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**WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

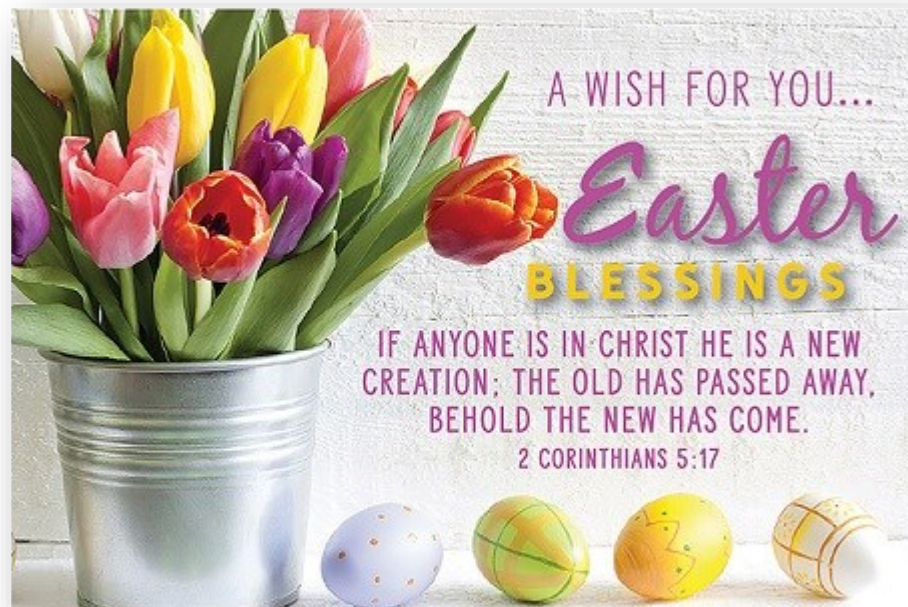
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE - April 12, 2020

