

Westminster Presbyterian Church



Annual Report 2016

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BUILDING AND GROUNDS ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Building and Grounds members: Elder Steve Norris, Mark Jones, Jim Norton, Troy Norris, John Vanderbeck and Wade Leighty.

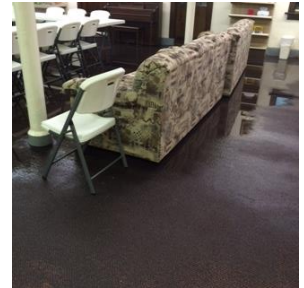


This year has been a busy year, with not just one flood in the basement but two and three. We had to hire SureClean twice, once to pump out the basement and clean all the floors and carpets and a second time to provide dryers and fans.

We feel now, however, that we have this problem fixed.

And we would like to thank everyone who could respond to our need for help removing water, moving

furniture and cleaning up after. This is what was done to eradicate this problem:



- We had sump pumps installed on both ends of basement by Buchanan Mechanical. This has been a huge help.
- A back-flow valve on the drain in furnace room was installed insuring that we will not get water from overflowing sewage lines on large storms.
- A bulkhead was built by Mark Jones and Steve Norris over the



coal ramp entrance. This has stopped the drainage of water coming from the roof side on to the fire escape and from the parking lot flowing into the coal ramp.

In addition to these projects we kept up with general maintenance.

- Lights were fixed in the office, third floor hall, and downstairs in big room by A&R.



- We received new cribs from Vincennes YMCA and shelving units for the upstairs classroom.
- We coordinated flood clean up and contacted the insurance Agency for full coverage. Many thanks to our Presbytery for the flood assistance, paying for our deductible out of the Disaster Relief Fund.
- We worked with SureClean to get things back to “normal” and coordinated plumbers’ time and electrician with that of the cleanup.
- We had the carpet and floors washed by SureClean and had small carpets done by them at their facility.
- We got contractors’ bids on bathroom upstairs for handicapped accessibility. We needed these to write a grant for handicapped accessibility upstairs.
- We also got bids on the possibility of a parking lot on the side of the church and an elevator to all three floors. To write the grant
- We got a Smock Grant for building campaign for \$25,000.00.

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We still have some building projects needing our attention and look forward to next year:

- All the light bulbs will be replaced in the sanctuary in 2017. We have several out; it was thought that we could benefit from replacing all of them with LED lights which are energy efficient.
- We would like to scrape and paint radiators in the kitchen upstairs.
- Neaten up the front doors with painting over the door outside HHM entrance.
- We've noticed the stained glass over the front door is bowing out and needs repairing before it breaks. We have an estimate for replacing this glass with frosted glass to cut down the cost.
- We have visions for some esthetics by HHM entrance; we would like have a chair rail half wall put up so as not to see the peeling water damaged walls.
- Be watching for an outside landscape fall cleanup day. To be planned soon.
- We are looking forward to our new bathroom on the third floor starting this January 2017.
- We would like to install a middle rail at the front door of the fellowship hall to assist in getting up and down the stairs.

Many thanks to all who have helped this year with all the projects.

Respectfully submitted, Elder Steve Norris



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Sunday Morning Bible Study:

- Many thanks to Harry Hanson for the wonderful Christian leadership for our Sunday morning bible study. This is a group that is not afraid of asking the difficult questions that are met with dignity and humility. This year several curricula were used in search of interesting topics. The lectionary based curriculum, "Feasting on the Word" from PCUSA, was used most of the year.
- Marylou Hanson and Kenzie Davis taught the children's Sunday school. James and Rebekah Price and Paige Rohrer filled in for them when they were away. Many thanks to Joyce Kim-Rohrer for her leadership in music with the children.



Baptism instruction:

- In June Heather Allender was given the book "About the Sacrament of Baptism" and her instruction was given by her mother, Marylou Hanson.

Vacation Bible School:

- This year our vacation bible school was done for 5 weeks of Sundays. Each week we traveled to a developing country to bring life-giving water purification systems to their villages and towns. We did this through the fine curriculum put out by the Living Waters for the World ministry, written by the Synod of Living Waters.
- We traveled each week to Honduras, Cuba, Mexico, and Haiti, but we never did get to Ghana.



Each place we traveled we were hosted by a child growing up in these places. They told us about their country and about how dangerous their water was to drink and even sometimes to bathe.

