

# September 2019

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Eloise Kirsch 9/03  
Dirk deBroekert 9/04  
Edna DeHaven 9/04  
Peggy Mahon 9/05  
Juliet Miller 9/06  
Eric Ukropina 9/06  
Katie Marwitz 9/06  
Josie Johnson 9/09  
Bill Korkoske 9/10  
Robin Burk 9/10  
Evan Canizares 9/12  
Jim Williams 9/12  
Cindy Ryder 9/13  
Amberley Trent 9/14  
LezliePierceHopper 9/15  
Barbara McCorkle 9/17  
Paula Salerno 9/18  
Bob Eggert 9/18  
Chad Cooper 9/19  
Diane Schwieger 9/19  
Laurie Rowe 9/20  
Jim Mitchelmore 9/20  
Shirley Fulps 9/20  
Catherine York 9/21  
Mike Bagaason 9/25  
Richard Reinking 9/25  
Jim Lehl 9/26  
Chris Barr 9/27  
Bonnie Williams 9/27  
Ann Miller 9/28  
Paula Jameson 9/28

## From the Pastor:

Dear Friends,

On October 22, 1939, professor and writer C.S. Lewis gave a sermon in Oxford entitled *Learning During Wartime*. As World War II had begun just the previous month, Lewis tried to address the question of whether university learning should be postponed following the outbreak of war. People were wondering at the time how students and faculty could spend their time on what suddenly seemed like trivialities in comparison with the liberty of Europe hanging in the balance.

Lewis argued that the academic community should not stop its pursuit of learning, and that if they postponed the search for knowledge, beauty and values until life was secure and peaceful, no one would ever begin. In fact, there has never been a time when there were no wars, crises or emergencies.

In his sermon, C.S. Lewis preached that favorable conditions never come, and that scholars must seek knowledge under unfavorable conditions. He said that no one ever finished the tasks of life, and scholars must entrust the future to God. No one escapes death, and so scholars must humbly offer the life of learning to God.

So why am I writing about this now? As it's the beginning of September, we are approaching Rally Day Sunday, which falls on Sunday, September 8th and marks the beginning of our Christian Education year. Marta and I both hope that all of you have seen by now the importance to us of Christian education for all ages, including children, youth and adults, and we always see education in the broadest terms as something that happens in classes, worship, service, leadership, fellowship and care.

We both invite all of you to participate in Christian Education at Westminster in some way or other. Come and attend an Adult Education class. Starting September 8, I'll be leading a class called *Westminster Goes to the Movies*, where we'll watch and discuss short movie and TV clips, as we look for spiritual issues and questions. The class is meant to be a little bit different from a typical lecture class. It should be fun and conversational.

In all of the churches I have served and attended, the vast majority of parishioners never go to Adult Christian Education classes, so why not try something new? We also have many new offerings for children and youth, from Sunday School to Confirmation. Please consider helping to teach if you are asked. We frequently ask people to teach and are told no (for a variety of reasons), and the Christian education and nurture of children, youth and adults is dependent upon the whole community saying yes to the baptismal vows we all made to raise Christians in the faith.

Come and take part. Thinking back to C.S. Lewis' wonderful sermon, if people could study, learn and grow during wartime, surely we can now.

Peace,  
-David



## ANNUAL CORN FEED

The Men's Breakfast Group is again holding it's annual Corn Feed on **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30pm for the entire congregation.

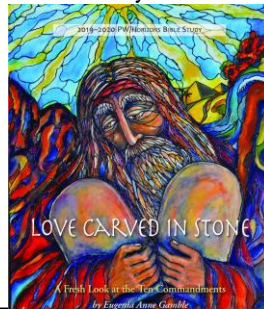
**SAVE THE DATE** and plan for your entire family to come and enjoy farm fresh corn, hamburgers, good salads and great fellowship.



## NEW HORIZON BIBLE STUDIES BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER

The new Horizons Bible Study: *"Love Carved in Stone": A Fresh Look At The Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Anne Gamble starts in September. There will be two time options and both on the 3rd Thursday of the each month. There will be a 1:30 PM and a 7 PM Circle. You can sign- up on the bulletin board or on Rally Day (Sept. 8) in The Fellowship Hall.

Please sign up if you are interested - we want to make sure we have enough study books (cost is \$8) and enough interest for the evening session. See you on 3rd Thursday of each month!



