

October 8, 2021

The Boulder Knoll Scroll

The mission of Westminster Presbyterian Church:
Creatively sharing Christ's love; we welcome, we serve, we grow.

October at Westminster:

Building on our Past



Embracing the Future

2022 Pledge Drive October 17—November 4th

Join us as we embrace the future of Westminster! Our annual Pledge Drive kicks off on October 17th.

See Page 3 for all the details!

"For surely I know the plans I have for you says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." — Jeremiah 29:11.

ADULT EDUCATION PRESENTS THE 2021 FALL FRENZY

Fall Frenzy's theme this year is "Dwelling Place". Join us for a series of events and discussions that explore our church and grounds as our spiritual dwelling place, as well as the Hebrew concept of the "temple" and it's applications in our time. Our first event is a Intergenerational Botanical Walk on Saturday, Oct. 9th @ 10AM.

See Page 9 for all the details!

*Beauty descends from
God into nature: but
there it would perish
and does except when a
Man appreciates it with
worship and thus as it
were sends it back to
God so that through his
consciousness what
descended ascends again
and the perfect
circle is made.*



West Pres Trunk Or Treat — October 27th from 6-7PM

See Page 11 for all the spooky details!!!



Feeling tired? Frustrated? Irritable? Short fuse? Stressed? Rigid? Anxious?

Sometimes I feel all those things before I get out of bed. I'm worried about our teachers, our health care system, our planet, and everyone's human rights and that is before I even turn on the morning news. Folks, this is a time of high stress and due to our mirror neurons among other things, the anxiety is contagious. We are out of sorts. Nevertheless, the Holy is here. In the trenches. With us. To be Christian, to be a church member and to be a person of faith means we feel this keenly because of our commitment to be in the world rather than withdraw from it (as tempting as that sounds in this day and age).

It can help to understand the big picture and know where the ship is going. The Christian faith in America is undergoing enormous transformation. Some have called it the "new reformation" and the "500-year-garage-sale." Whatever we call it, we can be sure that it will not look like the church of many of our childhoods. When I was 10, my Sunday school used felt boards to teach us the story of Noah. When my own children were 10, I sat them down and talked about online porn exposure (1 in 2 kids are exposed to pornography by age 10).

Things are just different than they were 10, 20, or 30 years ago.

If you followed the news story about Facebook this past week, it is an important one. If you haven't, I would encourage you check it out and figure out what in the world is "algorithmic regulation." Ironically, it has a lot to do with the faith community because it touches on the kinds of realities we create and to what end they are for. Re-evaluating one's world and looking to the future is the theme of this week's Scripture, Exodus 16. At its heart, it is our history of building new things. Westminster is building new things this fall: Hybrid meetings, new member class, Christmas traditions, Sunday School as well as some new choir offerings. The Spirit is at work and it is a good time to be the church together.

Ever onward,
Pastor Kelly

Some poetry from Robert Frost to lift your spirits this month:

The Road Not Taken
By Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Congregational Life



Building on our Past, Embracing the Future

***"For surely I know the plans I have for you says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."
- Jeremiah 29:11.***

Hello all!

2021, like 2020, has turned out to be another year of challenges and changes in the life of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Just like last year, we have been challenged by COVID and this year we welcomed our new Pastor. Throughout this time, our AMAZING Staff and a lot of outstanding volunteers have continued to build up the Mission and Ministry of our church to our Community, to our State, and to our World. A huge THANK YOU to our Staff and to our Volunteers for all your work!_And finally a huge THANK YOU goes to all of you who have continued to give monetarily to Westminster Presbyterian Church these last few years. Your generosity is so needed and so appreciated

As we approach 2022 we wonder ... what next? We do so in the faith that this Church will continue to prosper; that we will all learn new things about ourselves and about our world; that we will continue to innovate; that we will continue to do what it takes to be a strong and vital church. To that end, as we enter our annual Pledge drive, you are encouraged to renew your pledge, your promise, to support this church in 2022. If possible, please consider taking a step up in the amount of your monthly giving. Without the added support from the PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) funds in 2022 we will be especially challenged to meet our goals of funding our wonderful staff as well as our programs and this beautiful facility.