- Mike McKittrick was our tour guide. At each worship service we would travel and learn the facts, and then the children would go with the Prices to do a craft and have snacks that had to do with the country we were studying.
- Pastor Cheryl preached on the justice issues of the countries and the faith actions we could take to help a hurting world.

Website Faith formation:

- Adults, children and youth were encouraged to visit the website for a seasonal page of faith formation resources they can use with the whole family at their convenience. Devotionals, children's activities and even spiritual retreats were all shared on these pages. Over 200 hits were received on these pages throughout the year.

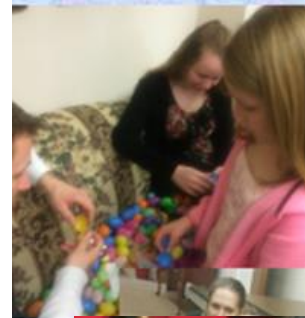
Many thanks to all who volunteered or helped in anyway with the spiritual nurture of our congregation.

CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES & MISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Valentines Party:



It's Colton's birthday and St. Valentine's Day. We had such a nice celebration together. Thanks to Kenzie and Marylou Hanson.



Easter Egg Hunt: Elder Kenzie Davis, our youth elder, took part in the leadership of the first Easter service. She read a narrative and then Emma and Nate placed the flowers on the cross.

Then it's off to breakfast and the egg hunt.

We had literally hundreds of eggs; it took an hour to hide them all and minutes to find them. What a blast! There weren't even any eggs left that worshipers could find to snack on during the second Easter worship service.

The kids really had a great time and then it was time to light the candles for the second service and help the congregation place the flowers on the resurrection cross. It has become a tradition to get your picture taken in front of this cross that is so different every year.



Ladies Tea:

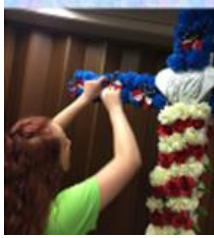
We love going to tea with the Central Christian Church. They have such great finger sandwiches, fruits and candies. There are so many teas to taste and look at our great hats. This was so much fun!



CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES & MISSION

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Float Committee:



The children and youth were on the float committee this year and they had a great time painting and building our bicentennial float for the city parade in July. We dressed as pioneers and had our church t-shirts on for that special day.



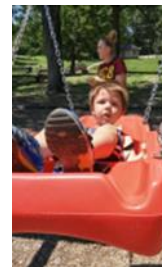
Many thanks to Ellen McKittrick, Youmasu Seiwe, Rebekah Price, and Mark Jones.

Youth: Lane Kern, Kenzie Davis, Mattie Davis, and Emma Davis



Bicentennial Parade & Fun day at the Park:

Kenzie, Emma, Mattie & Nate volunteered to help serve at the picnic in the park. After the worship service we could bounce and swing as long as we wanted. Look at all the fun!



CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES & MISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Family Fall Fest @ Knepp's Farm:

In September we had a great time at the fall fest put on by Powerhouse. We went on a hay ride, train rides, played field games, and rode the zip line. Cam Blubaum is on the zip line to the left. Look, there's Jaden



Rohrer on the train ride. Don't forget the petting zoo, too. Bet you can't pick out Lane Kern on the hay ride to the right.

We had great food, candy and other snacks. Here is Kenzie, her friend, and Emma sampling the snacks. We even had a pie eating contest- fun for the whole family.



Operation Safe Stop: We served over 350 kids in less than two hours on Halloween, thanks to Karen Reynolds, Marylou Hanson, Rossine Foddrill, the Price family, the Highsmith family, and all who donated candy and money so we can make Halloween safe. This was lots of fun.



Christmas Pizza Party:

Throughout the year, the kids saved up their Sunday school dues, and after Christmas they had a pizza party.

There were about 10 who participated and another 5 who could not make it. It was fun; all the kids got lots to eat and a present too. Many thanks to Kenzie Davis and Marylou Hanson.

