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# *The Triangle*

*June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010*

## Summer Worship Schedule and Dates for Calendars:

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| This Sunday, June 6 <sup>th</sup>            | Worship at 9:00 and 11:15am<br>Celebrating Holy Communion<br>Receiving monthly Food Bank offering |
| Sunday, June 13 <sup>th</sup>                | Worship at 10:00am<br>Graduate Recognition                                                        |
| June 28 <sup>th</sup> – July 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Vacation Bible School (see page 4)                                                                |

**PASTORS' CORNER**  
**The Rev. Dr. David R. Kegley**

In a book called “Preaching While the Church Is Under Reconstruction” theologian Thomas Troeger describes a church sanctuary where a portion of the roof collapsed and fell to the ground. The congregation decided to chain off a section for safety reasons, but continued to worship in the sanctuary. Worshipping while the church was under construction was a metaphor for being church. They worshipped with what they called a “God shaped hole” in their midst and began to recognize that leaving space for God to enter the church was evocative of congregational life as it should be.

Might this be an apt consideration for us as new windows, doors and hallways come into use in the course of construction? In a similar pattern of thought, I heard a speaker say once that in some of the cathedrals in Europe small windows were constructed in the upper portions of the dome. On Pentecost Sunday those windows were opened to symbolize the Holy Spirit’s coming to the church as described in Acts, chapter two. On and around Pentecost Sunday, we had plenty of extra air flowing through our church building!

The church as we know it, lodged in time as it is, need never be seen as a completed and sealed up structure. It is always under construction. We really should leave room—holes, windows, passageways—in our thinking for God’s Spirit to flow into and among us whenever we gather.

The irony is that our human nature wants things to be complete. Perhaps more than anywhere else in the world, we at least want our church to be the epitome of what is lasting and reliable. We like quoting the verse that says “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8) but forget that Christ’s unchanging nature allows us the security to mature through many changes even though the earth should change, mountains shake and waters roar (Psalm 46).

Along with embracing all the new opportunities for service and worship our construction affords, we can see change and openings as opportunities to remember the Spirit seeking to flow into our lives. Perhaps the remnants of construction—a stray piece of concrete here, a “wish they would have done this differently” there—can remind us that there is still much space for God to enter and to do new things among us.

*Peace, David*

# Calendar for This Week and Next

## FRIDAY, JUNE 4

All-Church Retreat begins  
7:10pm Coed Softball (RAC #2)

## SUNDAY, JUNE 6

9:00 & 11:15am Worship  
Celebrating Communion  
Food Bank Offering

## MONDAY, JUNE 7

5:00pm Nominating Comm (CE wing)  
7:00pm Camp Quixote (room 12)

## TUESDAY, JUNE 8

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP  
4:30pm FH Finance Comm (rm 12)

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)  
10:30am FH Construction meeting  
5:45pm W&M at Marj Marion's

## THURSDAY, JUNE 10

7:00pm Chancel Choir

## FRIDAY, JUNE 11

9:15am Book Group (room 12)  
6:00pm Coed Softball (RAC #2)

## SATURDAY, JUNE 12

9:00am New Member Class (rm 12)  
2:00pm Celebration of life for Vernon  
Briggs (Masonic Temple)

## SUNDAY, JUNE 13

10:00am Worship  
Graduate Recognition  
11:15pm Fellowship Hall Tour

## MONDAY, JUNE 14

12 noon Triangle articles due  
1:00pm Grief Support (library)  
6:30pm Stephen Ministry (room 7)

## TUESDAY, JUNE 15

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP  
6:30pm VBS Planning (room 12)  
7:00pm Camp Quixote Public  
Hearing (sanctuary)

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

9:30am Triangle folding (library)  
10:00am Bible Study (room 12)  
10:30am FH Construction (lib)  
7:00pm Department meetings

## THURSDAY, JUNE 17

12 noon Dorcas Circle at Joan  
Baumgardner's

Please note: June 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> (Monday-Friday) the narthex floor will be replaced and cannot be walked on. The front doors will be locked that week.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 28 to July 2, 2010 / 9:00am to 12:00 noon

Get ready to blast off at VBS this year as our theme is "Galactic Blast". We will be learning about God through an outer space theme. Bright yellow registration forms are in the literature racks or you can register online at <http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/galactic-blast/wpcolyvbs2010>.