**ONE SERVICE, Steaming Live at 10:30 AM - connect
through our website, www.salemwestpres.org.**

Rev. Lorne Bostwick

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Sermon: Do Not Cling



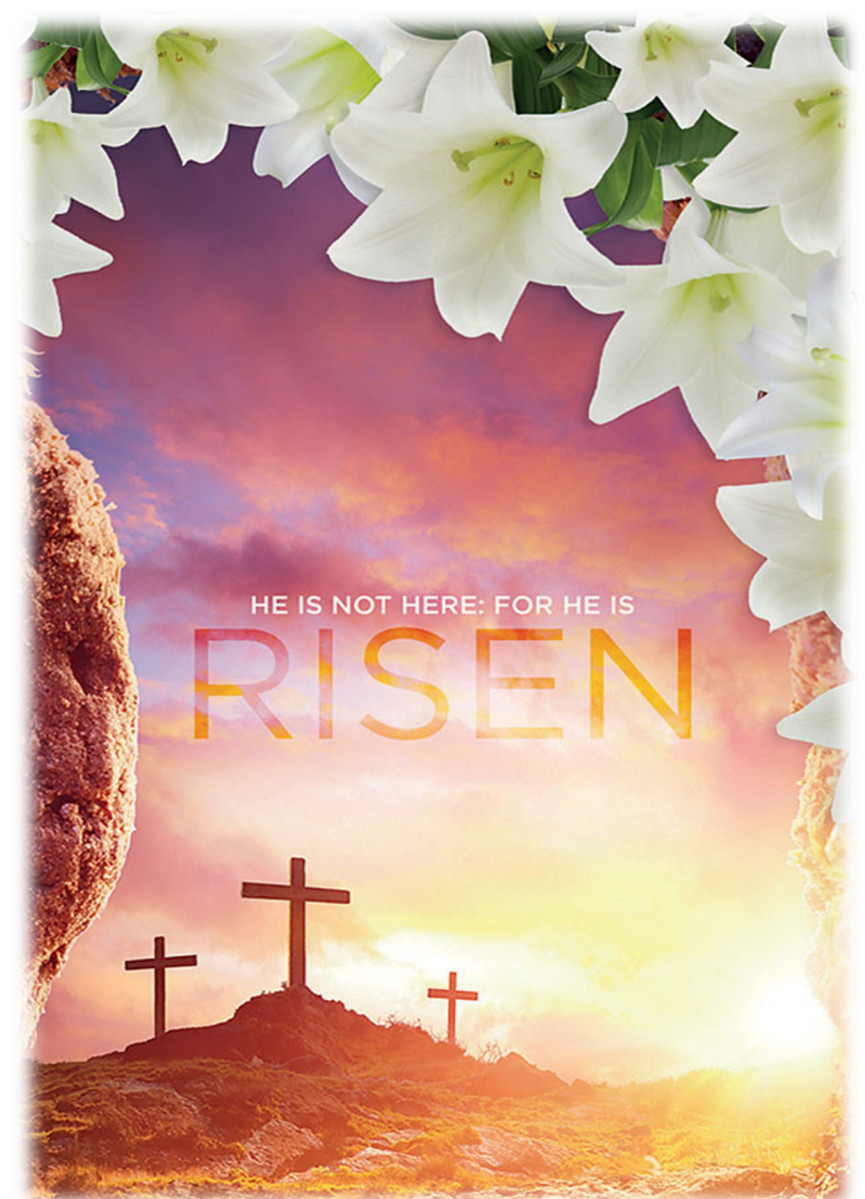
Boulder Knoll Scroll



APRIL 9, 2020

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***Easter Sunday Service—10:30 AM
April 12, 2020***

Wow! This is both a time of great sadness and a time of resilience. In every crisis there is opportunity. I read a Facebook post that made me laugh out loud. It said, “My church was able to do in three days what it hasn’t been able to do in three years through our committees.” They were referring of course, to moving to online streaming of worship services.

Well, I did sign on to help lead through a period of transition – but I was not expecting this! I’m just so impressed with the resilience of Westminster. Not only have you been patient with the transition from “in-person” worship, fellowship, meetings, and service to online platforms, but nobody has said to me, “I’m not doing that!” or “We’ve never done it that way before.”

At the first Session meeting after the “Stay-at-Home” Executive Order, I was sure we would only get a small percentage of the Session who would be willing to log onto a Zoom Video Conference meeting and continue the governance of the church. I was wrong. Almost everyone figured out the technology, if they didn’t know it before, and they have been actively making decisions about the life of the church in this challenging time. Amazing! The PNC has also been continuing its work by Video conference and makes progress through the steps toward presenting a candidate for pastor to lead the congregation. Amazing!

Let me also give a “Shout Out” to the staff. Everyone took responsibility to help make transitions from “in-person” meetings to “online platforms” in their areas of ministry. Vic has brought interesting, creative ideas to our ministry with youth, including an online talent show and I understand there is a Zoom scavenger hunt on the horizon. Youth have been meeting on Zoom and, Vik and some youth have posted devotionals to the Westminster Shareboard. Krisha brought Sunday School online also. The resources are available for children and parents online and a Sunday morning Zoom Sunday School has been meaningful for everyone who participates. Krisha also brought our Lenten Explosion, which was interrupted after 2 weeks by the pandemic, to an online platform. She has worked with Jeffrey Larkin to provide the anticipated Holy Week Soar on “The Making of a Passion.” You can check that out on the website. It’s a very well-done and informative presentation on the history of Passion music. Jeffrey and Ariana have put out a newsletter called Music Times to keep our choirs and music volunteers interested and growing during this difficult time for those who love to sing and play music. They have also helped to



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THE
NEWSLETTER



Mail Coordinator: Kenn Battaile

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

The **deadline for submission** of articles for the next Boulder Knoll Scroll is **Monday, April 27th @ 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**



@weimankow

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Our Love and Prayers go out for:

- ◆ Millie Duprau, a longtime member who now lives near her daughter, is under-going treatment for leukemia.
- ◆ Carol Richmond and family, at the passing of Carol’s mother.
- ◆ Prayers of concern for friends, Cat and Henry Bucher. Cat, recently recovered from breast cancer treatment, is now struggling with liver cancer.
- ◆ All those who are working on the front lines of the pandemic without the necessary personal protection equipment.
- ◆ All who have lost and will lose jobs and businesses during this tragic time.
- ◆ For all who are at increased risk because they are part of essential services.
- ◆ For students, teachers and administrators who are now engaged in distant learning
- ◆ Especially for Seniors whose path to graduation has not yet been formed.

