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Outdoor Worship Service

***JOIN US FOR
OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES
STARTING THIS SUNDAY
(Weather Permitting!)***

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SCHEDULE — SUMMER 2021

Outdoor Services will be held on the following dates:

June	13 and 27
July	4 and 25
August	8 and 22
September	25

FAQS U NEED

- ♦ Weather related changes will be decided by 7am. If undesirable weather occurs, the services will move inside. Watch the banner on the front page of the website for the latest updates.
- ♦ **The upper driveway will be blocked off since it will be used for our seating area.** THERE WILL BE A DROP OFF AREA AVAILABLE for those needing extra assistance - watch for directions when you enter the parking lot.
- ♦ Bring your own chairs if you like, or church folding chairs will be available for you to use. ***This is not a service where you stay in your cars.*** The service will not be broadcast over the radio.
- ♦ Come early so we can start worship on time please.
- ♦ Both outdoor services will be streamed on YouTube for those of you worshipping at home.

We appreciate your patience and extra help while we make this first time work.

Thanks to the many members who participated in our survey about Outdoor Worship, we were able to plan our summer worship services accordingly! See the survey results on Page 12.



Grace and peace to you Westminster Presbyterian Church –

With the swirling buzz of the summer upon and an improved Covid situation, churches face the work of soulful restoration. It's unlikely that things will snap back together as they were after 15+ months apart. The future does, though, look bright. You and I have the curious experience of not having started the pandemic together (WPC with the interim pastor and me at a church in Washington) but we are coming out of it together. WPC has undergone quite a bit of change in the past handful of years – retirements, farewells, new faces, along with a time of interim and covid. The more we know one another's stories and share openly about where life is finding each of us these days, the stronger the faith community will be.

In the summer months, we will take a look at *“UNRAVELED: Seeking God When Our Plans Fall Apart”* as a way for us to identify all the things that are now different. On May 30 we studied the life of Rizpah, a woman who refused to participate in the rhetoric of ‘necessary sacrifice’ and found herself *unraveled through grief*. On June 6 we visited Peter's experience of climbing out of the boat amidst a ravaging storm and standing up when the forces around him were trying to knock him down as he faced being unraveled by *uncertainty*.

Please join us in-person on Sunday, June 13 as we touch on the ways that we are *unraveled when our dreams fall apart*. What is something that you had hoped would return to ‘normal’ that now appears unlikely?

This summer I will meet with each of the Deacon groups for a time of informal conversation. Contact your care group deacon if you haven't yet heard about your date and time. Additionally, look for an exciting mid-week digital storytelling project to arrive this summer as another avenue to reconnect with members and friends of the congregation.

I will be on vacation June 20-July 3 and will see everyone when I return on July 4.

Ever onward,

Pastor Kelly

CATCHING UP WITH *SESSION* - *MAY* *SESSION* *MEETING*

MAY MEETING SUMMARY

- Reviewed the flow of authority in the Presbyterian church: Session is the responsible party, unless it provides other means, e.g., committees, staff, task forces, etc.
- Reviewed first quarter WPC financial status.
- Approved creating a Task Force to investigate Gifts Endowments Memorials (GEM) issues.
 - ◊ The task force is comprised of Jan Carlson, Jim Pate, and Bill Foster, as Chair.
 - ◊ The task force will establish the timeline for reporting back to Session with a progress report in August 2021.
 - ◊ The task force is empowered to determine short-term investment of existing bequests, pending the development of policies for managing bequests in the future.
- Any further discussion of the use of bequest funds, investment accounts, or any other issues related to GEM will be deferred until the task force has issued its report.
- Approved Youth Ministry Coordinator Vik Schaaf's employment status be changed to full-time/exempt (40 hours per week) during the month of August 2021 (Youth mission trip).
- Approved an updated Rental Agreement for use of the church.
- Approved the Assistance League be the recipient of the next SalemWestPresGives stimulus funds drive.
- Adopted the outdoor worship schedule: Jun 13, 27; Jul 4, 25; Aug 8, 22; Sep 5.
- Adopted the new Report of Worship Responsibilities
- Adopted the new Worship Mission Statement.
- Reviewed the focus of upcoming sermon topics:
 - Jun/July – Unraveled: Stories from Scripture When Our Plans Fall Apart
 - Aug – How We Talk To One Another: Paul's Letters for Our Times
 - Fall – Finding Sanctuary Together: Genesis and New Beginnings
- Summer retreat for session to be scheduled using Doodle poll.
- Deacons: The deacon moderator will become the deacon to all other deacons and no longer have a care group (effective June 1st).
- Family Ministries: Multi-generational summer outdoor activities planned. Brisbee Fund Community Grant was approved by Presbytery.
- Fellowship: Starting limited coffee hour outdoors between Sunday services on May 30.
- Bldgs-Grounds: Church clean up days on June 12 and 19 (9 am – Noon).
- MPEJ: Hope Dealers will be the recipient of May's 5th Sunday donations. Family Promise IHN returns in June. Annual planning meeting for MPEJ in July.
- Children's Ministry: VBS planning meeting Tuesday, May 25. VBS takes place Aug 16-20.
- Personnel: new policy allows staff to take up to three days off due to COVID vaccination side effects.
- Outreach: Invite a date to church.
- To outgoing elders Kenn Battaile, Bruce Chinnock, Gary Slangan, Christine Speak: THANK YOU for your three years of service!