FINANCE ANNUAL REPORT 2016

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TREASURERS REPORT

DECEMBER 2016

DECEMBER TOTALS

AMOUNT PLEDGED	\$ 5,904.92
PLEDGES RECEIVED	8,289.25
ANGERER TRUST (PRO-RATED)	1,423.77
OTHER INCOME TO GENERAL FUND	3,649.63
 TOTAL INCOME	 \$ 13,392.65
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 \$ 9,315.80
 MONTHLY INCOME/LOS S	 \$ 4,046.85

YEAR TO DATE TOTALS

AMOUNT PLEDGED (23 PLEDGES)	\$ 76,764.00
PLEDGES RECEIVED	74,934.25
ANGERER TRUST	20,188.79
OTHER INCOME TO GENERAL FUND	17,282.70
 TOTAL INCOME TO GENERAL FUND	 \$112,405.74
 BUDGETED EXPENSES	 \$131,218.76
TOTAL EXPENSES (ACTUAL)	\$113,926.27
YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME/LOSS	(\$ 1,520.53)

GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 5,682.93
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(The above numbers do not include income and expenses of the Repair Account, the
Compassion Fund, or the Grants from the Smock Foundation, the Presbytery & Presbyterian Women.)

BALANCE OF PRESBYTERY GRANT	\$ 5,100.64
BALANCE OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S GRANT	\$ 2,409.72
BALANCE OF SMOCK MEMBER GRANT	\$ 3,374.24
BALANCE OF SMOCK ACCESS GRANT	\$ 20,000.00
TOTAL BALANCE OF GRANTS	\$ 30,884.60

VALUE OF WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION	\$208,122.13 (12/31/16)
BALANCE OF REPAIR ACCOUNT	\$ 9,736.76
BALANCE OF COMPASSION FUND	690.20

PLEDGED FOR 2017 (19 PLEDGES)	\$ 76,240.00
2017 BUDGET	\$130,928.72

Jim Norton, Co-Treasurer

Many thanks to our dedicated Co-Treasurers: Jim Norton & Karen Reynolds.

MISSION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2016

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 per month. The labor-intensive collection and display prep of donated inventory was accomplished with the help the many volunteers of the congregation and the ladies of Serenity House and Lighthouse Recovery gals. Heavy lifting tasks were cheerfully done by Lighthouse Recovery men.



- Commercial shelving units on casters were purchased 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 the number of items taken 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 Child 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.



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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 and 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.
- Shoes were provided to fill an urgent need of two local students.
- The Baby Bottle Boomerang change collection helped support the Pregnancy Care Center.



Westminster Float: 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. “Pioneers to the Present” helped spread our HHM theme of service to all.



Jubilee Christmas:

With First Christian as our partner church, Westminster hosted the 10th Annual Daviess County Jubilee

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

NOMINATING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Nominating Commission 2016: Elder Harry Hanson, Elder Steve Norris, Jeff Rohrer, Jan Smith, and Deacon Jan Norton

Slate of officers for 2017 were presented to the Session as follows:



Class of 2018 – Jeff Rohrer as Deacon for unexpired two-year term replacing Youmasu Seiwe who relocated to Georgia.

Class of 2019 – Joyce Kim-Rohrer as Elder three-year term.

Class of 2019 – Karen Reynolds as Elder three-year tear.

Class of 2017 – Kenzie Davis, Youth Elder one more year.

The New Nominating commission for 2017 as elected by the congregation:

Elder Harry Hanson – class of 2017

Elder Steve Norris – Class of 2018

Deacon Jane Norton – Class of 2017

At large members: Jan Smith – 2017, Joyce Kim-Rohrer -2017

All candidates were trained, ordained, and/or installed January 2017.

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016



It is a joy to write to you as your pastor and a privilege to walk with you in ministry. As I reflect on 2016, know that there is no such thing as “business as usual” around a church. While many of our ministries in 2016 mirrored our ministries in previous years, every effort throughout the year was made to reach new people with the good news that is ours to share and to offer our very best to every age and group. How could we be satisfied with anything less, given that it is God whom we serve!

One of the highlights for me as a pastor was watching our young adults, adults, and youth build a wonderful float for the Bicentennial Parade. Our great city turned 200 years old just one year after WPC celebrated our 200th. Being the oldest

church in the city, we were blessed to have notoriety as “Pioneers to the Present.” It was also exciting to see all the membership come out to walk, ride and watch the parade. We participated in many of the community functions around this celebration. We provided the excellent leadership for the community choir and we served food at the celebration in the park. I have been so blessed by these and many more ministries this year; it has been a true gift from God.