Continue to Remember:

Cynthia Currin, Tim Holsten, Bill Hruska, Duff Kannier, Mark Lawrence, John Trigg, Mather’s great-grandson, James Pratt and his parents, Linda & Dick Stephens

Daphine Russell (age 7), grandniece of Cindi & Bruce Chinnock, is slowly improving

Sally Jacklin’s son-in-law, Joe Huntington, who’s in treatment for brain cancer

Barbara Friday’s mother, Patricia Schlundt, who suffers with medical and mental health problems

Grubby & Laurie Haines friend, Betsy Steinberg, who is undergoing cancer treatment.

Grubby & Laurie Haines’ son, Jesse, who has complications from cancer treatment.

Jennifer Russell, niece of Cindi & Bruce Chinnock, who has cancer, as she undergoes treatment.

Prayers for the Balint Family. Their 10 year old cousin Johnny is recovering from brain surgery for two brain aneurysms. He is having complications and is paralyzed.

Lynnea Lyman’s friend, Tracy Doherty, who has been waiting on the heart transplant list since 2018.

Sheila Powell and her husband Tom, as Tom undergoes treatment for cancer.

Barbara Friday’s friends, Jim & Brenda Cochrane. Doctors have given Brenda a 4-year life expectancy, and Jim has been diagnosed with colon cancel.

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.

design ways to provide music in new online worship formats. Jeffrey has also brought a great deal of expertise, equipment, and management to worship streaming. As you may have seen, each week we have made new improvements in bringing worship to your home. Mike Friday and Bill Nelson have been heroes in tech support. And, I am so grateful for those praise team singers who have felt safe enough to come in and provide music.

While we do not expect this to last forever, like any transition, it shows what we are made of. You are made of a strong faith, resilient courage, good leaders, and a committed fellowship. May God use this time of crisis to bring you even closer together, and stronger in ministry, until we can meet again. God bless each of you as you wait actively for a new day and a new pastor.

Lorne

HOW TO WATCH WESTMINSTER’S GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SERVICES

7:00 pm on Good Friday

10:30 AM on Easter Sunday

Go to our website (www.salemwestpres.org) and click on the buttons right below the photo stream on the front page. They look something like this:

CLICK HERE—Livestream Easter Service at 10:30 AM



My heartfelt thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards and support during my recent knee replacement and recovery. I felt you and God with me every step of the way. I am so blessed by this wonderful church family! I’m now back in the office, and very grateful to have a safe and healthy place to work. I hope to see you all again in the not-too-distant future. In the meanwhile, I encourage everyone to stay in touch with the office (see page 11) and keep us up-to-date with prayer requests and congregational concerns. We may not be together physically right now, but we will always be one big spiritual family.

- With deep appreciation and love, Jean Severson

EASTER

EASTER AT WESTMINSTER



We hope you will all join us online for our Easter Services this weekend.
We will do two broadcasts: Good Friday at 7:00 PM
One Blended Service on Easter Sunday at 10:30 AM.

As always, we have an easy-to-use link on our website: www.salemwestpres.org



ALSO, just added to the WestPres website is the link to a wonderful SOAR video presentation by Jeffrey Larkin: ***“The Making of a Passion: Pain and Suffering through Music.”*** Jeff’s video beautifully ties into the Easter season, and illustrates how music has historically amplified our appreciation of this important church holiday. You can access the link either on the website, or at: <https://youtu.be/uNTyKikhRys>

WHAT IS EASTER ALL ABOUT?

(Yes, this is an old joke...but still funny!)

