

May 2019

From the Pastor:

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

David Cooper 5/01
Pat Salthouse 5/01
Ginny Derkacht 5/04
Donna Snyder 5/04
Martha Zaborowski 5/05
Lynn Heinle 5/05
Mariann Kay 5/05
Carol Whitsel 5/12
Mary Earp 5/12
Karen Keady 5/13
Serena Strode 5/15
Lauren Sibole 5/17
Walt Stoeffler 5/18
Teri Yerton 5/19
Theresa O'Brien 5/20
Bob Meakins 5/20
Anita Brown 5/21
Tony Muiderman 5/22
Sue Oja 5/25
Kyle Coats 5/27
Tim Kidd 5/28
Barbara Bergersen 5/28
Nick Mack 5/31

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, May 5, the focus of worship and the coffee fellowship hour will be on Building the Church. More specifically, we will focus on supporting the endowment. This will be the focus of the sermon, worship, and the coffee hour presentation from Mike Andreasen, Lee Kersten and Steve Halberg.

It's been said that people don't give to endowments. They give to mission. The mission of the church is clear, to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, but sometimes we lose sight of the form that mission takes, as its so familiar to all of us. At church, we have worship, preaching, communion, baptisms, pastoral care, Christian education for all ages, mission, fellowship and many other forms of community and ministry.

None of these things happen without financial support. As there is no financial support from the larger denomination, it can only come from you. We also don't have any support from those outside the community. While we do not want to draw away support from pledged giving and support for the budget, building the endowment is essential to support the church financially in its future ongoing mission.

While I don't want to give away too much from the sermon, I do want to encourage all of us not to think of support for the endowment as just helping to build Westminster, but to see it as building up the church universal and building up the kingdom of God.

Peace, David

CHILDREN/ YOUTH SABBATH





A BIG thank you to the Knitter's Group for knitting adorable bunnies for each child at the church and Homebound Members for Easter Sunday. They also spent their time filling all the Easter eggs that the children searched for on Easter.



WESTMINSTER WOMEN



The Westminster Women want to invite you to a **LADIES TEA FOR BAGS OF LOVE**. The tea is on **Saturday, May 18th from 2-4 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited ages 6 and up. We hope you will join us for some fellowship and fun and also help provide **BAGS OF LOVE** with some necessary items. **BAGS OF LOVE** is an organization that helps children in crisis. They provide necessities and comfort items to children who are in crisis due to neglect, abuse, poverty and homelessness. Some items that are needed are:

- *new pj's - all sizes (infant to adult XL)
- *lightweight jackets or hoodies — new and or gently used
- *12 pack colored pencils
- *baby shampoo and wash
- *new socks — any size
- *new underwear —any size

You can also make a monetary donation if you wish. **BECKY STENZEL** from **BAGS OF LOVE** will be our guest speaker.

We will need all kinds of sweet and savory items like fruit, tea sandwiches, veggie tray, cookies, savory scones, sweet scones, muffins and deviled eggs. You can sign up for attendance and food at the Westminster Women's table. Be sure to bring your favorite teacup (as well as the story behind that teacup) and your Spring hat. You might also be interested in decorating a table. Grab a friend or two and get creative!

It is sure to be a Brew-Tea-Ful celebration!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



John, Grace, Jackson Gundry & Karli French



Karen Young



Ryan, Kelly, Brynn & Reid Schukart



Jimmy, Jennifer, Laura & Patrick Stanton

MAY YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:

**May 5: Youth Group at
Dickie Yo's- meet there at
2:00pm**

**May 18: Youth are serving
dessert at The Annex.**

**May 19: Youth Group and
Lunch right after worship
(Youth Room)**

MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION COMMISSION

**Thank you for your
contributions to the One
Great Hour of Sharing. As
of last Sunday, \$2,331.60
has been raised.**

**If you haven't yet made a
contribution, there should still
be special OGH envelopes in the
pews. Otherwise, just use a
regular envelope and write OGH
on it.**

Interfaith Shelter

Westminster will have its opportunity to serve the homeless from May 13 to May 20. This year, families will be spending the nights at a permanent site, The Annex, at the corner of West Amazon and Fox Hollow. However, other than this, most of the chores that need to be done remain the same. A signup sheet will be up next week on the Mission Bulletin Board in the hallway across from the restrooms. More information will be forthcoming about opportunities to serve.

