

SUMMER 2021

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Chuck Vanlue 7/02
Bob Hladky 7/03
Cindy Anderson 7/03
David Brown 7/05
Beverly Otterstedt 7/08
Larry Cotton 7/09
Caleb Andreasen 7/10
Jennifer Stanton 7/10
Janet Walsh 7/10
Micah Marwitz 7/11
Margaret Grote 7/12
Linda Feuerstein 7/12
Nancy Holloman 7/12
Lee Kersten 7/14
Penelope Puskedra 7/15
Kaitlyn Champoux 7/17
Fayette Dormer 7/18
Steve Tibbitts 7/19
Nina Abbott 7/20
Katie Stocks 7/21
Maryann Eggert 7/22
Lou Lroy 7/23
David Ukropina 7/24
Ann Beers 7/24
Laurie Kidd 7/25
Joan Lehl 7/25
John O'Brien 7/26

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Gus Marwitz 8/04
Ann McCarley 8/04
Stacy Rodriguez 8/04
Brynn Schukart 8/05
John Porter 8/06
Barbara Stoeffler 8/06
Mei Nance 8/07
Kelley Jordan 8/08
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
Susan Anderson 8/27
Linda Magyary 8/28
Marlee Roy 8/31

Dear WPC Family,

You will find this newsletter contains a lot of important information. As you read through it, you will notice that the church has been a very busy place. The Pandemic may have pushed us out of the building for a while, but God has been at work throughout this time and hopefully this newsletter will reflect that fact. Many ministries and groups are gearing up again with more in-person meetings. A walk through the church building shows much hard work by staff and church volunteers in preparing for a full return to the building. Things are being cleaned, organized and updated in ways that show we are very much an active, vibrant community of faith.

One of the biggest changes you will see is in the Education wing. Beginning in September, the Westminster Presbyterian Church Preschool will fill those rooms with dozens of children and will provide a wonderful opportunity for us to share a Christ-like welcome to them and their families.

The session has voted to incorporate the preschool into the ministry and mission of the church. We will share in ministry and outreach to both the preschool/church families and our greater community. Each week, the preschoolers will attend chapel led by the pastors and other church volunteers. Children will learn Bible Stories, prayers, and songs all while being surrounded by God's love.

The preschool itself is a school readiness program with the education and nurturing of young children at its core.

We will also have ample opportunities for outreach to the children and their families who attend the preschool. They will be invited into the life of the church—especially those ministries that have a focus on young families: Vacation Bible School, Trunk or Treat, Advent Festival, etc.

We also envision an element of outreach and mission to the community. For example, the church and the preschool community together can participate in service projects such as collecting items for local missions we support.

We will invite the families to attend worship and hope to have a "Preschool Sunday" where the preschoolers will sing in worship and participate in other ways.

The WPC Preschool is a wonderful outreach ministry of our church. It is true evangelism—a way for all of us to spread God's love and welcome others into our community.

Let us give all glory and praise to God for all these many blessings even in the midst of such a challenging time.

Grace and Peace,

Marta

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." ~Matthew 10:14

For information about the preschool contact Preschool Director: Kelly Ford
preschool@wpceugene.org. Preschool staff bios will be coming in an upcoming newsletter.



Westminster Presbyterian Preschool

Presbyterian Women

PW Horizons Bible Study will begin in September. The study will be *"What My Grandmothers Taught Me."* We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month, either in the afternoon or evening.

Email Brooke to sign-up.