A certain Sunday school teacher was not so sure her students understood the meaning of Easter. So on Easter Sunday morning, she asked the children if they knew what happened on Easter and why it was so important.

One little girl spoke up saying: “Easter is when the whole family gets together, and you eat turkey and sing about the pilgrims and all that.”

“Um, no, that’s not Easter; that’s Thanksgiving Day,” said the teacher.

“I know what Easter is,” a second student responded. “Easter is when you get a tree and decorate it and give gifts to everybody and sing lots of songs.”

“Nope, that’s not it either,” replied the teacher. “You’re thinking of Christmas.”

Finally, a third student spoke up, “Easter is when Jesus was killed, and put in a tomb and left for three days.” Ah, *thank goodness! At least one of my students understand when happened on Easter!* the teacher thought to herself.

But then the student went on, “Then everybody gathers at the tomb and waits to see if Jesus comes out, and if he sees his shadow he has to go back inside and we have six more weeks of winter.”

Our Beautiful Grounds in Spring



TWO EXTRA PAGES OF BKS TO FILL!

Most of us are missing out on springtime at Westminster, so here is a little picture tour of our building and grounds - and some dedicated members working to make our Easter celebration beautiful.



The Sanctuary is ready and set for Easter week



Jay Morris and Kenn Battaile bravely replace lightbulbs



A very empty Boulder Hall



COVID-19 EXPECTED TO PEAK IN OREGON THE WEEK OF APRIL 20TH

As one of the top leaders of the Oregon Health Authority, Ed Flick (son of WestPres members Chet and Betty Flick) is spearheading Oregon's fight against COVID-19. OHA is looking closely at Salem (and the greater Marian Country area), where cases of the virus are currently most prevalent. An analysis of current data indicates COVID-19 is on track to peak in Oregon the week of April 20th. **With the continued cooperation of all Oregonians**, we may finally see the infamous "flattening of the curve" of infection rates. Ed emphasizes the need for all Oregonians to follow State guidelines to stay home and limit exposure to this aggressive illness.

So while we're enjoying lovely Spring weather, let's enjoy it at a safe distance from friends, neighbors and extended family, and don't forget to wear a jaunty facemask! Together we will get through this. Stay home - stay well!

SPEAKING OF COVID-19.... ARE YOU IN NEED OF A (JAUNTY) FACEMASK?

If so, give Chet and Betty Flick a call. The couple has been industriously sewing and distributing masks to the Salem community. The entire WestPres staff is sporting them! Give Chet a call at (503) 522-8217. He and Betty will deliver a mask to you, while supplies last.



CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS!!

While we are waiting-out COVID-19, the office staff will maintain reduced office hours. (We are diligently working from our homes, as well!) If you call & we don't answer, PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE. We'll get back to you! Or call Rev. Bostwick at: (541) 255-5586

TEMPORARY HOURS:

Monday-Thursday:
8:30am -12:00pm (at the moment!)

Friday:
Office Closed (at the moment!)

Westminster MUSICAL TIMES

Weekly Rehearsals

Due to COVID-19, Chancel Choir and Bell Choir rehearsals are cancelled.

Worship Team members will be contacted further regarding rehearsals.

Sunday Service

In-person Sunday services are cancelled.

Service times have changed for the purpose of the online streaming. Please join us at 9:00AM (Traditional) and 10:30AM (Contemporary). Connect to the Live Stream via our new platform, YouTube. Join us at (*clickable link*): **Westminster Live Stream**

Upcoming Dates

April 10, 2020 - Good Friday
(7:00PM)

April 12, 2020 - Easter Sunday
(10:30AM)

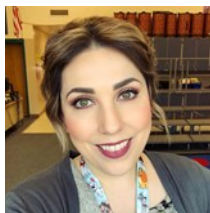
A Place to be Connected

Welcome to the *Westminster Musical Times*. During this period of isolation and absence from our weekly musical fellowship, this newsletter will serve to provide updates and other needed musical outlets.

