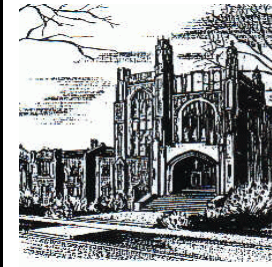


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John Phillips, Susan Gant-Reynolds, Diana Rinchioso, Ardith Shaffer, Robert Smith,  
Ed Woare.

*From the Pastor's Desk ...*



## *Our Vision*

Westminster visions to be: "A passionate, Christ-centered church community that is united in providing opportunities for all that foster excitement and provide loving support in their journey of faith." This is the "Vision Statement" the Strategic Planning Team has created for Westminster. Does this vision fit your vision of Westminster? If not, let me know in writing so the committee can make any appropriate changes.

The Strategic Planning goal is to create a thriving membership at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Our goals are to increase attendance at worship in the first year by 15%, by the third year 50% and by the 5<sup>th</sup> year 100% from our present attendance records. This is an all church goal and not a committee goal. All our members need to agree with these goals so we meet them together. No one person or committee will be responsible for reaching the goal, this is a congregational goal. All of our committees will be working to achieve this goal as well as everyone that is not on a committee. Do you support these attendance goals? If not, let me know in writing so we can make appropriate changes.

Our membership goals are to increase membership by 15 new members in 2011, 45 people new members by 2013 and 99 new members by 2015. Once again, this is a congregational goal and we will need everyone's support to reach these goals. Can we count on your support? If not, let me know what you would support so we can make appropriate adjustments to the goal.

In order to reach these goals the Strategic Planning Team is working on: 1. Music strategies; 2. Service enhancements; 3. Leadership support and training; 4. Visitor communication and 5. Membership communications.

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In October you will see these actions: A new flyer that will promote the ministry and mission of Westminster; fine tuning of the plan by the Strategic Planning Team; request for membership support of new ministries and missions; create a video promoting Westminster; enlarge our email address book; clearly define expectations of each position in the church; gather new ideas to fulfill our vision; and enhance our worship experience.

Please email or write me with any changes you are willing to support. We do ministry in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for the glory of God.

*Steve*

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### ***October Is Clergy Appreciation Month***



October has been set aside as a special time of the year for congregations to honor pastors and their families for the hard work, dedication, and special blessings they have provided throughout the year to the members of their congregations. This is a great opportunity to say "thank you" to God's servants who have made a difference in your life.

There are many ways to help pastors and their families feel appreciated. Some suggestions are: *send a card, a lunch or dinner invitation, a promise to pray for them, a gift card, etc.*

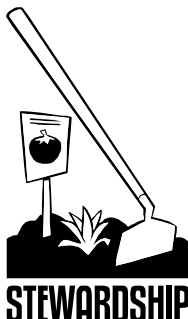
***Take a moment to think of something positive you can do to show your appreciation to our pastor and his family this month!***

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### ***October is Stewardship Month***

The five Sundays in October will be devoted to our new stewardship program. On October 3<sup>rd</sup> you will hear about the program on October 10<sup>th</sup> it will be about "being called to follow," on October 17<sup>th</sup> the emphasis will be "being challenged to grow," on October 24<sup>th</sup> will be about "being sent to serve," and on October 31<sup>st</sup> we will collect commitment cards during the service and hear the results of the campaign at the Celebration Brunch immediately after church. You will be receiving commitment cards in the mail beforehand so you will have an opportunity to make your decision.



You can bring them to the service or mail them to the church office.



### ***Library Notes ...***

Inventory has been completed. We discovered we have many wonderful books—waiting to be opened. A few are missing. If you can help us with the lost ones, please do. The friends of the Library Sale was a good place to find books at a good price (\$1.00). Please check the tables for some.

***Author ... October***

Joseph Girzone

*and the Joshua Books*

This author possesses a unique ability to make Jesus' words and actions come to life for contemporary audiences.

- 813.54      *A Parable for Today* ~ 1983
- FIC         *Joshua in the Holy Land* ~ 1992
- 248.4      *Never Alone* ~ 1994
- FIC         *Joshua - the Homecoming*
- 226.8      *The Parables of Joshua* ~ 2001
- 813.54 J    *Joshua in a Troubled World* ~ 2005

***\*NEW*** *The House that LOVE Built* by Betty Young

The story of Millard and Linda Fuller, Founders of Habitat for Humanity. The book was presented to Westminster in honor of the five who worked on Mama Black's House in New Orleans 2010.

### ***Cheer Guild Meeting***

Program: *First Ladies* by Ruth Cortright

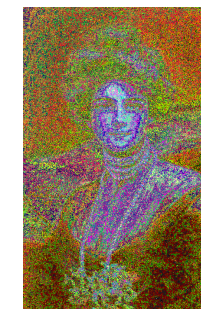


**October 28, 2010**

**Place: Fellowship Hall**

**Time: 1:00 p.m.**

**Hostess Committee: Virginia Snell, Jean Patrick, Waneta Moses**



***Ladies mark your calendars!***



Logos will be hosting an evening of Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. We would love to have everyone from the congregation join us in the North parking lot for this fun event. Everyone is invited to decorate your trunk or the back of your van or SUV! All LOGOS children and children from our church families are invited to dress up and trick or treat in this safe, loving environment. Please plan to participate! Call Teresa at 972-7093 or email her at [wpcteresa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wpcteresa@sbcglobal.net) to reserve your parking spot!

