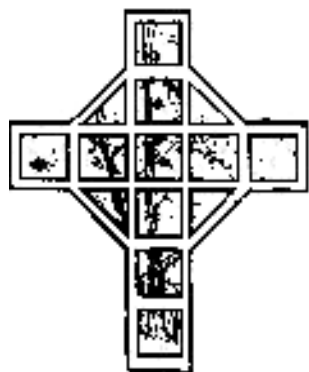


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The Triangle

February 7th, 2012

ASH WEDNESDAY SUPPER AND SERVICE

Our Ash Wednesday supper and service is scheduled for February 22nd, with a light supper at 6:00pm, followed by worship at 6:30pm.



Would you like to share your favorite soup for our dinner? We need ten different soups, serving ten people each. Soups can be delivered just prior to dinner, and a crock pot works great for serving the soup. Please let Kathy Marshall know (493-2487) if you can bring soup for this special evening of fellowship and quiet reflection as we begin the season of Lent.

Kathy Marshall, for Mission & Fellowship

PASTORS' CORNER
The Rev. Dr. David Kegley

Last Saturday Luci and I eked out a couple hours and went to the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge. We arrived there as the sun shown brightly and the temperature approached 60 degrees. For a February day in the Northwest it was a rare

window of spring within the season of winter. We saw Bald Eagles and Blue Herons, American Bitterns, Bufflehead Ducks and many other wonderful creatures, each seemingly as delighted by the day as we were.

The more I recall what I experienced, the more I'm sure I was brought near God and refreshed by grace. The beauty was big. Mount Rainer was reflecting its snow. We walked the new boardwalk over tidal waters which reflected the blue of the sky, along with a small collection of wispy clouds. The varieties of trees were reaching up in spite of the stress of the recent storm. And, perhaps, the most unusual sensation for this time of year, the warm sun was enveloping us with both heat and light.

Since the beauty was on such a grand scale and we were just in it, I didn't understand at first why my mood was lifted, my spirit encouraged and my life seemed so opened up to new possibility. From the most inward notion of my soul to the words Luci and I exchanged, to the distant Olympic Mountain range, I was refreshed and lifted.

So easy it is to forget to be connected with the earth and all its beauty. So easy it is to forget that our spirituality is intimately connected to the planet. We can drain ourselves of life by isolating ourselves from the natural world, yet it is designed and made beautiful by our Creator who originally placed us in a garden.

Recently I listened to Krista Tippett's podcast "OnBeing," an American Public Radio program. In 2007 she interviewed the late theologian and philosopher John O'Donohue. This interview was edited and posted last week. I was familiar with O'Donohue having taught a couple years ago on beauty partly using his book called "Beauty; *The Invisible Embrace*." In the interview, O'Donohue says: "I think that beauty is not a luxury, but I think that it ennobles the heart and reminds us of the infinity that is within us." And later in the interview . . .

. . . beauty isn't all about just nice, loveliness like (*sic*). Beauty is about more rounded substantial becoming. And I think when we cross a new threshold that if we cross worthily, what we do is we heal the patterns of repetition that were in us that had us caught somewhere. And in our crossing then we cross on to new ground where we just don't repeat what we've been through in the last place we were. So I think beauty in that sense is about an emerging fullness, a greater sense of grace and elegance, a deeper sense of depth, and also a kind of homecoming for the enriched memory of your unfolding life.

Peace, *David*

Calendar for This Week and Next

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:15am Book Group (library)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

3:00pm Larry Crouch memorial

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00am Worship

9:45am Sunday School for all ages
High School class to Seattle
mosque

11:15am Worship

12:30pm Youth Group

12:45pm Golden Delicious lunch at
Black Bear Diner

1:00pm Bell Choir retreat (FH)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

1:00pm Grief Support Group (lib)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP

1:00pm Horizon Bible Study (lib)

6:00pm TuesdayNightTogether

7:00pm Bell Choir rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)

7:00pm Session (FH)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters

12 noon Triangle articles due

1:00pm Dorcas Circle

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 continues

6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal

7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00am Worship

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

11:15am Worship

12:30pm Youth Group

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Presidents' Day (church office
closed)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:00am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP
(celebrating John James'
100th birthday)

9:30am Elizabeth Circle (room 12)

11:00am Mary-Martha Circle

7:00pm Bell Choir rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:30am Triangle folding (library)

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)

6:00pm Ash Wednesday supper

6:30pm Ash Wednesday worship

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters

7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS . . .

Join us at **TUESDAYNIGHTTOGETHER** – beginning February 14th.

FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL AGES!

2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 6:00 – 8:00pm through April 24th

6:00pm LIGHT SUPPER *Suggested Donation: \$2 (\$5 per family)* (in the fellowship hall)

6:30 – 8:00 pm ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

(childcare provided in the nursery for children, ages infant to Kindergarten)

KID’S CLUB (grades 1 - 5) Led by Pastor Christine Long (in the fellowship hall)

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (grades 6 – 12)

Led by Lara Crutsinger-Perry, Youth Ministry Coordinator (in the youth room)

FOR ADULTS

“Sustainable Faith” led by Linda Bell (in the chapel)

“How Much Is Enough?” Parenting Class led by Donna Burkhart (in room 8, CE wing)

Conversation and Craft Fellowship, facilitated by Phyllis Ryan (in the library)

For a full description of these classes see the Adult Christian Education Brochure or church website.

SUNSHINE PRESCHOOL NEWS . . .