Holy Week at Westminster

As we move into another week of “Stay Home, Save Lives,” and have entered Holy Week, I am reminded of how powerful your music is. Our time part is making the heart and spirit grow fonder! As we are now in Holy Week, you are encouraged to join us online for Good Friday and Easter Sunday; links and time to the services are included on the left. Despite the technological learning curve and hiccups, we have been experiencing 70-80 viewers during our YouTube services. If you haven’t been able to view the Sunday services, please reach out; it’s a unique and warm experience!

Musician of the Week



Our musician of the week and newest Worship Team singer, **Melissa Harper**. She has been a music educator for 13 years and is currently teaching at Heritage Elementary School in Woodburn,

OR. She has always had a passion for music and singing

WESTPRES CALENDAR

Sun., April 12 EASTER

10:30 AM BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE — YouTube only. Go to our website for One-click access!
www.salemwestpres.org

9:45 AM Children's Education Hour
To join along on Zoom, email Krishna for Info. Follow along with at-home materials: <https://www.pcusastore.com/Pages/Default.aspx?ContentID=10581&Title=GGG-Quarter-Downloads-ENGLISH>.

5:30 PM Online High School Group

Sun., April 19

9:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP—YouTube only
10:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP—YouTube only

9:45 AM Children's Education Hour
To join along on Zoom, email Krishna for Info. Follow along with at-home materials: <https://www.pcusastore.com/Pages/Default.aspx?ContentID=10581&Title=GGG-Quarter-Downloads-ENGLISH>.

5:30 PM Online High School Group

Mon., April 13

Stay Home, stay safe!

Mon., April 20

Stay Home, stay safe!

Tue., April 14

10:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom online
4:15 PM Staff Meeting via Zoom online
8:30 PM WestPres Parent's Online

Tue., April 21

10:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom online
4:15 PM Staff Meeting via Zoom online
8:30 PM WestPres Parent's Online

Wed., April 15

6:30 PM SESSION Mtg. viz Zoom online
7:00 PM Online—Mid-High Group

Wed., April 22

7:00 PM Online—Mid-High Group

Thurs., April 16

Stay Home, stay safe!

Thurs., April 23

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Fri., April 17

Stay Home, stay safe!

Fri., April 24

Stay Home, stay safe!

Sat., April 18

Stay Home, stay safe!

Sat., April 25

Stay Home, stay safe!

AN UPDATE FROM THE PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee)

Dear WestPres Family:

In spite of all the pandemonium with the pandemic, your PNC wants you to know that we have indeed not been slacking our duty of seeking a new pastor for Westminster. We have been meeting weekly since our appointment, first at church and now via ZOOM! Technology is amazing, isn't it?

We have been studying, (in depth) the present condition of our church from all angles so as to come together with an understanding of our congregational aspirations.. It has been informative, interesting, lots of thinking and discussion, and truly enjoyable. We do ask for your continuing prayers in this daunting task.

And if you don't recognize the person on the far right in the middle row, that is Brandon Lewis, our mentor appointed by Presbytery. He has been a great help!

THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE SENDS YOU GREETINGS!



Westminster MUSICAL TIMES (continued)

Praise and Prayer

In our musical ministry, we are extremely close; a family. If there is a praise or prayer you would like to share within our music ministry, please let me know!

Prayers for all the lives lost and ill around the world.

Prayers for all the students, families, employees, and businesses who are struggling due to COVID-19.

Praise to the love and kindness being shared by many. If there is anything we can control, it's how we treat others.

PRAYER

Loving God,

As we celebrate your Holy Week, hear our continued prayers for those who are suffering around the world, and in our communities. Whether it be in body, spirit, voice, or action, we will sing your everlasting praises. Thanks be to You and your eternal resurrection and glory. Amen.

and has been involved in choirs since the age of 10. Most recently she has sung with the Willamette Master Chorus, a semi-professional choir here in Salem. She studied voice privately for 10 years and went on to major in Vocal Performance and Choral Conducting at Oregon State University. She earned her Master's degree in Education from Willamette University in 2007. When Melissa is not teaching music or singing herself, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Ernest, three dogs, Pumpkin, Patch and Puccini, and her cat. Stanley.