Next Sunday, October 17, is KICK-OFF SUNDAY for our Annual Fall General Fund Pledge drive, *Building On Our Past, Embracing the Future*. Every member and friend, whether worshipping with us in person or online, is invited and encouraged to financially support Westminster Presbyterian in Salem. **Due to COVID concerns, all** Pledge Packets will be mailed. Additionally, this year we have created a web page that is just for the Pledge Drive: <https://www.salemwestpres.org/2022-pledge-drive>. Pledge Packet contents are there as well as the weekly Minute for Mission presentations, updates on how we're doing, letters going out to the congregation, etc. If we don't have your current contact information, and you would like to make a pledge, just go to the web site.

Again, thank you for your continued financial support of Westminster Presbyterian Church through your 2022 Pledge to the General Operations Fund!

Sincerely,

Jan Carlson, Stewardship Committee Chair

CATCHING UP WITH SESSION - SEPTEMBER SESSION MEETING

SEPTEMBER MEETING SUMMARY:

- Approved working with mediator Brian Shimer of Genesis Christian Resolutions. Mediation interviews to begin as soon as contract signed.
- Children in the Workplace document approved for addition to the Employee Manual.
- Approved 5th Sunday donation in October for 'Salem for Refugees' to provide restart kits for Afghan families arriving here.
- Buildings & Grounds will investigate purchasing a new church van; a church member has offered to help pay for it.
- Elders asked to serve as route captains for the pledge drive, which kicks off Oct. 17.
- New communion supplies being considered and pew supplies being reviewed.
- Adopt a Plot being considered for cleanup of church grounds. John Scott, facilitator of the education program on Oct. 9, created a map that divides the church property into plots.
- Lots of slots open for helping with Sunday School. Contact Carolyn Lawrence.
- Fellowship wants to restart Women's Night Out; starting with cookie exchange Dec. 13.

-Carol Richmond, Clerk of Session

*Thank
you*

A heartfelt thank you to all at Westminster who helped to make John's memorial services so meaningful and comforting to our family. Pastor Kelly provided a steadying influence and constant warm and caring support after John passed and in all the preparation for his memorial. Her message that focused on the Biblical promise of peace and shalom really resonated with John's and our family's values. Ariana and Jeff provided wonderful music, accompaniment, and technical support that allowed us to stream the services on YouTube. Jean Severson's creation of the program and the ushers' attentive care were appreciated, as well as the deacons, who served a beautiful reception for our family. For all those who helped that Saturday, and for the members of the congregation who joined us on line, who sent cards, and who held us in the light of prayer, we are deeply appreciative. You all helped us to transform an otherwise somber occasion into a truly joyful celebration of John's life, and we are grateful more than you could imagine. Thank you, Westminster Family.

Sandra Adams





SING-A-SONG SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 14TH is being designated as **Sing-A-Song-Sunday**. Bring the whole family and join the choir that morning for coffee, doughnuts, and a quick rehearsal of a favorite song or hymn, then join in as we sing together during the Traditional service! Stay tuned for more details.



THANKS FROM THE RED CROSS

The September 20th Blood Drive was extremely successful, and the Red Cross sends everyone their sincere thanks. It's a critical time, and Westminster stepped up in outstanding fashion!

The next Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, December 20th from 1PM-6PM. To sign up, contact:
Sharon White: (503) 930-2561 / sharon.white32@yahoo.com
OR
Matt Hale: (503) 559-3577 / matthewhale@corban.edu

The Mission, Peace, Eco Justice Committee-sponsored 5th Sunday Donation Drive is coming! October 31, 2021.

This particular drive will be benefitting **Salem For Refugees**. (saalemforrefugees.org) This non-profit organization is in need of Restart Kits as we welcome refugee families into our community in the coming months.

They are in need of very specific items in order to provide fully complete kits. Please look over the following items to see if you might be able to commit to purchasing anything.



Kitchen Kit: Electric tea kettle/tea, monthly calendar, map of Salem, scented jar candle/lighter, blanket, "welcome" door mat, notebook/pens, umbrella, scissors, small sewing kit, flashlight/batteries, wall clock with numbers

Welcome Kit: Dishes (8 plates/bowls), 8 cups/glasses/mugs, silverware (forks, knives, spoons for 12), silverware holder, 2 dish towels, 2 potholes, paper towels/holder, hand soap, 11-13 gal. Trash can/garbage bags, dish drying rack

There are two ways to sign up to donate: 1. Write your name/contact info on the physical sign up sheet in the church narthex, or 2. Contact Katie Nelson (nelsonkatieallstar@gmail.com or text message 503-580-5631) to find out availability/sign up for an item or items **Bring your item(s) to church on or before October 31, 2021, or contact Katie Nelson (503-580-5631) to arrange pick up.**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED!

