

January 2020

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Greta Fridlund 1/04
Jordan Andreasen 1/05
Dick Kay 1/06
Sean Champoux 1/07
Bob Weeks 1/13
Steve Butt 1/15
Elaine Van Slyke 1/18
Justin Kari 1/19
Suzanne Taylor 1/20
Trudie Puskedra 1/20
Preston Callison 1/22
Phyllis Bevan 1/23
Fran Caven 1/25
Roger Keady 1/27
Sybil Ford 1/28
Phil Fitzer 1/30
Gayle Davies 1/30

From the Pastor:

Dear Friends,

I often find that the beginning of a new year gives an opportunity not only to look forward, but also to look back. One of the things that I'm looking back on right now is the whole experience of reading Meet the Bible as part of the Westminster community. It's on my mind partly because I have just finished up with my reflections for the year.

When I added up all my written reflections, one for each week, I wound up with about a hundred pages in total. While looking back over that can make one a little tired of their own voice, it did prove to be a powerful experience for me to not only read the majority of the Bible but also to write about the grand sweep of the biblical narrative.

That may be the main thing I sense with Meet the Bible here at the end of one year and the start of the next. As Philip Yancey, the main writer, said in one of his entries, one gets a real panoramic view when taking in the whole of scripture. There is not only the grand sweep and vision of going from Genesis to Revelation, but also the whole grand sweep of God's story, from creation to redemption.

I come away from all of this very grateful. I am grateful for how many people bought a copy and kept up with the readings through the year. I feel a part of something much larger than myself. I am also incredibly grateful for just the gift of the Bible itself. As we know from our study, the coming together of the Bible was an incredibly complicated thing, and I am convinced of the powerful role the Holy Spirit played in the writing and compiling of scripture.

Many thanks to everyone who participated. It is something I will carry with me as we head into a new year. Whether you participated or not, we in the Westminster community are all part of this grand story, this proclamation of the good news, and this claim that the movement of time is not some random, chaotic thing, but that our time has significance and purpose and is blessed by God.

Peace,
-David

It is time for a church wide fellowship night! Please join us for **BINGO BLITZ** on **January 12th** in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8:00 PM.

Yes, it will be a fun night of Bingo, sharing desserts and maybe winning a game or two. Please bring a dessert to share. And don't forget to sign up if you are coming so we will know how many to get ready for - there will be a sign- up sheet in the Narthex in January. There will be silly white elephant prizes for our Bingo winners. It is sure to be a fun night of fun and games! Any questions, please contact Martha Zaborowski or Ann McCarley.

Westminster Women, we want you to get your vocal chords ready! We are having a **Sing Along Movie Night** on **January 19th** from 6:30-8:30. The Movie is *MAMA MIA* and don't worry about knowing the words - they will be on the screen for your viewing pleasure! We will have a variety of popcorn flavors available. If you want to be super comfortable, wear your pj's and bring your lounge pillows - it's a girls night!

Childcare will be provided if needed - just let us know. Sign- up sheets will be available in the Narthex in January. If you have any questions please contact Martha Zaborowski or Ann McCarley.



Please welcome Merrie and Ralph Dreyer to WPC! Merrie and Ralph moved to Eugene from Dillon, MT to be closer to 3 of their 4 children who live in Oregon. They have three granddaughters and another grandchild on the way. They are excited to be close to family and help babysit their granddaughters. They joined Westminster Presbyterian Church by transfer of church letter on December 1, 2019. Please join us in welcoming them to WPC.

Socks!

The winter weather is cold, wet and windy. The homeless seek shelter when it is bitter cold.

Egan Warming Centers have already been active earlier this Fall when it was in the 20's. We can reach out to those who seek shelter in the coming month by providing warm socks to replace the wet ones they arrive in. Socks, for men and women, can be placed in the marked box in the Narthex throughout January. "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least--you did it to me"



The Minor Prophets?

Starting Jan. 5, "The Minor Prophets?" will be the Sunday morning Bible study at 11:15am led by John Mahon. This Old Testament will class will focus on the so-called minor prophets: Amos, Hosea, and Micah, and their relevance for today. Each class will look at a prophet or his message. This is an opportunity to discover what God may be speaking to us in our troubled time.

January 5	Historical Setting	Amos 1:1; Hosea 1:1; Micah 1:1; II Kings 14:23-15:20
January 12	Amos: The Prophet	Amos 7: 1-17
January 19	Amos: The Message	Amos 4:1-6; 5:18-24
January 26	Hosea: The Prophet	Hosea 1-3
February 2	Hosea: The Message	Hosea 4:1-10; 11:1-11
February 9	Micah: The Prophet	Micah 3: 5-8; Micah 2:1-6
February 16	Micah: The Message	Micah 4:1-4; 5:2-5; 6:6-8

2019 HOLIDAY BAZAAR RECAP

Income:

Men's Breakfast Donation \$ 255.00
 Silent Auction \$2612.00
 The Cafe \$ 747.30
 Treasure Shoppe, Book Sale, Bake Sale and WPC crafts \$2483.28
 Vendors \$ 686.20
 Wreaths \$1030.00
Total Income \$7813.78

Expenses:

Banner Update \$ 25.00
 Fabric for 2 table covers \$ 11.98
 Menu Board \$ 17.99
 Items for hourly raffle \$ 83.00
 R-G Ad \$147.60
 The Cafe \$ 43.62
 Wreaths \$685.00
Total Expenses \$1014.19

Total Profit: \$6799.59
To Deacons 20%: \$1359.92
To Endowment 80%: \$5439.67

COFFEE

HOURL DATES

The sign- up sheet for the Coffee Hour dates are posted on the bulletin board near the Harlow Street door. Coffee hour dates will be the first and third Sundays of the month (if someone or a group signs up) plus some special occasion dates.

If there is a date that you would like to have coffee hour, and it is not listed, please let Brooke know and your date can be added.



Climate Change Conversation

On Sunday **January 12th** during coffee hour Linnia Hawkins, Ph.D., will give a talk about climate change, it's effects, and current scientific knowledge. Dr. Hawkins is a researcher with the OSU Oregon Climate Change Research Institute. The Creation Care team will host this event with the usual array of beverages and snacks, so please join us. This informative presentation will be approx. 30 minutes, and will include time for all your questions.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:

January 26: Youth Group at 5:00 pm
 Planning a Dinner out at a restaurant. More info to come.

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

January 12: Confirmation Class 5 starts right after Worship in the Youth Room until 1:00pm.

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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 !**



**Westminster Presbyterian Church wishes all of you a Happy
and Healthy New Year!**

WELCOME 2020

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