Selfie Challenge: "What Keeps You Sane?!"

Stepping away from the normal weekly reflections, we are going to try something new and different: The Selfie Challenge. If you are anything like me, you may feel "stir crazy." The challenge of this week's game is to take a picture or selfie of something you are doing at home that is bringing you joy! If you feel comfortable, email me your picture and we will create a short video. If possible, email me your selfie/pictures by Monday, April 13th.

Email: music@salemwestpres.org

SOAR: "The Making of a Passion"

If you have not already had the opportunity, I encourage you to watch my SOAR presentation on passion music. Running at ~50 minutes, it includes narration and audio/video examples of the evolution of Passion Music. It starts with the original settings in the Medieval era, moves to the period of reformation, examines the work of Bach, and culminates with "The Little Match Girl Passion" and "Considering Matthew Shepherd." You can view the presentation at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uNTyKikhRys>. (There is also a live link on the front page of our website: www.salemwestpres.org)



YOUTH IN QUARANTINE: CREATING COMMUNITY IN A TIME OF ISOLATION

Youth groups: Youth groups have gone completely online. The mid highs are meeting on Wednesday nights and the high school students are meeting on Sunday nights. Both are happening on Zoom. So far we have been using the time to connect and have some fellowship that is so desperately missing from their everyday lives. We do highs and lows check in, play a game, and do prayer requests.

Devotions: The content of our faith building happens via videos I send out each week. These YouTube videos provide some of our curriculum in *Unafraid* and also encourage the youth to participate in a meditation of some kind--like praying in color, rounding up donations for their local food bank, putting money in their fish banks for One Great Hour of Sharing, or decorating their entire sidewalks in chalk stained glass windows. A quarterly devotion newsletter was also sent out to parents via email.

Facebook: We have fun activities on our Facebook Group that are taking place on occasion. These have included a Stay At Home Talent Show and recreating famous pictures out of household items (Think Stonehenge, but with Dominos).

If you want to stay connected to the youth during this time, request to join our Facebook group WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUP.

Thanks for your continual support of Westminster and our Youth! It's more important now than maybe ever before! We are desperately looking forward to all of this ending so we can get back to planning our summer mission projects!

Vik Schaaf, Youth Director

WestPres Youths meet on video chats



West Pres Kids & Family Update

Dear friends,

It's been almost a month since the committees with which I work met and agreed to cancel... well, everything. If my own daughter's reaction is at all indicative, we have quite a few disappointed kids out there. Some of them have never missed Westminster's egg hunt! And then there are the adults. Some of us have never missed an Easter Sunday service!

There are those big events we are so disappointed to miss, and then there are the routine, every-week things that we miss in a different way. That's why it's been so good to "gather" with about eight kids (and a handful of Sunday school teachers and parents) each Sunday on Zoom. We share a simple story and a time for prayer and connection. I've heard a second grader explain that one way we love and help others right now is by staying home. Others offer prayer for those who are sick and safety for those who are not. The kids may be disappointed about a lot of things right now, but they get it. They care for those who are vulnerable. And they've found ways to help, from filling fish banks to sending cards.

The circumstances dictate that spiritual formation activities we would normally do together at church become things we can do "together" at home. Our Sunday evening Lenten series, *Unafraid* by Adam Hamilton, was able to move into people's homes with the help of technology and a publishing company that was willing to make the videos available for free online. Our confirmation class, which was scheduled to finish with a retreat this Holy week-end, instead will be completed by the students at home. Curriculum supplements for Sunday schoolers, as well as a few extra resources for families, are being sent out weekly. None of this seems ideal, but as we study and pray and tell or read stories about Jesus during this Holy Week, let's trust in the Spirit's movement in our lives and in the world. Let's trust that we are the Church, the witness to the Resurrection, gathered in the Spirit with believers throughout space and time. Let us trust. And kids, you might even want to keep your eyes open for some of that Easter candy!

Grace and peace,

Krishna Horn, Director of Christian Education