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WESTMINSTER KICKS OFF "SAFE PARKING" PROGRAM

As you are hopefully aware, Westminster is participating in the SAFE PARKING program run by Salem's nonprofit organization Church at the Park, in conjunction with the City of Salem. We have worked closely with Church at the Park to identify good candidates to welcome to our property, and our first 'guests' arrived on Saturday. Jenny Jones & Tim Beaver will be parking their RV in the Winola House driveway, and we hope you will give them a warm welcome. Their RV has a notice with a Permit number printed on it, so it's easily identified.

In the coming weeks we hope to identify a second family or couple who need a safe parking option, and welcome them to our property.

Our neighbors have all been contacted and are fully supportive of this project. We're excited to participate in this great outreach program and think it will be a "win/win" for everyone. If you have any questions, give the office a call during business hours, or email: office@salemwestpres.org

J *January 30th* **ONE BLENDED SERVICE & A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!**

Join us for one blended service that starts at 10:30AM on Sunday, January 30th. We'll kick off with a Congregational Meeting followed by a blended worship service.

Congregational meeting

Sunday, January 30, 2022

10:30am (at the start of worship)

Elect Elders:

- ♦ Cheryl Lugenbill (Class of 2025/Family Ministry)
- ♦ Terri Crall (Class of 2025/Children's Ministry)
- ♦ Nancy MacMorris-Adix (Class of 2025/Nominating Committee)
- ♦ Luanne Barnes (Class of 2025/Youth Committee)
- ♦ Katie Nelson (Class of 2025/Outreach Committee)



What does it mean to be Presbyterian?

"Decently and in good order."

To be Presbyterian is to do things decently and in good order. This is one of our catch-phrases that captures the ways we value a calm, open and deliberative approach to living out our faith. We value solutions that weave together multiple perspectives. We celebrate many voices around the table because it fosters a robust and multi-layered understanding of God's work. This kind of habit requires patience because often the right path forward takes some time to emerge. It is a lifelong work for all of us and yet what a worthwhile pursuit during our short time on earth.

"Decently and in good order."

The art of listening and true understanding are rare commodities in our world today. To be Presbyterian is to eschew the trend of echo chambers and rapid-fire communication. It is to move out of 'one way' and into 'multi-layered ways.' I have observed a tremendous diversity of perspectives within this congregation and it is one of Westminster's strengths. When there is unbreakable covenant, this level of diversity is a gift and fosters a dynamic environment of growth and appreciation. If covenant wanes, though, it can easily devolve into polarized attitudes, such as 'my way or the highway.'

In order for a faith community like Westminster to thrive, there has to be an unwavering commitment to covenant. What exactly is covenant, you might ask? Here is a great definition of what it means: In our relationships with one another, we practice 'mutual concern, active support, and lifting up one another in prayer.' That is the definition from our own book of order (G.1.0304) about what it means to be a member of this congregation. The first two words are especially important – *mutual concern*. Behaving mutually toward one another means that we are generous when we are the majority opinion and gracious when we are in the minority. To have mutual concern for one another is to remember that it may not be too long before the tables are turned. To have mutual concern is to thwart the winner-take-all mentality. Essentially, it is to have difference without division.

Wouldn't it be lovely if the whole world operated this way?

"Decently and in good order."

In order to have the 2022 Annual Meeting with as much 'good order' as possible, the Session has discerned that Zoom is the best platform. This has the benefit of maximizing congregational access and equalizing the modes of participation.

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Please make plans to attend the Annual Meeting:

Sunday, February 27th, 2022 at 1:00pm on Zoom.

In anticipation of important conversations at the annual meeting about Westminster's core values and strategic next steps, please take some time to peruse the following links. The first two are Westminster's own Mission Study. This is a fascinating look at the values that the congregation itself has said are essential to its existence. It is here that Westminster articulated the future direction of the church. The Mission Study captures the essential traits of creativity, welcoming, serving and growing.

The second two links are resources designed specifically for communities that have divergent perspectives and may encounter conflict as a result. The first one is from our own Presbyterian Mission Agency.