Please consider being a worship assistant for one or both of the services over the next two months. **If you do not enjoy reading scripture, Pastor Kelly will read it for you.** There is now a "Road Map" sent out each week detailing what to do for the service. The following dates are available.

- October 31
- November 4, 14, 21, 28
- December 5, 12, 19, 26

If you are interested, please, contact marysnethen@gmail.com

COMMUNION TIME

Our next communion will take place November 7th. You will notice a minor change. In an effort to respond to requests, we have changed the brand of the elements. We tried out this new type of cup in September, and found that people responded favorably to it. AND in addition, we have ordered some with **WHITE** grape juice for those who would prefer that choice.



UPCOMING SUNDAYS...

October 31st

All Saints Day is a time in the church to remember those among us who have gone on to be with the Lord. On Sunday, Oct 31 we will light candles and read out loud the names of our loved ones during both the 9am and 10:30am services. Please submit names to the office by Thursday, Oct 28. There will also be a chance to share names out loud during the services

November 14th

On Sunday November 14, Westminster will recognize our veterans in the services. Please submit names, dates of service, and photos to the office by Thursday Nov 11 to be included.



Backpack Drive—Thank you!

The kids from Battle Creek Elementary sent us this thank you note after receiving the backpacks we collected during our recent drive!



Thank you Michele
Thank you Snow
Thank you! Michele
Thank you! Lindsey
Thank you! Kelly
Thanks! Jesse
Thank you! Tiffany
Thank you! -Britney
Thanks so much! -Sarah
Thanks so very much!!! Patsy
Thank you! Kimberly
Thank you! -Laura
Thank you! Samantha
Oodles thanks
Thank you! -Linda
Linda Trammell
Thank you! Emily
Thank you!
Thanks!!
Thank you so much for the school supplies!
Your generous donation makes a HUGE difference!
Thank you for your generosity. ~ Mrs Green
Thank you. Florence.
Thank you for help! Frank
♥ Ms. Benson
Battle Creek School counselor



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GET OUT OF YOUR HEAD



JENNIE ALLEN
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

NEW 6-WEEK WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Come join Nancy Hammitt and Lorna Mott on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm this fall for this 6 week, thought provoking, group discussion.

Based on the book, "Get Out Of Your Head," Author Jennie Allen helps us see how unhealthy thoughts can be overcome by our faith. This inspiring study demonstrates how practical biblical principles can take control of your thoughts so they don't control you! Join us at 6PM on October 13, 20, 27 and November 3, 10 and 17th.

Contact Lorna Motte or Nancy Hammitt for more information.

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB, OCTOBER 27TH

The club will review "Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Murray. A remarkable story of J.P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle Da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation.

Sally Schriver will host the club, 10 a.m. at her home.

For information, e-mail Dolores Byrnes,

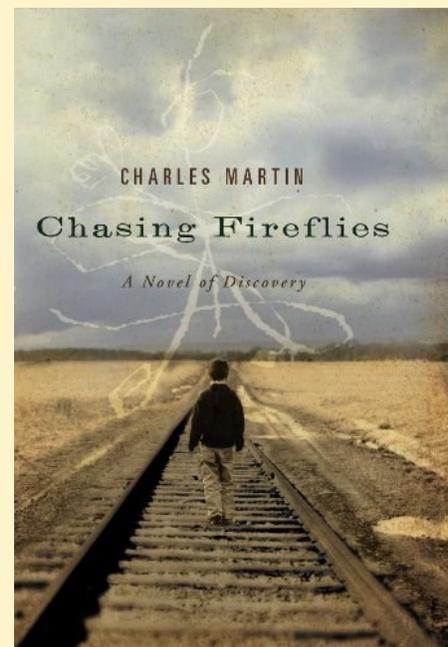
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WESTMINSTER READS IS BACK!

Westminster Reads returns with *Chasing Fireflies*, a powerful work of fiction by Charles Martin. "Learning the truth about who you are can be as elusive—and as magical—as chasing fireflies on a summer night." Find more info on the book here:

<https://www.thomasnelson.com/9781595543257/chasing-fireflies/>.

