Hot Off the Pres-byterian

INTERIM PASTOR COMMITTEE UPDATE

On February 9, we welcomed Rev. David Mote to Westminster. He will be leading our congregation as a bridge pastor until an interim pastor is hired.

The Interim Pastor Search Committee has received applications for the position and is in the process of screening applicants. The committee will then begin interviews of several applicants. Should you have any questions about the process, please reach out to one of the committee members (Ginny Peterson, Jay Morris, Roger Kerr, Matt Hale, Arlene Pate and Kirsten Adams).

Please continue to pray for God's guidance as we move into this next phase of our transition period.

THANK YOU to the more than 60 Westminster volunteers who took such good care of our Family Promise/IHN families during their time of need this week! This caring and compassion shows who we are at Westminster!



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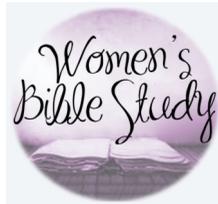
Interfaith Advocacy Day

is fast approaching on Monday, March 4th at St Mark Lutheran Church and the State Capitol. This is a day to learn how to approach your state-level representatives and senators and to put the knowledge into action immediately. This is a wonderful, empowering, event and a good place to begin if you have never done this type of advocacy before. The day begins at 9:00 am, includes lunch, and ends before 4:00 pm. The cost is \$20, (students - \$10), and includes lunch. Contact Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon at EMOregon.org or (503) 221-1054.

BIBLE STUDY AT IKE BOX

Area Presbyterian women gather Monday mornings from 6:45am—8am for no-host Coffee/tea/breakfast at the IKS Box, 299 Cottage St. NE, Salem, for Bible study. You are welcome to join us! We are beginning a new study: Philippians Jesus Our Joy. Studying Philippians, we discover Paul's message: that a life lived for the glory of God will overflow with joy. What a message for our hurting world!

Questions? Contact
Karen Heuberger at (503) 375-6270



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UPCOMING S.O.A.R. (Sunday Opportunity for Adult Renewal) LESSONS FROM THE BORDER CRISIS

On Sunday, February 24th, join us in Russell Hall at either **9:45** or **11:00** to hear from Willamette College of Law Professor Warren Binford. Professor Binford is one of a small handful of experts from around the country who has government clearance to interview immigrant children and families, including those forcibly separated, and to inspect and report on the conditions in which the children and their parents are being detained. Come gain an understanding of the humanitarian aid crisis at the border and the challenges we face from someone with firsthand knowledge and expertise.

Thank You

I just wanted to say a big "thank you" to everyone who has been sending me cards, phone calls, coming by, and praying for me. (I'm the one who had a freak accident and broke my hip.) At least I didn't need surgery, but have been going through lots of PT, OT, and exercises. I am doing lots better, but we have decided not to go to New Zealand. I wanted to get healed first, so am hoping by the beginning of March, I will be back to my normal self. The people in the church of Auckland have also been wonderful!

Lots of love and hugs are going your way. Joan Smith (& Ken)

Congregational Life

MARCH 10TH ANOTHER S.O.A.R. OPPORTUNITY



LOCKED IN A BOX 2.0

On Sunday, March 10th, join the Mission, Peace, and Eco-Justice team in Russell Hall to further explore the topic of immigration. This will be offered as a complement to the documentary *Locked in a Box: Immigration Detention* by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance that was screened at Westminster two years ago and to Professor Warren Binford's presentation on February 24th, "Lessons from the Border Crisis." Expect to learn the history of our Presbyterian response to immigration detention and to the current situation on our southern border. Gain knowledge of the tools available for Presbyterians who wish to engage further.



GOING THE EXTRA MILE

Over the past several weeks, some wondrous and amazing things have been happening at Westminster! Dedicated volunteers have been quietly at work, cleaning, organizing, and making our pretty church shine! All of us need to take a moment and thank:

The Kitchen Committee: Face it—our kitchen needed help! So **Pamela Schmidling, Barbara Friday, Nancy Battaile, Jean Christian & Sue Ray** formed their own committee, and took it upon themselves to reorganize and clean the entire kitchen. Now that the bulk of the work is done, it's up to the rest of us to KEEP THE KITCHEN CLEAN! As the sign says, *"This is a self-cleaning kitchen—clean up after yourself!"* Thank you, ladies, for your hard work... and all that Lysol.

Children's Ministries: If ever a supply room needed to be sorted, it was the one upstairs with all the arts & crafts supplies for the kid's programs. A couple weeks ago, **Carolyn Lawrence and Lucy Foster** rolled up their sleeves and dove in. After a solid week of toil, the supply room is now an organized marvel. Lucy and Carolyn deserve accolades for their tenacity and sheer determination.

