Welcome To WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THIS SUNDAY JUNE 14, 2020

Rev. Lorne Bostwick Scripture: Matthew 9:35-10:8 Sermon: "The Original Call"



9:00 AM—Online Traditional Service 10:30 AM—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



ARIANA RECHER NAMED "MUSIC EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR"

We are proud to announce that Ariana, our Director of Contemporary Music, was just named Music Educator of the Year by the Oregon Symphony Association!

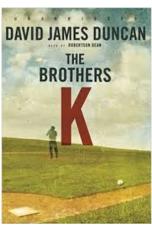
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June 12, 2020

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"WESTMINSTER READS" THIS SUMMER

DAVID JAMES DUNCAN
Westminster Reads begins NOW with *The Brothers K* by David James Duncan. Let's all read the same thing...apart...together!

This touching, uplifting novel spans decades of loyalty, anger, regret, and love in the lives of the Chance family. A father whose dreams of glory on a baseball field are shattered by a mill accident. A mother who clings obsessively to religion as a ward against the darkest hour of her past. Four brothers who come of age

during the seismic upheavals of the sixties and who each choose their own way to deal with what the world has become. By turns uproariously funny and deeply moving, and beautifully written throughout, The Brothers K is one of the finest chronicles of our lives in many years

The first Zoom discussion is planned for June 23rd. If you'd like to join a discussion or for more information, please contact:

krisha@salemwestpres.org.

3 Dear Friends —

TECHTONIC SHIFTS



There have been a lot of shifts taking place in the life of the church. Some of them temporary due to the pandemic, and some of them sociologists and church leaders have identified as long slow shifts that, by necessity, were thrust at us by the pandemic. There has been a long-term trend toward digital communications in our society. You can sign your mortgage and file your taxes digitally. You can see pictures of your kids on Facebook, and chat with the grandkids on Zoom. You can google just about anything from a recipe to anatomy. You can take a computer with you anywhere as a tablet, phone, or even a watch.

Large churches have been streaming their worship services for years but when the pandemic hit, everyone shifted to digital worship. All of us were at various points in this digital transition. Some churches didn't even have internet service yet. They serviced email on phones and DSL lines. Some churches had video projectors and screens and soundboards. A very few had cameras, zoom accounts, YouTube accounts or streaming services. Wherever we fell on the line of transition, we all had to shift.

Just like the telephone land-line gave way to the cell phone, digital streaming of worship is here to stay. Some of you may even enjoy Sunday services online as we get more competent presenting them. This will never replace our need to be together! But like families scattered across the United States and abroad, we may connect digitally more often and get together in-person for family outings less often. In the future we may have fewer people in the pews and more in our chatroom. Westminster Presbyterian is trying to make this shift so that we have an address not only on Liberty Road, but on the internet highway.

You will also notice big changes happening on our website. So much of our online access can be found there, from our Shareboard, to Facebook, to livestream worship. We put up a guestbook, access to children's curriculum and even adult educational opportunities. This week we will have a virtual greeter in our chatroom during online services. Who ever thought we would be asking for volunteers to greet virtually? Even the Pastor's Bible Study is now done on Zoom, and committee meetings as well.

Now those who cannot come to our physical location have access to worship, church life, meetings, and education. It used to be that a church was judged by how many people were in the pews, but that metric is changing. We will always have worship, programming, and

ministry in the beautiful facility of Westminster Presbyterian Church, but we are reaching out beyond our campus to people in our community who want to connect with us.

Lots of shifts taking place. How we respond to these shifts will define our future. In Christian Partnership — *Lorne*

P.S.: Technology has it's benefits but please be aware that it sometimes fails us. Internet service goes down, cables stop working, etc. There may come a time when we are using technology to connect that it fails and a service is not available. If that happens, we will continue to record a service and make it available as soon as we can.



