

# WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## ***BLOOD DRIVE - MONDAY, JULY 29TH***

The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive at Westminster on Monday, July 29th from 1PM—6PM. If you would like to give blood, please contact the Red Cross at:  
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give>

**Sunday, July 28, 2019**

**Rev. Lorne Bostwick**

**Scripture: Amos 7:7-9, Romans 8:28-30**

**Sermon: “The Plumb Line, Predestination, and Re-alignment”**

## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - SUMMER SCHEDULE**

8:15 AM Traditional Worship

9:45 AM Contemporary 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.

# Boulder Knoll Scroll



# THANK YOU

## **A SUPER-BIG THANK YOU**

...to the men & women of the church who stepped forward to clean the church while Mike Behnke was recovering from surgery, and after he retired.

Thanks to Jeff Kovach and Jack Dean for organizing the crews to do the work. The crews consisted of: Ken Archibald, Kenn Battaile, Bruce Chinnock, T.C. Curlee, Mike English, Grubby & Lori Hain, Jim Keehner, Richard Mather, Paul Negstad, Bill Nelson, and Gary Ryan.

***You all did a wonderful job and are greatly appreciated!!!***

The church's cleaning needs have now been turned over to Groves Cleaning Service for day-to-day cleaning. Ron and his crew are already providing excellent service.

Our Building & Grounds team will continue to be responsible for our grounds and infrastructure. It's a big job, and Westminster is fortunate to have a team of dedicated and skilled volunteers on the front lines. To them we say....

**July 24, 2019**

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# HIP HIP HOORAY!

AND

# 3CHEERS!

Dear Friends—

*According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.*

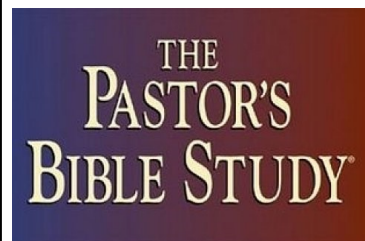
*1 Corinthians 3:10*

In the last newsletter I informed you that the Appreciative Inquiry Design and Deliver team had been appointed by the Session to write the Mission Study. They are hard at work! They are taking the data you provided during the Appreciative Inquiry process to identify the strengths of this congregation, the hopes and dreams identified, and the resources available through this congregation to do ministry in the years ahead with your "to be called" pastoral leadership.

Beyond the AI Report, they are seeking statistics on the ministry, finances, and leadership resources of the congregation. They are looking at demographics of the South Salem community to determine the intersections between the community and those the congregation feels called to serve. In the coming months they will likely be holding focus groups to get your feedback about various parts of the narrative they are constructing. They also will hold some special focus groups with younger adults and families who were under-represented in the data collected by the Appreciative Inquiry process.

In spite of the fact it is summer and vacation time, the Mission Study Team is making good progress gathering its data and you can look forward to hearing more from them as soon as September. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Christian Partnership -  
Lorne



**COMING IN SEPTEMBER:**

The Pastor's Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, September 10th at 10:30 AM. The weekly study will focus on discussing the upcoming Sunday sermon, and will be lead by Rev. Lorne Bostwick (of course!)  
Everybody's welcome!!

## FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

The first half of the year is completed and the Budget and Finance Committee is taking this opportunity to pause and update the congregation on the financial status of our church. At the mid-year mark, a reasonable expectation would be to have accumulated 50% of budgeted income and that expenses would be 50% of budgeted expenses.

Total revenue for the first half of the year is 56% of budgeted revenue. This is well over the target but there are some underlying reasons for this. In order to balance the 2019 Budget, \$25,000 was transferred from various assets we held, to our budgeted income. This is not revenue in the sense of contributions but rather funds we had "saved for a rainy day". These funds were totally recognized as income on the financial statement in the first half of the year and they represent 4% of the annual budgeted income. They will not register as income to the financial statement going forward in the second half of the year. Also, in order to balance the 2019 Budget a \$10,000 prior year cash carryover was budgeted as income. Again, this is not revenue in the sense of contributions but rather funds we didn't spend last year. It is 2% of the annual budgeted income and most of it has already been recognized as income in the first half of the year.

The good news is that Pledges received are 54% of the budget and Identifiable Loose Offering received is 53% of the budget. These two categories represent 90% of budgeted income. They may be slightly front-loaded in that several pledges have been completely fulfilled as a result of a tax friendly IRA distribution. Our congregation always has had an excellent reputation for contributing the pledged amount so there is no concern at this time.

Total expenses are 45% of budgeted expenses; well under the target. Reconfiguring the compensation expense of the positions held by recent retirees has reduced expenses below budget.