Please turn in a registration form and fee of \$20.00 for each child to the church office. Scholarships are available if you have a financial hardship.

Contact Gregory Burkhart 357 4210 ([gburkhart4210@comcast.net](mailto:gburkhart4210@comcast.net)) or Gordon Robinson at 292-5712 if you have questions.

**Note: There is no pre school program this year due to the fellowship hall construction. Please register those who have completed kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade only.**

*Greg Burkhart, for Vacation Bible School*

## YOUTH NEWS . . .

Our very busy youth are working their way toward the end of the school year and preparing for summer volunteer activities, as well as a great deal of fun.

On July 19th, they are scheduled to volunteer at the first annual Imagination Celebration at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore on Black Lake Boulevard. This is a program designed to encourage children to read and stay active during the summer, instead of sedentary activities, like watching the television and playing video games. The youth will help at booths, teaching children craft activities.

On June 28th, the youth will spend a week assisting other members of the congregation in putting on this year's Vacation Bible School: *Galactic Blast*. This is sure to be entertaining and educational for the children of our own congregation, as well as the other local children who are registered to attend.

And, of course, the youth group and several parent volunteers leave for Jamaica July 18<sup>th</sup>. We have a full plate and are looking forward to every minute of it!!

*Katrina Wyman, Youth Ministry Coordinator*

# FULFILLING THE VISION

## Fellowship Hall Project Update

For Westminster to be all that we can be, many of us have long believed that we need a larger space. Now our dream is about to be realized. How do we pay for this dream? It is a daunting challenge.

We need a large down payment on our expansion. We need to minimize the mortgage so that the debt doesn't cut too deeply into our operating budget and negatively affect the staff and programs we have worked so hard to build.

Personally, I want to do my share to help the finances – no more, no less. I am willing to sacrifice some of the luxuries I enjoy in my life, but I have not sacrificed my basic lifestyle of a home, car, food, clothes, some travel, giving outside the church, and other things we all want.

I decided that I could afford to consider the expansion an investment in my church home and community for which I was willing to temporarily increase my giving to a level of tithing.

Talking in terms of millions of dollars for the Fellowship Hall can be overwhelming and makes me feel my part is insignificant. But now is the time that your giving can really help. As you have heard, every dollar you give now will reduce the amount we have to borrow and be worth \$2.12.

We ask you to pay any unpaid pledges, to make a large donation if you are able, to purchase a table or chair to help. We ask you to think about your giving, make some level of sacrifice for your church, and to just say *Yes, I can help! I will do my part!*

Thank you. *Linda Greenly*, for the Fellowship Hall Finance Committee

## FELLOWSHIP HALL TOUR

### Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> following worship

June 13<sup>th</sup> is our first Sunday with our summer schedule of worship at 10:00am. It is a notable Sunday because we will be offering guided tours of the new church additions after the service. Please join us for not only the beginning of our summer schedule, but for special refreshments and a look at our nearly completed construction project.

Marv Ryser, for our new Fellowship Hall

## FOR AND ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY . . .

**Book Group Reminder:** Westminster's Book Group meets Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> in room 12 of the CE wing. We are reading LIFE IS SO GOOD by George Dawson. Everyone is welcome to join us. *Suzanne Fell, ssfell@comcast.net, WPC's Book Group*

**Thank You:** We wish to thank all those who sent cards and prayers to us on the passing of our son-in-law, Butch. His grandson (age 6) said at the memorial in front of 200 or so people "He was the best granddad ever". *Sid and Vicky Wyrick*

**Golden Delicious** will be taking the month of June off. Scheduled luncheons will resume in July. New ideas are always welcome. One way to start a ball rolling would be to call Elsa McLain at 357-9674 and talk it over.