- [Snapshot of 2019 Mission Study](#)
- [Full 2019 Mission Study](#)
- [Presbyterian Communication Practices](#)

Ever onward,
Pastor Kelly

Wolf Moon

by Lois Parker Edstrom for your soul uplift:

The January moon is ripe. It spills its light
into the dark night, an extrovert needing to be
the center of attention. There is a reason
wolves howl when the moon reveals the fullness
of itself, and although I haven't done so,
I've felt the urge—a longing so ancient and wild
as if in a time past we came from an enchanted place,
a place so beautiful we want only to return.

Now the moon casts its cold white light
onto everything—the fields glitter and the lake
gives itself up to receive the radiance
of that dominating presence.

We may lose ourselves in brilliance,
an attraction that smolders, just waiting to be lit.
No secrets, no dark and quiet corners.
The moon demands clarity.

Come into the light.



A SNEAK PEEK AT SPRING 2022 AT WESTMINSTER:

March

The Garden is coming! Themes of soil, water, light, time, fasting, and feasting will guide our Lenten journey from the Garden to the Table.

April-May

New Members Class

Presbyterian Rites and Rituals information session

CATCHING UP WITH *SESSION* - JANUARY *SESSION* MEETING

Your Session met on January 19, 2022 and here are some of the things we accomplished:

- Approved the Communion dates for 2022.
- Agreed to publish the monthly Session agenda on the website (the aim is to start in March.)
- Agreed to develop a short-term financial plan by June.
- Approved funds to repair the van.
- Crafted a review/approval schedule for the Administrative Manual.
- Set the time and format for the February 27 Annual Meeting: 1:00 pm via Zoom.
- Discussed the report from Genesis Mediation.
- Discussed strategic planning.

-Clerk of Session

2022-2023 SESSION ELDERS

Committee	In 2022
Children's	Terri Crall
Nominating	Nancy MacMorris-Adix
Family	Cheryl Lugenbill
Outreach	Katie Nelson
Youth	Luanne Barnes
Worship	Lucy Foster
Fellowship	Susan Ray
MPEJ	Sally Cook
Stewardship	Jan Carlson
Budget & Finance	Rachelle Hughes/Jan Carlson
Adult Ed	Open
Personnel	Session
Building & Grounds	Lynnea Lyman

SESSION UPDATES

ANNUAL MEETING

ANNUAL MEETING – February 27, 2022 @ 1pm via Zoom

In the coming weeks, Session will make available the 2022 budget, previous year committee reports and other church-wide materials in advance of the annual meeting. These will be available online as well as hard copy. Members with technology challenges may reserve a space at the church for the meeting. Please rsvp with Jean by phone (503-364-3327) or email: jean@saalemwestpres.org.

Session understands there may be individuals who wish to bring new business to the annual meeting. In order for there to be reasonable time to prepare motions and read accompanying materials, please submit all agenda items to Session by **Tuesday, February 15th, 2022** using the:

Online Session form: <https://forms.gle/o9QffeVfupRERGjx7>

Email the office and/or the clerk jean@saalemwestpres.org

Mail: WPC 3737 Liberty Road S, Salem, OR 97302

NOTE: Worship Services will not change on February 27th — 9:00AM Traditional Service and 10:30AM Contemporary Service

Prior to the Annual Meeting, you are encourage to read through these documents:

- [Snapshot of 2019 Mission Study](#)
- [Full 2019 Mission Study](#)
- [Presbyterian Communication Practices](#)

Per Capita Update

Thank you to the **many** diligent members who have been calling with inquiries about Per Capita! There will be a special Per Capita drive in February or March, so watch for updates and additional information in the next couple of months.



Ushers needed for the Traditional Service

***Training Provided
Contact Lucy Foster***



January 30th is FIFTH SUNDAY

This month we will be supporting **Salem's Center for Hope and Safety**, serving victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking since 1973. We are asking for items for the recent opening of their Mosaic Shelter:

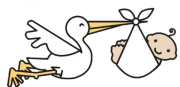
Cleaning supplies (brooms, mops, toilet brushes, sponges, all-purpose cleaner, etc.

Non-perishable food (canned meat, fruit, pasta, vegetables; cereal/granola/protein bars, crackers, dried fruit & nuts, jerky, peanut butter/nut butters, ramen noodles, shelf-stable milk & shelf-stable non-dairy milk.