- ◆ Lucy Foster and Carolyn Lawrence have volunteered to support and direct the Children's Ministry program until a permanent director is hired.
- ◆ Pastor expense in the first half of the year was lower than it will be in the second half of the year. January was no cost as a result of the generous offer of Ken Smith to provide this service as a donation.
- ◆ February, March, and April were provided by a part time bridge pastor at a reduced cost.
- ◆ During the medical leave and subsequent retirement of the facilities manager, a team of volunteers stepped up to provide necessary services in this area.

Going forward, we can expect expenses to rise with a full-time interim pastor, a Children's Ministries Director, and a professional maintenance service. Last year, the Budget and Finance Committee recommended we reserve sufficient funds to conduct a national search for a permanent pastor and the ancillary expenses related to the hire, and this was approved by the Session. That said, the present financial condition of our church is positive and a one-word description would be "healthy".

The Budget and Finance Committee is always available to answer any questions. We are approaching the time to prepare the 2020 budget so if you have any comments or suggestions please contact the appropriate committee chair or the Budget and Finance Committee. Our committee recognizes and appreciates the faithful financial and volunteer support provided by our congregation.

- Gary Slangan, Chair of Budget & Finance



**WELCOME TO THE CLERK'S CORNER**

This column will be for those who want to know what goes on in the monthly meetings of the Session, which is the administrative body of the church. Our last Session Meeting was on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. A session meeting always begins and ends with prayer. After approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Clerk reports on any membership changes in the congregation. Minutes from committees are then reviewed and approved. During this time, old and new business is discussed, motions are made and votes taken. A major feature of our meetings at this time is exploration of pastoral transition issues and concerns. While last month's topic centered on questions of Influence, the topic this month addressed issues of Trust. Time is usually set aside at the end of each meeting for each ruling elder to briefly mention the topics that are of special interest to their respective committees. Minutes from our committees, as well as those from our session meetings, are posted in the hall connecting the narthex and the Eastminster Room. Please feel free to ask questions of your Elders, Clerk or Pastor at any time.

- David Turner, Clerk of Session

**IHN/FAMILY PROMISE - JULY HOSTING MADE A DIFFERENCE!**

What makes a great IHN week?.....

**60+ volunteers: cooks, sleepers, callers, mattress crew, hosts, door un-lockers, dishwashers, shoppers, set up crew, organizers ... and**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 great meals</li> <li>• Healthy snacks</li> <li>• 4 families in residence</li> <li>• 4 comfy safe sleeping rooms</li> <li>• 4 TVs</li> <li>• Lots of DVDs</li> <li>• Book box</li> <li>• Toy corner</li> <li>• Lots of donated food</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Games with volunteers</li> <li>• Art table for kids</li> <li>• 7 lunches at the Day Center</li> <li>• Cool walks under the trees</li> <li>• Chats with Westminster folks</li> <li>• Diapers, baby wipes, personal supplies</li> <li>• Lots of coffee</li> <li>• Hundreds of smiles</li> <li>• <i>Lots of encouragement!</i></li> </ul> |
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**And, 1 family getting word this week that they finally move into their own apartment Aug. 1 !**

*Thank you to all of the volunteers who made a difference in the lives of 4 families!*

Next hosting at Westminster is the week of November 10!



**COMING SOON:  
"BACKPACK  
GIVING TREE"**

Have you seen the school supply ads? Buy a backpack and start gathering school supplies for a needy student ( Grades K-2, 3-5, & 6-8).

The tree and tags, which describe the grade level and supplies needed, will be up Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Turn in filled backpacks with the tag attached by August 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help distribute backpacks to the schools on August 29<sup>th</sup>, or need more information, call Marlene Buker: 503.581.4747.

For those who don't enjoy shopping, we also join in the Assistance League's "Operation Backpack" program by collecting money to help them buy school supplies. Look for the collection box by the tree if you would rather donate money.



**UNITY SUNDAY  
August 25th**

**One service at  
9:45 AM  
followed by the  
Annual  
Deacon's  
Brunch**



**Just a quick thank you**

to all the folks who helped make our Annual All-Church Picnic a success:

**Grillmasters:** Chet Flick, Paul Negstad, and Richard Ray

**Set-up/tear-down crew:** Jeff Kovach and Fred Wiggins

**Food Prep:** Jean Christian, Susan Wiggins, and Marcia Poehler

And to ALL who brought delicious salads, appetizers, and desserts!

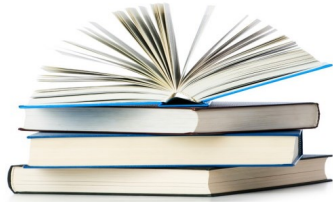
Thank you all!

Susan Ray



**REMINDER: PLEASE CALENDAR EVENTS**

If you are having a meeting of any kind, it needs to be on the office calendar. If you are going to use Boudner Hall and/or the kitchen, please put your meeting and the time and length of the meeting on the kitchen calendar so there are no conflicts. Thank you!