-Carol Richmond, Clerk pro tem



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN FIRST QUARTER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

The first quarter 2021 financial report to the congregation is a little delayed this year. Many good things were beginning to happen at the end of the first quarter so the publication of this report was paused in order to report them in complete detail. This report is intended to be a narrative without the inclusion of much numerical data.

How are we doing? It's the first and most important question. Revenue is fine. As of April, total revenue received is one half of the budgeted amount and the year is one third completed. Current Pledges, which is the largest part of our revenue, is half of budget and so is Identifiable Loose Offering. Identifiable loose offering is funds received from folks we know, but who are not yet members and we always encourage them to join our church.

Current tax legislation makes it very attractive to make a contribution from a retirement account and many of our members have chosen to fulfill their entire pledge from their retirement account in the first quarter. As the year progresses, pledges will trend toward budget. Our history is that pledges are always fulfilled so we are in a comfortable position right now. Budgeted income is also received from our Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds and these will be exhausted at year end. PPP receipts are about ten percent over budget as a large amount was withdrawn in January in anticipation of some significant expenses. Also, we are now receiving income from Iris and Norman Austin Endowment directly as income and this was not budgeted.

Total expenses are tracking below budget. Two of our largest expenses, *Per Capita* and Presbyterian Partnership Giving were paid in full at the beginning of the year so total expenses should continue to track below budget in the absence of these two items. Recognition should go to staff and committee chairs for their prudent management of their budgets which result in this good news.

We are reducing the excess cash in our checking accounts and diverting this to Synod accounts. Our bank accounts do not pay interest and the Synod accounts pay one percent; it's not much, but it's better than nothing. Recently the church received a \$407,810 endowment which will be recognized as the John and Jan Alsever Endowment. Our church has expressed gratitude to the Alsever family for this significant contribution. Additionally, we have been informed that in the future we will be recipients of funds from the trusts of Shirley and Bob Ohmart; details will be forthcoming. Shirley and Bob were a loved and a vital part of our congregation. Bob was a past chair and longtime member of the Budget and Finance Committee. The excellent financial condition of our church is, in a large part, the result of Bob's guidance.

As a reminder to those of us who are required to take a distribution from an IRA or 401-K, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from the account and it escapes being taxable income.

Finally, this is my final report to you all. May is my last month as Elder and Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. Thanks and appreciation go long time committee members TC Curlee, Bill Foster, and Jim Pate. Also to Cindi Chinnock who has taken a leave from the committee but still helps out with check signing. Recently our committee welcomed Herb Sims who will become the next Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee along with his Elder responsibilities. It is with gratitude and a sigh of relief that I pass the money bag on to Herb. This transition has worked well in the past and I'm confident it will continue in the future.

Thank you to the congregation for your continued financial support in these difficult times. It helps put us in the position where we all want to be.

*Gary Slangan, Elder and Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee
Prepared on May 16, 2021*



BUILDING & GROUNDS SPRING CLEAN UP

Our Building & Grounds committee is planning a DOUBLE grounds clean-up effort this year. The ice storm did a tremendous amount of damage, and we need everyone's help to get our campus back in shape for summer. The dates are Saturday, June 12th and 19th from 9AM – Noon. There will be a job for everybody, no matter your ability level!

Your help is greatly appreciated – see you there.

HELPFUL ITEMS YOU MIGHT BRING:

Gloves, wheelbarrows, rakes, clippers, outside brooms, need one chainsaw, anything you need to help clean up.

WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE ON JUNE 12 AND/OR JUNE 19 FROM 9:00 TO 12:00.

1. Sweep stairs on the end of the Education Building and under the stairs.
2. The bark dust needs to be moved away from the building at least 2" all the way around.
3. Small branches taken down by the road to be hauled away.
4. Suckers around the trees by the Education Wing cut off.
5. Cut tops of daffodils.
6. Deadhead the rhodies all around the front area
7. Need a couple of buckets to put deadheads in
8. Power wash back deck by Solarium and front walk
9. Some plants around the front have parts that are dead and they need to be cut off.
10. Need to move rounds that are around the grounds to places just off the road to be picked up
11. Need to clear sides of the road from Liberty up the drive. This is stiff broom work.
12. Adopt a tree or two and cut the ivy away from the bottom.
13. Camellia bush near back deck needs to be cut back.



IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Michael and Jackie Fuji on the birth of their baby girl, and we welcome Amelia Rose into the world.



THE WESTMINSTER FESTIVAL OF FINE ARTS IS COMING!

The Art Festival will be held October 7-10, and we need many volunteers to make it work!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Artist Check-In
Set-up
Cashiering
Gallery Sitting
Artist Check-Out
Tear Down

Many hands make light work! If you can volunteer, contact: wpcfestival@gmail.com



SANCTUARY FLOWERS ARE BACK

Would you like to sign up to bring fresh flowers for our Sunday morning services? The sign-up sheet in the narthex is ready and waiting! Here are the details:

THE SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN THE NARTHEX.

Your name will appear in a slide acknowledging the flowers on Sunday morning. If you are giving them in honor of someone or something (for a birthday, an anniversary, or anything or anyone else), add that to the sign-up sheet.

There is also a box to check if you would like your flowers to be taken to a shut-in by a Deacon. Please have the flowers in place by 8:30 am on the Sunday you sign up for. At the conclusion of the last service, please pick up your flowers, unless you have indicated that you would like a deacon to take them to someone. Thank you for adding the beauty of the gardens to our worship services!

We would love to have a volunteer take on some coordination of this: calling to remind people, etc. If you are willing to do this, even sharing this duty with someone, contact Lucy Foster, Worship Committee chair.

Grace and Peace, The Worship Committee and Deacons



WESTMINSTER TAKES CARE OF FAMILY PROMISE/IHN FAMILIES

June was time for our second 2021 hosting of families sheltered through Family Promise/IHN. This was an unusual time, both because the pandemic issues meant it was still not possible to host families at our church at this time, and also because Family Promise called on us to do an extra week of support. Volunteers generously came forward and prepared meals for our scheduled week of June 6, as well the week before. Delicious, nutritious meals were delivered to the IHN shelter settings where families were staying. Another wonderful volunteer also dropped off summer activities (bubbles, balls, etc.) to provide summer fun to the kids in these families.

Serving these neighbors in our community is a way Westminster comes together, even during these unusual times. Westminster in action makes a real difference to these families who are trying to put their lives together and regain their independence. That seems even more important during a time when everything from school to social gatherings could not happen in the normal way.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who made this possible! And thanks at this time, to Carol Eppler, who has been our reminder-caller for the 10+ years Westminster has participated in this community ministry. As Carol retires from this role, we will be seeking a new person to make those reminder calls to volunteers in our three weeks of hosting each year. Let us know if you'd like to help in this way. Our next hosting is in early November. Resuming in-person, in-church hosting will happen when community health concerns are resolved, and when all of the 19 participating churches feel volunteers are ready.

Please keep these families in your prayers, as both housing and jobs are harder to secure during these times.



LOOKING FOR A CONTRACTOR/ PAINTER

Our Building & Grounds crew has determined it's time for some significant repair and painting work on our church. If any of you can recommend an excellent contractor/painter who might be able to handle our work, please get in touch with Jean Christian. She can be reached at (503) 588-7026 or by email: jlchris2@gmail.com.



OUTREACH COMMITTEE WILL AGAIN SPONSOR BACKPACK PROJECT IN AUGUST

Westminster Presbyterian Church will again ask members to buy and fill backpacks to help children whose families cannot afford them. This is a great activity that helps hundreds of kids in our area.

Watch for more information this summer – and watch the Back-to-School ads for sales on supplies!