A more extensive list can be found on their website:

<https://www.hopeandsafety.org>

Please contact Katie Nelson (503-580-5631-call/text) for questions or if you need items picked up. All items will be collected in the labeled storage bin in the narthex, beginning January 10, 2022. Donations will be delivered to the center on Monday, January 31, 2022. Thank you for your support!



ARIANA RECHER/JEFFREY LARKIN

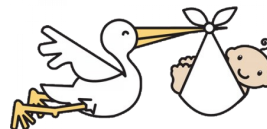
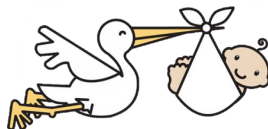
"OPEN HOUSE" BABY SHOWER—DATE CHANGE!!

Saturday, March 19th from 1-4PM in Boulder Hall

Everyone's Invited!

Baby Registry: [babylist.com/baby-boy-larkin](https://www.babylist.com/baby-boy-larkin)

PS—It's a boy!!!



CHARITY CIRCLE
JANUARY 25

In January we'll continue our studying with Lesson Four of the 2021/2022 PW/ Horizons Bible Study, "What My Grandmothers Taught Me". Lesson Four is the story of Ruth, a well known and loved passage in the Old Testament, Ruth 1-2. Charity will continue to exchange thoughts by e-mail.

For additional info contact: Rebecca Dusek dnrdusek@hotmail.com OR Dolores Winter-Byrnes winbyrn@comcast.net

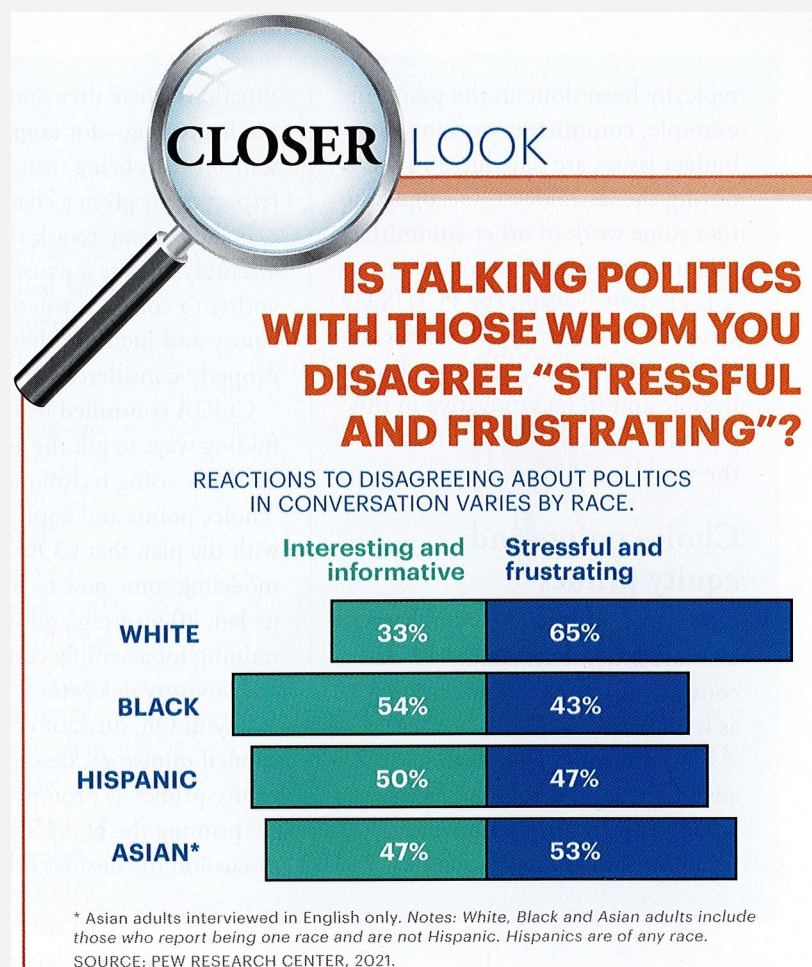
Where Do We Go From Here?

Nearly two years into the COVID-19 pandemic, churches across all denominations are still dealing with the fallout. Many members continue to worship from home or not at all, while pastors and church staff face mounting pressure to meet the needs of their congregations and communities in a different way.

The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), says innovation and re-thinking ministry should be part of every church's plan for the coming year.