## WESTMINSTER WOMEN are having A BIRTHDAY BASH!

Ladies, join us on **September 29<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30-7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for a Birthday Bash. We want to celebrate the lives of all our

Westminster Women (all ages are welcome) Come prepared to play a few birthday games, learn something new about a fellow member, sing Happy Birthday to US and of course, **EAT CAKE!!**

Please sign up if you are interested at the Fellowship/Outreach Table on Rally Day. Martha & Ann will be there to answer any questions. It's going to be a great year of a fellowship. If you won't be there on Rally Day, just call the church office to let us know you are interested.



## MEET YOUR DEACON COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, is the deacon's coffee hour. This is the perfect time to meet your deacon, touch base and visit a bit. With luck, a tasty treat or two will also be available.



Meet Your Deacon



## TREASURE SHOPPE NEWS

Guess what! It's time to start looking around the house to find your slightly used, but oh-so-valuable items which you could donate to the Treasure Shoppe. The Bazaar will be here before you can blink your eyes. It's too soon to bring your items to the church, of course, but start a bag in the garage and keep the Treasure Shoppe in mind.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We still have a couple of openings for ushers which we will need to fill in the next few months, and for which we are looking for volunteers from the congregation. Basic usher duties include arriving 15 minutes early on your designated Sunday, passing out bulletins, collecting the offering, and tidying up the pews after the service. Each team is on duty once every six weeks. These are scheduled well ahead, and if you have a conflict there is usually someone who will be glad to trade. Each team also has a head usher, who deals with the sound system, takes care of the head count, and locks up after the service, and one usher who stays outside the sanctuary for security purposes.

Serving as an usher is a great opportunity to be more active in the life of the church and get to know other members. Please consider this prayerfully, and if you are interested in any of these; basic, security, or head usher please contact Roger Keady at 541-344-8096 or email [rogerkeady@gmail.com](mailto:rogerkeady@gmail.com)

## Aging Families Support Group

This group meets regularly to discuss caring for aging families and the transitions that care involves. The group tries to provide ideas and share experiences related to caring for our loved ones during their life changes, as well as provide spiritual comfort and education on aging issues to those of us providing the support. The group has been on 'vacation' for the summer months, but plans to resume meetings on September 19, and will meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month beginning in October. Meetings are held at 6:30 pm in the Camel Room.

### It's Time to Plan the Holiday Bazaar!

The Annual WPC Holiday Bazaar will take place on Saturday, November 23rd from 9:00 - 4:00.

It takes many hands to have a successful event. We have a seasoned Treasure Shoppe team and we need people to take the lead for the following activities:

- Kitchen
- Bake Sale
- Silent Auction
- Music
- Wreaths



If you are ready to help, please contact Teri Yerton at [teriyerton@gmail.com](mailto:teriyerton@gmail.com) or 541-726-7009.

There will be sign-ups for Cashiers, Kitchen, Bakers, etc. at a later date.

## MESSAGE FROM: TRACY CALHOUN

Dear Westminster Friends  
September 21st, 2019 Tracy Calhoun and Jim Mclean will be married in a small ceremony in McMinnville officiated by the Rev. John Mahon.

Margo and Mary Martha will be standing up for me and Jim's children for him. I haven't found a new church yet but WPC will always hold a special place in my heart. 20 plus years of joys and challenges.

My daughters were baptized and raised in this church so know it's a special place for them too.

We recently moved to Beaverton so I'm closer to work. Our new address is: Jim and Tracy Mclean (yes I'm changing my name)

8995 SW Ivory St  
Beaverton, OR 97007

Keep in touch!  
With warm regards,  
Tracy Calhoun

**The Jesus Prayer**  
The Ancient Desert Prayer that Tunes the Heart to God  
A Talk by Frederica Mathewes-Green

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks"*  
— 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Frederica Mathewes-Green is a wide-ranging author who has published 10 books and over 700 essays, in such diverse publications as the Washington Post, Christianity Today, Smithsonian, and the Wall Street Journal. She has been a regular commentator for National Public Radio (NPR), a columnist for the Religion News Service, Beliefnet.com, and Christianity Today, and a podcaster for Ancient Faith Radio.

**Thursday - October 3, 2019 - 7pm Talk**  
St. George Greek Orthodox Church - 202 Hillview Ln. #1 - Eugene  
Call 541-683-3519 or visit [www.stgeorgeor.org](http://www.stgeorgeor.org)  
Space is Limited, Please RSVP



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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 !**



**WPC'S YOUTH BEACH RETREAT 2019**

**WPC's Youth went on a fun, memorable, team-building Retreat to beautiful Rockaway Beach, Oregon on August 26-28 which included a visit to Tillamook Creamery for delicious ice cream.**

