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The Boulder Knoll Scroll

A publication of Westminster Presbyterian Church



Rev. Dr. Kelly Wadsworth

Pastor Kelly is coming to us from a church in Seattle, and has a busy time ahead of her as she wraps up her ministry there, and prepares to make the move to Salem. That includes selling her current home and finding a home here in Salem, which is always an adventure! For more information on Pastor Kelly and her family, go to the "Meet Pastor Kelly" page on our website: <https://www.salemwestpres.org/pastoral-transition>

In the meanwhile, we look forward to Pastor Kelly's arrival, and welcome her and her children to the Westminster family!

WELCOME PASTOR KELLY!

On Sunday, January 17th, after a worship service led by Pastor Kelly, a Zoom Congregational Meeting was held and the members of Westminster unanimously confirmed Rev. Dr. Kelly Wadsworth as our new Senior Pastor.





Dear Westminster Members,

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Twenty-one months ago, we began an intentional partnership to prepare the way for Westminster to call a new pastor. I told you the process could take between 12 and 18 months. I explained that my job was to stretch your muscles and increase your flexibility so you could be agile as you began to perform the Gospel with a new conductor. Unfortunately, this turned into boot camp with multiple workouts that have left all of us aching. The good news is that you have not only survived but proven the resilience to respond to deep change. In every sphere of our lives, work, play, family, and church we have had to adapt. Most of you have done this gracefully.

This week, you called a new pastor. I rejoice with you and commend the PNC for working, adjusting, and persevering in a difficult transitional process that was not easily adapted to a pandemic. I commend the session for their faithful service. They were there when difficult decisions needed to be made.

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."
(I Corinthians 12:4-7)

Paul reminds us that we each have gifts and Christ enjoins us to use them for the common good. Like a symphony orchestra, each of you has a part to play. You are getting a new conductor. Your elders are the first chairs in each section. The symphony you are playing is your mission. There are other symphonies, other conductors, other musicians in the great collection of the Gospel but you have a particular symphony and distinct parts to play in this performance called Westminster Presbyterian Church. All orchestras have different conductors during their life. First chairs sometimes change, as do the performers. You have a new conductor. You may be an accomplished musician and think that you have a good knowledge of how you should play your part. But if you don't follow the lead of a conductor you can spoil the whole performance. Everyone has to play their role for the common mission of the church.

It will take some time for you to learn the conductor's cues. Practice makes perfect (or maybe it is better to say practice perfects). Play together. Follow the notes but listen for the nuance of a conductor's vision for the symphony.

Westminster has a bright future ahead as you work together, following the lead of your new conductor.

My part is done. It is time for us to say goodbye. We have been through a lot together and I will miss you and pray for you and watch how your journey unfolds. I will be leaving Westminster on January 31st. The Worship and Personnel Committees will work together to supply the pulpit until your new conductor arrives.

*The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
(Numbers 6:24-26)*

The Rev. Dr. Lorne P Bostwick

Lorne—

Your friends at Westminster wish you a happy and adventurous retirement!





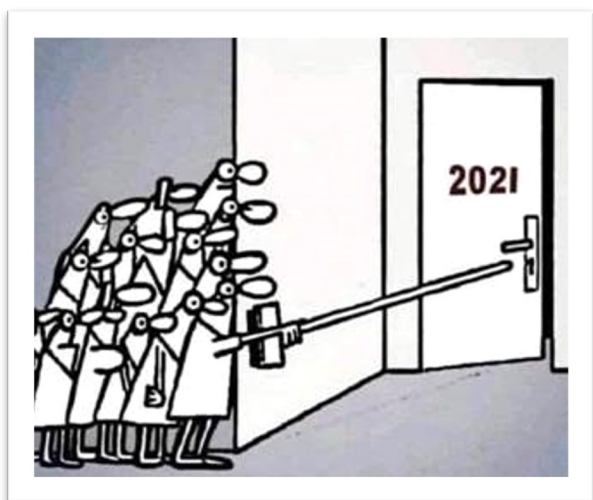
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SET FOR FEBRUARY 28TH

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on February 28th. (Watch for details in upcoming communications.) At that meeting we'll hear year-end reports from Committees and Staff, and vote on the 2021 Budget. Our Annual Report is usually distributed prior to this meeting. This year, the Report will be available in a variety of ways:

- It will be posted on our website.
- Paper copies will be available to pick up outside the church.
- Paper copies can be mailed to you if you wish.

(Please contact Jean Severson, our Office Manager, and she will arrange to mail a paper copy. You can call (503) 364-3327, or email: jean@saalemwestpres.org.)

NOTE: The Congregational Meeting will be held online via Zoom. If you do not have access to Zoom, we are working out an alternative. Please call the office for more information.



2021 PER CAPITA

By now you should have received a postal service letter regarding the Westminster per capita assessment. It tells how much each member is asked to contribute to that fund.