Morning Helper (6:30 to 8:00)— Helps the site supervisor get the clients off in the morning.

Breakfast and Clean-up (6:00 to 8:00)— Prepares a hot breakfast for the clients.

Salad and Desert— Dishes should serve about 10 people. If you want to drop it off at the church, please do so by 3:15. If you wish to drop it off at The Annex, please do so by 4:30.

Dinner Preparation (4:00 to 6:30)— Beverly Fernandes has agreed to be our head cook. Volunteers would assist her.

Dinner Clean-up (6:00 to 7:30)— Wash dishes, etc.

Evening Host (6:30 to 8:00)— Leads activities for the children.

A Volunteer Form will need to be completed by anyone going and working at The Annex.

If you have any questions please see Martha deBroekert or Doug Schaaf.

So you're eating less meat, setting your home thermostat lower, driving less by walking, taking the bus or carpooling, using a refillable water bottle, changing to LED light bulbs. What else can you do to lower your carbon footprint? Probably you have never thought about soil's relationship to CO2 in the air.

What's in a handful of soil? 25% air, 25% water, 45% minerals and 5% organic matter, both living and decaying. One teaspoon of healthy soil contains 100 million to 1 billion individual bacteria. Living things in the soil include fungi, algae, insects, worms and roots.

The world's soils contain 1500 billion tons of carbon. This storing of carbon in the soil is called sequestration. If we increase the quantity of carbon contained in soils by 0.4% each year, we can halt the annual increase in CO2 in the atmosphere. Not only will this help combat climate change, it will increase food security. Healthy soil is the key to feeding 9 billion people by 2050.

Here is what an individual can do to keep carbon in the soil:

1. Try not to have any bare earth. Use mulch or ground covers.
2. Let your grass grow longer and use a mulching mower.
3. Work your soil less. Tilling disturbs the organisms in soil that help sequester carbon.
4. Plant perennials so you don't need to disturb the soil each spring.

And finally, try not to disturb or destroy the living things in the soil. Think about the soil every time you walk on it.

~Creation Care Commission

World Labyrinth Day "Walk as One" and Open Labyrinth

Saturday, May 4, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Once again, Westminster's labyrinth will appear in lists for this year's World Labyrinth Day, Saturday, May 4. Please consider walking the labyrinth at 1 p.m. that day when thousands of people around the world will "Walk as One." How wonderful to see the labyrinth full of people who are part of a global wave of peaceful energy! Those of us who can't walk with our feet are welcome to pull up a chair and walk the labyrinth in color (on paper) or to hold a "lap labyrinth." We will also have prayers and meditations from many cultures and beliefs to contemplate as you walk. Make a clay labyrinth of your very own to take home to use or let dissolve in your garden. Please let others know about this family friendly event, and invite them to walk, too. Walking the labyrinth with children is a blessing!

Westminster Presbyterian Church's labyrinth is in the back garden, reached by parking in the Harlow Road lot and following the sidewalk on the east side of the church, or parking in the northeast corner of the Coburg Road lot and following the sidewalk in to the back garden. The Harlow lot is most level for easy access.

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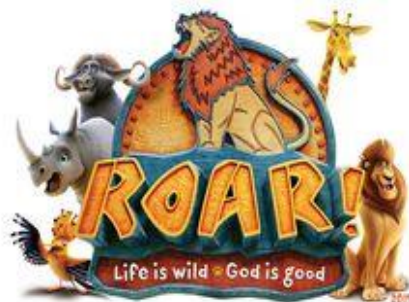
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REMINDER:

**The 3rd SUNDAY of
each month is our
SHOPPING CART
SUNDAY for: FOOD
FOR LANE COUNTY**

**Please remember to
bring in your
canned and boxed
food items. Every
donation is very
much appreciated !**



It's that time of year again and we are **EXCITED** to announce our theme for Vacation Bible School will be:

ROAR! Life is Wild, GOD is Good

July 29th - August 2nd from 9:00 am- 12:00 pm

We NEED Volunteers to make this the most Memorable year yet!
Please sign-up to volunteer for what you prefer on the sheets in the Narthex or let Brooke know to put your name on the list. We need volunteers for everything from a photographer to helping with snack time in the Hungry Herd Café to decorating to Crew Leaders!
All volunteers are appreciated and necessary to make VBS happen so please sign-up today!