### LOGOS News

Our LOGOS program began on September 15. Everyone is busy learning, singing, playing, eating, and getting to know one another! We started the year out with Good Beginnings, Western Night, and a Skateboard Night. In October we will have Show N Tell, Bowling Night, Take Me Out to the Ballgame, and our Trunk or Treat.

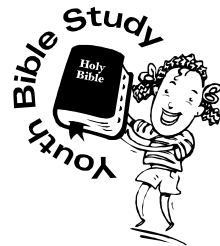


Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who lead, love, and nurture our children each week. Christie Allen, Anne Gray, Rose Marie Thompson, Kevin Besser, Joel Winick, Barbara Phillips, Shannon Allen, Rick & Ann Adams, Jack & Jane Ballion, Steve Hill, and Bob Moore.

The LOGOS children will be singing during the 9:30 service on the fourth Sunday of each month. It's not too late to join us each week. Call Teresa at 972-7093 for more information.

### The Gospel Journey

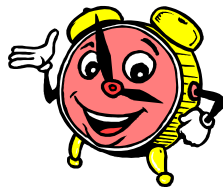
All college age students are invited to a Bible study on Monday evenings at 8:00 starting October 11. The Gospel Journey asks tough questions about religion and faith and looks at the honest answers through the eyes of seven young adults. Everyone is welcome. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Call Teresa if you have any questions.



### Sunday Morning Children's Schedule

#### 9:30 Tradition Service:

All children start out in the service. After our Children's Time we go upstairs to the Pratt Chapel for a Worship service geared specially for them.



#### 10:30 a.m.

All children are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a quick snack. Then we head upstairs for Sunday School. Our teachers are Amanda Taylor, Bob Moore, Susie Moore, and Barbara Phillips.

#### 11:15 a.m.

All children are invited to join Rose Marie in the Choir room for music until 11:35.

## Community Family Fun Fest ... A Big Success!

*Fantastic!*

A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to make our Family Fest a success. We had many wonderful volunteers who helped plan, delivered door hangers, made cookies, helped financially, helped set up and clean up, and worked at the games and activities. This couldn't have been done without all of you! Thank you!!

### Notes from the Deacons ...

The Deacons have several projects that will be starting shortly that the congregation should be aware of:

1. All shut-ins will receive a postcard asking how they would like to be contacted. This list will be used to set up visits by a Deacon.



2. The Annual Thanksgiving Basket project will be starting the first of October. The congregation's help will be needed to supply the non-perishable food items not donated. Last year we supported over 30 families and we are sure the need will be more this year. Please prayerfully consider how you can help with this project. The Deacons will be outside the sanctuary after services starting October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Fall Gathering

*"Leading With Your Heart"*

**Mt. Zion Presbyterian is hosting the fall gathering of Presbyterian Women**

**Saturday, October 16, 2010 ~ 9:30 Registration**

\$7.00 for lunch (reservations, please 864-2528)

Pauline Rowles presents "Decoding Revelation"

How to have a happy spiritual heart: Family Nurse Practitioner

Phyllis McPherron

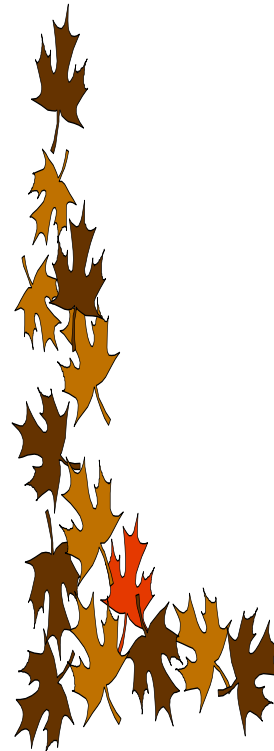
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Used EYE GLASSES are also being collected.

Assembling Hygiene Kits:

**Come with items: hand towel, wash cloth, bar soap, tooth brush, nail clippers, band-aids, combs, or leave in our Library Lounge**

**COME AND LISTEN TO YOUR HEART!**



### ***Flu Shots Available at Westminster***

Flu immunizations are scheduled at Westminster on Tuesday, October 12 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Library Lounge from Alpha Care Health Professionals. The immunization fee is \$30 for the flu shot. Those covered by Medicare should bring their card.