As you may already know every year Presbyterian churches are asked to support the wider church as we celebrate our Reformed heritage and Presbyterian identity. To do that we make Per Capita contributions that are based on our membership roll (number of adult or confirmed members).

The services provided from per capita contributions benefit all congregations equally. These include administrative, legislative and judicial functions at all levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) including the national General Assembly, regional Synod of the Pacific and local Presbytery of the Cascades.

This year in particular Westminster benefitted as we used these services during the planning and search for a new Pastor candidate. In the past we also benefitted greatly from the Synod's lending service which allowed us to borrow money to finance Boulder Hall at an extremely good rate!

The Westminster congregation gets all this advice and service for the low per member assessment of just \$36.50 each. As a reminder Presbytery kept this amount the same as last year despite increasing costs in many areas.

Please prayerfully mail your check in to Westminster (3737 Liberty Rd S Salem, OR 97302), or contribute on-line using the Donate button near the top of the Westminster home web page. Remember to choose the option of Per Capita in the donation area.

2021– NEW YEAR, NEW GOALS

Have you set a Bible study goal for the new year? Coming up with a plan can feel overwhelming! To encourage you, below is a study plan that will get you through the entire New Testament in 2021. We have some excellent resources on the Adult Ed book cart in the library that can amplify your Bible study. Some books highlight a specific book of the Bible, say Hebrews; some tackle a collection of books like the Pastoral Epistles. [Click here to access lists of study resources.](#)

The best hours to access the library are from 8:30-11:00 am and 2:00 -4:00 pm on weekdays. We encourage you to browse the study resources, and cheer you on in your continuing study!

- WestPres Adult Education

NEW TESTAMENT STUDY SCHEDULE

Month	Scriptures	Month	Scriptures
January	Matthew 1-23	July	Ephesians 6, Revelations 1-22
February	Matthew 24-28, letters of John, Colossians, Jude, Luke 1-3	August	Titus, Philippians, Romans 1-15
March	Luke 4-24	September	Romans 16, John 1-20
April	Peter, Thessalonians, 1 Corinthians 1-6	October	John 21, James, 2 Corinthians, Galatians 1-4
May	1 Corinthians 7-16, Acts 1-13	November	Galatians 5-6, Hebrews, Philemon, 1 Timothy 1-5
June	Acts 14-28, Ephesians 1-5	December	Timothy, Mark



CHARITY CIRCLE
JANUARY 26

On January 26th Charity members discuss Lesson Five, "Lamenting Life" from PW/Horizons 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. Bonnie Shaughnessy-Smith will lead the lesson.

For information call Bonnie 503-364-8024.

WESTMINSTER SUPPORTS IHN FAMILIES

Three times each year, Westminster hosts unhoused families for one week at a time. It's a joy to serve together to help. Sadly, during the pandemic, no families or volunteers come to the church, but we are still the church for them. Volunteers prepare and deliver dinners for 4+ families, and we provide money for breakfasts and lunches for the week. Preparations have started, and there are still a few food needs. If you wish to help or if you have questions, call Arlene (503-362-1828) or Marje (210-218-5741).

BIG ISSUES

local focus

STARTING THIS SUNDAY!

Your Mission Peace Eco Justice Committee invites you to join us Sunday, January 17 at 6 pm online as we continue our new monthly online series that we're calling "*BIG ISSUES: local focus.*" We are hoping to introduce varying topics on BIG ISSUES in our world, with a LOCAL FOCUS on each issue. The first event was held on Sunday, January 17. Watch up updates on our February offering!

Contact Christine Speak at christinelspeak0909@gmail.com to request for more information. Zoom link for each event will be available on the church website.



LIFE PAX - UPDATE

Life Pax will be available for FREE to those folks who want them. They can be picked up at Marje Kmetz's house (front porch), located at: 339 Summit View Ave SE, Salem, OR 97306 (please call before you come to get them) or Marje will deliver them to your house. Call Marje at (503) 689-1114 or (210) 218-5741 (cell).

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB, JANUARY 27TH, 2021

The club will meet virtually January 27th 10:30 a.m. via Zoom! The club will review two books, "Rules of Civility," by Omar Towles. Towles resurrects Manhattan of the golden age. The second book, "Cilka's Journey" by Heather Morris is based on a powerful true story of love and survival In the Gulags after the second world war.

Please e-mail Dolores Byrnes, winbyrn@comcast.net or call 503-364-6646 to be connected to Zoom .

TIME TO RETIRE?

If you or someone you know (from Westminster) is retiring or has retired this year, please let us know at krisha@salemwestpres.org.

We would like to recognize your milestone.