Mike's Team: As you know, our wonderful Building & Grounds Manger, Mike Behnke, is recovering from knee-replacement surgery. "How can we EVER replace Mike!?" everyone wondered. It wasn't easy, but Jeff Kovach put together a rotating work crew that comes in daily to take care of much of the necessary church maintenance. A round of applause for: **Ken Archibald, Kenn Battaile, Bruce Chinnock, TC Curlee, Jack Dean, Mike English, Jeff Kovach. Richard Mather and Bill Nelson!**



'T WAS INDEED A SUPER "SOUPER" SUNDAY!!!

Thanks to all of you, our "Souper Sunday" was a WHOPPER! A total of 520 pounds of food was taken to Table of Plenty with approximately 450 pounds of that being soup! It arrived just in time for our coldest and snowiest weather; the perfect time for some good hot soup. **The big need now is for peanut butter**, so put that item on your shopping list and bring some to church and put it in our food barrels.

The Mission/Peace/Eco Justice Committee, Table of Plenty and many appreciative folks who needs some good nourishment all thank you!



CIAO, BELLA!

Are you tired of the cold and rainy weather? Visit sunny Italy "by armchair" on Tuesday, February 26 at 6:30 pm in Russell Hall – then sign up for a trip-of-a-lifetime with the Westminster Travelers, September 28 – October 10, 2019. Brochures are available to pick up in the handout materials at the Visitors' Table.

Contact Barbara Wolfe at barbarawolfe60@gmail.com or 503-508-5508 (text or phone) for more information & to get all your questions answered.



WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

February Westminster Book Club
The club will review "Educated" by Tara Westover. In her memoir, Tara recounts how she was raised in a fundamentalist Mormon home. She didn't own a birth certificate or go to school until she was 17, and yet went on to earn a PH.D.

The book club meets at 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 27th. Newcomers are always welcome! For information, call Dolores Byrnes: 503 364-6646.

CHARITY CIRCLE MEETING

Charity Circle Meeting February 26



Charity Circle will continue this year's PW/Horizon's Bible Study, "God's Promise" with the sixth lesson, "God with Us Through Our Trials". Dolores Byrnes will lead the lesson, Devotions: Rebecca Dusek, and Lydia Slangan will Hostess. The meetings begin at 1:30 p.m. in Eastminster Room at the church.

The Circle welcomes all. For additional information, call Rebecca Dusek, 503-399-8977.



YOUTH UPDATE

January has flown by! We have booked airfare for the **Puerto Rico mission trip** (and at a fantastic price!) and have 4 rental vans lined up (just in case our reservations don't work out on the island). We have a group of 12 going to Puerto Rico in July and a group of 13 signed up for Reedsport during Spring Break in March. We expect to fill a few more spaces on the Reedsport trip. We will be doing some projects with the city and with the Christmas in July nonprofit helping low-income homeowners during our stay.

The can drive has been a success so far! We've returned over \$100 of cans so far and even though *the majority of our cans were stolen, we still have plenty of time to gather more, so PLEASE keep bringing us your cans and bottles.* You can drop them off at the youth room door anytime! Overall the can drive has had a really great response from the congregation and it has been a pretty easy way for the youth to raise a considerable amount of money. They have also been wrapping up their Threads of Hope Fundraiser. We had about \$1900 in wholesale goods sent to us--about \$3800 retail--and we know we've sold at least half of it, so we anticipate when we get

the financials of that settled in February that we will have made \$1000+ on that effort. The best part of this fundraiser is that 90% of it happened outside the walls of the church. Kids sold stuff at school and to their friends and on social media. Pretty cool! We have been back on regular youth group schedule after a weekend away spent with youth directors planning City Camp. We've got six churches lined up to attend and kids are starting to register. We have a full resource staff of high school students--5 total so far! We love that high school students want to come back and help us out with middle school camp!

Thank you for all your support for our youth and our youth program!

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SAVE THE DATE!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

June 24-28

Monday- Friday, 9:00-12:00

"Roar, Life is Wild, God is Good"



WESTPRES CALENDAR

Sun., Feb. 24

- 8:15 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
- 9:45 AM Children's Education Hour
- 9:45 AM SOAR
- 9:45 AM INFORMAL WORSHIP
- 10:45 AM Children's Choirs
- 11:00 AM Mid Hi Youth
- 11:00 AM SOAR
- 11:15 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
- 5:30 PM High School Youth
- 7:00 PM Celtic Christians Class

Mon., Feb. 25

- 10:00 AM Library Staff

Tue., Feb. 26

- 10:30 AM Bible Study
- 1:30 PM Charity Circle
- 5:00 PM Bells
- 6:30 PM "Italian Vistas" Travel & Signup
- 7:00 PM Yoga

Wed., Feb. 27

- 6:45 AM Women's Bible Study
- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting
- 10:00 AM Presbytery Mtg.
- 10:00 AM Book Club
- 7:00 PM Scout Troop # 108
- 7:00 PM Deacons
- 7:30 PM N.A.