We Remember



BILL GRUPE

2/25/33—5/18/21

HENRY W. 'BILL' GRUPE Salem - Henry W. Grupe, known to friends and family as Bill, passed away on May 18, 2021. Bill was born on a farm near Popejoy, Iowa on February 25, 1933, the son of Henry and Clara (Ellefson) Grupe. When Bill was 3 years old, he moved with his family to Alden where he attended the Alden Public schools and graduated in 1950.

After high school, he attended Ellsworth Community College where he graduated in 1952. In 1953, he entered the U.S. Army and served two years in a Guided Missile battalion of the Western United States Defense

Command in Berkeley, California.

Bill married the love of his life, Donna Surls on December 18, 1954 at the Open Bible Church in Iowa Falls, Iowa. In 1956, Bill graduated from the College of Mortuary Science in Chicago, Illinois. Following his graduation, he was employed as a funeral director at Goettsch Funeral Home in Monticello, Iowa. The year of 1963 took Bill and Donna with their two young children to Britt, Iowa where they purchased a funeral home and later a furniture store. In 1972, Bill and Donna moved to Alden, Iowa where Bill became a partner in the Surls and Grupe funeral homes. Bill accepted a position in 1986 as supervisor of the hospital morticians with the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

He and Donna lived in Iowa City until 2002 when retirement led them to Salem, Oregon to be near their daughter and family. Bill was an active member and Deacon of Westminster Presbyterian church in Salem, Oregon. He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge, past member of Rotary and Lion's Club, a member of the American Legion and past member and president of the Iowa Funeral Director's Association.

Bill possessed a strong and abiding faith in Jesus Christ and carried that love into the caring of his family and friends as well as strangers. His kind and friendly personality left a lasting impression on everyone with whom he came into contact. He will be greatly missed.

Bill is survived by his wife, Donna; son, Bradley Grupe (Krystal Keck) of Iowa City, and daughter, LeAnn (Grupe) Goodenberger (Michael Goodenberger, M.D.) five grandchildren, Briony, Kody and Troy Grupe of Iowa City and Katelyn and Elena Goodenberger of Salem; and two great grandsons, Elijah Bbayaga and Axl Henry Fischer of Salem, Oregon; a sister, Evelyn (Grupe) Paul of McAllen, Texas and a sister, Susie (Grupe) Newhall of Dunkerton, Iowa as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Clara Grupe; brothers, Frank Grupe and Dale Grupe; Sisters, Elsie (Grupe) Hegland and Esther (Grupe) Skartvedt.

A Memorial service for Bill is being planned for July 23rd at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Salem, Oregon at 2:00pm. A graveside service is also being planned in Iowa Falls for sometime in August. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church or Willamette Humane Society.

We Remember



SALLY RUTH JACKLIN

1/21/37—5/9/21

Sally Ruth Jacklin was born January 21, 1937 in Walla Walla Washington. She lived in Portland, Oregon for many years and was a Rose Festival Princess. Sally moved to Salem with Frank Lauricella in 1995 and worked at the Montessori Discovery Center.

Sally was very active during her retirement. She enjoyed her church, gardening, painting, her pets (especially her dog "Pippa"), and her many friends.

Family was very important to Grandma Sally. She loved her kids and grandchildren. She is survived by her children; Kelly Huntington and Carrie Jacklin. Her grandchildren; Hannah, Haley, and Zach Huntington, and Michelle Lauricella.

Sally passed away peacefully in Salem, Oregon on May 9, 2021. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Salem Friends of Felines.



**BANNER HANGING HELP WANTED:**

The Worship Committee needs volunteers to change the banners through the seasons of our church year. We have many

lovely banners, and other things lovingly made by congregational artisans, and a schedule of desirable changes. However, we need some volunteers to climb ladders to do the changing. Perhaps a family would like to take this on. Or perhaps multiple families could do this. Would you and your family be willing to help us out?

Contact Lucy Foster. lucyannf@comcast.net

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AND USHER VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

We would love to have more volunteers help us as Worship Assistants and Ushers. The need is especially great for the 10:30 Contemporary Service, but we welcome additional volunteers for the 9:00 Traditional Service as well. If you would like to know more, please contact Lucy Foster, who is the Worship committee Chair:

lucyannf@comcast.net.

She can send you the job descriptions and answer any other questions you might have. If she doesn't have the answer, she knows who does know the answer. If you're interested in knowing more about the work of the committee, feel free to reach out and ask her.