JOIN A WESTPRES BIBLE STUDY

Check out one of the Bible Study opportunities currently available at Westminster:

- Pastor's Bible Study meets every Tuesday morning at 10:30 am on Zoom and is following the lectionary texts.
- Women's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning at 9:30 at the church and is just beginning a study on the book of Romans.
- Tea with Jesus meets every other Thursday at 9:30 at the church and is studying outstanding women of the Bible.

The in-person studies have room for more members to join safely; distancing, mask, and cleaning protocols are in place! Please contact krisha@salemwestpres.org for more information.

Thanks!

"IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY..."

Occasionally we hear "through the grapevine" that one of our members is ill or in the hospital, or has some other emergency which has taken them out their home. We frequently have no way to contact them to offer support, or even prayer.

Caregivers and extended family members are busy, and often don't think to contact the church for support or prayer.

After some thought about this problem, we've determined it would be helpful to add Emergency Contact Information to our database. With this information, we can reach out and possibly be of assistance when needed. Many of our single members, in particular, have expressed appreciation for the idea, and have submitted emergency contacts. (All emergency contact information is kept in confidence, and is not included in Membership Directories or released from the church office.)

If you would like to submit your emergency contacts, please email Jean at the office (jean@salemwestpres.org) or give her a call, and she'll add the contact information to your file (503) 364-3327. All we need is a name, relationship (ie, 'daughter', 'brother', etc.) and a phone number or email address. Cheers!



YOUTH KICK-OFF 2021

**YOUTH DIRECTOR, VIK SCHAAF, HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK DEVELOPING
A WINTER SCHEDULE OF EVENT FOR THE WESTPRES YOUTH.
ADD THESE DATES TO YOUR CALENDAR/PHONE/WHATEVER!**

west pres youth **2021!**

January

7, 14, 21, 28 Zoom Mid High 6 PM

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Zoom High School 6 PM

January 17th and 24th will be our **CHOPPED CHALLENGE** -
-more details to come!

February

4th: Mid High Zoom Youth 6 PM

4th: **YOUTH COMMITTEE ZOOM 7 PM**

7: SUPER BOWL PARTY/VIKS B-DAY

Sanctuary 3-7 PM

Masks Required!

RSVP ahead of time.

14, 21, 28: High School Zoom Youth 6 PM

11, 18, 25: Mid High Zoom Youth 6 PM

**There will likely be a street clean up on a
Sunday in February for all grades.**

**We are awaiting funding for the park project in Reedsport.
There is a chance we will have a Spring Break mission trip.
Keep your calendar open if you'd like to attend!**

YOUTH - ROUND-UP PICS FROM 2020



Olivia Sproed constructed these moveable benches for her Eagle Scout Project. The benches are located in the backyard of Winola House and will be used and appreciated for many years to come.

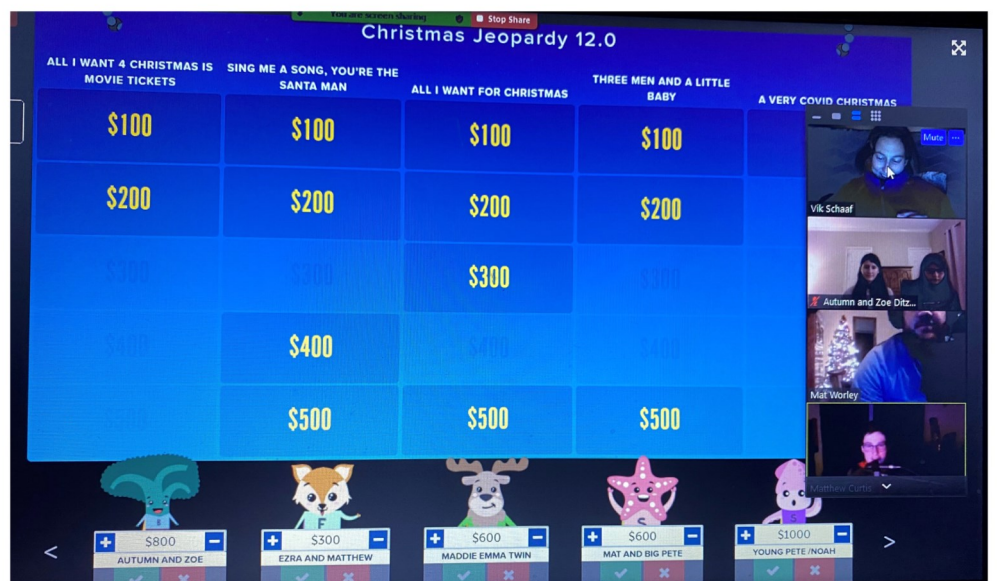


Where there's a will....

The Youth managed to enjoy their Annual Christmas Party, safely masked and distanced!

CHRISTMAS JEOPARDY

Vik was at her creative best for this one! She put together an online Christmas Jeopardy game for her Youth.



