

# SEPTEMBER 2021

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Eloise Kirsch 9/03  
David Linstrand 9/03  
Dirk deBroekert 9/04  
Peggy Mahon 9/05  
Juliet Miller 9/06  
Eric Ukropina 9/06  
Katie Marwitz 9/06  
Robin Burk 9/10  
Jim Williams 9/12  
Cindy Ryder 9/13  
Lezlie Pierce-Hopper 9/15  
Barbara McCorkle 9/17  
Paula Salerno 9/18  
Bob Eggert 9/18  
Gail Schwieger 9/19  
Jim Mitchelmore 9/20  
Shirley Fulps 9/20  
Catherine York 9/21  
Mike Bagaason 9/25  
Kevin Jenkins 9/26  
Jim Lehl 9/26  
Bonnie Williams 9/27  
Chris Barr 9/27  
Ann Miller 9/28  
Paula Jameson 9/28

## 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/UCpNj1eqLCiW9XTlrp0Aqijg>



Dear Friends,

One of the many things I've really missed during the pandemic is leading and being a part of adult Christian education groups. We're all very grateful to John Mahon and Jack Maddex for leading wonderful Zoom classes during this time and providing those education and fellowship opportunities.

Personally, like many others, I've grown a bit tired of so many online Zoom meetings, so I decided not to lead an online class, even as I'm grateful to John and Jack for doing so. However, I have been looking forward to a time we can get back together to renew in-person adult education opportunities at Westminster.

Now the date for the next class is still "to be determined". We're keeping an eye on covid cases in Lane County, but we'll likely start the class in either late September or early October. We will let you know by email once the begin date has been chosen. However, the subject of the class has been chosen, and I wanted to let you know about it.

For our next class, we'll be looking at the book of Job. I chose this subject for a number of reasons. First of all, I have a wonderful study that I've used before, though not here yet, that was put together by Dr. Carol Bechtel, an ordained pastor of the Reformed Church in America. She is both very smart and very funny, and serves as a wonderful guide in her studies.

I also chose Job because the book is fundamentally about suffering, and that seemed like a timely topic given all that we've been through over the last year and half or so, and I think it helps us to reflect on this subject theologically. It also helps, in my experience, to meet with others to discuss this important book, as the discussions I've been a part of with this study tend to be very personal and honest.

Due to the ongoing nature of the pandemic, we will be following current masking guidelines.

On a final note, I have not forgotten about the Acts class we began just at the start of the pandemic. I would like to begin that again, but it may follow sometime after Job.

Thank you for your interest, and again, we'll let you know when the class begins.

Peace,  
-David



WELCOME TO THE WPC FAMILY

Layla Puskedra

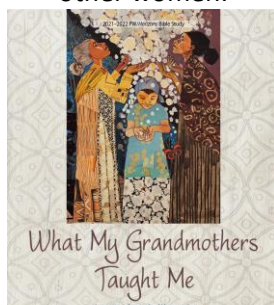
CONGRATULATIONS TO LUKE, TRUDIE AND BIG  
SISTERS PENELOPE AND PAYTON

July 28, 2021

## Bible Study for Women

The Presbyterian Women's Bible Study will be starting in September. The study looks great and is titled: *What My Grandmother Taught Me; Learning from Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*. All women are invited to attend one of the two circles that are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. One circle is at 1:30 and the other is at 5:30. Please email Brooke in the office to reserve your spot at either the 1:30 or 5:30 time slot even if you have attended previously. Study books cost \$10 and are located on a book self in the office.

Come and enjoy the Bible study and fellowship with other women.