Follow the link below to watch a short video by Rev. Nelson:

<https://www.pcusa.org/news/2022/1/11/where-do-we-go-here/>



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Westminster Hosts Family Promise/IHN Families

The week of February 6 brings another virtual hosting time for 4 families in the Interfaith Hospitality Network, our first of 2022. We are planning now to provide nourishing dinners for the families on February 6, 8, 10 and 12. We will need someone to help with delivery on Sunday, February 6. Westminster also provides money for groceries for breakfasts and lunches for the families, and donations are needed for that. Please consider how you can help.

We were reminded again this week by Family Promise staff that families really appreciate the meals, finding that to be a wonderful support as they work on goals leading them to independent living, including budgeting, job searches, parenting issues, housing searches and more. Family Promise helps in many ways during the time families are sheltered, also offering significant help with housing deposits, rental expenses and other support for a few months.

In the months when we have hosted virtually, families have missed the kind Westminster smiles, genuinely encouraging conversations and the visible feeling that people care. During our hosting weeks, we invite Westminster folks to show that caring by writing notes of encouragement to the families (celebrate the hard work, reminders that we are praying for them, wish them a good day/week etc.) Just generally taking the time to send a note or card of encouragement that shares our caring can make a difference, during times of stress. (Send to Arlene Pate 1777 Westhaven Ave. NW, Salem, 97304).

Family Promise represents their work partnering with churches as "standing together against homelessness, changing lives, including our own." In times when we are not together in the old ways, this ministry bonds us together as we serve.

If you can help by cooking, delivering or donating to the grocery fund, please email Arlene Pate aapate@mac.com or call (503-949-5015).

A note of gratitude: For several years, Marje Kmetz was one of the IHN coordinators. We will miss Marje's generous spirit and her kind heart.



LIFE PAX - UPDATE

Our LifePax program is reorganizing and will be back in business soon!
Stay tuned for updates!



MISSION TRIP

Spring Mission Trip to Reedsport

We are so excited to be able to offer a mission trip to our youth on the backend of Spring Break in Reedsport! We had a successful trip installing new playground equipment this last summer at Henderson Park and the city and Rotary decided to use the remaining funds to order new park benches, tables, and a climbing wall. All this equipment needs to be built and installed so we will plan to do that during our time! Obviously, we will take

in all the great wonders of the majestic Oregon coast during our downtime as well! (Ocean, donuts, thrift shops, town strolls, sand dunes, etc).

Dates: March 24-27 (returning mid afternoon on the 27th).

Cost: Free (we still have grant money remaining from our last trip)

All grades 6-12 are eligible to attend.

To sign up, fill out this quick form. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1PCOM5FhDFm7GTwAm8OiLRbf79ap3_tV6fvq54oBwwio/edit





SATURDAY EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO FEBRUARY 26, 9AM-12PM!

In God's Image: Whole Person Spirituality and Health
with Rev. Sharon Edwards



Our faith story can give perspective and meaning,
but there are also stories of our bodies and nervous systems
that are woven into our experiences.

Spiritual practices that engage the body can help deepen our awareness of God and help us through challenging times.

During the retreat we will:

- ♦ take a brief dive into the fascinating world of neurobiology
- ♦ learn how our neurophysiology impacts our physical/mental/spiritual health, stress, decision-making, perspective on life, relationships, and experience of God
- ♦ experience spiritual practices, both ancient and new, that contribute to our well-being

Sign-up here: <https://forms.gle/cspNATdULgCpNqZv9> or in the narthex in February. \$10/person.

COMING THIS SPRING

Sunday Evening Study using *Peaceful Practices: A Guide to Healthy Communication in Conflict*. Learn and practice together to gain valuable life skills! Watch for more details.



WESTPRES KIDS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Sunday School helpers are needed! If you want to spend some time with our church's wonderful children in a masked, ventilated environment, all while supporting a fabulous teacher and building relationships, consider joining our team as a helper! No prep time required, once a month or as you're available. 10:30-11:30 Sunday mornings. Contact Krisha (krisha@saalemwestpres.org).

If you like events, kids, outreach, or big-picture organization, consider joining our Vacation Bible Camp planning team! Planning begins in February for our summer event. Contact Krisha (krisha@saalemwestpres.org).

