



Westminster times

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Special Interests:

- Sunday, February 5 Souper Bowl Sunday Congregation dinner, bring a crockpot of soup, crackers, or dessert, drinks and bowls will be provided
- February 5 Special offering for Feed My Sheep in honor of Souper Bowl Sunday.
- Sunday Feb. 14 Children's Valentines Party.

Every human being on the earth has been giving a unique God-given purpose in life. It is given to them while in their mother's womb, many of us are not aware of what that gift is and some are not even aware there is a gift at all. So the we either get a university education, or copy what profession a successful friend is doing in life or both. It follows suit that if you are unaware that I gave you a gift, you are unlikely to unwrap it and start using it. In the same manner, if you do not know that there is a unique destiny deposited in you by God, you will unlikely search for it, let alone fulfill it.

The destiny of individuals is by divine arrangement. Many people live as such that, what will be, will be, or if it is mine, then it is mine. The latter is a key form of living by chance and not by destiny. Anyone operating outside of his or her God-given destiny may experience some measure of success but will not live a fulfilled life; but when he or she finds destiny, a sense of overflowing joy, peace, favor, victory and much success becomes the person's portion.

Oftentimes, someone's purpose in life is not realized through a formal education, but through a divine revelation. There are many humans who replace destiny with a formal educa-

tion, and end up unhappy and dissatisfied after graduating from college, and working a job which they really hate and dread going to every morning. For example, statistics shows that more than eighty-five percent of employees on the United States of America hate their jobs. Note: It is only confirms that more than eighty-five percent of employees in the USA have not discovered their God-given destiny, because our Lord will not give you a destiny that will allow you to struggle and become miserable.

Some of the few people who understand that they have a high calling or destiny given by God, go about looking for it in the wrong places, and end up quitting and settling for the next best profession. In the discovery of a God-given destiny, the Holy Spirit is the best helper. You need to go to a quiet place, be conscious of His indwelling presence in you, and continually praise and worship God for an hour each day to activate the Holy Spirit, ask Him to reveal your destiny to you, listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit or the voice of your spirit, and act

accordingly.

There are times an individual's destiny may seem menial, but at the end of the day, he or she will be elevated and begin to dine with Kings, princes and rulers of nations. This is a key reason our Lord mentioned in His Word: "Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand". Also, when athletes run a sprint race, no one cares about how fast they take off, but how fast they finish the race.

It is said that the greater an individual's destiny, the greater his or her challenges. This is a major reason the Generals of God such as; Jesus, Moses, David, Joseph, Job, Daniel, Abraham went through the great storms of life, after which they began to enjoy life to the fullest.

Everyone has at least one gift or talent, which should be used to fulfill his or her purpose in life; put it to use and not waste it. Note: God does not like wastage of any benefits He endows to man. Begin to seek after and find your God-given destiny, and not a duplicate of another human's destiny.

What is Per Capita?

In essence, per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, so every Presbyterian is asked to share the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system. Why per capita? Per capita exists as a way for all Presbyterians to share costs that belong to the whole church, to give meaning to the interdependent nature Presbyterian polity. Per capita is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It exists to allow the whole church to share equitably in those things that make us Presbyterian: • our theological identity • our connectedness • our system of mid councils that allow elders and ministers together to discern the mind of Christ • our ecumenical connections that make us part of the church universal • our core structures that keep us together as a church • our call to work for full participation in decision making Per capita allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world. Exod. 30:11-16 – "...the rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less, than the half shekel [for the sanctuary]...." 1 Cor. 12:7 – "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." Per capita is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. For more information go to: www.pcusa.org/percapita



Per capita
for **2017** is **\$31.50**.

Per capita supports
constitutionally
mandated structures
and committee
expenses of:
\$20.19 - Presbytery
\$ 3.81 - Synod
\$ 7.50 - General
Assembly

Big Tent 2017

Save the date for Big Tent 2017!

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Big Tent biennial gathering will be held on the campus of Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, July 6–8, 2017. Mark your calendar and plan to join in three days of worship, workshops and the opportunity to engage and connect with other Presbyterians.

More information will be posted as it becomes available.



Dear Church
Members and
Friends;

February 1, 2017

Silent Bazaar

Once again, it is "Silent Bazaar" time. For those of us who have not participated in the past years, this is how it works;

Once a year the women of the church make a monetary donation in the amount determined by themselves. A guideline for the amount has been whatever each women thinks

she would spend in making and buying items in the usual fashion. Thus, the name "Silent Bazaar" was adapted.