Every day is a gift from God. Every day is a fresh opportunity to make a new connection – with a church member, with a neighbor, with the biblical text – and every day is another occasion to live into being the people God creates us and calls us to be, people who seek to live faithful lives, people who show love and pursue justice, people who demonstrate patience and compassion in dealing with one another’s differences, and people who continually express gratitude to God. Every day and every act of ministry – each worship service, each pastoral interaction, each act of service, each class taught, even each commission meeting and every event added to the church calendar -- give new opportunity to see God at work among us. It has truly been an amazing year.

Pastor Cheryl

PERSONNEL ANNUAL REPORT 2016



Members of the Personnel Commission are Elder John Vanderbeck (Here to the left with his son doing what he loves to do), Elder Harry Hanson, and Deacon Rossine Foddrill.

- Each year the Personnel commission recommends a salary increase for cost of living and brings the Pastor's terms of call to the treasurer. That was done again this year and approved at the December Congregational meeting.

- Our sexual misconduct policy was signed by all officers, staff and volunteers working with and around our children and youth.

We thank our outstanding staff: Organist, Sharon Carrie; Choir Director, Joyce Kim-Rohrer; Pianist, Andrew Brown; Custodians, Rebecca Davis and all their grandkiddos and children who help when they can--it is truly a family affair. We also thank Pastor Cheryl Thorne who has been both the church secretary and the pastor this year. We truly appreciate all the hard work and talents our staff share with the church.

Respectfully Submitted, Elder John Vanderbeck

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Members attending: Moderator, Myriam Staser; President, Ruth Taylor; Treasurer, Rossine Foddrill; Secretary, Thelma Plummer; & Kathy Cummins, Sue Pinnell, Julianne Myers, Rebekah Price & Jaden, Pastor Cheryl, and Ellen McKittrick,

What a faithful, fun, and fantastic year we have had. We have done everything from Mardi Gras and hosting our Presbytery Spring Gathering to outings and parties at Oakridge. It's been a great year; here is a recap:

2015-16 Bible study: Come to the Waters

Come to the Waters. Water plays a central role in the stories of scripture, from the chaotic waters of creation to the River of Life in Revelation. This was our bible study throughout the year 2016. It was a wonderful way to send us out after our meals and time together as a circle.

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Mardi Gras was our first event for the new year 2016. This was so much fun and the meal was Shrimp Creole and Jambalaya. The king cake was a cupcake each. Our bible study was amazing talking about the Waters of Baptism.

Silent Auction was also in February this year; we were given \$235.00. Many thanks to all who donated; this will help as we send kids to camp and support the ministries of our church and community. We love to send Christmas stockings to the home-bound members and this year we

gave cookie trays to the AA meeting groups at the church.

In March we headed to Vincennes for a fellowship lunch at Gilberts. Several others joined us at the restaurant. Steve and Mary Jane Wirts just happened to be over there; it was a day of Presbyterian take over. What a great time!



In May we had the best time with the Presbytery of



Ohio Valley Spring Gathering here at our church. We were celebrating our new ministry Helping Hands. It was the Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering Grant that helped us start this very successful ministry. While our own Ellen McKittrick was one of the presenters this day to talk about the ministry, we also put together 119 survival kits and had the lunch of a life- time- the best chicken pot pie cooked by Ellen McKittrick.

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It was a great joy that two of our own very faithful members were awarded the Honorary Membership Award at the Spring Luncheon. Ruth Taylor and Thelma Plummer.

To our sadness, Thelma Plummer was also received into her heavenly home this year, on December 20, 2016.

In June, we headed to Mulligans. We just love our outings at Mulligans Restaurant. It is such a joy. Some of

the ladies who must work during the winter months join us. And this year was even more special; we had Jaden Rohrer, Jaden Price and Lane Kern with us as well. We had such a good time.



Also in June we were able to send Lane Kern to camp PYOCA. This was his first summer camp experience. He had a blast!

September -November were regular meetings at the church.

In October we had homemade chicken and noodle lunch made by Kathy Cummins and our blanket offering taking in \$370.00. In November we had a pie reception and we continued to study the "Come to the Waters" bible study and carry on with our ministry helping where needed.