Volunteers Wanted***Westminster Book Club - June 23rd***

The club will review "The Enchanted April" Elizabeth von Arnim. A delightful novel about four women who abandon their dreary lives for a month of bliss on the Italian Riviera! It is a celebration of spring and an affirmation of the importance of time to oneself! This novel was written in 1922 and was named Book of the Month Club selection for the United States and sparked a craze of tourism to Portofino.

The club will meet at 10 a.m. in the Eastminster Room of Westminster.

For information, e-mail Dolores Byrnes, winbyrn@comcast.net or call 503-364-6646.

THE CHURCH LIBRARY IS BACK!!

Well actually, we've never been gone but now that the church is reopening more people are coming to the library. and we have a lot of new books. Here are just few that are currently in circulation:

A Promised Land by Barack Obama

My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor

My Own Words by Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Codebreakers: the untold story of American women codebreakers of WWII by Liza Mundy

And we have dozens of new mysteries by popular authors like David Baldacci, Emily Brightwell, Laura Childs, Will Thomas, and Charles Todd, among many others

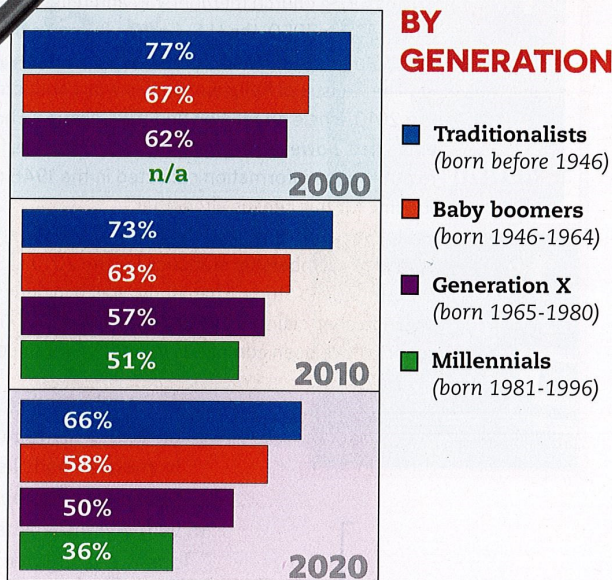
Drop in and find some good reading.

A LOOK AT STATISTICS ON CHURCH ATTENDANCE IN THE UNITED STATES

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CLOSER LOOK

CHANGES IN U.S. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP BY GENERATION



SOURCE: GALLUP, 2021. (SEE STORY TO LEFT)

GALLUP: FEWER THAN HALF OF AMERICANS BELONG TO A CHURCH OR OTHER HOUSE OF WORSHIP

(RNS) Ask Americans if they believe in God and most will say yes. But a growing number have lost faith in organized religion.

For the first time since the late 1930s, fewer than half of Americans say they belong to a church, synagogue or mosque, according to a new report from Gallup.

Forty-seven percent of Americans now say they belong to a house of worship, down from 70% in the mid-1990s and 50% in 2019. The decline is part of a continued drop in membership over the past 20 years, according to Gallup data.

The polling giant has been measuring church membership since 1937 when nearly three-quarters of the population (73%) reported membership in a house of worship. For much of that time, membership remained at about 70% but began to decline after 1999. By the late 2000s, membership had dropped to about 62% and has continued to fall.

Pollsters at Gallup looked at survey data from more than 6,000 Americans and compared data from 2018 to 2020 with two other time frames: 2008 to 2010 and 1998 to 2000.

The decline in membership coincides with the rise of the so-called "Nones" — those who claim no religious affiliation. Gallup reports about one in five Americans (21%) is a None — making them as large a group as evangelicals or Catholics. Other polls put the number at closer to 30%.

Few Nones belong to a house of worship, Gallup found.

"As would be expected, Americans without a religious preference are highly unlikely to belong to a church, synagogue or mosque, although a small proportion — 4% in the 2018-2020 (survey) — say they do," the report from Gallup states. "That figure is down from 10% between 1998 and 2000."

Gallup also found a decline in membership at churches, synagogues and mosques among religious Americans, who make up about 76% of the population. In the time frame from 1998 to 2000, about three-quarters (73%) of religious Americans were members of a house of worship. That number has fallen to 60%.

Younger Americans are increasingly disconnected from organized religion, according

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to the report from Gallup. But the number of older Americans who are members of a house of worship has also declined in recent years.

In the time from 2008 to 2010, 73% of "traditionalists" (Gallup's term for Americans born before 1945) were church members. That number has dropped to 66% in 2018 to 2020. Membership among Baby Boomers dropped from 63% to 58% during that same time frame, as did membership among Generation X (57% to 50%) and millennials (51% to 36%).