## Creation Care Ministry: Living Thanksgiving

Good stewardship begins with celebration, and Creation Care Ministry at Westminster is all about finding ways to serve and celebrate! We hope you'll join us at our next meeting: September 21, 5:45 P.M., Fellowship Hall. Meantime, here are some great ways to start the party:

1. The Church Family Garden is producing magnificently for the whole church family! You are welcome to pick anything and everything except the beans, which we are saving for bean soup. Help yourself and share with friends so that they too can taste and see that the Lord is good.
2. Big news! We're hoping to restart collecting non-comingled recyclables at the church. Calling all volunteers to help us make that happen! We're thinking monthly, based on how much help we get. What do you think?
3. We have people interested in ways to reduce our personal, church, and community carbon footprint, including carbon offsets. Want to know more about that?
4. Westminster is working to be a good steward of energy and other resources to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, save money, and educate others. From solar panels and insulation to recycling containers in each room, we celebrate staff and volunteer efforts! Want to know more about our BRING RE-Think and PCUSA Earth Care Congregation certifications? You can help us with our annual renewals!
5. We're thankful that our emergency preparedness programs have helped many be better ready for weather and fire emergencies. Want information to share with family and neighbors?
6. Our partners across PCUSA and other faiths are helping us learn more about climate change and how faith communities can inspire others to help share and sustain God's creation. We're part of a large and diverse ministry! God is good.

Tell us what you and your family and friends want to know more about and make part of your ministry. Join the party! Questions and comments:

Karen Keady, [keady8709@comcast.net](mailto:keady8709@comcast.net).







### YOUTH GROUP

We held a crazy backyard Olympic Games complete with a medal ceremony! We have continued our summer devotional series and, like the Kids Group decorated manna rocks. We left them for people to find all around Eugene. IF you find one, be sure to visit WPC Rocks on Facebook and share a picture!

In September, David Linstrand will be moving to Barcelona, Spain to serve as an elder in a small Presbyterian congregation. His duties will include teaching English to church members and children, as well as feeding the poor. David expects to retain his email address, [2arlodavy@gmail.com](mailto:2arlodavy@gmail.com).



## We'll Miss You

Mary Pugsley and Steve Butt have been long-time members of Westminster. They are moving to Washington State to be close to their family. Their long and generous involvement with the church will surely be missed but will never be forgotten. Mary has such great enthusiasm and wit. Steve had a great sense of humor and both were wonderful to be around. They will definitely bring joy wherever they go. Safe travels!

## WESTMINSTER FALL CONNECTION

**We did it before, let's do it again! Let's have some fun again participating in a get-to-know-you-better activity where you can learn a little more about some members of our congregation.**

**Here's how it works. You will receive one question per day (M-F) via email, and all you do is respond to the group with your answer to the question. No other input is required. You just read the responses and be tickled, touched or totally amazed at how similar we are or how different we are.**

**The groups will be randomly assigned with approximately 6 people per group. One Elder from Outreach and Fellowship will send out the daily questions. The connection activity runs for 4 WEEKS but only Monday through Friday.**

**If you would like to participate, just email your name and address to the church office ([office@wpceugene.org](mailto:office@wpceugene.org)). Please include your name, your email address and "I would like to be a part of the connection activity." (We did this in January and had 42 individuals participate - it was a lot of fun reading the answers to some silly questions and some not so silly.)**

**Then just wait for the experience to begin. The deadline to contact the office is SEPTEMBER 10th! The email questions will begin on SEPTEMBER 13th and run through OCTOBER 8th.**

**Hope you will join in on the experience!**



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## 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. 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.

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

*August 2021*

**WPC KIDS Group**

After hearing the story of manna from heaven in Exodus, we made "manna rocks," rocks with blessings of love, joy, faith, hope and peace. We then went on a walk and left these blessings for others to find, hoping they would be reminders of God's love. We also each took one rock home with us to leave somewhere around town. Some of us are even taking them to leave on vacation. If you find a rock, visit WPC Rocks on Facebook and post a picture of it.

**Hello Westminster Community,**

As many of you know, during the pandemic, the supply of blood at blood banks has become very low, both locally and nationally. As a community of believers, we want to encourage one another to donate blood during this precarious time. One such option is at Bloodworks in Eugene. Their address is 2211 Willamette St, and their website is [bloodworksnw.org](https://bloodworksnw.org). They are open for donations. Please consider this important mission and health need during this vulnerable time. Thank you.

**-The Mission Committee and Session**