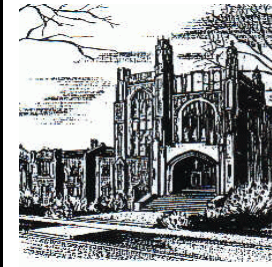


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## *From the Pastor's Desk ...*



### *Lessons from the Path*

I decided to take a walk at the Mercy Center in St. Louis. It was going to be hot enough to melt the soles off my shoes so I awoke early to walk. My path was filled with wood chips. It was uneven but rolling like the hills in a meadow. When I took this new path I noticed someone had put pipes under the path to control water from washing away the path. The pipe broke the natural colors of the woods and grass, it didn't fit the natural walk, but I was glad somebody didn't stick to the "all natural" rule. Often, laws need amending or updating. The apostle Paul noticed that the law needed to be amended with love. The law is to help us, not hinder our journey with God, so though Gentile Christians did not need to be circumcised. What Church laws do you see today that need to be amended with love?

I continued to walk on the path and I came to a fork in the road. There are a lot of people that use this metaphor, it is a good one. There are actually at least four choices: 1. Go back; 2. Go to the right; 3. Go to the left; or 4. Stay where I am. I don't like to retreat or stay still, but they are options. What determined the choice? I chose the path with the most adventure — I went left into the forest. Sometimes I learn more when I go where I have never been before (Star Trek allusion here). When was the last time you put yourself out of your comfort zone and what did you learn?

The path came to an end so I turned around and took the other path. It was not wasted time, the goal was to walk, as long as I was walking I was achieving my goal. I was happy with a little adventure. Then I noticed a rabbit and another and another. They looked at me and I wanted to say, in my younger days I would have tried to catch you. I still enjoy rabbits, they are cute. Now I try to see how close I can come to them before they run. I have given up trying to catch them. As I age I find new pleasures. What new pleasures have you discovered as you aged?

In July we celebrate our freedom in the United States. Freedom to change, adapt and know others will change, thus changing our lives. The Apostle Paul used his gift of grace to see he was free to

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travel roads that were new to him. God helped him to find pleasure (writing letters and receive gifts from friends) when he was in jail (not his choice). Paul was able to change and adapt and we are all the richer because of his letters.

I see Westminster taking some new paths. One path goes over to Millikin where we will do ministry with students. Another path goes to our neighbors, I wonder what new memories we will create together? Where will you walk and what new memories and adventures will you experience? Enjoy the journey with God!

*Steve*

### Vacation Time ?

Remember when you go on vacation to keep your church giving up-to-date. Throughout the summer months when you are traveling the work of the church continues. So when you stop your paper and stop your mail, please take a few minutes to write and mail your check to the church. Your donation will be most appreciated.



### Worship Attendance

	9:30 a.m.	
May	30	69
June	6	99
June	13	75
June	20	79

322

Average Attendance 4 weeks ~ 81



### Financial Report for May

#### May Revenue

Actual receipts Received	\$24,539.40
Endowment Money Received	0
Interest Received	0
Trust Money Received	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$24,539.40</b>

<b>Total Expenses May</b>	<b>\$44,888.76</b>
Income Less Expenses	\$-20,349.36



### Movie Night



Our Movie Nights will continue through August 11. Each Wednesday you are invited to our Fellowship Hall at 6:00 for a light dinner, popcorn, dessert, and a Family Friendly Movie! Everyone is welcome. Check the website for the Movie of the Week.

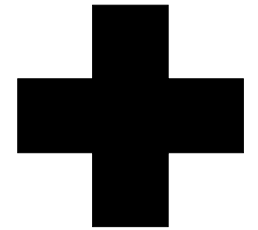
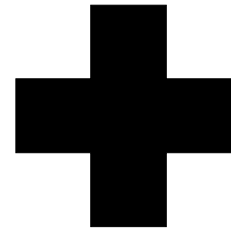


### Pool Party!



We are having our annual Pool Party on Sunday, July 18 at Fairview Pool. We will have the pool from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and we will enjoy a meal together on the picnic tables. Drinks and table service will be provided. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors and join us for this fun evening!

### Red Cross Blood Drive



Thursday, July 21, 2010

4:00 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall

For an appointment, please contact Pat at the Church office - 428-6603.

**Give Blood ...Give Life!**

## ***Vacation Bible School***

Our High Seas Expedition is scheduled to set sail on Sunday, July 11 through Thursday, July 15 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Each evening children ages three through 6th grade will participate in an active and fun learning environment to help them grow in their faith. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office. Please call Teresa at 972-7093 if you have any questions.

