



Westminster

Presbyterian Church

2301 Ridgeway Road, Jackson, MI 49203

Sunday Worship at 10:00 A.M.

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WPC Annual Meeting

6/28, after Worship.

Please stay and become informed about changes in your church's life over the past year!

Then enjoy virtual fellowship with other pilgrims on our journey of faith. See page 4 for more details.



The Little Church with the BIG Heart! **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

NEWS AND VIEWS

June 15th , 2020

IMPORTANT DATES*: *All meetings are via ZOOM unless otherwise noted.

6/17 & 24: 6:00 P.M. Remote Devotions

6/18 & 25: 4:30 P.M. JPCM @ 1st Baptist

6/28 : ANNUAL MEETING after 10 A.M. worship (about 11:00 A.M.)

PASTOR'S NOTES

Dear Friends,

About a year and a half ago, the Session challenged the congregation to bold prayer for God to send us 20 new people. And we did. Nearly every Sunday in worship, every Wednesday at Living Bread, at Session, and in private prayer, we prayed. Sometime during the year, I started to keep a list in the back of a journal of people who might be part of God's answer to this prayer. I'm not sure what we imagined when we began praying, but I knew that if (for instance) we were thinking about formally receiving 20 new members, God might have a different idea. I ran across that page recently and looked at the names I'd already written there. And I added twelve more. There are now 17 names on the list, seventeen people who have increased in faith, in church involvement, in frequency of hearing the Good News proclaimed through Westminster in some way.

So please *Invite! Share Links!*

When asked at a recent meeting what they would like to communicate to the congregation, Session said:

- *"Please keep 'coming' to worship!"
- *"Invite others to join, too!" (The connection information can be shared.)
- *"Let us know if you need anything!"
- *"Don't forget the Annual Meeting after worship on June 28th."

And keep on praying – for growing the list, for one another, and for God to use us to help others know and experience the good news of God's love!

Grace and Peace,

Karen

PRAYER CONCERNS:

For breaking the intertwined bonds of injustice that afflict so many people and damage God's creation.

SERVING ONE ANOTHER

○ **Cards for Medical Care Facility**

Westminster's Guardian Program Volunteers are unable to visit at Jackson County Medical Care Facility at this time due to Covid-19. We asked if there was anything else that the church could do. JCMCF would love to have cards sent that they could give to residents who don't receive support and connection with families and friends. You can send them address to:

"Any Resident c/o Activity Director."

Jackson County Medical Care Facility

524 Lansing Ave.

Jackson, MI 49201

This is an ongoing need.

○ **Masks for JPCM**

Since the Pandemic began, a number of people have donated cloth masks to distribute our Pantry nights. If you sew and are inclined to make and donate some, it seems that the need for them has not yet run out. You can drop them off at Westminster, or at the Pantry on Thursday evenings. Thanks!

○ **Give you a "ride to church"**

If you are frustrated by technology and having to punch in codes, OR if you have a finite amount of long-distance minutes, we can place a three-way call to add you to our service by phone. Please let Rev. Karen know, and she'll connect you with a phone buddy who can give you a telephone "ride"!

○ **Libby Rieman offers to buy groceries**

If you are need of someone to buy groceries for you, please contact Libby Rieman. Please stay safe and continue to follow social distancing guidelines.

CHRISTIE WILLCOCK HAS OFFERED TO MAKE MASKS for anyone who needs one.

➤ **THANK YOU TO OUR RETIRING TREASURER**

Jim has faithfully served as Westminster's Treasurer for 15 years. Recently, he let the Session know that he wanted to lighten his load, and would like to retire as treasurer when a replacement was found. Jim, we are grateful for you, and thank you for all the ways in which you contribute to the life of our congregation. Thank you in particular for your service as our Treasurer. Bette, our new treasurer, has big shoes to fill!

BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN

Bible Study, led by Marilyn Acton-Dowell, will be starting this Friday June 19 at 1:00 P.M. and meeting on ZOOM. As soon as Marilyn is finished with another Friday morning commitment, she tentatively plans to move it to a morning time slot. Please contact Marilyn if you haven't already signed up, and would like to know more!

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".

GARDENING AT FAMILY SERVICE AND CHILDREN'S AID

Cindy Spiess is organizing a group to do some gardening at Family Service and Children's Aid. It will take a couple of hours with a group working together outside in the fresh air! 9:00 A.M. Friday, June 19th.

Please bring a garden claw or a spade or shovel, and gloves. 306 W. Michigan in the back. Family Service

& Children's Aid will supply flowers. **Wear a mask.** Feel free to get in touch with Cindy Spiess with any questions.

ZENTANGLE ZOOM

Zentangle is meditative drawing. Karen Kelley had planned to do a "Zentangle" class in person a couple of months ago. We have decided to offer it as, yes, you guessed it, a Zoom! It will be on Wednesday, 6/24 at 7:00 P.M.. You will need white paper (preferably heavy, with a smooth surface), a black finepoint drawing pen (or a regular pen), and a pencil. A ruler or other straight edge will help but isn't required. Please let Karen or the church office know if you're interested, so that you receive the Zoom information.

PEACE POLE PAINTING

Calling All Westminster Artists!

Bob Spiess is making us a "Peace Pole" that will serve as a decorative cover for the well head that sticks up in the grass between our two entrance sidewalks. Cindy would like others to help with the decorative painting. Please let Cindy or the church office



know if you'd like to contribute. This picture depicts a sample of several peace poles.

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

WELCOME NEWS! There is a link on our website and on our Facebook page. 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.

LATEST SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE

Session gave final approval to the proposed sound system upgrades. A deposit has been paid, and equipment is beginning to arrive. We hope that the installation will be completed in June, but don't have a definite date yet. Pastor Karen's brother will be doing the installation (The Music Shoppe, Massillon, OH). Scott T. is building the sound desk to coordinate with the other furnishings in the sanctuary. *The cost of these upgrades is fully covered by special gifts; no operating funds or investments are being used.* This project will enhance sound during worship, including providing FM hearing assistance devices, extend sound to the narthex and the gathering space, meld together sound and video for continued streaming online (which is outreach ministry), and enable musicians to record music for use in worship.

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. 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 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#