One of our favorite outings this year was the Christmas party at Oakridge. It was a complete surprise to Ruth Taylor who was doing rehab there for a few months. This also gave us an opportunity to catch up with Betty Hamersly and Linda Holman. As always, many thanks to Myriam Staser for the amazing decorations, and to the Oakridge for the amazing food.



WORSHIP COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Members of the Worship Commission: Joyce Kim-Rohrer, Jim Norton, Kenzie Davis, and Karen Reynolds, session representative.

Worship is central to our living together as Westminster Presbyterian church. We love to find new and exciting ways to experience the love and grace of God through our worship. It has been another inspiring year with lots of special worship experiences both at the church and in our community.



We start every year with the ordination and installation of new officers to the Session and Deacons boards. This year we ordained Youmasu Seiwe and Paige Rohrer class of 2018, Bonnie Jones class of 2016 as Deacons and McKenzie Davis class of 2016 as youth Elder. We installed Elder John Vanderbeck, and

Steve Norris class of 2018 to the session.



Lent/Easter

This year's early service was a pageantry of bringing the cross of resurrection to life. Artificial flowers were arranged after each petition of the early Easter story. It was an amazing worship experience with all our favorite Easter hymns sung between scripture and monolog.

The Easter Breakfast was once again served by our Deacons and Elders between the

services; it was well attended. This was a perfect time for the children to have their egg hunt as well.

The later service was majestic with the choir singing and the flowering cross of resurrection once again brought to life by the fresh cut flowers brought in by worshipers. What an incredible worship experience thanks to the many talents of our chancel choir, our sound booth volunteers and liturgist Mike McKittrick.



WORSHIP COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2016

JAMES & REBEKAH PRICE WEDDING MAY 15, 2016



WEDDING Sunday

We did our first member wedding during worship, Rebekah & James Price. It was so nice to have the whole church family here for them and what a celebration this was. Jim and Jane Norton stood up with the couple and their two sons, Jaden and Lane, were part of the service. The choir sang a special song for the sand ceremony.

A reception was done in their honor directly after the service of worship. Many thanks to

all who made this day so special in the life our new members.

GRADUATION Sunday

And the fun just keeps on going as we next celebrated this year's graduates. Each received a graduation cross pin, and we prayed for their success and blessings in their future endeavors. We will be adding Tanner McGavic, Carson Smith, and Katrien Vanderbeck to our college box reach out ministry.

GRADUATION SUNDAY MAY 22, 2016



Marylou Hanson – For grandson -Grayson pre-K- Kindergarten
Tanner McGavic – HS S.Knox to VU Nursing Program
Rossine – for Pat Morrison's granddaughter – Sage Evans-Garrett HS
Mike McKittrick – for Gotwald's two grandsons-Tim Gotwald (HS- Valedictorian)
Evan Barr -8th-9th 1st in class
Kenzie Davis – for Joyce Highsmith granddaughter –Reese Murphy
Pastor Cheryl – for Allie Beamon & Praying for all graduates
Janet Barrix- for her granddaughter- Savannah Benjamin- 6th-Middle School
Jan Smith – for her granddaughter- Carson Smith WHS-Hanover & Play Soccer
Trudy Vanderbeck – for her two granddaughters- Katrien Vanderbeck HS-TN
College & Kendalyn Vanderbeck Middle School-HS

June 5, 1st week VBS- Honduras



Vacation BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAYS

This year we brought Vacation Bible School back to life in the weekly worship service. We learned about "Living Waters for the World" mission which began in the Living Waters Synod. They provide water purification systems for developing countries. They teach them how to build, maintain, and use them to provide clean water to their villages and towns. This was a wonderful learning experience for young and old alike. Many thanks to Mike McKittrick, our tour guide and liturgist, for the five-week experience.

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Baptism: Owen Jace & Copper Lane Allender, June 5



Thank you Elder Sue Pinnell for towels

Baptism Sunday

It is always such a special day in the life of our congregation when baptisms are the highlight of our worship service. Owen and Cooper Allender, the grandchildren of Harry and Marylou Hanson and sons of Heather Allender, their daughter, were baptized this year. Heather's older son Grayson Allender had already been baptized. Many thanks to Elder Sue Pinnell for the hand-embroidered towels for the two boys. They each received their first bible as well. What a blessing to

receive these two children of God into God's covenant of care.

