

# August 2019

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Gus Marwitz 8/04  
Ann McCarley 8/04  
Brynn Schukart 8/05  
John Porter 8/06  
Barbara Stoeffler 8/06  
Mei Nance 8/07  
Kelley Jordan 8/08  
Glen Martz 8/09  
Joyce Eltz 8/09  
Alex Edwards 8/11  
Marcia Meyer 8/11  
Monika Dinsmore 8/12  
Keith Barr 8/15  
Shirley Sargent 8/16  
Hazel Jones 8/16  
Karen Bradford 8/17  
Mike Long 8/18  
Marvin Manning 8/20  
Judy Coats 8/21  
Quincy Peterson 8/22  
Carol Vanlue 8/23  
Gene Heinle 8/23  
Linda Magyary 8/28  
Marlee Roy 8/31

## From the Pastor:

Dear Friends,

As I'm writing this, we're right in the middle of Vacation Bible School. The title of this year's VBS is Roar! It features lots of animals, and the main message is, "Life is wild. God is good!" Each day we have a different theme, and taken all together, it tells the kids that when life is unfair, when life is scary, when life changes, when life is sad and when life is good, God is good.

My specific role in VBS is to lead the Bible story time. One of my favorite parts of the curriculum is that I usually get to ask the kids a question that's connected with that day's theme. So for example, I'll ask them, "Name a time when you were scared," or "Name a time when your life changed." Every year, the stories come pouring out.

I've mentioned before that every year, by the end of the week, I feel like the Bible stories and the curriculum have really covered a good presentation of the biblical witness that in the midst of the difficulties of life, God is with us and God is good. I always feel good about being a part of sharing this message with the kids.

I feel good for a number of reasons. One is just that the kids are full of energy and that's always fun. I also feel good in that in working towards the Christian education and nurture of our kids, we are fulfilling one of the major missions of the church, which is to share the gospel with everyone. In addition, I always feel good about using the CE wing for the kids' nurture, as so many faithful Westminster folks worked so hard to build that part of the church building. We are also honoring our baptismal vows as a Christian community to nurture children in the faith.

But all these messages are not just for kids. The message that when life is scary or unfair or full of change, God is with us, that's a message that can resonate with all of us. That's partly why, apart from VBS itself, we try to share the VBS experience with those who were not a part of it, whether through worship or this newsletter, or just telling people.

I want to finish with a big thank you to all who participated and volunteered, whether it was bringing supplies from Bethesda Lutheran or helping during the week, or in just bringing your kids for us to be blessed by. Thank you, and continue to hold this ministry in your prayers.

Grace and peace,  
-David



## ANNUAL CORN FEED

The Men's  
Breakfast Group is  
again holding it's  
annual Corn Feed  
on **SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 8th**  
for the entire  
congregation.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
and plan for your  
entire family to  
come and enjoy  
farm fresh corn,  
hamburgers, good  
salads and great  
fellowship.