## ***Celebrating Birthdays in July ...***

7	Dr. Jerry Miller	23	Cyndy Smith
9	Audra Cottrell	23	Gabriel Sphar
9	Gladys Nisbet	23	Isabelle Watson
12	Lucy Besser	24	Lynley Farrington
12	Celina Ragsdale	24	Keith Hurm
14	Jim Steck	24	Will Shaw
15	Candi Clevenger	24	Gwen Wilson
17	Sue Allen	26	Lauren Morrow
17	Anne McSherry	27	Mary Lou Zacheis
18	Barb Entrot	29	Joe McAdam III
19	Mark Huss	29	John Power
20	Steve Moorehead	31	Grant Storckman



## ***Helping Hands for July ...***

Susie Moore	865-2353
Rae Nell Spencer	972-0644
Ann Adams	876-9214
Susan Shaw	422-5238



## ***WPC Dining Group***



The dining group will meet downtown at Porter's at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 10, 2010. If you would like to participate in this gathering, please call Sandy Coryell at 423-7084.

## ***Thank You***

Thank you for my graduation present and my bracelet! I love it all. You are all too thoughtful. I am very thankful to work in such a great place, where I look forward to going to work. Thank you for all you do!

♡ Miss Alyssa

*Stray Thoughts from  
a Visitation Pastor's Notebook*

Pastor Steve has asked me to preach the first two Sundays of July while he is on vacation. Preparing the bulletins for these two Sundays set me on the trail of some of my resources such as Michael Quoist's little book entitled Prayer. I found this collection of jewels of faith in the Westminster Church Library.

Writing the "Meditations" that begin every Sunday liturgy, given to us for our "attitude adjustment" into worship together, was inspired by topics in this little book. You will likely remember that Steve has been emphasizing finding God in our daily lives hearing God and seeing God in the everydayness that we hour by hour live. Writing liturgy on those themes for us to use together has been a joy to me. I hope you will find the "Meditation" part of the bulletins for July 4 and 11 both stimulating and encouraging.

While Steve is on vacation, I will be traveling to the meeting of our General Assembly in Minneapolis for the final three days. I have requested our First Pres. colleagues, Jim Montgomery and Miley Palmer to be "on call" for pastoral emergencies while Steve and I are both out of town for a few days.

Grace and peace,  
*Ronald E. Allin*  
Minister of Visitation

*Corrected list from June Chimes ...*



**Ordination and Installation of Officers**



The following members of Westminster were ordained and installed as new Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2013 during the Sunday morning worship service on May 23, 2010:

Elders

- Susan Gant-Reynolds - Ordained
- Pat Laegeler - Ordained
- Diana Rinchiuso - Ordained
- Bob Smith - Installed

Deacons

- Jack Ballion - Installed
- Matthew Briggs - Ordained
- Don Leckrone - Ordained
- Joel Winick - Ordained

May God's blessings be upon them as they serve in these special ministries of Westminster.

*Special Thanks* ... to the following Elders and Deacons who have served the past three years in the Class of 2010. We appreciate their time, talents, and dedication in serving these special ministries of the church. Elders: Donna Dunnuck, Susan Shaw, Donna Spangler, and Chris Williams. Deacons: Bernice Doty, Renee Heath, Sandra Hunter, and Tracy Martin.

*PW Notes ...*



**PW Board**

Meets Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. The program Committee requests you come with program suggestions.

**Chair Exercises**

Try your exercise program sitting down - in air conditioning, on Wednesday mornings for one hour (9:30 - 10:30 a.m.) a group meets in Room 110. The exercises are great for keeping you flexible. There's a chair for you!



**Summer Reading**

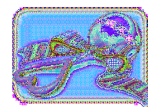
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1. A new addition Ninety Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper (a quick interesting read)
2. Another Mitch Albom book Have a Little Faith



**Check it Out!!!**

**†† Congregational Life ††**

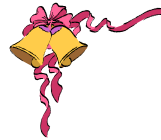


**Birth Announcements:**

**Edward William Hillyer** born on Monday, June 7, 2010, to Brittaney & Jason Hillyer. Edward joins big sister Isabelle. Proud grandmother is Collette Watson.

**Roselyn Hope Castle** born on June 8, 2010, to Vance and Jessica (Entrot) Castle in Norfolk, Virginia. Proud grandparents are Tim & Barbara Entrot.

**Wedding Congratulations:**



**Andrew James Thompson and Laura Ashley Colgan** were married on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at Westminster by the Reverend Stephen Hill. Andrew is the son of Kathy Thompson of Decatur, Illinois.