The money received is held in the general fund of the Women's Association account to be used as the need determined by the members. A portion is used for the needs of the local church and a certain amount is sent to the national office.

We will not have a program, but are asking you to put your gift in the enclosed envelope, drop it in the offering plate on Sunday's. We ask that you bring it anytime but please have it by March 5th. Please

make your checks payable to the Presbyterian Women and specify "Silent Bazaar" in the memo.

We hope you will be as generous as you can, since we have not had rummage sales or any other activity to increase our funds. Our Women's Association supports many projects and is a vital part of the church in missions and local projects, in support of our Westminster Church and in Christian studies.

Women let us join hands and hearts to respond to the needs of our neighbors; God's work indeed!

Christ Peace Be With You This Year! 2017

Educational Opportunities:

Sunday School for our Kids

Every Sunday!!!!, Marylou Hanson and her assistant Kenzie Davis will be teaching our kid's a Sunday school lesson.



What a great new happening here at WPC. Thank you Kenzie and Mary Lou.

Come study the book of Acts with us for the next several months.

Study 1 Preparing the understanding for mission Study

2 Preparing the life for mission Study

3 The power arrives Study

4 The new community Study

5 Peter presents the Gospel Study

6 Peter defends the Gospel Study

7 Counter-attack Study

8 Stephen presents the Gospel Study

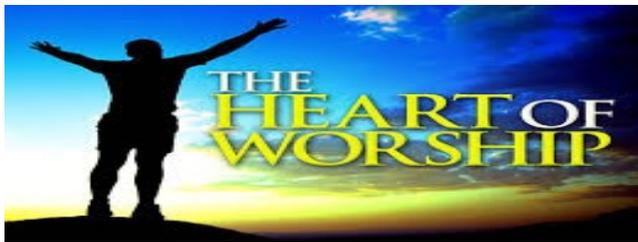
9 The ministry of Philip Study

10 The conversion of Saul

The purpose of Acts' composition is revealed when Luke describes his gospel, his first volume, as "about all that Jesus began to do and to teach" (Acts 1:1). If we reflect we will see that, if "Luke" is about what Jesus began to do and teach, then "Acts" is about what Jesus continues to do and teach.

Facilitator Elder Harry Hanson

Worship Commission News



Sunday, February 5,
Special Offering

For Feed My Sheep
Souper Bowl of Caring.

Month	Ushers	Greeters	Liturgists
February	Mark R, Neil S, Willard M	Gotwald's	M Gotwald
March	Mark J, Rossine F, Wade L.	Needed	Needed

Elder of the Month	
February	
March	Jim Norton



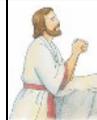
Presbyterian Women Circle



**Mark Your
Calendars
Tuesday, March 14
Luncheon
11:30am**

**Lunch
Bible Study!**

Get ready for hosting the
May Presbyterian
Women's Spring Gathering
at WPC



**Bible Study
Who Is Jesus?**
by Judy Yates Siker

Suggestions for Leaders by
Patricia Lynn Miller

Welcome to the 2016-2017
PW/ Horizons Bible study,
Who Is Jesus? What a Differ-

ence a Lens Makes . Author Judy Yates Siker invites us to join her on "a journey to expand our understanding of who Jesus was and is—a journey of our hearts and minds, a journey that we will take together." The study's nine lessons explore the question "Who is Jesus?" through a particular theological lens. Who is Jesus . . .

- 3. According to Luke?
- 4. According to John?



Bring your Favorite Soup
Crackers,
or salad, veggies,
Or Deserts

Drinks and Bowls will be provided

February

5



Souper
Bowl

Luncheon



Inside Story Headline

Sound Booth Schedule:

February	5	12	19	26	
	Harry	Karen	Harry	Karen	
March	5	12	19	26	
	Harry	Harry	Karen	Karen	



Address Changes:



Ruth Taylor—Hillside Manor Nursing Home—1109 E National Highway
Washington, IN 47501 Room #

Dorothy Allison— Village at Oak Ridge— 1694 Troy Rd. Washington IN
47501 Room #

Prayer List Updates

In an effort to keep our prayer list as current as possible, it has been decided that a name will remain on the prayer list for three weeks. After three weeks, if no updates are provided, the name will be removed. If you desire for a prayer request to remain on the list, please contact Pastor Cheryl and let her know that the name needs to remain on the list. Thank You!