### ***Celebrating Birthdays in October ...***

1	Mim Amdal	15	Margaret Gant
1	Chad Lehn	17	Alec Shaw
1	Waneta Moses	18	Rich Lehn
4	Joe McAdam, Jr.	18	Max Scott
7	Amy Besser	18	Chris Williams
7	Nathan Smith	23	Tracy Martin
8	Bernice Doty	23	Nathaniel Newlin
8	Bill Smith	25	Doug Neff
11	Lily Rinchiuso	26	Kelly McSherry
11	Rose Marie Thompson	27	Kate Farrington
13	Jane Ballion	28	Vi Staley
13	Richard Radasch	30	Weston Grohne
14	Nancy Minks	30	Ginny Nichols
15	Barbara Abbott	31	Kelsey Crookshank
15	Joanne Baird	31	Brian Sphar



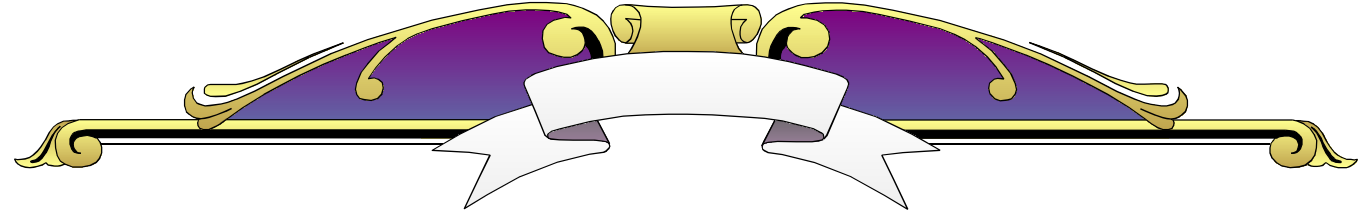
### ***Helping Hands for October ...***

Jean Jones	423-7666
Donna Spangler	423-0094
Julie Downing	362-9333
Anne Gray	422-5366



### ***Please Note:***

**Pauline Boatman** recently had a stroke and is recovering. She has been relocated near her daughter. Her new address is: Alden Estates, 1525 Oxford Lane, Naperville, IL 60565-1511. We know she would enjoy hearing from her friends at Westminster so please drop her a card or note to let her know you are thinking and praying for her.

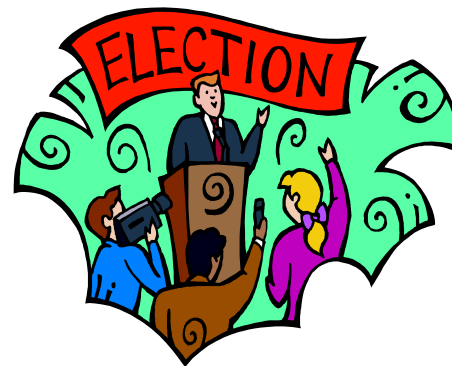


***Tuesday, October 12, 2010  
Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m.***

**★ Speaker: *Bobbie Gentry*  
Millikin Science Professor  
Election Implications**

**★ Speaker: *Pat Suinford*  
Citizens for Macon Country  
Tax Group**

## ***Elections and Taxes You Ought to Care***



***Information & Answers***

***All are welcome!!!***

***Sponsored by Presbyterian Women***



## *Attendance for September*

	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:30 a.m.</u>
September 5	99	
September 12	100	20
September 19	209	60
September 26	106	20
Averages for September	129	33



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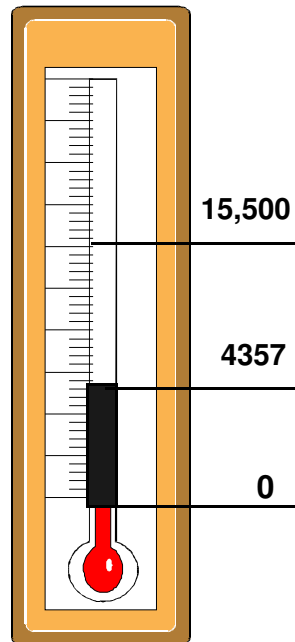
## *Financial Report for August*

August Revenue	
Actual Receipts Received	\$16,523.04
Endowment Money Received	20,000.00
Interest Received	0
Trust Money Received	<u>0</u>
Total Receipts	\$36,523.04

Total Expenses August	<u>\$57,927.68</u>
Income Less Expenses	-21,404.64

## *Per Capita Report*

Per Capita is defined as “A means of providing for all members to share in the cost involved to conduct and administer the ecclesiastical, judicial, and legislative functions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)” Westminster is committed to send General Assembly \$15,500 this year. So far contributions have been a little over \$4300. The figure is based on our members which includes communicant children. This money goes to support the administrative work and ministry of our church throughout the country. Each governing body above the Session (the Presbytery, the Synod and the General Assembly) has staff members and expenses that support the work of the church. Unlike pastors, these individuals have no congregation to support their ministry. Although their ministry may not be as “glamorous” as missionary work in South America, they are essential to the life of the Presbyterian Church. These are the people who prepare the curriculum that our children use, the offering materials that we receive, and countless other resources. The Book of Order of the Presbyterian church specifies that to remain on the active roll, one must participate in worship and/or give time or financially to the church.



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