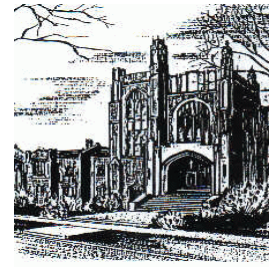


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The Westminster Chimes



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From The Pastor's Desk



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Romans 12: 11-13, ¹¹Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, ¹²cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. ¹³Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality. (The Message)

Why are we expanding our chancel? We have almost completed the project and I want to thank John Spencer for asking questions and putting the electrical boxes in the right places — thank you, thank you! The Strategic Planning Committee and Randall Reyman were in conversation about how Westminster could reach out to the Decatur community in a positive way. Randy believed that if Westminster had a larger chancel more Millikin groups would provide concerts at Westminster. We want to be a good neighbor to Millikin and we want to “be inventive in hospitality”. Our hope is to provide another opportunity for non-members to enter our building and be impressed with our hospitality. This hospitality will be given by you/us so we can build relationships with new people. We want “strangers” to feel welcome and comfortable around us. In time, in God’s time, when they need spiritual guidance, they will feel welcomed to explore their faith or receive spiritual guidance through us. We will also present ourselves as warm and caring people. Music has always been highly valued at Westminster and this will give us another opportunity to enrich others through music.

Our next request will be for you to bring cookies and other treats to these concerts. We will also ask you to serve these gifts to our visitors. This is an all church opportunity to connect with old friends and make new friends. This ministry isn’t about passing out cookies to people; it is about the opportunity to start a conversation where we show an interest in others. We will show them the love of Christ through listening to their stories. The natural conversation starts will be, “How did you like the concert?” “Did you have a favorite piece?” “Have you lived in Decatur for a long time?” In hospitality, we have to connect with our guests on a human level before we can discuss the more personal spiritual parts of their

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life. Trust has to be earned before we can discuss the more intimate parts of life — spirituality. These more intimate spiritual conversations may not occur until they have attended several concerts or other events at Westminster. We must be genuine in letting God's love flow through us — people know when we are faking or forcing it (God's time is the best time.)

May the ancient and sacred words of the apostle Paul flow through you as you live out his words of guidance in your life.

Steve



Questions from the Congregation

Q: *What happened to the bench in front of the office?*

A: The bench is in the process of being refinished. The project is about half-way complete. Look for the bench to be back in place later this year.

Q: *Is there somewhere, flyer, announcement, etc. for prayer requests?*

A: In the pews you will find prayer request forms. These are a light blue slip that says Prayer Request at the top. We also have an online prayer chain. You can send your prayer requests to wpcrev@sbcglobal.net. We are always open to other suggestions.

Community Family Fest

Our annual Community Family Fest will be held on Sunday, September 11 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. This fun event will be held in the parking lot to the east of the Church. It will feature inflatables, games, food, door prizes and music!



In addition to all of the free activities, we will be featuring The Wounded Warrior Project. Special raffles and door prizes will be available to raise money for this important group.

Mark your calendars and watch for more information about this exciting event!



Summer Movie Nights

We have had a lot of fun each Wednesday evening at our Movie Nights! Each Wednesday we have shown a family friendly movie and had great food and snacks. We only have two more Movie Nights before school starts. On August 3 we will show "Rio" and on August 10 we will show "Night At the Museum". Everyone is welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6p.m.



LOGOS

With our Movie Nights ending, our thoughts turn back to our Wednesday night LOGOS program. Each Wednesday, starting September 14, all children in Kindergarten through High School are invited to join us from 5:00 to 7:30 for Bible Study, Worship Skills, Recreation, and Family Time. Parent packs will be available later in August.



Serve the Lord with Gladness

Faith Growth Opportunity

We are called to serve others. We are called to take the Gospel out to the people. Serving our church is very important but where do we spend most of our lives? Outside of the church. We are parents, employees, students, soccer coaches, baseball coaches, community volunteers, etc. How can we take our faith into the world?

"Right Now" is an eight week series that will inspire us to see the natural ministry opportunities around us each day. My challenge is for our church members, especially our Elders, Deacons, and Committee members to commit to this eight week series. You will have two opportunities each week to participate. Each session will be taught on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 and again on Tuesday evening at 7p.m. beginning September 18. You can choose which session works for you each week. I hope this series will help you grow in your faith and to hear God's message about what He wants you to do. Please call me at 972-7093 or email me at wpcteresa@sbcglobal.net to sign up or for any questions.

Teresa

G r e a t J o b ! ! !

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

A **BIG** Thank you to our many wonderful volunteers who made our Vacation Bible School such a fun place to be!

Ann Adams	Kate Eagler	Maudie Kalala
Rick Adams	Lynley Farrington	Natalie Kalala
Christie Allen	Kathy Farrington	Bob Moore
Ellie Allen	Frances Finch	Susie Moore
Carolyn Allin	Bea Fisher	Susan Shaw
Adam Benson	Dick Fisher	RaeNell Spencer
Laurie Bergschneider	Olivia Fossier	Chloe Tatham
Erica Besser	Bella Freeman	Amanda Taylor
Kevin Besser	Maggie Freeman	Kelly Tohill
Hannah Brown	Anne Gray	Jean Toney
Allie Calvert	Renee Heath	Joel Winick
Bradley Day	Benie Kalala	

Thank you to the following for helping us with our supplies and set up: Renee Heath, Marie Jeffcoat, Bea Fisher, the Frable family, the Toney's, the Moore's, Audrey Sanner, Waneta Moses, and Anne Gray, John and Barbara Phillips, Shannon Allen, and John Spencer. Also, thank you to The Greif Corp. for donating cardboard for our posters.