Parents:  
Coming Soon to the  
Church Library

***The Blessings of a Skinned Knee: Using Jewish Teachings to Raise Self-Reliant Children** by Wendy Mogel, Ph.D.,* offers not only useful parenting advice, but interesting human insights from the intersection of child psychology, postmodern parenting, and the millennia-old Jewish tradition (a tradition which has of course informed our own).

***Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home** by Traci Smith* contends that “faith is learned as it is woven seamlessly into the fabric of daily life”. Tradition and ritual is an important part of that. This book offers practical ideas for creating family traditions, ceremonies for life transitions, and spiritual practices to do together. It includes ideas for every age and many family situations.

***The Baptism of Your Child: A Book for Presbyterian Families** by Carol A. Wehrheim* has something for everyone—parents wondering about the ins and outs of the baptism process, parents wondering about how to let the local congregation “godparent” their child, or parents wondering about ways to nurture their child’s faith throughout their growing-up years.  
**The church library—it’s not just Veggie-Tales!**

**AUGUST WOMEN’S NIGHT OUT**  
**Monday, August 12th**  
**6PM @ Best Little Roadhouse**  
1145 Commercial Rd SE  
Mini-golf following dinner, for those who care to putt-er!  
RSVP to Bev Silveira:  
(503) 364-4858



**WestPres Youth Report -  
Diary of the Puerto Rico Mission Trip**

July 6<sup>th</sup> The youth and leaders were excited for a little surprise tonight. After our community covenant they received letters written from members of the session and church. They loved them! Afterward they wrote post cards back to those at home praying for them. We think it definitely lifted their spirits. We had a very full and tiring day beforehand. - Vik

July 7<sup>th</sup> Hey everyone! This is Josh, one of the youth members. I’m writing today’s update, so hopefully it isn’t too boring. Today was a relaxing day; we slept in and woke up for church at 11. I apparently volunteered to read the scripture in English, although I don’t recall doing so. Then, we ate lunch at Pinky’s, mostly consisting of various sandwiches. After begging to visit the beach for several days, we went swimming... for less than an hour. Hopefully we’ll go later, too. Most of the gang went out for shopping and a few of us, including myself, relaxed for a while. To end off the day, we ate tacos and burritos at El Vagon. Bruce, Rachel, and Cheryl have July birthdays, so we’re currently celebrating with some tres leches cake and nachos dulce. Don’t worry, we haven’t forgotten our jobs yet; tomorrow we will get back to work on three houses! Thanks for all your support!

July 8<sup>th</sup> Hi, it’s Autumn! Today was our second work day of the trip. We started the day off with breakfast at seven and arrived at our houses by nine fifteen. At Margo’s house the day was spent painting bars (Brian, Noah, Josh, and Me), adding blue trim to the roof (Alec and Elaine), as well as filling in nooks and crannies in the decorative wall (Cheryl), and painting the front of the house (Dakota and Rachel). After a delicious lunch of rice and beans cooked by Margot I walked to the second house with leaders (on the way we saw a gecko and a horse). At the second house we cut tiles (Bruce), laid tiles (Andrew and Lex), and chiseled between tiles so they could be grouted tomorrow (Me again). On the way home we got stuck in traffic caused by a major accident, but got home in time for dinner. After dinner we listened to a presentation on Puerto Rico’s debt and economics from a local and then went to get Alec’s hair cut and have a limber (an ice treat cup). At the barber we had a great time while trying to speak to the barbers in Spanglish. They were half Dominican half Puerto Rican-which was cool and representative of our neighborhood where we are staying. Tomorrow we will finish painting Margot’s house and hopefully wrap up the tiling—and go to the beach! Thank you for keeping good thoughts and prayers coming our way!

July 9<sup>th</sup> Hey it’s Rach. Hi mom, Miss ya! Doing today’s update. Today I finished painting Margot’s house and it looks beautiful. Me, Autumn, Alec, Elaine, Brian, Dakota, Lex, Cheryl, and the biggest spider on earth were present. We finished the beautiful blue trim. Margot made us lunch every day this week. The other team almost finished all the tiling at Joseph’s house. Tonight we went to the beach for a dip in the warm ocean and scrubbed the paint off ourselves with a rock. Then we came back and had pasta and plantains for breakfast and had a debrief with Sofia and Michelle to talk about our trip and share our experiences. We got cute presents from them including traditional



candies and a Puerto Rican flag. Then we went to SuperMax and got some snacks for the plane. Finally we went to the best restaurant in Puerto Rico (according to the barber) ...Churches Chicken. Dakota rated it a low B, but the biscuits were spot on and you could really taste all the trans fats. Now we're having a fruit party (papaya is gross!), cleaning, and getting ready to head home tomorrow. Anyways, thank you for loving us and goodnight. Rock on congregation.