Read or listen to the book, then join a discussion group on Monday, November 8, at 6 pm at the church. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/QyYrRUCPEKB97t8N8>.



Charity members are studying Lesson Two of the



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2021/2022 PW/Horizons Bible Study, "What My Grandmothers Taught Me". This lesson tells the story of Tamar, a powerless but resourceful outsider whose actions will be

a strong lesson for the patriarch, Judah, and will contribute to the continuation of the family line that leads to David and ultimately, Jesus.

Because of the dangerous delta covid virus, the second lesson, "Tamar" will be discussed via e-mail.

For additional info contact: Bonnie Shaughnessy

bonshon@comcast.net or Dolores Winter-Byrnes

winbyrn@comcast.net



Adult Education

OUR CHURCH / OUR DWELLING PLACE

"Dwelling Place" is a series we're presenting this Fall which dovetails with our study of creation in worship services. The series of events and lectures (a modified 'Fall Frenzy') will explore our church and grounds as our spiritual dwelling place, as well as the Hebrew concept of the "temple" and its applications in our time. We'll look at Creation Care, and end the series in January with a half-day Saturday Experience.

Take a look at the events outlined below, and be sure to add them to your calendars. We hope you will join us for some—or all—of our exploration of ***Dwelling Place***.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 AT 10:00AM

Learners and nature-lovers of all ages are invited to join us as we go for a walk-about on our beautiful church campus with John Scott, neighbor and professor who teaches birding and botany at Corban University. See our little corner of the world with fresh eyes while learning about native plants vs. invasive plants and why it matters. Come dressed for the weather, rain or shine.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 AT 6:00 PM

Gather for an informal Bible study on the topic of temple symbolism throughout the Old and New Testaments and what it means for humanity today, featuring Bible Project audio/video, Scripture reading, discussion, and kinesthetic learning opportunity. This will help set the groundwork for the following week's presentation, and can be attended in-person or via Zoom.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24 AT 6:00 PM

Dr. Eric Long, professor of biology at Seattle Pacific University will join us via Zoom to present "Priests of Creation: Fulfilling our Biblical Call to Tend and Keep the Earth." We'll explore the biblical juxtaposition of creation being "good" and also "groaning", how God's command to Adam to "tend and keep" Eden relates to us today, and the symbolism of Eden as temple. This presentation can also be attended in-person or via Zoom.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 "SATURDAY EXPERIENCE"

Rev. Sharon Edwards will lead us in an experiential exploration of our body as temple, or how our body is involved in our spirituality. This will include some of the latest learning about how our brains work, implications for our relationships and health, and impacts of grief. More importantly, we will have the chance to engage in spiritual practices that lead us into health.

PREPARING FOR ADVENT:

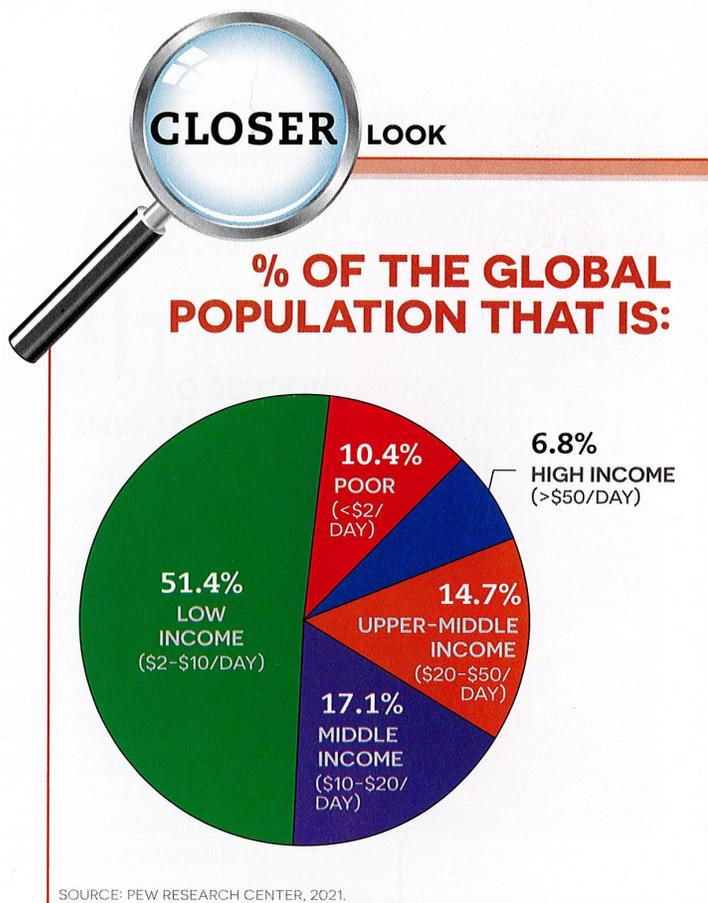
Please consider participating in a churchwide Advent Dwelling Place Devotional. As we begin to ponder the wonder of God "becoming flesh and dwelling among us," (John 1:14) consider how God has dwelt with you this year. Please submit a short reflection answering: How has God been present with you this year? In what ways have you felt God's presence? If you have instead felt God's seeming absence this year, what has helped you hang onto faith? You may include a Scripture, a short story, or a poem, or just a few words. We need to hear many perspectives to see a fuller picture of what God is doing in our Westminster community. Please submit to krisha@salemwestpres.org by November 14 for inclusion in the devotional.