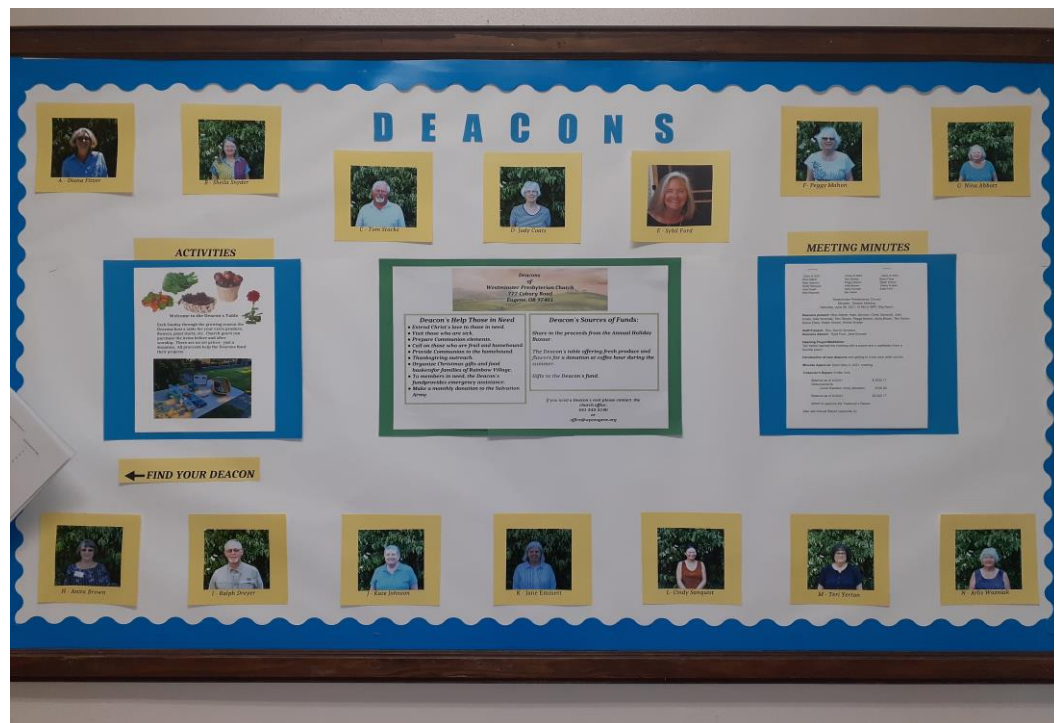
Putting In Work!

Our painters have been busy giving our church a fresh look. A BIG thank you goes out to **Ann McCarley, Martha Zaborowski and Eric & Audrey Ukropina** for painting the women's restroom and giving it a fresh new color. Thank you to all that have volunteered their time to tidy up our church. You all are appreciated!

DID YOU KNOW....

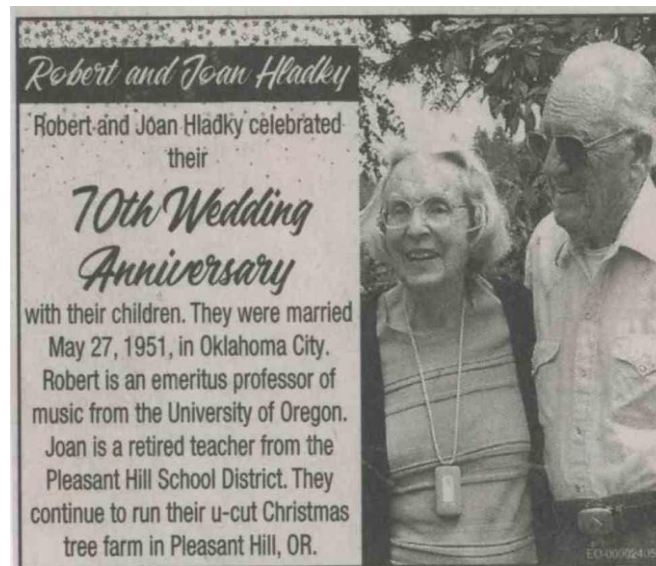
Westminster has it's own YouTube channel!!! Watch all the Sunday services live-streamed from the comfort of your own home, anytime! Follow this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpNj1eqLCiW9XTlrp0Aqjjg>



Deacon Update

Check out our new Deacon bulletin board outside Pastor Marta's office. You'll find photos of our current Deacons, a copy of the most recent Deacon meeting minutes, and information about our most recent project (it's the Deacons table!). If you aren't sure who your Deacon is, there is an alpha list to identify your Deacon. The Deacon's table is brimming with fresh produce and organic eggs each Sunday. Please stop by and pick up something for the week.



REMEMBER...
August 8th is our
Communion
Sunday so bring
along your juice
and crackers!