This month, Elders and Deacons of the class of 2020 are rotating off their Boards for a much-needed time of rest and renewal. These elders and deacons have served during an historically challenging time in the United States and in the

church. They have served alongside their colleagues in the classes of 2021 and 2022 to meet the challenges of the transition of a beloved 23-year tenured pastor, a pandemic, and social unrest in the United States. All of you know the anxiety, fear, and uncertainty under which we are living. Leading a thriving church through this time has added weight on their shoulders. While we have transitioned pastors as a part of our ministry, it has been 100 years since churches have had to close the doors of their building due to a pandemic. These leaders which you elected have stepped up to the plate and kept relationships healthy and ministry active in the name of Christ.

Elders rotating off Session are Jean Christian (Fellowship), Paul Negstad (Stewardship), Ginny Petersen (Personnel), Susan Tanabe (Youth) and Shelly Whitaker (2022, Children's Ministry). Thank you for the gift of your service. May you be blessed by the ministry of this church in the coming year as you have been a blessing to us the past three.

Deacons rotating off this year are Janet Budke (Moderator), Richard Ray, Bev Silveira, Annette Christiansen, Donna Armstrong, Bill MacMorris-Adix, and Mary Von Schimmelmann. In a time of extraordinary need, these deacons have put in extra effort staying in touch with members of the congregation, sometimes calling multiple times to reach people at home to bring the care of the church into your homes. Thank you for the gift of your service. May this time of rest and renewal be a blessing to you as you have been a blessing to this church.

We have appreciated your leadership and answering the call to serve Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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Congregational Life

UPDATE ON REOPENING THE CHURCH

Below is a condensed version of the letter from Rev. Loren Bostwick, updating the status of reopening the church. To read the complete letter, <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

June 4, 2020

Members and Friends of Westminster Presbyterian Church,

We are praying for you in this time of pandemic. We know that everyone would like to come back together for worship. However, we feel a heavy responsibility to provide a safe place for worship. Last night the Session discussed the issues that need to be resolved before we can safely open our building.

While there are a lot of smaller issues, by far the most complicated issue is cleaning the building between each use (in order to be in compliance with CDC regulations, and our insurance requirements.)

The Session appointed a task force of members of the congregation with experience and knowledge to resolve the issues, and present a proposal to the Session... the task force was given to August 1st to present a proposal and the costs associated with resolution of the issues and a tentative plan to begin opening the building in September, after Labor Day.

We are aware this will be disappointing to some members and a relief to others. We are also aware there are members who have not been able to access online ministry and worship because of technology deficits. The Session will survey the congregation to determine what technologies are accessible to you and how we can improve the way we provide the church's care and ministry making connections with you...

Please know our prayers are with all of you during this time of social isolation. We pray you will remain safe as we prepare for the day we will return to our sanctuary. May the spirit of God's patience uphold you during this time of relative social isolation.

The peace of Christ be with you. Lorne



STAYING TOGETHER WHILE APART

Westminster Presbyterian leaders are working to keep in touch with all our members and friends who attend our services. Here are ways we can connect with you and keep you informed.

The Westminster Presbyterian website, salemwestpres.org, is the first place to turn when you want information. You can use it to connect with a worship service on YouTube, see the bulletin, learn what is going on during this time of distancing, and read the latest Boulder Knoll Scroll.

Turn to Facebook for our accounts. On the *Salem West* page there are frequent updates from Vik about the youth. Sign up to follow the page and you'll see all the photos and news of how the groups continue to meet online and support each other. The *Westminster Presbyterian Church* page has general information and posts about the church, the Pastor's Blog, information about social justice and the Presbyterian Peace Camp. These pages are updated frequently.



It is more challenging to stay connected if you don't use electronics. We are happy to send you material through the mail. We can send you weekly bulletins, the Boulder Knoll Scroll, print copies of the Sunday sermon, even a CD copy of the Sunday services.

We are working on sending out weekly devotionals, but are still in the planning stages. They will be sent electronically and on paper. We will also use both methods to keep everyone

informed of the steps church leaders are taking to prepare for the time we can physically gather together once again.