**"Bon Voyage" party for Sunny Petermann:** The Christian Education Department (CE) and Preschool staff and parents will host this gathering Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm in the upper CE wing at the church. We will serve light hors d'oeuvres and drinks. We will present Sunny with a "memory box" filled with photos, cards and letters from former/current students and families as well as her friends and family members. Please consider sharing your memories/photos of Sunny with her by sending them to the church office at 1925 Boulevard Road SE, Olympia Washington 98501. **RSVP:** ckinnamon@wpcoly.org or church office 357-5750.

*In lieu of gifts, donations to the new Preschool playground to honor Sunny will be accepted. Write your check to Westminster Presbyterian Church and note for "Preschool Playground".*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESCHOOL

We are building a foundation here. As the early days of construction on the addition began the children imagined the large backhoe and the digger to be dinosaurs. It was quite compelling to see the pavement removed and soil displaced and the huge trees pushed over and dug up by hungry T-rex jaws. Just as amazing as what has gone on outdoors is the foundation for future learning and early beginnings for Christian faith taking shape here. The children are interacting easily with others and they share their opinions openly. They have healthy curiosities and are eager to learn about God and themselves. Most recently the changes in the building are of brick, roofing, wiring while the changes observed in the children are transforming the landscape of their future. They are familiar with most letters and numbers, colors, shapes as well as can categorize many different objects. They experience prayer and listen actively to stories from the Bible. The year has been constructive and the excitement is growing as we see the building take shape and each of us prepare ourselves for the next level of learning.



Sunshine Preschool Staff (*Sunny, Tina, Julie and Karen*)

## CAMP QUIXOTE ARRIVES AT WESTMINSTER JULY 3<sup>rd</sup>

Camp Quixote is a tent city that provides safe haven for people experiencing homelessness. It is only located at any one site for 90 days. Westminster last hosted the camp March – June, 2009. There are many ways you can help prepare for the arrival of Camp Quixote and be present with the camp while it is here at Westminster.

Julie Johnson will be organizing the host table schedule. Sitting at the Camp Quixote host table is an important opportunity for you to both provide hospitality and build relationships with the residents of the camp. By listening to residents and sharing our own stories, we nourish and heal each other as we walk side by side in community.

We hope that WPC members will fill most of the host table shifts between 9:00am and 9:00pm. Shifts are three hours each. There will be two Host Table Training Sessions for people interested in sitting at the Host Table at Camp Quixote:

1. Sunday, June 20 at 11:30 a.m. (following worship), in room 12
2. Wednesday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m., in room 12

There will soon be sign-up “boards” in the narthex where you can sign up for shifts. Julie Johnson will be in the narthex on June 20 and 27 to answer questions and facilitate sign ups.

Westminster will be hosting a public meeting on June 15 at 7:00 p.m. to inform the neighborhood that the camp will be here July 3 – October 1. Come and learn more about the camp and welcome our neighbors to our sanctuary that evening.

Martin Engels and Frank Sanborn are coordinating the move day July 3. Lots of trucks and strong bodies are needed to ensure a smooth move. Please contact Martin ([msengels@juno.com](mailto:msengels@juno.com)) or Frank ([fascjs@yahoo.com](mailto:fascjs@yahoo.com)) if you can help with this task.

Finally, please consider providing a meal for the camp residents on a Sunday evening while they are our guests. Contact Jane Jones at 459-1718, or [bjkjones@comcast.net](mailto:bjkjones@comcast.net).

We ask each of you to prayerfully consider how you can extend hospitality to the people of Camp Quixote and be involved with this critical ministry effort here at Westminster. Continue to pray for those experiencing homelessness in our community and for all of the congregations that have responded to this need.

*Kathy Marshall, for Camp Quixote Committee*

## A NEW MEMBER CLASS

A New Member Class is on the calendar for Saturday, June 12. If you would like to participate in this class and have not done so, please indicate your interest on a Friendship Card at worship. Or, you may call the church office (357-5750). The class will begin and 9:00am and go until about 1:30pm. Lunch will be provided.

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

May 23 – 218 (80 at 9:00am)

May 30 – 162 (41 at 9:00am)

### GREETERS FOR JUNE:

*Ernie and Charlotte Petermann*



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