SUMMER IS OFF TO A GREAT START FOR WPC YOUTH! WE ARE MEETING REGULARLY FOR FELLOWSHIP, FOOD AND A SUMMER DEVOTION SERIES ON THE PARABLES. ENJOY SOME PICTURES FROM OUR MINUTE TO WIN IT GAME NIGHT AT CHURCH AND OUR HIKE TO BEAUTIFUL SPENCER BUTTE.

We want to wish
Betty Ellis a very
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
She turned 98
years young on
July 18, 2021



COME BROWSE THE BOOK ROOM

Some elves have been busy refreshing the Book Room. Books are still available to purchase, however, we have sorted and donated the much older ones. We are accepting and selling books that have a copyright year of 2000 to the present. So if you want to donate any books and that is very much appreciated, please check the copyright dates. And remember, all of the money from the book sales go to the Endowment Fund.

Books from our Library that were in the hall have been moved to the Book Room. These are a great resource and can be borrowed and returned. Creation Care Books and Wellness Books are also in the Book Room to be used as a resource and checked out and returned. We have news signs on the walls so you can easily identify what you need.

This room is also great space for a small group meeting (6-8 people). We hope you will stop by the church and check out the new and improved Book Room.

MEMORIAL CROSS WALL IN WPC

We are happy to tell you about a new ministry of WPC-a Memorial Cross Wall which will be located in the hallway before reaching the South X. This will become a sacred space in the church as we remember loved ones who have died- A remembrance of Saints. This will be an ongoing ministry of the church. Here are some guidelines about the Cross Wall:

1. The crosses are not just for church members-you may have a cross hung for a parent(s), siblings, spouses, loved ones. The person may have died many years ago or recently.
2. Please make sure crosses are easy for us to hang and no bigger than 18 inches. You get to pick and purchase your own cross.
3. There are 4 of us who will be hanging the crosses and we will be writing in a memorial book which will be in the hallway. Each cross will be assigned a number and this number will be on the back of the cross. The number will coincide with the same number in the memorial book so folks can read the memorial about the cross.
4. If you would like to bring a cross to be hung on the Memorial Wall please bring it to the church office with your name on it. Also, include what you would like written in the book. Some examples would be: In memory of my husband, Kenneth, from Ruby McLeland. Or: In loving memory of my parents, Bess and Frank Hunt, given by Jane Hunt.

Please remember that we will be hanging the crosses and we will be writing in the Memorial Book. This will keep our Cross Wall organized. You may start to bring crosses in August and we will start hanging them soon after. If you have any questions please contact one of us. We have included pictures so you don't even have to imagine how the cross wall will look.

-Ann McCarley, Teri Yerton, Karen Young and Martha Zaborowski

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BELL RINGERS WANTED

Interested in being part of WPC Music Ministry? But can't read music and don't sing? No problem because we are offering free Bell ringing lessons. All we ask to start is to agree to commit to a few beginner lessons. The exact day and time and beginning date will be determined after we have the information of interested people. Beginners will have beginning lessons and then be joined by people with experience. And perhaps, some with experience might be able to help with this beginning program. In general, anyone aged 12 or over who can meet once a week in the evening for 60 - 90 minutes please respond as directed below so that a mid-September first meeting can be planned and questions can be addressed. All supplies will be provided. Please respond by email or phone call to: karenyoungmd@gmail.com / (541)343-3140 with your name and contact preference and if you are a beginner or have experience and any questions or concerns so we can begin planning. As with everything in our lives at this time, plans need to be flexible due to the pandemic, but planning can begin. Let us hear from you within 2 weeks. WPC Music Ministries is excited with this new beginning.

WPCKIDS

July 2021

WPCKIDS is meeting monthly over the summer. In July, the Miller family graciously hosted the group in their beautiful backyard. We had popsicles and studied the Parable of the Sower. We each decorated a pot and planted a flower to take home and care for to remind us of the parable.



JUST A WALKING REMINDER

Interested in walking with a group? Come join the Townscape Walkers on Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 AM. We meet at a different location each week, enjoy our walks as the seasons change and have a little fellowship as well. Call or email the office if you are interested in being a part of this group (we can get you on the email list) - walk every week or as your schedule allows. We walk rain (well drizzle only) or shine!