Prayer Concerns

Prayer Requests

Those in Need of Healing
Travel Mercy for all Refugees
All who are having procedures,
Karen Thompson (Chemo)
Angel Manuel Cestero (Myriam's Brother),
for all who are grieving,
Susan Smith (Cancer)
Julianne Myers (Chemo),
Sharon's Sister In Law,
Rick Stone, Schaae Jones,
expectant mothers, Ruth



Taylor Hillside Manor,
Family of Lillian Allison,
Dorothy Allison at the Oaks,
Jeff Chambers.



Our Military

Blake Chambers

Jordon Andry

Lt Col. Galen Kane



Donna Fitzpatrick

Bob Eskridge

Linda Holman

James Hamersley

Ruth Taylor

Dorothy Allison

2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2  Groundhog Day	3 8 AA	4
5 9 Adult Class 10:30 Worship 11:30 Dinner	6	7	8	9	10 8 AA	11
12 9 Adult Class 10:00 Coffee time 10:30 Worship	13	14 	15 6:30 Worship 7:10 Session	16	17 8 AA	18
19 9 Adult Class 10:00 Coffee time 10:30 Worship	20	21 2-3 Life touch meeting	22	23	24 8 AA	25
26 9:00 Adult Class 10:00 Coffee time 10:30 Worship	27	28				
	Looking ahead: Life touch pictorial Directory for Westminster Presbyterian Church appointments for you & your family to get your picture taken here on March 16-17. Mark Your Callendars!					

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

- 2-Tim Petty
- 9-Jamie Petty
- 14 -Colton Emmons
- 19-Marylou Hanson
- 20-Alice Chilman
- 24-Rossine Foddrill
- 25- Michael McAdam

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY'S

- 4-Mark & Bonnie Jones
- 10-Wade & Susan Leighty
- 12-Dave & Andrea Key
- 15-Darrell & Joyce Highsmith



ELDER OF THE MONTH

USHERS:

MARK R, NEIL S, WILLARD M

GREETERS:

GOTWALD'S

LITURGIST

M Gotwald

2016 Year End UPDATE of WPC Mission Commission

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Mission Commission and many Westminster volunteers directed eight 2016 HELPING HANDS MINISTRY events on March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, October 15, and November 19. Guest attendance consistently totaled 135-145. The labor intensive collection and display prep of donated inventory was ac-



complished with the help of Serenity House and

Lighthouse Recovery gals. Heavy lifting tasks were cheerfully done by Lighthouse Recovery men.

Commercial shelving units on casters were pur-

chased with the PW Thank Offering Grant as HHM expanded into the Community Room. HHM is so worthwhile and blessed to help persons even in between our events in the 18 months of operation. Improvements are indicated and ongoing.

Offering only 1 large trash bag to each HHM family helped control excessively greedy selection of items by a few of the guests. An issue of some guests selling HHM items to buyers in Haiti surfaced. Volunteers more carefully monitored the number of items taken and put limits on items from the

Children's Room Guests appreciate the quantity of clothing in the Adult Room; however, a major improvement would be to have the thousands of articles of clothing on hangers. Chaotic shopping and volunteer efforts prevail when 20-30 guests are rummaging through tall stacks of folded clothes on many tables creating poor traffic flow. The inventory needs constant, inefficient refolding.

A grant proposal submitted to the Washington Knights of Columbus, if awarded, will allow for the purchase

of 20-30 commercial grade clothing racks on casters that will each hold 300-400 pounds of clothing. This could greatly enhance the sustainability of HHM by efficient facility

utilization for HHM inventory display and storage while drastically reducing volunteer hours once

HHM reorganization occurs. Ultimately, the HHM



experience will be more user-friendly for all. HHM cards were distributed to businesses to spread the word for inventory donations.



GENERAL MISSION REPORT

Change for Change: All money collected currently is used for meals for the LHR helpers.

Feed My Sheep: Westminster pledges financial support annually, sponsored the Souper Bowl



Loaves & Fishes food collections plus provides a meal for 50 volunteers each September.

The Reverse Offering food collection was not done this November, an oversight.

The Westminster Float for the Washington Bicentennial Parade was supported by the WPC Session and Mission Commission with some expenses covered by the HHM grant.

“Westminster Pioneers to the



Present“ helped spread our HHM theme of service to all.

Shoes were provided to fill an urgent need of two local students.

The Baby Bottle Boomerang change collection helped sup-

port the Pregnancy Care Cen-



ter.

With First Christian as our partner church Westminster hosted the 10th Annual Da-



viess

County Jubilee Christmas event serving 13 families selecting gifts for 27 children. Five

their time and financial gifts supporting our mission projects. It is truly a blessing to extend the pragmatic and personal love of Christ to those in our community most in need.