To ask for any of these connections, call the church office at 503 364-3327, send a message via email to office@salemwestpre.org, or send a note to the church at 3737 Liberty Rd. S, Salem 97302.



COVID-19 PANDEMIC EMERGENCY GRANTS FROM PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE:

Your Mission Peace Eco-Justice committee is pleased to announce we recently received word that our applications on behalf of the Table of Plenty and Salem for Refugees Emergency Financial Assistance programs have been awarded funds. We received \$419 for the Table of Plenty, and \$4,000 for the Emergency Financial Assistance fund of Salem for Refugees.

We are absolutely overwhelmed by the incredible generosity of the Presbyterian Church in providing these grants!!! We have many refugee families in Salem/Keizer who have significant financial need right now & are applying for financial assistance. These funds will be an amazing blessing to these families in helping to meet their essential needs during this COVID-19 pandemic.

And the Table of Plenty food pantry (part of Marion Polk Food Share) will make good use of this money as well.

A huge thank you to all of you for all that you did to make this happen! We are extremely grateful.



WESTMINSTER SUPPORTS FAMILY PROMISE/ IHN FAMILIES



Many things have changed in the ways we "do church" during these extraordinary times. But Westminster is still church, even if we are not presently physically meeting together. Our call to ministry continues.



The week of June 7 was our hosting week for IHN of the Mid-Willamette Valley unsheltered families. Within this group there are 7 children, ages 1, 2, 4, 12, 13, 14, 15. Though we could not share our building with them this time, volunteers dropped off dinners

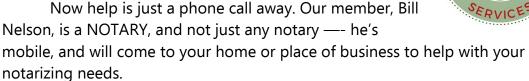
during the week, and money was donated to fund food for the other meals. Thanks to Lucy Foster for providing art materials to entertain the kids during this quarantine. Many thanks to those who prepared meals and to those who delivered them!

Please continue to pray for these families, who are experiencing all of the disruption and worry that we all have, but they also have no comforting home to retreat to. The children are missing the routines of school, their parents are working on goals of employment, financial stability, finding housing, all of this during such a difficult time in our country.

Our next hosting will be in November. Family Promise and churches are in a wait-and-see mode in terms of planning for the coming months.

MOBILE NOTARY, AT YOUR SERVICE!

During this difficult time of staying-in-place and limited services, taking care of day-to-day business can be a real challenge.

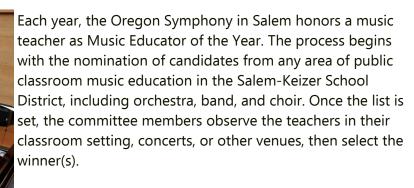


Call or text Bill at (503) 576-1278



Congregational Life

ARIANA NAMED MUSIC EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR!



Ms. Recher is the music director at Wright Elementary in Salem-Keizer School District, where she teaches grades K–5 general music, as well as the 4th and 5th grade choir.

This year's Music Educator of the Year selection committee was chaired by Lane Shetterly, who serves as the president of the Oregon Symphony in Salem Advisory Committee, and also included Hector Agüero, associate professor of music at Willamette University; Toni Skelton, an independent music educator; and Justin Thorp, attorney.

Lane said, "We had a terrific group of nominees this year, all of whom demonstrated the highest level of commitment to music education. Ariana impressed us with her strong connection to her students and theirs to her. She was not only teaching them musical skills; she was creating an enduring place for music in their lives."

Ariana is passionate about providing equitable opportunities for all students to stay involved in music throughout the year. Seeing every student within her school, she is able to provide a variety of ensemble opportunities, supplementary to the traditional choral and instrumental ensembles, such as marimba and ukulele ensembles. She founded the Salem Children's Chorus which provides summer camp opportunities in music. These opportunities help support all students' interests and needs to access music.