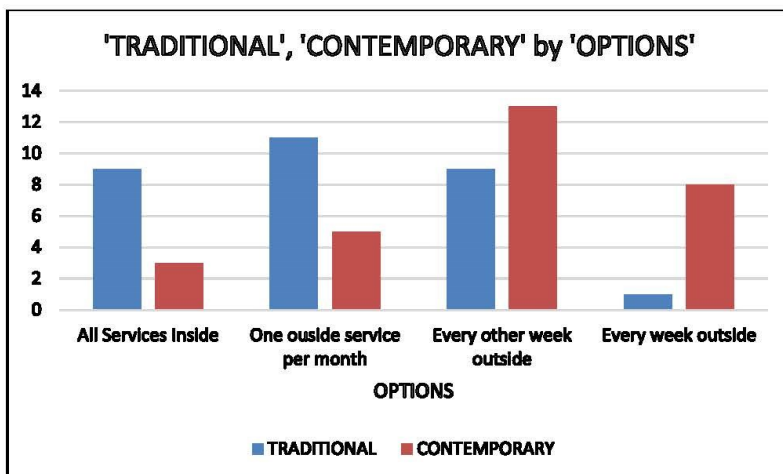
Measuring church membership and religious affiliation remains a challenge for researchers. From 1850 to 1950, the U.S. Census Bureau collected data on religious congregations in the United States and from 1906 to 1936 published a "Census of Religious Bodies."

"The Census of Religious Bodies was conducted every 10 years until 1946," Pew Research noted in a 2010 article on religion and the Census. "The 1936 Census of Religious Bodies was the last one published, however, because the U.S. Congress failed to appropriate money either to tabulate or to publish the information collected in the 1946 census. By 1956, Congress had discontinued the funding for this census altogether."

Statisticians from more than 230 religious denominations and other religious bodies also compiled membership statistics for the 2010 U.S. Religion Census: Religious Congregations & Membership Study. That study, which includes county by county data, found religious organizations claimed just under half (48.7) of the United States population as adherents. Similar reports have been compiled every 10 years since 1980.

- Bob Smietana

SURVEY RESULTS: SUMMER OUTDOOR SERVICES



Thank you to the many, many people who participated in our recent survey about outdoor worship services! We had great feedback from those who voted, and as a result we've been able to plan our summer services in accordance with the member's direction.

Here's the bar chart with our poll results. As you can see, we have a pretty decent "Bell Curve" of results, with the Contemporary folks showing great enthusi-

asm for outdoor services!

After consulting with Worship Committee and our technical team, who are burdened with all the set-up and tear-down, a summer worship schedule was finalized.

CONNECTING WITH GOD AND OTHERS DURING THE PANDEMIC

This month we continue a series that shines a spotlight on how some of our members have connected with God and others during the pandemic. If you have a story you'd like to share, please send it to Bev Mayhew (Email: play8t8@gmail.com).



By Dick Hughes

A baptism in a Salem family's swimming pool?

This is one way in which COVID-19 changed life for a men's small-group Bible study in which I faithfully participate. One member was being baptized; and for public-health protocols, the sacrament was conducted in a family's large, chlorinated indoor pool instead of Salem Alliance Church's baptistry.

That evening last fall was the first time in months that our Bible study had gathered in person. Socially distanced around the pool, we and others prayed, sang and rejoiced as individuals were baptized one-by-one.

The pandemic has only increased the importance of our Bible study connections. We are family. The eight of us represent a cross-section of Christian traditions. We occupy different places on the political spectrum. Yet we are united in our commitment to Christ and our absolute love for one another.

Since March 2020, our 7 a.m. Tuesday meetings have been conducted via Zoom. Given the opportunity to return to meeting in person, we demurred. Zoom allowed one man to participate from Washington, where he spent a couple of days each week helping grandchildren with their virtual schooling. Zoom enabled another to arrive early for work appointments and join us from his parked car. Zoom permitted others to log in from vacation spots.

Using a guide produced by Salem Alliance, we recently finished studying the book of Revelation, a challenging topic. Forgoing the traditional summer recess, we're next plunging into the book "Uncommon Ground: Living Faithfully in a World of Difference."

By Zoom, at least for now.

WESTMINSTER READS THIS SUMMER—PLEASE SIGN UP!