NEW TESTAMENT STUDY SCHEDULE

If you started in January you are almost 3/4 of the way through! This month look for these books on our reading cart: *A Study of Galatians*, five books on *James*, and *Paul and the Corinthians* are all available for your October trip through these New Testament books. Joyful reading and learning.

Note: Adult Education would love to hear from any of you who have taken up this challenge! Send your update to Krishna 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



"Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale." - Lauren Destefano



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A COMMUNITY OF CHRIST'S LOVE.



WEST PRES TRUNK OR TREAT

wednesday, october 27th, 6-7 PM
upper parking lot

please wear a mask and your coolest costume!

It's that time of year—

Get out your skeletons, pointy hats and bags (and bags) of candy as we get ready for our **3rd Annual Trunk or Treat!**

This is certainly one our favorite autumn activities, and we hope you'll participate by bringing your kids, grandkids and their friends to have some fun and enjoy candy and games.

We could also use a few more folks to decorate their cars and hand out candy— if you're interested, give Vik a call or email her at: vik@saalemwestpres.org.

See you in our very scary parking lot on October 27th!



OCTOBER / NOVEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCTOBER 10 9:00am Trad. Worship 10:30AM Informal Svc 10:30am Sunday Schl, 11:30am Mid High Youth 11:30am Meeting re Contemporary Svc. 6:00pm HS Youth <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i>	OCTOBER 11	OCTOBER 12 9:00am Nominating 10:30am Pastor's Bible Study 5:30pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Stewardship Committee	OCTOBER 13 9:30am Women's Bible Study 11:00am Outreach 4:15pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Worship Team 6:00pm Bible Study "Get Out Of Your Head" 7:00pm Personnel 7:30pm Live 4 Today	OCTOBER 14 1:30pm Stephen Ministers 2:00pm Fellowship 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Building & Grounds 7:00pm -Youth Comm	OCTOBER 15	OCTOBER 16 10:00am Adult Ed - Intergenerational Botanical Walk
OCTOBER 17 9:00am Trad Service 10:30am Informal Svc 10:30am Sunday Schl. 11:30am Mid High Youth 6:00pm "The Temple" Bible Study 6:00pm HS Youth <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i>	OCTOBER 18	OCTOBER 19 10:30am Pastor's Bible Study 5:30pm Handbells	OCTOBER 20 9:30am Women's Bible Study 4:15pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Worship Team 6:00pm Bible Study "Get Out Of Your Head" 6:00pm Session Mtg. 7:30pm Live 4 Today	OCTOBER 21 9:30am Tea with Jesus 5:30pm Mission Peace 6:30pm Chancel Choir	OCTOBER 22	OCTOBER 23
OCTOBER 24 9:00am Trad Service 10:30am Informal Svc 10:30am Sunday Schl 11:30am Mid High Youth 6:00pm "Priest of Creation" 6:00pm HS Youth <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i>	OCTOBER 25	OCTOBER 26 10:30am Pastor's Bible Study 1:30pm Charity Circle 5:30pm Handbells	OCTOBER 27 9:30am Women's Bible Study 10:30am Westminster Book Club 4:15pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Worship Team 6:00pm Bible Study "Get Out Of Your Head" 6:00pm TRUNK-OR-TREAT 7:00pm Deacons Mtg 7:30pm Live 4 Today	OCTOBER 28 6:30pm Chancel Choir	OCTOBER 29	OCTOBER 30
OCTOBER 31 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9:00am Trad. Worship 10:30am Informal Svc <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i>	NOVEMBER 1	NOVEMBER 2 10:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study 5:30PM Handbells	NOVEMBER 3 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 4:15PM Staff Mtg. 5:30PM Worship Team 6:00pm Bible Study "Get Out Of Your Head" 7PM Family Ministries 7:30PM Live 4 Today	NOVEMBER 4 9:30am Tea with Jesus 10:00am Children's Ministry 5:00pm Worship Com 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Youth Comm	NOVEMBER 5	NOVEMBER 6
NOVEMBER 7 9:00am Trad. Worship 10:30am Informal Svc 10:30am Sunday Schl 11:30am Mid High Youth 6:00pm High School Youth <i>Pastor Kelly Preaches</i>	NOVEMBER 8	NOVEMBER 9 9:00am Nominating 10:30am Pastor's Bible Study 5:30pm Handbells 7:00pm Stewardship	NOVEMBER 10 9:30am Women's Bible Study 11:00am Outreach 4:15pm Staff Mtg. 5:30pm Worship Team 6:00pm Bible Study 'Get Out of Your Head' 7:00pm Personnel 7:30PM Live 4 Today	NOVEMBER 11 1:30pm Stephen Min. 2:00pm Fellowship 5:30pm Adult Ed 7:00pm Bldg. & Grounds 7:00pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Youth Comm	NOVEMBER 12	NOVEMBER 13