A native of Chennai, India, Ariana has been teaching in the Salem-Keizer School District since receiving her Master of Curriculum degree from PSU. Additionally, she coordinates the Salem-Keizer Elementary Choral Festival and is director of worship music at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

On learning of the award, Ms. Recher shared, "I am humbled and honored to receive this astounding award. What a privilege and responsibility we have as music educators to learn and instill the art of music through culture, community, academic knowledge, and expression in today's youth. Ever so important in these difficult times, music continues to unite us." Ariana will receive a plaque, and a financial award to be used by her school.

The Oregon Symphony in Salem has been awarding this prize to an outstanding educator from the Salem-Keizer School District since 1990. The winner's school music program is granted an honorarium by the Symphony to recognize the importance of music education.



Ariana and her students perform at WestPres' Annual Volunteer Christmas Party.



RESOURCES TO EDUCATE OURSELVES ABOUT RACISM

After George Floyd's murder, Mission, Peace and Eco-Justice (MPEJ) committee members wondered what we can do here and now to address racism and injustice toward people of color. Looking for guidance from people of color, we learned that something everyone

can do is educate themselves about past and present racism and listen to people of color tell their stories.

MPEJ, with help from Adult Education, Krisha Horn and Pastor Bostwick, created this list of books, movies and videos, organizations and actions available for us in Salem and the Mid-Willamette Valley. Please read, watch, listen, and grow your knowledge of racism and how we can better walk with people of color.

BOOKS FOR ADULTS:

Between the World and Me, by Ta Nehisi-Coates. This book is a letter from the author to his teenage son trying to explain racism.

<u>The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness</u> by Michelle Alexander

A Survival Guide: How NOT to get KILLED by the POLICE, Part 1.

by M. Quentin Williams, Esq. This is not going to be found on Amazon. The author spoke to the Oregon State Police a few years ago

The Color of Compromise by Jemar Tisby. American church's complicity in racism.

White Fragility Why it's so Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo, PhD

Waking up White by Debby Irving

America's Original Sin by Jim Wallis, the editor of Sojourner Magazine Books for children.

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS:

<u>Coretta Scott King Award winning books</u> (Click on the link to see the list.) Every winter, the Coretta Scott King Book Awards are given to outstanding

African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values.

Bookbub.com has a list titled 20 Children's Books to Help Foster Conversations on Race with links to bookstores to support as you purchase these books.

The Conscious Kid A Children's Book List for Anti-Racist Activism Movies

Movies

<u>13th</u> - This video is on Netflix. The movie can be found elsewhere too, in Podcasts, Videos, Webinars

PODCASTS, VIDEOS, WEBINARS

Trevor Noah, *George Floyd and the Dominos of Racial Injustice* (youtube)

Ted Talk - <u>How to Deconstruct Racism One Headline at a Time</u>, Baratunde Thurston Organizations to join, and follow, in Salem Oregon

Salem Keizer NAACP

ACTIONS TO TAKE

75 Things White People can do for Racial Justice

In conclusion, Pastor Lorne Bostwick provided this link to a list which includes many of the books and movies/videos listed above as well as many more. *AntiRacism Resources*



A BUSY SUMMER FOR OUR YOUTH

Despite the restriction of COVID-19, Vik Schaaf (Youth Director) has managed to plan some safe summertime activities and events for our youth.

TENTATIVE ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

JUNE 28

Baccalaureate at Our
Saviors Lutheran Church.
Outdoor only. Students
will be acknowledged
individually. Social
distancing will be
practiced.

JUNE 30

Potential Church
Grounds Clean up. The
youth will come help
clean up the church
grounds (with facemasks & social distancing in place, of course...)
as we did not have a
spring clean up.

JULY 12-17

City Camp Day Camp.
No transportation will be provided. Students will practice social distancing and wear masks.