JANUARY CALENDAR

<u>Sunday, January 17</u> 9:45 AM Sunday School—Online 11:00 AM Blended Worship—Online Only 12:15 PM (approx) Congregational Meeting 6:00 PM High School Youth Zoom	<u>Sunday, January 24</u> 9:00 AM Traditional Worship—Online Only 9:45 AM Sunday School—Online 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship—Online Only 6:00 PM High School Youth Zoom
<u>Monday, January 18</u>	<u>Monday, January 25</u>
<u>Tuesday, January 19</u> 10:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study 5:00 PM Bell Choir	<u>Tuesday, January 26</u> 10:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study 5:00 PM Bell Choir
<u>Wednesday, January 20</u> 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study— Russell Hall 2:00 PM Handbell Class - Boulder Hall 5:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Session— Zoom 7:30 PM NA—Fellowship Hall	<u>Wednesday, January 27</u> 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study— Russell Hall 2:00 PM Handbell Class - Boulder Hall 4:00 PM Staff Meeting—Zoom 5:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Deacons 7:30 PM NA—Fellowship Hall
<u>Thursday, January 21</u> 9:30 AM Tea with Jesus—Eastminster 5:30 PM Mission Peace Eco/Justice 6:00 PM Mid High Youth Zoom 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	<u>Thursday, January 28</u> 6:00 PM Mid High Youth Zoom 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
<u>Friday, January 22</u>	<u>Friday, January 29</u>
<u>Saturday, January 23</u>	<u>Saturday, January 30</u>
	<u>Sunday, January 31</u> 9:00 AM Traditional Worship—Online Only 9:45 AM Sunday School—Online 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship—Online Only 6:00 PM High School Youth Zoom

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

<u>Sunday, January 31</u> 9:00 AM Traditional Worship—Online Only 9:45 AM Sunday School—Online 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship—Online Only 6:00 PM High School Youth Zoom	<u>Sunday, February 7</u> 9:00 AM Traditional Worship—Online Only 9:45 AM Sunday School—Online 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship—Online Only 3:00 PM Youth Superbowl Party
<u>Monday, February 1</u>	<u>Monday, February 8</u>
<u>Tuesday, February 2</u> 10:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study 5:00 PM Bell Choir	<u>Tuesday, February 9</u> 10:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study 5:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Stewardship Committee
<u>Wednesday, February 3</u> 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study— Russell Hall 2:00 PM Handbell Class - Boulder Hall 4:00 PM Staff Meeting—Zoom 5:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA—Fellowship Hall	<u>Wednesday, February 10</u> 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study— Russell Hall 2:00 PM Handbell Class - Boulder Hall 4:00 PM Staff Meeting—Zoom 5:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Family Ministries 7:00 PM Personnel Committee 7:30 PM NA—Fellowship Hall
<u>Thursday, February 4</u> 9:30 AM Tea with Jesus—Eastminster 6:00 PM Mid High Youth Zoom 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Youth Committee Mtg. Zoom	<u>Thursday, February 11</u> 10:00 AM Children's Ministry Mtg. 3:00 PM Budget & Finance Mtg. 6:00 PM Mid High Youth Zoom 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
<u>Friday, February 5</u>	<u>Friday, February 12</u>
<u>Saturday, February 6</u>	<u>Saturday, February 13</u>

Prayer Requests

JOYS & BLESSINGS:

- Carolyn and Jim Keehner's granddaughter, Lyn, is recovering nicely from COVID. She is three months pregnant, and grateful to be on the healing side of the virus. Carolyn and Jim thank everyone for their many prayers.

OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO:

- Prayers for Linda & Dick Stephens, who are both recovering from falls.
- Karen Heuberger's friend, Lia's son-in-law JC, had a kidney transplant, and is now having serious health complications. JC is facing a biopsy and is apparently suffering from organ rejection complications. Please pray for JC, for his doctors, and for his family during this difficult time.
- Pat Randle requests prayers for her mother, who is 94, lives in assisted living in Phoenix, Arizona, and is suffering from COVID (there is an outbreak in her facility.)

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

- ♦ Daphne Russell (age 7), grandniece of Cindi & Bruce Chinnock, is slowly improving
- ♦ Sheila Powell and her husband Tom, as Tom continues to undergo treatment for cancer.

A PRAYER FOR 2021

Dear God, Thank You for new beginnings. What an incredible day this is with a fresh year's potential stretched out before me. I want to be found faithful this year in each and every opportunity You bring to me. Thank You, Lord, for new beginnings. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

- Pastor David McGee

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Monday-Thursday:

8:30am—4:00pm (at the moment)

Friday:

8:30am—1:00pm

Until such time as it's safe to bring our BKS production team back together, our newsletter will be online only.

Articles may be submitted directly to the church office or by email to:

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