Prayer Requests

OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO:

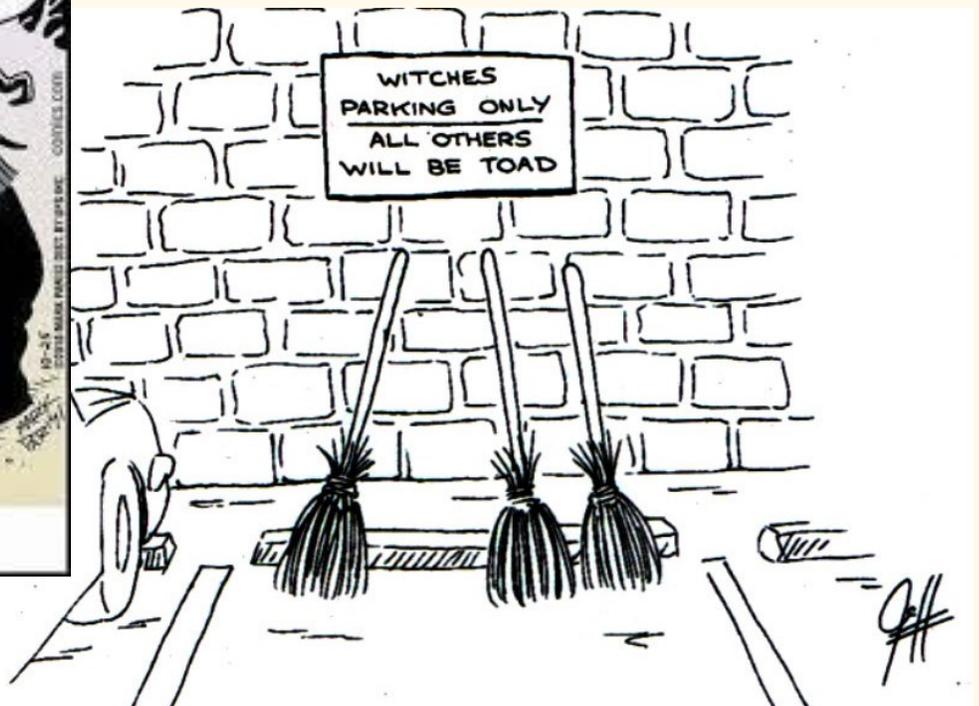
- ◆ Prayers for Cindi and Bruce Chinnock and their family. Their niece Jennifer Russell passed away last week after a long battle with cancer.
- ◆ Continue to remember Dick Hughes in your prayers as he recovers from Covid. He was hospitalized last week, but is now thankfully home.

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—5:00pm

Friday:

8:30am—1:00pm

The next BKS newsletter will be published on Friday, November 12th.

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

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