The first meeting of Westminster Reads Book Club is coming up on June 22nd! This year we're reading the book *Year of Wonders*, by Geraldine Brooks, a Penguin publication. It is a classic God vs. Nature novel about how a remote English village responds to the "Black Death" in 1666.



Adult Education

If you plan to participate, please sign up so we can send you updates and meeting information. Here's the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSch5uP5KsFc50xFudMcWnfbp_aF6BKBo9efSWXIAiidQM4ezQ/viewform

HAPPY READING!

NEW TESTAMENT STUDY SCHEDULE

This month the focus is Acts 14-28 and Ephesians 1-5.

Helpful Bible study books are available on the cart, including three separate books (by three different authors) all titled *Acts*, plus *Acts of the Apostles and Three Months with the Spirit*. Note: Adult Education would love to hear from any of you who have taken up this challenge! Send your update to Krisha or Bev Mayhew.

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

WESTPRES KIDS



VBS 2021 IS A "GO!"

The week of August 16-20: Rocky Railway VBS
Plan for an outdoor experience this year!

Rocky Railway VBS Registrations are open! Kids age 4 through incoming sixth graders. August 16-20, 9 am through 12 pm. \$10/child, maximum \$25/family. This event is being planned to take place outdoors this year. Tell your friends and sign up here: <https://vbspro.events/p/salem-west-pres-rocky-railway>

Volunteers will be needed to help make VBS happen--talk to Krisha or Carolyn or watch for specific ways you can help coming soon!

Family Activities Coming This Summer

FAMILY PICNIC & HIKE

Join us on Sunday, June 27th for a family picnic and hike at Ft. Hoskins. We'll meet at 12:15-12:30 for a picnic lunch (bring your own) followed by a family-friendly, all-ages-welcome, hike!



SAVE THE DATE

The Family BBQ will be on Tuesday, August 31st @ 6PM. Watch for more information in the next few weeks.

west pres youth 2021!

june

June 8-After School Bike Ride @ Minto Brown 3rd Parking Lot (If sunny) 4 PM

June 12 and 19- Church Grounds Clean Up Days

June 13-Graduate Recognition in 10:30 AM service

June 15/17 Mental Health Workshop 6:30-8 PM

June 25-Ropes Course \$18/ student Time TBD

June 27-Family Hike Location/Time TBD

June 30- Progressive Dinner Downtown. Bring \$20. Meet at Riverfront Carousel @ 6 PM

july

July 7- Rock Boxx \$16/student 10 AM-Noon

July 13-Turner Lake Day 1 PM (Reserve your kayak or paddleboard online with Woodward Surf Co.)

July 20-Turner Lake Day 1 PM

July 27-Turner Lake Day 1 PM

July 31-Reedsport Mission Trip Departs

august

August 1-5- Reedsport Mission Trip

August 16-20 Vacation Bible School 9-Noon

August 22-26-City Camp

Dates and events are tentative--please keep up with REMIND texts throughout the summer! To join text @vschaa to 81010

*Masks will be required for all activities--we will follow CDC guidelines in regards to outdoor wearing of masks.





A BUSY SUMMER IS PLANED FOR WestPres YOUTH!

Sunday Youth Groups are on hiatus until September, but that doesn't mean our Youth will be bored. We have THREE big events coming up! **NOTE: Registration for City Camp and the Reedsport Mission Trip closes July 1st!**

1. The Mental Health Parenting Workshop-Parenting During and After a Pandemic-- June 15th and 17th. This event is FREE and in partnership with Liberty House. Use the sign-up link here to join us! Please invite your friends! <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbukJm0uYvrHmu3JWGqmmnIgu11R9xOqXbRZH-jryIgi9D0w/viewform?fbclid=IwAR0y4NnKsiblQkDzwW826MIs0PT9aPGuN UE96ST2W65Rb3566agXk1AZk4>

2. THE REEDSPORT MISSION TRIP: July 31-August 5th. We will be rebuilding Henderson Park in Reedsport. This trip is completely free (thanks to a generous grant from the Presbytery). **REGISTER BY JULY 1.** You can sign up to join us here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeysw3T45nxFi9RumChxumzK9HM5MXWme37 J4ytMVvPOG36g/viewform?usp=sf_link



3. CITY CAMP: August 22-26. We are pulling out ALL the stops this year to make up for the lack of camp last year. We hope your students will join us as we travel into space this summer. We're not going to mars, but it should still be a good time.

