

MARCH 2022

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Lucille McKenzie 3/01
Tom Stocks 3/02
Vince Manion 3/02
Annabelle Marwitz 3/04
Steve Halberg 3/04
Mike Wilson 3/05
Leone Burger 3/05
Audrey Ukropina 3/06
Brooke Irvin 3/08
Miriam Aiken 3/10
Roxanna Trejo 3/11
Joanne Porter 3/13
Arlis Wozniak 3/18
Everett Dormer 3/18
Doug Schaaf 3/22
Mary Mills 3/24
Bob Mack 3/27
Keyte Hladky 3/27
Nancy McKaughan 3/28
Bryan Wickman 3/30
Cathy Martz 3/30
John Dinsmore 3/30

SPRING ADULT CLASS:

Jack Maddex will lead an in-person Adult Sunday class (Mar. 6-May 1) on THE CHURCH STRUGGLE IN NAZI GERMANY.

Please email the church office if you want to join this class.

Dear Westminster Community,

As you know, in the fall of 2021, we began a new ministry: the Westminster Presbyterian Preschool! The school has been such a blessing to our church and greater community and we are certain it will continue to grow and blossom. Keep an eye out in the Church Newsletter for the Preschool News Flash from Director Kelly Ford. In it, you can learn about our preschool program and what the children are up to. It will also include fun pictures of the kids and their projects.

We are excited to see the continued plans God has for our church and preschool. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support. ~Marta

You will find this month's Preschool News Flash below:

Preschool News Flash!

What we worked on in February...

Our preschoolers continue their alphabet adventures, we learned all about the letters, O, P, Q, and R. We started the month learning about the letter "O", part of our education was learning all about owls, we did a fun barn owl craft in pre-k, we made owl binoculars in the 4's and pre-k class, owls see with "binocular eyes", and took a walk around the church grounds and followed that up with dissecting owl pellets, the kiddos loved it. The letter "P" is always a favorite, everyone wore pajamas to school and we ate pancakes for snack time, a real crowd pleaser. Crafts for the letter "P" included porcupines, pigs and a pajama craft. For the letter "Q" we made quail crafts and quilt crafts and are visiting with the quilters in the fellowship hall, we can't wait. We will be ending the month with the letter "R" for robots and rockets, which will include stomp rockets for our last "Friday Fun Day", never a dull moment in the educational wing.

Looking ahead...

Here comes March! We are very excited for Dr. Seuss's birthday which will include a tasting adventure of green eggs and ham, we'll see who likes green eggs and ham and who doesn't. More fun in March will include St. Patrick's Day celebrations, rainbows, shamrocks and so much more.

We encourage all to come visit the educational wing and see some of the preschoolers artwork, it is worth the trip.

We have opened up registration for the 2022-2023 school year, spread the word! We offer tours daily and are available to answer any questions regarding our program.

You can reach us at: preschool@wpczugene.org

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more fun pictures.

Facebook- Westminster Presbyterian Preschool

Instagram- Westminster Preschool

"If we could see the world through the eyes of a child, we could see the magic in everything." -Chee Vai Tang



SPRING is coming.....Join the Townscape Walkers on Wednesday's at 9:30 AM at a different location each week. Young or Young at Heart – join us as we get together for a little exercise and a lot of fellowship. It is fun to meet weekly and catch up on what each of us are doing and experiencing to get through this pandemic. Email or call the church if you are interested and we will get you on the email list. We meet weekly but if you can only come once or twice a month, we'd love to have you be a part of this group.



Dear Westminster Community,

I unfortunately have to share the sad news that the National Presbyterian Youth Triennium Conference scheduled for this summer has been cancelled by the denomination due to safety concerns over the continuing Covid pandemic.

The Christian Education Committee, the youth group and your pastors, thank you all for your generosity toward our Triennium Fundraiser we held in October of 2021. We will be holding all of that money in the youth designated fund to support our youth for the next Triennium which will be held in 2025. I have been serving on our Presbytery's Triennium Planning Team as one of the leaders and we are all disappointed in this news, but we also understand that the current state of the pandemic was making it difficult to plan the conference. I am thankful we have such a strong youth ministry program here at WPC and that eventually we will once again send youth to Triennium! ~Marta

Here is the official announcement from the PCUSA:

According to PYT director Gina Yeager-Buckley, this decision came out of a deep desire to prioritize the safety and health of all Triennium participants, including those working the event.

“This decision involved a great deal of difficult, thoughtful and prayerful discernment with our multiple planning teams and we are confident it is the right call,” she said. “Dealing with the ramifications of COVID and the necessary safety protocols that we would need to build were overshadowing every element of Triennium. The most important goal of PYT is to provide a place where Presbyterian youth can safely and creatively explore God’s word and Jesus’ path...”

The decision to cancel the 2022 Triennium came after a recent meeting with the COVID Medical Advisory Team, which includes physicians and immunologists. Senior leaders from PYT, the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Office of the General Assembly heard from the medical team that even with vaccine and mask requirements, there would be COVID clusters — not just individual cases.