The year began with children making winter crafts and wishing for some snow. In fact we made fake snow for them in our sensory box. But we did not have to wait too long to experience the real thing a few weeks later. They came back to school after that with many stories about that eventful week and we played with more snow in our playground. We thought about how animals and birds live in the winter and made rice cake bird feeders to help them out.

This month we also talked about pets and some children brought their pets in for show and tell. They continue working on the zoophonics curriculum and do many number and science activities.

It has been our desire this year to start a scholarship fund, to help young families financially while having enough resources to run a good program. I am happy to let you know that some of our preschool parents have spearheaded the “Cup of Sunshine” coffee fundraiser, selling different varieties of coffee from Olympic Crest Coffee roaster. We will have more information about it soon and hope our congregation will support us in this effort.

Now as our children prepare to celebrate Valentines Day, we wish God’s warm love to surround our church, our preschool and our lives.

Dinali Dhammapala, Director of Sunshine Preschool



REQUEST FOR ACOLYTES

Worship Participation Opportunity for Children and Youth



The acolyte is the person (usually a child or youth) who lights the candles at the front of the sanctuary during the beginning of the service and extinguishes the flames at the end of worship. Our ushers are available on Sunday mornings to help the acolytes with instruction and lighting the brass candle lighter.

Sign-up Directions:

- Children and youth of any age may participate. Children 3 to 5 years of age may need a parent to participate with them.
- There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex next to the library.
- There is a spot for 9:00am and 11:15am worship services.
- Please assist your child/youth to sign up.
- Please sign up for only one Sunday so that many have an opportunity to serve in worship. If we end up with empty spots we will call or email those already signed-up to add another Sunday.
- If you need to trade dates, contact the family of another child/youth on the list for the date you would like.
- If you need to cancel due to illness or emergency, please contact me by cell phone (360-259-9595) or e-mail (ctlong@wpcoly.org).

Please contact Pastor Christine Long with any questions. Office: 360-357-5750 / Cell: 360-259-9595 / E-mail: ctlong@wpcoly.org

Pastor Christine

NEW MEMBER CLASS OPPORTUNITY

We have tentatively scheduled a New Member Class for Saturday, February 25th from 9:30am until 2:00pm. Lunch will be provided. Please contact the church office or note on your Friendship Card at worship if this date works for you and if you would like to participate in this class. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office or talk to Pastors, David or Christine.

The New Member Class gives you the opportunity to meet new people and learn more about being Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian Church.

SEE HOW OUR GARDEN GROWS

Westminster is starting a garden!

This spring Westminster Presbyterian Church will be starting a Community Garden next door on the former Boulevard Nursery site. Now isn't that appropriate? It will be small in scale consisting of four raised beds – sort of a Pilot Project. The food grown there will be donated to the Thurston County Food Bank.

We are currently looking for people who are excited about this idea and would be interested in the planning phase of this project. You do not have to be a gardener in order to get involved, although we certainly welcome those of you with green thumbs. There is a lot to do for people with a variety of interests and abilities. We also would like to encourage people of all ages to participate.

Our first **informational and planning meeting** will be held Sunday, February 26th during the Sunday School hour in the fellowship hall. Come one, come all.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Carol Vannerson at 280-5718 or carol.vannerson@comcast.net



Carol Vannerson
for Mission & Fellowship

“GOLDEN DELICIOUS” INVITES YOU

Come join the Golden Delicious Group for after-church lunches (or dinner) once a month, usually at a local restaurant. Sign up at the Golden Delicious table located in the narthex and prepare for a good time of fellowship and conversation. Coming events are as follows:

Sunday, February 12th, 12:45pm
Black Bear Restaurant
955 Black Lake Blvd SW
Hosts: Dave and Lillian Clark

Sunday, March 11th, 12:45pm
The Garden Room in
Panorama's Chambers House Restaurant
Hosts: Jim and Beverly Nielson

If you have questions, please give me a call.

Charlotte Petermann, 456-4137
for Golden Delicious Group

FOR AND ABOUT OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS . . .

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Naida Banker. Naida died January 25th, 2012 and had been a member of Westminster since 1962.

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Cay Martin. Cay died January 20th, 2012 and was a member of Westminster for fifty years.

Our prayers and sympathy to the Sandy, Carly and Makenzi Crouch following the death of their husband and father, Larry Crouch. Larry died February 6th, 2012.

A memorial service will be held for Larry at Westminster this Saturday, February 11 at 3:00pm

You are invited to **celebrate with Zona Mae Brink** on her 90th birthday. There will be an open house Saturday, February 11th at the Vista Village Community Center from 2:00-4:00pm. You are asked to wear red and “no gifts” please.

You may sign up for **Friendship Dinners** until February 14th. Please call the church office or sign up on your Friendship Card this coming week in worship. If you have questions, please call Joan Schlect at 456-4674.

Camp Quixote, Olympia's homeless camp, is running short of volunteer hosts through February at the First Christian Church downtown, 701 Franklin St SE. If you can help, please check the host calendar at <http://sites.google.com/site/campquixoteoly>. Or, you may call Jill Severn at 753-2095. The Camp is grateful for your support.

As the new year begins we know that many church activities continue with the same schedule and others are added or changed. Please contact the church office with your meeting information so that we can **keep our calendar up to date**. It is especially important to know who is meeting when and where so that we can adjust our new heating system schedule as needed.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

January 22 - 177 (63 at 9:00am)

January 29 - 256 (63 at 9:00am)

February 5 - 204 (57 at 9:00am)

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