



**Westminster
Presbyterian Church**
2301 Ridgeway Road, Jackson, MI 49203
Sunday Worship at 10:00 A.M.
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*If you are
interested in a
6/5 'virtual
Trivia Game
Night' please
contact Andy
Rieman*

Please stay healthy.

*Graduate info
needed! Please
send an email
to the church
office or drop
it off M-F, 1-5
P.M. by 6/1.*



The Little Church with the BIG Heart!
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NEWS AND VIEWS

May 18th , 2020

PASTOR'S NOTES - PENTECOST IS MAY 31 – WEAR RED!

Zoom "Oops" on Sunday, May 17

Sadly, the Zoom system had a "server issue" that caused problems accessing our worship service this past Sunday. If you would like to have a copy of the sermon e-mailed or mailed to you, please contact the office.

We celebrate Pentecost by wearing red (or flame colors), symbolizing the power of the Holy Spirit who appeared as tongues of fire alighting on the disciples (see Acts 2:1-21). Even though we are in separate places, you are encouraged to wear red for worship on May 31!

SET UP YOUR PERSONAL WORSHIP SPACE

As we continue to gather for worship from our homes, some have found it helpful to set up a space for worship, using items that draw your attention to God, or that remind you that you stand on holy ground. A cross, a Bible, a picture, a candle are not objects that we worship, but they are visual cues that point us to the One whom we do worship. This may well be a space that you also use for other tasks, but on Sunday mornings you can set aside the purpose of worship.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you again for your generous support of the church's ministry, especially in this challenging time. Westminster's budgeted income and expenses are at least as good as expected four months into the year. The April 30 financial reports show our pledge and adult envelope income at 37% (33.3% expected), and our budgeted expenses exceeded our income by \$7,600, better than the \$10,300 we expected by this point in the year. Our investment values went down substantially in the first quarter of the year, not unexpectedly. Westminster generously gave \$726.89 to One Great Hour of Sharing this year!

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Know that your WPC Session, Pastor and Staff are holding every single one of you in prayer during this difficult time.

CAMP GREENWOOD

Due to the current Pandemic we made the decision to cancel in-person summer camp for the 2020 season. This does not mean that Summer Camp 2020 is not happening. We are in the process of finding ways to "Bring Camp to You". A survey will be coming out with more information and we eagerly await your response. For other information about our cancellation policy and virtual camp please visit us at: <http://campgreenwood.org/summer-camp/summer-camp/>

ONLINE GIVING OPTION

Session has agreed to offer the option of online giving. After comparing several options, we chose the Presbyterian Foundation as our receiving agency. There will be a link on our website and on our Facebook page within the next couple of weeks, as soon as our application is processed. As our electronic sharing of worship invites participants into the church in a new way, it seemed important to have this option available. Those who are already giving should be aware that if you choose to give online, there is a 2% fee deducted when your gift is transferred to the church. There is an option available to increase the gift to help offset this fee. If you want to set up your regular gift to be sent to the church automatically, you may be able to do it through your own bank or credit union without fees.

SPRING "WORK DAY"

Westminster's Spring "Work Day" this year didn't happen due to the governor's "Stay Home-Stay Safe" orders. However, those who are interested in getting some outdoor exercise can stop at the church at your convenience and tackle a task that's calling your name! There's a black notebook in the box to the left of the main entrance with a list of things needing to be done. You'll need to bring your own tools, or arrange with Jon or Karen to borrow a key to the shed. Thanks for helping if you're able to do so, and please initial tasks completed and make notes if needed in the notebook!

A TASTE OF COVENANT GATHERING

Are You Ready for a Taste of Covenant Gathering? We're going virtual this year! Your Design Team has planned a delightful menu!

*Appetizer: The dates still July 12 to 17, 2020 -- just online instead of in person!

*Soup & Salad Course: Early morning e-mail with all the info you'll need for the day, including video to watch if/when you are able.

*Main Serving: Afternoon scheduled class times 2 days (1 hr) for pre-K to 5th grade, 2 days (1 hr + for Mid and High School). Adult class offering is by video, with an offering of late afternoon large group spiritual practice time, and also Bible Study.

*Dessert Course: Evening worship or keynote or intergenerational activity. Social time follows.

*Bread for the Journey: Holy Communion in closing worship. Take Bread of Life into the world.

This is being offered free to all participants this year, though there will be an option to donate during the week. Sample what sounds good as time allows! Reservations Required! Registration info and more details early this week (May 18 – 24); contact Pastor Karen

SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADES WITH VIDEO STREAMING

WPC received a generous gift requesting that it be used for 'something special'. We'll be upgrading our sound system with a video camera, which will allow us to bring worship to your home, even if we are in

A Taste of
Covenant
Gathering

Offered Virtually
July 12-17, 2020



the sanctuary. An unexpected benefit of our inability to gather has been to extend worship to family members, travelers, and others whose health doesn't allow them to be present!

ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION – SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Westminster's Annual Meeting is held in June each year. Session has determined that we need to hold this meeting electronically, because we still will be worshipping together electronically at that time. Although our bylaws do not forbid this option, they also do not specifically permit it. *Therefore, the first action of the meeting will be to suspend the by-laws and allow the ordinary business of the Annual Meeting to take place electronically.* All other rules, such as the quorum, will remain in effect. We are letting you know far in advance of the meeting, which will be June 28 after worship, in case anyone would like to respond to the Session's decision to meet this way. Everyone will be able to hear, active members will have an opportunity to speak, and those connected by video on computer or phone will be able to see as well. Annual Report books will be produced as usual. Andy Rieman has offered to deliver these books to those who would like to receive a printed copy. They will also be e-mailed to those who receive newsletters and bulletins by e-mail.

WORSHIP TECH TIP:

If you're having difficulty hearing worship on your computer's speakers, and you have a set of headphones, earbuds, or an external speaker handy, you might try connecting those to your computer.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS: Dial in or come online at 6:00 P.M. for a brief devotion, a time of prayer, and then stay on and visit with one another! You can even have dinner while we're "together".

OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 25TH, MEMORIAL DAY.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Bus Jensen called to remind us he had a birthday on May 7th and turned 100. Happy Centenary Birthday!

WORSHIP BROADCAST TIMES/ACCESS CODES

SUNDAYS, 10:00 A.M. To participate by phone:

Call 1-646-876-9923 (you don't need the "1" on a cell phone). When prompted, enter the meeting ID **296 834 183 #**

When prompted for a participant ID, just enter another #

When prompted for a password: 949592#

To participate by computer, use this link: Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/29683418>
Stay online afterwards for a virtual "Coffee Hour"

WEDNESDAYS: 6:00 P.M.

(ending no later than 7:00)

To participate by computer: <https://zoom.us/j/657108907>, password 849066

Or call on ANY Phone 646-876-9923 (prefix "1" on a landline but not with a cell phone).

When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 657-108-907 #

When prompted for a participant ID, just enter another #

When prompted for a password, 849066#