Submitted by Ellen G. McKittrick



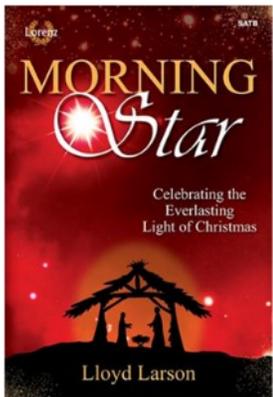
families were Spanish speaking and felt so welcome with the cheerful help of four senior

high school gals to interpret all evening.

“Christmas cash” was gifted to the gals by WPC.

The Mission Commission wishes to sincerely thank all Westminster members who give





The Christmas story is one of hope. It is a message for each of us at any stage of life's journey reminding us that in our own

dark nights Christ, the Light of the world, has come. This versatile musical is designed to be a worship celebration for choir, two narrators, Trudy Vanderbeck and Bob Ellefson and congregation.

The blending of new and familiar Christmas melodies ensures a meaningful experience. Add to this some very talented Soloist's, Jeff Rohrer, and Madi Petty singing "Chosen By God," And Steve Norris and Kari Keeley singing "He Come from the Glory."

Chancel Choir:

Sopranos: Sharon Carrie, Cheryl Thorne, Kari Keeley

Altos: Jan Smith, Mary Jane Wirts, Madi Petty, Jennie Richardson

Tenors: Jeff Rohrer, Justin Matthews, Mark Doades

Bass: Jim Norton, Steve Norris, Andrew Brown

Narrators, Bob Ellefson, Trudy Vanderbeck

Many thanks to our very talented Choir Director:
Joyce Kim Rohrer



Martin Luther King Jr. Service

At the A.M.E church on Walnut, Pastor Angela Carter welcomed a full house on January 15, the celebration of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr birthday.

Folks came from all around from as far away as the Beula AME church in Bloomington IN, Westminster Presbyterian church of Washington and the host Church Beula AME of Washington. Each church had special music and speakers who shared their faith and opened their heart to the welcoming



peace and community that was encircling each of us in the Holy Spirit. What a wonderful celebration.

Rev. Dennis Laffoon, pastor of Bethel AME Church, Bloomington

gave the sermon. He is also a graphic designer for the Bloomington Herald-Times newspaper. Laffoon said it was “bittersweet” to have Carter leave, saying “she has held up my arms for many years.” However, he also said, “I have never met someone who so honestly wants to do two things – honor God and love His people.”

Reading from Isaiah 49:1-7 in the New Living Testament, Laffoon concentrated on verse 4: “I have spent my strength for nothing. But my works seem so useless.”

Laffoon said these verses were written while Israel was in captivity, but was a prophecy about God’s servant, Jesus Christ, coming to provide salvation for everyone.

Referring to a photograph showing King in deep thought, Laffoon said he imagined King thinking the same thoughts as were expressed in verse 4.

Laffoon told his audience that just as circumstances in King’s life made his leadership necessary in the nation’s civil rights movement, so God was calling them to serve as well.

“The same way God called him to greatness is the way we are called to greatness,” Laffoon said. “Do not let the world separate what you do, from what you do for Christ.”

As has become customary, the service ended with everyone forming a circle and holding hands while singing the civil rights anthem “We Shall Overcome.”



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Please check out the new Spiritual Formation Page on the Website. Use the virtual learning to enhance your faith walk and build your spiritual depth.

Please give any feedback and helpful hints to our webmaster. Thank you

Mission

- In 2017 Helping Hands Distribution on March 18, 2017.
- Sunday, February 5, Special Offering for Feed My Sheep, Souper Bowl of Caring.

Yard Sales! Helping Hands Ministry

Neighbors having a yard sale?

We will pick up the leftovers

Please let us know!

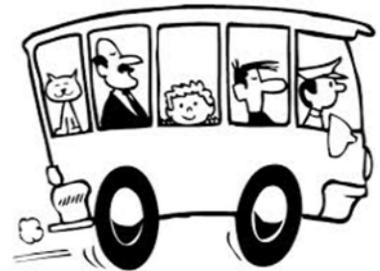
If you would like to help unpack bags and boxes of donations the door will be open most days from 10-5pm, best bet is to call Pastor Cheryl to be sure. Sometimes she is called out for meetings or visits.

Thank you for your help with this much needed ministry.

We are receiving calls already asking when the next distribution will be.

Next Distribution will be
March 18th

Need a Ride to Church?



Just call your
Deacon or the
Church office at
812-254-4443 and
we will be glad to
make sure you get