WORSHIP at Central Christian

It was a bitter-sweet day on July 3rd when we moved our worship service to the Central Christian church to celebrate the retirement of a great man, Rev. Jim Payton. He will always be

JIM PAYTON'S RETIREMENT SERVICE

JULY 3, 2016 **Laying on Hands**

Blessings for New Beginning's

Conducting favorite Easter Hymn

Children's Message With children past and present

Gifts of Love



WORSHIP IN THE PARK JULY 10, 2016



remembered here at WPC. Our two congregations have done many joint services, VBS and mission together. It was such a joy to have been able to give him a special send-off as he spends his days with his grandkids and family. What an incredible summer.

WORSHIP in the Park On July 10 we

celebrated the 200th anniversary of the city by our participation in and leadership of the worship service in the park. This was the culmination of the festivities which included a great lunch provided by the city and lots of great fun for the kiddos on the bouncy castles and slides following the service. Our own Joyce Kim-Rohrer lead the community choir for the service, WPC chancel choir joined their incredible voices to the celebration, and Pastor Cheryl got to lead the message of unity to the crowds.

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BLESSING THE BACKPACKS

Another joyful service is the Blessings of the Backpacks. It is so great to see our kids getting their new school supplies and backpacks and a special blessing for a successful year. This year they received light up frog zipper tags and learned that frog means: F-forever, R-rely, O-on G-God.

YOUTH SERVICE

August 14th the youth took over the worship service with an incredible skit and elder Kenzie Davis summing up the message. All the



got to lend a hand at the sound booth. She says it's not as easy as it looks.

children even to the youngest participated. Jaden Rohrer helped his dad lead the congregation as the liturgist. This was a very special worship experience. And Pastor Cheryl even



YOUMASU SEIWE Last Sunday



In September we said our goodbye to Youmasu Seiwe. Youmasu was moving to Georgia so he could pursue his career in poultry sciences. We have enjoyed Youmasu as a loving addition to the congregation and he will always be remembered here. Youmasu took on leadership as a Deacon, as a wonderful tenor in the choir, and as the sound booth guru. There was not a single bible

study that Youmasu would miss and he was always there at the dinners with his to-go box for the leftovers. He has forever gone down in history as the grape salad maker after getting Joyce Kim-Rohrer's famous recipe. He really perfected that salad with the most beautiful, plump and juicy grapes. We will miss Youmasu but send him off to continue his unique ministry in Georgia with a bible case from the choir and a wall cross for his service as a Deacon. We were truly blessed by this young man in so many ways.



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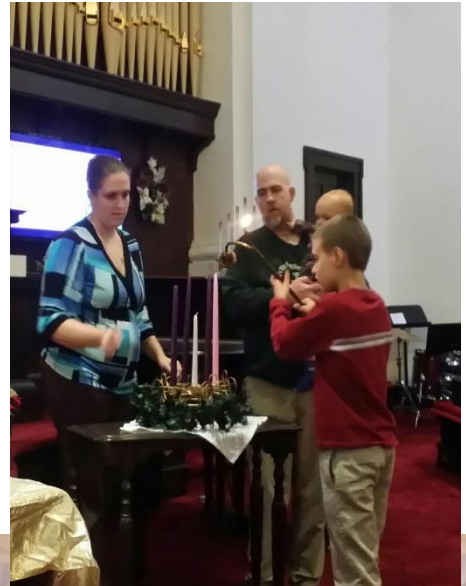
ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Advent was a time of family participation and preparation. Many thanks to the Rohrer family, Jaden seen here on far left, and picture to the right. Many thanks to Mike & Ellen McKittrick and to Kenzie, Emma and Nate Davis for lighting the candles on the third and fourth weeks of Advent.

THE Cantata

This year's cantata was "Morning Star." 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 soloists, 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, and Kari Keeley; Altos: Jan Smith, Mary Jane Wirts, Madi Petty, and Jennie Richardson; Tenors: Jeff Rohrer, Justin Matthews, and Mark Doades; Basses: Jim Norton, Steve Norris, and Andrew Brown; Narrator: Bob Ellefson and Trudy Vanderbeck. Many thanks to our very talented Choir Director, Joyce Kim-Rohrer

Note: This year's cantata date was a snow day, and the performance was January 8th with a luncheon to follow. It was wonderful.



This year we celebrated the lives of some wonderful faithful friends:

Deacon Connie McGavic 1/6

Thelma Plummer 12/20