JANUARY/FEBRUARY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JANUARY 23 9AM Trad. Worship 10:30AM Contemp Svc 10:30AM Sunday Schl 11:30AM Mid-High Youth 6PM High School Youth <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i>	JANUARY 24	JANUARY 25 10:30AM Pastor's Bible Study 1:30 Charity Circle	JANUARY 26 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 10:30AM Westminster Book Club 4:15PM Staff Mtg. 5:30PM Worship Team 7PM Deacons Mtg.	JANUARY 27 5PM Handbells 6:30 Chancel Choir	JANUARY 28	JANUARY 29
JANUARY 30 10:30AM Blended Worship Svc + Congregational Meeting 10:30AM Sunday Schl 11:30AM Mid-High Youth 6PM High School Youth <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i>	JANUARY 31	FEBRUARY 1 10:30AM Pastor's Bible Study	FEBRUARY 2 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 4:15PM Staff Mtg. 5:30PM Worship Tm 7PM Family Ministries	FEBRUARY 3 9:30AM Tea w/Jesus 10AM Children's Min. 5PM Handbell Reh. 6:30PM Chancel Choir 7PM Youth Committee	FEBRUARY 4	FEBRUARY 5
FEBRUARY 6 9AM Trad. Worship 10:30AM Contemp Svc 10:30AM Sunday Schl 11:30AM Combined Youth Group—Vik's Birthday! <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i>	FEBRUARY 7	FEBRUARY 8 9AM Nominating Com. 10:30AM Pastor's Bible Study	FEBRUARY 9 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 11AM Outreach Com. 4:15PM Staff Mtg. 5:30PM Worship Tm.	FEBRUARY 10 1:30PM Stephen Min. 2PM Fellowship 3PM Budget & Finance 5PM Handbells 5:30PM Adult Ed. 6PM Chancel Choir	FEBRUARY 11	FEBRUARY 12 PRIVATE EVENT IN BOULDER HALL
FEBRUARY 13 9AM Trad. Worship 10:30AM Contemp Svc 10:30AM Sunday Schl 11:30AM Combined Youth Group—Vik's Birthday! <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i>	FEBRUARY 14 	FEBRUARY 15 10:30AM Pastor's Bible Study 5:30PM Handbells 6:30PM Chancel Choir 7PM Yoga Class	FEBRUARY 16 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 4:15PM Staff Mtg. 5:30PM Worship Team 6PM Session Meeting	FEBRUARY 17 9:00AM Newcomers 9:30AM Tea w/Jesus 5:30PM Mission Peace	FEBRUARY 18	FEBRUARY 19
FEBRUARY 20 9AM Trad. Worship 10:30AM Contemp Svc 10:30AM Sunday Schl 11:30AM Mid High Youth 6PM High School Youth <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i>	FEBRUARY 21 OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVATION OF PRESIDENT'S DAY 	FEBRUARY 22 10:30AM Pastor's Bible Study 1:30PM Charity Circle 7PM Yoga Class	FEBRUARY 23 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 10:30 Westminster Book Club 4:15PM Staff Mtg. 5:30PM Worship Team 7PM Deacons Mtg.	FEBRUARY 24 5PM Handbells 6PM Chancel Choir	FEBRUARY 25	FEBRUARY 26 ADULT ED EVENT: 10AM-2PM "Our Bodies as the Temple of God"
FEBRUARY 27 9AM Trad. Worship 10:30AM Contemp Svc 1:00PM ANNUAL MEETING ON ZOOM						

Prayer Requests

JOYS & BLESSINGS:

- AJ Preston's new baby, Braxton, was born on January 13th, weighing in at 7lbs, 9oz. Mother and baby are doing great!

OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO:

- ♦ Arlis Shellman, at the passing of her husband Herbert.
- ♦ Rae Marie Gleason has been diagnosed with aggressive cancer and asks for your prayers. Before she starts treatment, she needs to move to a 2-bedroom, first floor apartment. If anyone has knowledge of an appropriate rental, please contact the office.
- ♦ Barbara Friday's sister, Jan and her entire family have Covid. Prayers requested for Jan, her husband Sean and their children.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

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

- ♦ 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.



A Prayer For Peace With Your Faith

God, teach us what it means to have faith in silence.
When we face trials that are beyond our understanding, help us to find peace.
Help me be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.
You set all things in accordance to your time.
Remind us to wait patiently, and find peace in your plan.

- Dick Woodward



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