Thurs., Feb. 28

- 10:00 AM Bible Study @ Chlandas's
- 1:30 PM Stephen Ministers
- 5:30 PM Praise Team
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Fri., March 1

Sat., March 2

Sun., March 3

- LENTEN EXPLOSION**
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 - 9:45 AM Children's Education Hour
 - 9:45 AM INFORMAL WORSHIP
 - 11:00 AM Mid Hi Youth
 - 11:15 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
 - 5:00 PM Lenten Explosion
 - 5:30 PM High School Youth
 - 7:00 PM Celtic Christians Class

Mon., March 4

- 10:00 AM Library Staff
- 5:30 PM WEAVE

Tue., March 5

- 10:30 AM Bible Study
- 5:00 PM Bells
- 7:00 PM Yoga

Wed., March 6 - ASH WEDNESDAY

- 6:45 AM Women Bible Study
- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting
- 7:00 PM Scouts Troop #108
- 7:00 PM Ash Wed. Service
- 7:30 PM N.A.
- 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., March 7

- 9:30 AM Tea with Jesus
- 10:00 AM Bible Study @ Chlanda's
- 1:30 PM Stephen Ministers
- 5:30 PM Praise Team
- 6:00 PM Venturing Crew
- 6:00 PM Girl Scouts

Fri., March 8

- 7:00 PM Westminster Variety Show



Sat., March 9

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Praise!

◇ Mike Behnke, our Building & Grounds Manager, had a successful knee replacement, and is at home recovering



Continue to Remember:

Cynthia Currin, Eleanor Embick, Tim Holsten, Duff Kannier, Fred Schwarz, John Trigg, Sandra Smith, Dick Stephens, Ron Bell
 Mather's great-grandson, James Pratt and his parents
 Sharon Gilliam, who is undergoing medical tests.
 Carolyn Lawrence's husband, Mark, who is struggling with Parkinson's
 David Preston, father of A.J. Preston, who has cancer
 Daphne Russell (age 7), grandniece of Cindi & Bruce Chinnock, is slowly improving
 Peter and Deanie Anderson, who are dealing with many health challenges
 Cheryl Jewell requests prayers for Barbara Jewell (Stan's mother) who has cancer
 Jennifer Russell, niece of Bruce & Cindi Chinnock, is recovering from surgery for a brain tumor
 Nikki Paxton & family
 Ralph & Ahmad, friends of Carolyn Jones, who are awaiting their papers to enter the country
 Mary Rowlette, friend of Susan Tanabe, who is in early stages of dementia. Family also needs prayer.
 Norma Slover, friend of Sarah Johnson, who was diagnosed with cancer
 Carolyn Jones' friend, Addy, who is experiencing great pain in her legs.
 Tracy Doherty, Lynnea Lyman's friend, who has health concerns and an upcoming heart transplant.
 Sherry Kuhns, who is recovering from a fall
 Ken & Joan Smith, as Joan recovers from a broken hip
 Sue O'Leary, friend of Ben & Bev Silveira, who has cancer
 DJ Tunzat (17 years), friend/neighbor of Rachele Hughes, who is recovering from brain surgery
 Pat and Ed Stahl and their family
 Karl & Jinny Kison, (friends of Pat & Ed Stahl), and their son who has cancer
 Carolyn Jones asks for prayers for a refugee family who is arriving this week and needs housing
 Sue and Dwight Sheets, at the passing of Dwight's beloved Aunt
 Kevin & MaryRuth Helppie and their daughters Jana and Tori
 Betsy Swanson, who was diagnosed with liver disease
 The Friday family, at the death of Doris' brother, Jim Lamp



HAVE YOU MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER LATELY?

Remember to contact the office with your updated information:
 (503) 364-3327
 Or email at jean@saalemwestpres.org



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The **deadline for submission** of articles for the next Boulder Knoll Scroll is **Monday, March 4th @ 8am**. Publication is typically every other week. Articles may be submitted directly to the church office or by email to:

jean@saalemwestpres.org

Need a Ride?



Do you need a ride to church? Are you available to provide a ride so someone can attend church services? The Ride to Church program would be happy to assist connecting those needing rides with those who are available to drive.

Contact:

Katy Tillotson (503) 428-7264 or Sandy McLean (503) 363-6479