JULY AND AUGUST

Potential in-person meet ups in small groups (less than 10) at large outdoor facilities such as the outdoor patio at Broadway Coffee House or Starbucks in South Salem. Social distancing practiced and masks worn.

AUGUST: DATE TBD

A Westminster Dog
Show activity for the
youth group in the
church parking lot.
Again, social distancing
will be practiced and
masks will be worn.

THE

GREATEST

DAY CAMP

EVER



SUN JULY 12



6 PM: ZOOM Chat

Let's get together and talk about all the fun we're going to have this week! We'll play a game or two

MON JUL 13



9-Noon: Service Project

Meet at Sunnyslope Community Garden for a morning of volunteer work, bring a sack lunch/water for a picnic and debrief after!

TUES JUL 14



11 AM: Bike Ride

Bring your bike and meet at Minto Island Brown third parking lot for a group bike ride! Bring a lunch/water in a backpack!

WED JUL 15



9-Noon: Rock Climb

Meet at the Rock Boxx for an afternoon of climbing and Bible study! Bring a sack lunch/water.

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ALL ACTIVITIES WILL REQUIRE STUDENTS TO WEAR MASKS AND PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING.

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION FEE FOR CAMP. STUDENTS WILL PAY FOR EVENTS/FOOD AS THEY ATTEND ACTIVITIES.

THUR JULY 16



9-12:30: Service Project

Meet at corner of Idylwood and Sunnyside Road. We will clean our road and walk to On Any Sundae for Ice Cream. Pick up at 12:30 PM

FRI JUL 17



7 PM: Movie Night

Meet at Winola House backyard for a movie on the deck. Bring your blanket and popcorn/water. We'll have s'mores goods too! Pick up 9:30 PM

THAT WAS FUN!



Mark your calendars for CITY CAMP 2021: SPACE CAMP!

July 11-15 at Westminster

Cost: \$75/participant +
Parent involvement in one
meal.



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WESTPRES CALENDAR

Sun., June 21 Sun., June 14 9:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP—YouTube only 9:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP—YouTube only 10:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP-10:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP-YouTube only YouTube only Mon., June 22 Mon., June 15 Stay Home, stay safe! Tue., June 16 Tue., June 23 10:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom online 10:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom online 4:15 PM Staff Meeting via Zoom online 4:15 PM Staff Meeting via Zoom online Wed., June 17 Wed., June 24 7:00 PM Online—Mid-High Group 7:00 PM Online Deacon's Meeting Thurs., June 18 Thurs., June 25 6:30 PM Online—Zoom Fellowship Hour 6:30 PM Online—Zoom Fellowship Hour Fri., June 19 Fri., June 26 Stay Home, stay safe! Stay Home, stay safe! **Sat., June 27** Sat., June 20 Stay Home, stay safe! Stay Home, stay safe!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Praises!

- Lynnea Lyman's friend, Tracy Doherty, who has been waiting on the heart transplant list since 2018, finally received a new heart and is recovering from surgery.
- Jennifer Russell, niece of Cindi & Bruce Chinnock, is now cancer free following treatment and much prayer!

Our Love and Prayers go out for:

- Richard Mather, who will undergo open heart surgery on June 22nd.
- Karen Huntzinger's father, who is in hospice.
- Bill Hubble, as he awaits test results from the Mayo Clinic.
- Bruce Chinnock, who is recovering from surgery.
- Cynthia Currin, who is undergoing cancer treatment.
- Sarah Warner, who will soon have a preventative surgery.
- Elizabeth Bennett, who has been hospitalized with heart problem.
- Bob Ohmart, who is dealing with health challenges.
- Stacy Ryan, who is making important decision regarding her health problems.
- Carolyn Lawrence and her family, at the passing of her sister, Brenda.

Continue to Remember:

Tim Holsten, Bill Hruska, Duff Kannier, Mark Lawrence, 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
- Sheila Powell and her husband Tom, as Tom undergoes 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.





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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 Wednesday, July 1st @ 8:00 AM.

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