Hey, this is Dakota. Churches Chicken was a 6/10. The spider was pretty neat. Painting was awesome. Puerto Rico is awesome. Love you guys. Signing off. Peace! ✌️

July 10<sup>th</sup> Last day. Went thrift shopping. Got coffee. Ran around Old San Juan one more time. Saw the smallest house in Puerto Rico, took some artsy photos, the usual. See you soon PDX. Don't forget to pick up your students and adults at the airport tonight! 10:08 pm arrival assuming no delay. - Vik

CONGRATS TO OUR MISSION GROUP FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRIP!



Sun., July 28

8:15 AM WORSHIP SERVICE  
9:45 AM INFORMAL WORSHIP

Mon., July 29

10:00 AM Library Staff

Tue., July 30

7:00 PM Yoga  
7:00 PM Brass Quintet

Wed., July 31

8:00 AM WBS @ WestPres  
4:15 PM Staff Meeting  
7:00 PM Scout Troop # 108  
7:30 PM N.A.

Thurs., August 1

9:30 AM Tea with Jesus  
10:00 AM Bible Study @ Chlanda's  
11:30 AM Newcomers  
5:30 PM Praise Team  
5:30 PM Worship Comm.  
6:00 PM Venturing Crew  
7:00 PM Youth Comm.

Fri., August 2

Sat., August 3

Sun., August 4

CITY CAMP  
8:15 AM WORSHIP SERVICE  
9:45 AM INFORMAL WORSHIP

Mon., August 5

CITY CAMP

Tue., August 6

CITY CAMP  
7:00 PM Brass Quintet

Wed., August 7

CITY CAMP  
8:00 AM WBS @ Westminster  
4:15 PM Staff Meeting  
7:00 PM Scout Troop # 108  
7:30 PM N.A.

Thurs., August 8

CITY CAMP CONCLUDES (10:00 AM)  
9:00 AM Children's Ministry  
9:30 AM Outreach Committee  
10:00 AM Bible Study @ Chlanda's  
11:00 AM Building and Grounds  
1:30 PM Stephen Ministers  
5:30 PM Adult Education  
5:30 PM Praise Team  
6:00 PM Girl Scouts

Fri., August 9

6:35 PM Westminster Night at the Ballpark—  
Volcanoes Game

Sat., August 10

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Love and Prayers go out for:

- ♦ Pat Stahl, who is dealing with heart issues
- ♦ Pam Hubble, who is going through medical testing



Continue to Remember:

Cynthia Currin, Eleanor Embick, Sharon Gilliam, Tim Holsten, Bill Hruska, Duff Kannier, Mark Lawrence, John Trigg, Barbara Jewell  
Mather's great-grandson, James Pratt and his parents  
Daphne Russell (age 7), grandniece of Cindi & Bruce Chinnock, is slowly improving  
Jennifer Russell, niece of Bruce & Cindi Chinnock, is recovering from surgery for a brain tumor  
Norma Slover, friend of Sarah Johnson, who was diagnosed with cancer  
Tracy Doherty, Lynnea Lyman's friend, who has health concerns and needs a heart transplant  
Sue O'Leary, friend of Ben & Bev Silveira, who has cancer  
Karl Mitchener, Jr. (friend of Pat & Ed Stahl), who has throat & tongue cancer  
Kathleen Knauss' nephew, who suffers from ALS and is in declining health  
Brenda Cochran, friend of Barbara Friday, whose health is declining  
Carolyn Jones' friend, Jim, who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer  
Karl & Jinny Mitchener (friends of Pat & Ed Stahl). Karl has been diagnosed with brain cancer.  
Betsy Swanson's friend, Jill Peterson-Misko, who is having heart surgery  
Betsy Swanson, who is suffering from Parkinson's symptoms & other health issues  
Dianne Greenlee's mother, who is experiencing health issues  
Monte Gunnings, brother-in-law to Carolyn Jones, who has lost use of his legs  
AJ Preston and family at the loss of her father, David Preston  
Rosemary Bell, at the passing of her husband Ron  
Christine Speak & Ted Burney's son, Thomas, who is recovering from surgery  
Susan Tanabe's friends, Leslie Parpart, Carol Jacobson Reece and Kim Higham, who are all in need of urgent prayer as they undergo cancer treatment  
Bert Kersh, who has a fractured vertebrae in his back  
Ed Stahl, who needs prayers for healing



Dear WestPres Church Members:  
Thank you for all that you have done for AJ, Tascha, myself and David's granddaughters. Your heartwarming kindness was very much appreciated and very helpful during these past few weeks. You all are truly a bunch of angels.  
Again, thank you.  
Debbie & AJ Preston

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The deadline for submission of articles for the next Boulder Knoll Scroll is **Monday, August 5th @ 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

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:

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