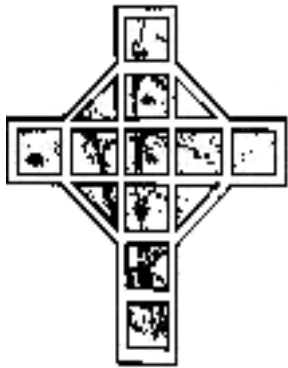


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The Triangle

July 20th, 2010

NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL DEDICATION

Sunday, July 25, 2010

3:00pm in the afternoon

Join us this coming Sunday as we dedicate our new fellowship hall and nursery/preschool additions. The service of dedication will be held in the sanctuary. We will celebrate "Fulfilling the Vision" – the completion of our long-anticipated dream.

PASTORS' CORNER
The Rev. Christine T. Long

Each year since I began serving here as Associate Pastor in 2005 my good friend from Gig Harbor and her two children come to visit for a week right after school

lets out for the summer. We pick this week because that is when we have Vacation Bible School here at Westminster and her children like to attend with my children. We enjoy opening our home to our friends and we thank you, as our church family, for welcoming them as well. This summer we got to have a bonus visit and they joined us for worship this last Sunday. My friend is grateful that she and her children can feel right at home in the worship and life of Westminster.

My friend and I met in seminary. We were part of a small group of women who met every week for sharing and prayer. Outwardly, we were all as different as night and day but the love of God and the strength of fellowship in prayer held us together. Seminary is an intense time of learning, discovery and growth. The support and fellowship of good friends amidst a wonderful but challenging time certainly made life easier.

Friendships come in all shapes in sizes. Sometimes we are friends with people because we have a common interest, like a hobby. Sometimes we are friends with others because we grew up in the same town and we have history. Maybe we have children that attend the same school. Perhaps we are friends because we work together. Maybe we are friends because we find one another interesting or we can be there for each other in times of need. Whatever the reasons, friends are a precious gift and to be a friend to another is a precious honor. Proverbs 17:17 reminds us, "A friend loves at all times." And when we fail to love our friends perfectly remember, "Above all, love one another deeply for love covers a multitude of sin." 1 Peter 4:8

Having a good friend reminds me that the friendship of God is always there for me too. There are those times when I am alone and in need of a friend. Being a social person I really want human contact but that does not always work out, especially if I'm up in the middle of the night thinking or worrying about something. When I feel that way I remind myself that the God who has brought good friends into my life is also there as my Lord and my friend. From Psalm 57 we can all be affirmed that we can take refuge in the shadow of God's wings and that God's love is as high as the heavens. (Psalm 57:1, 10) God's friendship goes beyond where any human friendship can go. As we consider and receive the friendship of God may our prayer of affirmation be, "This I know, that God is for me." Psalm 56:9b

Blessings, *Christine*

Calendar for This Week and Next

FRIDAY, JULY 23

8:20pm Coed softball (RAC #2)

SUNDAY, JULY 25

10:00am Worship

11:30am (no Youth Group)

3:00pm Fellowship Hall

Dedication

4:00pm Camp Quixote dinner

MONDAY, JULY 26

4:00pm Presbytery Trustees (lib)

7:00pm Camp Quixote (room 12)

TUESDAY, JULY 27

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

10:00am Bible Study (room 11)

THURSDAY, JULY 29

6:30pm GA Recap (sanctuary)

8:20pm Men's softball (RAC #4)

FRIDAY, JULY 30

6:00pm Coed softball (RAC #2)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

10:00am Worship

11:30am (no Youth Group)

12:30pm All-Church Picnic

4:00pm Camp Quixote dinner

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

12 noon Triangle articles due

7:00pm Camp Quixote (rm 12)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

9:30am Triangle folding (library)

10:00am Bible Study (room 11)

7:00pm PANZA meeting (rm 12)

THURSDAY, JULY 1

7:10pm Men's softball (RAC #4)

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC - YOU ARE INVITED!

You are invited to come to the All-Church Picnic (*Pioneer Theme*), Sunday, August 1st, 1:00 pm, at the Tumwater Historical Park. Bring lawn chairs for your comfort. There will be games and fun for all ages.