Because PYT participants travel and attend as delegations, a five- day pre-event quarantine would also have been required, because young people typically travel to PYT with a whole new group of peers. You can find the complete statement online @ <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/covid-19-cancels-2022-presbyterian-youth-triennium/>

Do you have a family member, friend or mentor that you have lost but would still like to remember in a special way? Think about putting up a cross in their memory on our cross wall. Just purchase a cross (no larger than 14 inches) or make a cross or perhaps you already have one and bring it to the church office. Be sure to include who it is in memory of and what special sentiment you would like to include with it. We will add it to the wall and to our Cross Wall booklet. Our cross wall is located on the right side of the wall as you walk towards the education wing. If you haven't seen it, please take a moment to check it out. The booklet is on the podium at all times.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The Youth group and Kid's Group collected cans and non-perishable foods to help tackle hunger. They collected a total of 302 items to be donated to FOOD FOR LANE COUNTY. Way to go! Thank you for all your donations!



SPECIAL JOINING SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH:

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church we will be having a Special Joining Sunday, immediately following the service in the Youth Room with Pastors and Session Members. Please call the church office (541) 343-3140 if you are interested. We would love to have you join our church!



Let's Celebrate Lent

Let's be intentional about practicing our faith as we remember what Christ did for us. Here are a few suggestions for Lent - giving up something so you can give back.

1. DON'T BUY ANYTHING YOU DON'T NEED.

If you can live without it, you don't need it. Give it up for Lent. Put the money that you would have spent into a jar.

And donate it to your favorite charity.

2. THROW AWAY 40 THINGS FOR 40 DAYS

Every day walk around your home and collect 40 things to donate....one item a day for 40 days until Lent ends. Then donate these items to St. Vinnie's or Food for Lane County or The Mission.

3. NO GOSSIPING

Give up gossiping for Lent - enough said.

4. SAY 3 NICE THINGS TO YOUR SPOUSE, FAMILY, CHILDREN, FRIENDS OR STRANGERS DAILY.

Try to do 3 out of the box things during Lent this year - besides the normal "thanks" or "you look good" or "good job."

5. REPLACE 30 MINUTES OF TV OR SCREEN TIME WITH 30 EXTRA MINUTES OF DEVOTION/PRAYER TIME.

Let's Celebrate the Holiness of Lent

We are daily tempted to move away from the CROSS. Lent is a beautiful time to help us remember the necessity of the CROSS. Here are some suggested readings for you as we approach the Season of Lent. Let us all draw near to Jesus this Easter Season.

March 2: ASH WEDNESDAY

Matthew 4:1-11 Temptation of Jesus

March 6: First Sunday

Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes

March 13: Second Sunday

Matthew 13:1-9 Parable of the Sower

March 20: Third Sunday

Matthew 16:21-28 Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

March 27: Fourth Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11 Jesus Triumphant Entry Into Jerusalem

April 3: Fifth Sunday

Psalm 103 Thanksgiving for God's Goodness

April 10: PALM SUNDAY

Matthew 26:17-35 Passover with Disciples

April 14: MAUNDY THURSDAY

Matthew 27:1-26 Jesus Brought Before Pilate

April 15: GOOD FRIDAY

Matthew 27:27-56 The Crucifixion

April 17: EASTER SUNDAY

Matthew 28:1-20 Resurrection of Jesus

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN!

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Ash Wednesday Worship
Wednesday, March 2nd at 6PM



FOR YOU ARE DUST
AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN
GENESIS 3:19

**Ash Wednesday
service is March 2nd
at 6:00pm**



On-line Giving

A few years ago, WPC established an option for on-line giving which can be accessed through our website, [WPCEugene.org](https://wpceugene.org), under the "connect online" menu. A number of our members find this service helpful. It is possible to choose a one-time donation, or to set up a recurring donation. The options are per capita, pledge, endowment fund, deacon's fund, preschool tuition, preschool donation and youth donation. The year-end giving statements brought forth some questions. If the person used either a credit or debit card, the giving statement will reflect the contribution less the bank charge. This is simply the way the on-line giving company reports it to us. When entering the credit card information there is an option to pay an additional 2.75% to cover the bank fee yourself. Donations by check are reported at the face value. Of course, checks are always a good choice, as the church has no expense for their use.

UNDERSTANDING PER CAPITA And Why It Is Important

Each member of the Presbyterian Church is expected to pay per capita every year. This year the amount is \$39.00 per member. Per capita doesn't just "go to the bureaucracy." It fuels the machinery of doing church the Presbyterian way. This is quite different from independent congregational or bishop-based systems. The \$39.00 funds presbytery (\$24.82), synod (\$5.20), and General Assembly (\$8.98). These groups provide the support needed by congregations in crisis. They provide assistance filling pastor vacancies, mediating congregational disputes, ensuring doctrinal correctness and uniformity, and providing pastoral and congregational support. By funding these portions of the Presbyterian church, per capita provides the wherewithal for the ecclesiastical democracy of the priesthood of all believers to run smoothly.

The theological and biblical support for per capita is 1 Corinthians 12:18. It is the connective tissue in the body imagery of the Apostle Paul - "But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as God wanted them to be." I.e., all parts of the church are part of one body. Being a connectional church takes both the contribution of gifts to per capita and the work of pastors and elders who together advise, guide, and govern our General Assembly, synods, and presbyteries. Congregations worship, teach church school, sing in the choir, marry, and bury. We advocate for justice. But without the support per capita provides for the parts of the Presbyterian church that undergirds the way we do church, congregations would find it difficult to thrive. You should look forward to paying per capita to ensure the continuation of the church you have chosen. You may pay per capita by credit card, direct deposit, check, or cash. Simply note on the contribution it is for per capita.