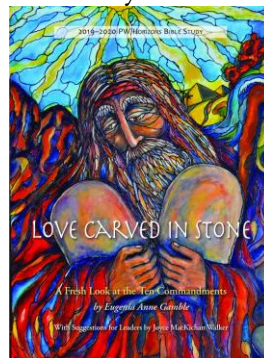


## NEW HORIZON BIBLE STUDIES BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER FOR WPC WOMEN

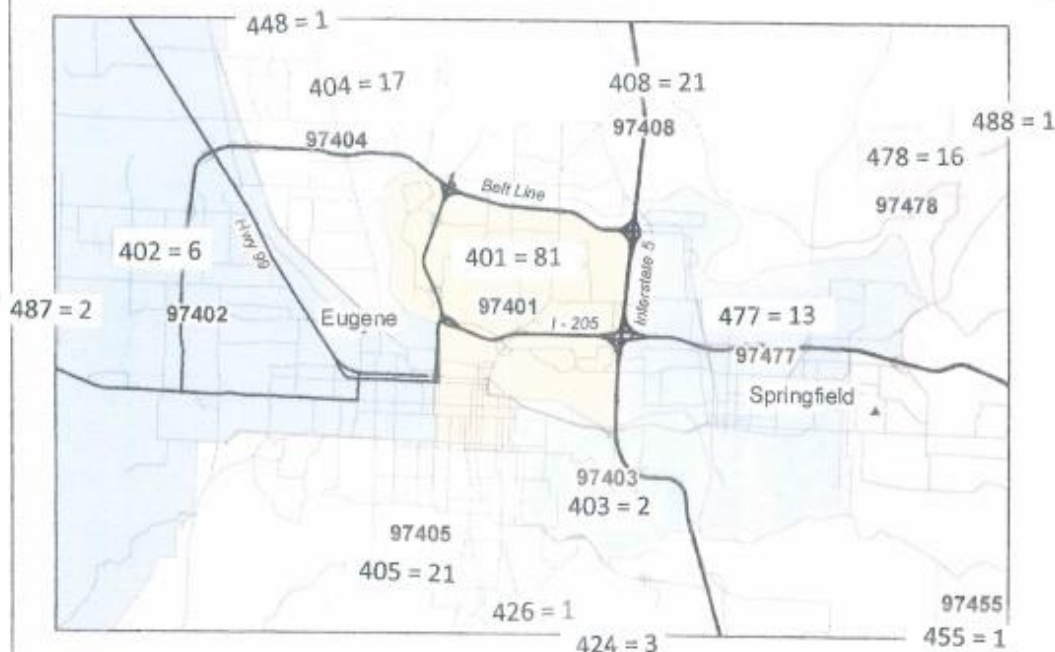
There will be two opportunities for the Horizon Bible Study for WPC Women - one offered during the day and one offered in the evening. Join us for the new Horizon Bible Study to begin **September 19th at 1:30 PM**. This group meets every third Thursday of the month during the afternoon. RSVP to the church if you are interested in this daytime study so we can reserve your book. The Bible Study takes place in the Meeting Room.

Also, a new circle called HOPE CIRCLE begins September 11th at 7 PM. This circle will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. If you can't make the afternoon study, please join us for the evening one. Please RSVP to Ann McCarley at 423-715-1598 (call or text) or email her at [khmccarley@gmail.com](mailto:khmccarley@gmail.com) if interested.

WE want to make sure we have enough books and enough ladies interested to have this study in this time slot. This study will also take place in the Meeting Room. We will also have sign-ups for this study on the bulletin board and on Rally Day.



Jim Mitchelmore made a map of where all Westminster's households are located.



## Community Resilience Festival

The River Road Community Organization invites one and all to the Community Resilience Festival, Saturday, August 24 from 10 to 5 at the River Road Rec Center, 1400 Lake Drive in the River Road Neighborhood.

The Festival is an all-day event that will be fun, educational and timely. It's all about reducing our ecological footprints and building positive community culture. The free event will show and tell projects, actions, allies and assets we have in Eugene and the southern Willamette Valley for creating more green and resilient homes, lifestyles, city and region.

Early confirmed participants include EugArt404, Solar Assist, 350 Eugene, Master Gardeners, NW Youth Corps, Cooperation Eugene Time Bank, Kevin Prier Urban Homesteading Skills, Grady Barrel, Tiny Homes, Eugene Permaculture Meetup and more. Also planned are educational presentations that will describe existing examples of resilient and local economy and culture. Topics of interest include cooperative economics; urban, rural and suburban land use; neighborhood associations and local food systems. River Road and Santa Clara's current planning project with the city of Eugene will receive special attention.

## Walking to End Hunger Raises Funds and Friends

July 14 was a warm day and traffic on Coburg Road roared by as 35 members and friends of Westminster walked and rolled a mile to raise funds to help end hunger in our time. Celebrating CROP Walk to End Hunger's 50th year, walkers made new friends, chatted, and waved at honking drivers. At our turn around point, FOOD for Lane County's Grassroots Garden at Coburg and Cal Young, Merry Bradley, garden manager, welcomed walkers with a brief talk about the 2.5-acre garden's remarkable capacity—hundreds of volunteers and about 50,000 pounds of fresh produce each year for local food insecure people. The walkers returned to Westminster for a "hungry world" lunch of rice, beans, and veggies hosted by Westminster's Creation Care Ministry volunteers.

This is CROP Walk's 50th year raising funds for Church World Service programs to aid food-insecure families. And they're making a difference. In 2018, more than 87,000 walkers in more than 800 walks raised \$8,300,000. In our first solo walk, Westminster Eugene fielded 35 walkers and brought in more than \$4,700. A great start! And 20% of our raised funds will come back to FOOD for Lane County.

You can check out these great programs at

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/> and <https://foodforlanecounty.org/go-learn-more/other-programs/gardens/>.

Many thanks to our donors and walkers. Next year we challenge you to welcome many more friends and neighbors to walk with us and cast your net far and wide for donations. What a great way to share in our service to God's people in need.

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

VBS isn't possible  
without our volunteers!  
Thank you all for your  
help in transforming  
Westminster in to **ROAR!**





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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 !**