For the potluck: If your last name begins with please bring: A-G, a salad; H-L, a dessert; M-Z, a main dish. The Deacons will be providing ice cream. See you there!

Vicky Wyrick, for the Deacons

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CE) UPDATES . . .

We know Cheryl is not replaceable and we dearly miss her, yet we are optimistic of our future with God. The Personnel Department has begun the process of addressing our needs for staff. The Personnel Department is hard at work discerning God's guidance toward supporting and enhancing our ministries and programs here at Westminster.

Meanwhile, CE is planning how to keep most the programs going during the interim time before a new Director of Family Ministries is hired. We will keep you updated through articles in the Triangle.

Childcare: Jennifer Tucker, 701-3027, our Child Care Coordinator will be handling **all** requests for childcare for Westminster related activities and meetings. We are very fortunate to have quality childcare providers. In addition to Jennifer we have four childcare providers, all who have experience and are employed in licensed childcare facilities.

Childcare is available Sunday morning for infants to age five, from fifteen minutes before church until ten minutes after church. There will be two providers age eighteen or over whenever possible. Childcare is also offered for church activities and events, such as adult education classes, congregational meetings, etc. Childcare can also be arranged for most church meeting or event. When needed, it is the responsibility of the leaders of the event to make arrangements with Jennifer Tucker 701-3027 at least ONE week prior to the event. Please let Jennifer know if you change your meeting time, or don't need the childcare after all. The providers appreciate your being considerate of their time.

Sunday School is being planned for kindergarten through grade 12. If you would like to teach, please let Greg Burkhart know, as he will be coordinating the Sunday School program. We are hoping/planning to continue having teachers work in teams, and rotating, so no one has to teach every Sunday. We have ordered the curriculum and would like to have Sunday School for preschoolers - it just depends on getting volunteers to teach.

TuesdayNightTogether(TNT)/Adult Education: We are planning to have TNT. Emily & Francis Elstrott have volunteered to prepare the meals again! The Adult Education Committee is working on a great slate of classes to be offered for Sunday mornings and for TNT!

Sandy Crouch, for the Christian Education Department

YOUTH NEWS . . .

Greetings Westminster Church Family!

We are off!!

I write this Saturday night, as we prepare to meet in the church parking lot at 1:30am this Sunday, (July 18th). Our flight will leave SeaTac at 5:15am and, by afternoon, we'll be in Jamaica.

Among our group of 19 mission travelers, I have heard many anxious murmurs about the insects in Jamaica, the work we'll be doing, and the food we'll be eating. --But, mostly, I've heard laughter and excitement. I've had congregation members pat me on the shoulder and reassure me that I will be accompanied by some wonderful parents. I always respond that I am confident of this, as well as that the youth who are coming along are also phenomenal.

Certainly we are blessed with able and enthusiastic mission group members. Please pray for us as we work to make the trip a successful and meaningful one.

~ Katrina, Youth Ministry Coordinator

NEWS FROM SUNSHINE PRESCHOOL . . .

Here I am writing my first lines for The Triangle as the new director of Sunshine Preschool. Since my start date in June, I have been blessed with so many of you giving me a very warm welcome and going out of your way to help me get settled. I am filled with gratitude and am confident that God has some special plans for us.



A little tidbit about me..... I am a native of a little island called Sri Lanka and came to the USA ten years ago with my husband Ranil. We now have a 7-year-old son, Kavi. I have taught in Sri Lanka for eleven years and since coming here I have been able to do my CDA and also gain more experience.

As I have learned these last weeks, Sunshine Preschool is program that has been sowed, tended, watered and nurtured by loving, committed and generous people of this church. And many children in our community have been blessed by it. (We even have a second generation "Sunshiner" coming to us in the fall.) I feel humbled to take on this responsibility. But with our Lord guiding my every step, and all your support, I know I will be able to serve the parents, the teachers and especially the children who are in my care. I am looking forward to getting to know you and working together in this wonderful ministry.

Dinali Dhammapala, Sunshine Preschool Director

FOR AND ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY . . .

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! It is with joy we recognize our newest members of our congregation. The following people were welcomed during worship this past Sunday, July 18, 2010. You will find short bios with their photos posted in the narthex so that you can learn a bit more about each new member.

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480-6788 / 2804 71st Lane SW, Olympia WA 98512

JASON AND TAMMY LOREE Sponsor: Norma Loree
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Big Thanks – no, make that a **huge** thank you to the thirty Westminster people who worked in the strawberry shortcake booth during Lakefair. The Olympia Early Learning Center uses the money from this fundraiser for scholarships to help low income families needing day care for their children while they work.

Elsa McLain, for the Mission & Fellowship Department

Financial Statements: Early in July financial statements were mailed to those of you who have made pledges – to the church and to the building fund. This is not a bill, but a statement that reflects your giving **through June 2010**. Please call the church office, or email me (ltaylor@wpcoly.org), if you have questions regarding your statement. This gives me a chance to correct any mistakes and clarify any issues.

Lynne Taylor, 357-5750, Financial Secretary

GA Recap: On Thursday, July 29, at 6:30pm, the Presbytery will be hosting a General Assembly recap in our sanctuary. Everyone is invited to this informational meeting.

Fellowship Hall Artwork:

"A man should hear a little music, read a little poetry, and see a fine picture everyday of his life, in order that worldly cares may not obliterate the sense of the beautiful which God has implanted in the human soul. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe Check out the beautiful art displayed in the new Fellowship Hall. These collages were created at a class at the All-Church Retreat last month. Led by David, the theme of the class was on *Beauty*. The art project was led by Marj Marion. It is a beautiful, colorful and a great reflection of our members' creativity.

~ *Rachelle Dudley*, and the All-Church Retreat

MISSION & MINISTRY FAIR SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 26th

Many of our mission & ministry activities are front and center such as Camp Quixote, our monthly donations to the Thurston County Food Bank, or the annual CROP Walk. Other mission activities are less visible, but equally important. On Sunday, September 26th, we would like to provide an opportunity for **all** mission & ministry activities at Westminster to share their great work with the congregation at a Mission & Ministry Fair. We will provide space in the new fellowship hall for you (or your group) to display pictures, materials or other information about the mission activity that you are involved in with other members of the congregation. If you are involved in a mission or ministry related activity as an individual or with a group and would like to participate in the Mission & Ministry Fair, please contact Paul Taylor or Lorna Linden to reserve your space, or for additional information about the fair.

Paul Taylor: prtjat@yahoo.com or 438-0173
Lorna Linden: llinden@comcast.net or 352-4361
for the Mission & Fellowship Department

CAMP QUIXOTE UPDATE!

We are so blessed to be hosting the nineteen residents of Camp Quixote. We need your help to ensure we are meeting the needs of the camp while it is with us this summer. Please extend God's love and hospitality to the residents whenever you are in the neighborhood.

Here are some specific needs:

- Pray for the residents, for our church, for our neighbors, and all who are homeless in our community
- We still need many volunteers to serve a three-hour shift at the host table at the entrance to the camp, especially on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Please consider spending this important time providing hospitality to Camp Quixote residents. You can sign up online by visiting <http://sites.google.com/site/campquixoteoly/volunteer>. From that site, you can view the host calendar online and email the volunteer coordinator to request a shift. Please contact Julie Johnson with questions about hosting or being trained as a host: 438-0405, or julieandcris@msn.com.
- Contribute financially to Westminster to help with our expenses while hosting the camp.
- The camp needs donations of paper products and plastic ware, sugar, batteries, and rolls of heavy plastic. You can leave these donations at the host tent.
- Invite the camp residents to worship with us on Sundays or to participate in other Westminster events this summer.

Kathy Marshall, for Camp Quixote Committee



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

July 11 – **173**

July 18 – **204**

GREETERS FOR JULY:

Belle Bateman and Clancy Pritchett

Pastor: **David Kegley**, dkegley@wpcoly.org

Associate Pastor: **Christine Long**, ctlong@wpcoly.org

Director of Music Ministries: **Terry Shaw**, wpcmusic@msn.com

Director of Family Ministries: (Position vacant)

Youth Ministry Coordinator: **Katrina Wyman**, K8emay@hotmail.com

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