City Camp is a fun and exciting four day overnight adventure for middle school youth who have completed grades 5-8. Camp is \$75 for Salem/Keizer students + parents sign up to provide one meal during camp. Camp is \$100 for students outside Salem-Keizer. Please make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church. NOTE: Parents must provide or arrange transportation TO and FROM the West Salem Courthouse Athletic Club Pool on August 24 from 1-3 PM. High School students can register for resource staff by filling out this form as well.

REGISTER BY JULY 1. Sign up for camp here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedRZcjWD3H3K-EWJrMJKhJq9ft77ZCXVwG7-tqtTzKZAQsjA/viewform?usp=sf_link

We've also added PAYMENT ability for City Camp on the church website. Just click "City Camp" on the drop down. You can pay for city camp ANYTIME before camp begins here: <https://onrealm.org/salemwestpres/-/give/now>

JUNE / JULY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JUNE 13 OUTDOOR WORSHIP* 9AM Trad. Worship 10:30AM Contemp Svc Graduate Recognition <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i> <i>*Weather Permitting</i>	JUNE 14 4PM Reopening Committee	JUNE 15 6:30PM Mental Health Workshop	JUNE 16 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 2PM Bells Class 4:15PM Staff Mtg. 5:30PM Worship Tm 7PM Session 7:30PM Live 4 Today	JUNE 17 9:30AM Tea w/Jesus 6:30PM Mental Health Workshop	JUNE 18	JUNE 19 2nd Day of SPRING CLEAN UP 9AM-NOON
JUNE 20 9AM Trad. Worship 10:30AM Contemp Svc <i>Rev. Ken Smith Preaches</i>	JUNE 21	JUNE 22 1:30PM Charity Circle	JUNE 23 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 10AM Book Club 2PM Bells Class 4:15PM Staff Mtg. 5:30PM Worship Tm 7:00PM Deacons Mtg 7:30PM Live 4 Today	JUNE 24 5:30PM MPEJ 7:00PM Deacons	JUNE 25	JUNE 26
JUNE 27 OUTDOOR WORSHIP* 9AM Trad. Worship 10:30AM Contemp. In Noon—Family Hike & Picnic @ Ft. Hoskins <i>Rev. David Horn Preaches</i> <i>*Weather Permitting</i>	JUNE 28	JUNE 29	JUNE 30 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 2PM Bells Class 4:15PM Staff Mtg. 5:30PM Worship Team 7:30PM Live 4 Today	JULY 1 9:30AM Tea w/Jesus 10AM Children's Min. 5PM Worship Committee 7PM Youth Comm.	JULY 2	JULY 3
 JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY OUTDOOR WORSHIP* 9AM Trad. Worship 10:30AM Contemp Svc <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i> <i>*Weather Permitting</i>	 JULY 5 OFFICE CLOSED INDEPENDENCE DAY	JULY 6	JULY 7 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 2PM Bells Class 4:15PM Staff Mtg. 5:30PM Worship Team 7PM Family Ministries 7:30PM Live 4 Today	JULY 8 1:30 PM Stephen's Ministers 7:00PM Building & Grounds	JULY 9	JULY 10 1-5 PM Session Retreat
JULY 11 9AM Trad. Worship 10:30AM Contemp Svc <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i>	JULY 12	JULY 13 9AM Nominating 2-5PM Fine Arts Com - Judging 7PM Stewardship	JULY 14 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 11AM Outreach Com 2PM Bells Class 4:15PM Staff Mtg. 5:30PM Worship Tm 7:00PM Personnel 7:30PM Live 4 Today	JULY 15 9:30AM Tea w/Jesus 3:00 PM Budget & Finance	JULY 16	JULY 17 NOTES: Two memorial services are planned for mid-July: 7/18: Mark Lawrence @ 2:00 PM 7/23 Bill Grupe @ 2:00 PM

Prayer Requests

OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO:

- ◆ Prayers for Margaret Vander Weyden who recently suffered a stroke. Prayers for Margaret as she recovers and works to adapt, and for Hans as he cares for her.
- ◆ Please remember Linda McCreery's friend, Ashlee, a single mother of 3 who is in a very dangerous position in another state. Her children are safe, but she is not.
- ◆ Prayers that Shawna Clowser's surgery went well on Friday, and for a good outcome and a quick recovery.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

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

- ◆ Daphine 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.

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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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday:

8:30am—4:00pm (at the moment)

Friday:

8:30am—1:00pm

The next BKS newsletter will be published on Friday, July 16th.

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

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