We shared God's Love and Word with 36 children (19 Families) this week! Everyone had a good time thanks to all of you! The children and their families are truly blessed. Thank you for sharing your love and talents.

Celebrating Birthdays in August ...

1	Natalie Kalala	17	Susan Shaw
2	Paul McCann	19	Whitney Welch
2	Jean Patrick	21	Louis Martin
3	Molly Besser	22	George Coutant
4	Barbara Bayless	22	Marilyn Tallman
5	Mary Keele	23	Erin Fasick
7	Garhett Allen	25	Erica Besser
8	Jim Livasy	25	Levi Horvath
9	Grace Baine	25	JoAnn Noland
9	Chuck Shonkwiler	26	Dorothy Coutant
10	Ed Woare	26	Pauline Jurgens
11	Landon Baine	26	Fran Livasy
15	Amanda Eichenauer	26	Ardith Shaffer
15	Francois Kalala	28	Anna Booth
15	Mandy Power	29	Skip Mower
		31	Wendell Henby



Strategic Planning Update

The Strategic Planning Committee is made up of the following members: John Phillips, John Spencer, Anne Gray, Amy Besser, Susan Gant, Phil Cruikshank, Phillip Armstrong, Ronn Allin, Steve Hill, and Teresa Goller. This month Susie Moore joined our meeting. We spent time reviewing our tasks and refocusing on what is coming up.

The following projects are in process or complete:

Communication Process:

1. We are learning more ways to utilize our new website. The "flash" announcements are kept current and up to date. The ministry pages are being worked on to make sure they are current and new pictures will be added.
2. "Questions from the Congregation" cards were implemented and are being answered.
3. A new weekly e-newsletter was started on July 19. This weekly update is emailed every Tuesday. If you are not receiving the e-newsletter please send your email address to wpcteresa@sbcglobal.net
4. The monthly Chimes newsletter is continuing.

Church Roles & Responsibilities

We are in the process of defining each role in the church – Elder, Deacon, Usher, Greeter, Committee member, etc. The purpose of this is to ensure that anyone who is called to serve will have specific information as to what is expected of them.

Member to Member and Visitor Communication

1. We have completed the name tags for our members and regular friends.
2. We are working with the Deacons on utilizing the weekly sign in sheets and developing communication to members and friends who have been absent.
3. We are working on the reception of our new members – recognition, pictures, and bio information.
4. We are exploring ideas for an Information Center for our Narthex.
5. We need to establish a Member to Member Committee.

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Music Enhancement/Youth Music

1. We hosted three concerts at the beginning of the year.
2. Phillip Armstrong has scheduled upcoming Recitals and Concerts. Watch the newsletters for more information.
3. Phillip is also working on the KEY program which will provide many music opportunities to children and youth in our community.

WPC Facility Improvement

1. The landscaping is almost complete and looking beautiful.
2. Many improvements have been made to areas inside the church that were effected by water damage.
3. The Chancel area expansion project is in progress (as of this writing) and scheduled to be complete the first week of August.

In addition to continuing working on and improving the above areas, we will be focusing on the following:

1. Media Promotion which includes creating a lively, noticeable and memorable style/mark used to easily identify WPC. The media promotion will include promo videos, advertising, brochures, etc.
2. Developing an Internship Program.
3. Evaluating our Worship Service.
4. Enrichment – developing opportunities for faith growth, fellowship, and community involvement.
5. Researching opportunities.

additional Mission

*Be Doers
of the Word...*

Worship Attendance ~ July 2011



July 3	80
July 10	96
July 17	87
July 24	91
July 31	65

Average Attendance for July ~ 84

Financial Report for June 2011

June Revenue

Actual receipts received	\$30,399.00
Endowment money received	0
Interest received	0
Trust money received	0

Total Receipts

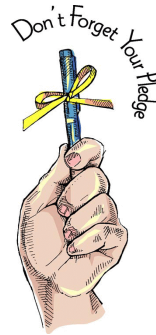
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Total Expenses for June

\$55,753.02

Income Less Expenses

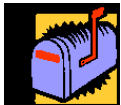
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†† Congregational Life ††

With Sympathy to the Family and Friends Of:

Jack L. Tallman, Jr., 85, died Thursday, June 23, 2011. Services were held at Brintlinger and Earl Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 28, 2011. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marilyn Wilber Tallman; daughters Jill Gustin and husband, Timothy; daughter, Joy Kondo and husband, Cody and their families. He was a member of Westminster for 62 years.



Please Note ... Address Changes:

Joanne Baird has moved to the Chicago area. Her new address is: Joanne Baird, 5550 South Shore Drive, Apt. 313, Chicago, IL 60637. We are sure Joanne would enjoy hearing from her friends at Westminster.

Theron Tallman has moved to Shelbyville, His new address is Mr. Theron M. Tallman 2201 W. Main, Apt. 16, Shelbyville, IL 62565. We know Theron would also e like hearing from his friends at Westminster.

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Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Psalms 103:1

Calendar of Events

August 2011

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1	2 9:30 a.m. PW Meeting 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	3 7 a.m. Men Devotions 9:30 a.m. Chair Exercise 6:00 p.m. Movie Night Narcotics Anonymous	4 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	5	6
7 10:00 a.m. Worship Fellowship & Refreshment Time in Fellowship Hall	8 4:15 p.m. Worship & Music Meeting 5:00 p.m. Simply Christian Group 7:00 p.m. Christian Education Meeting	9 6:00 p.m. Listening Session 7:30 p.m. Listening Session	10 7 a.m. Men's Devotions 9:30 a.m. Chair Exercise 6 p.m. Movie Night Narcotics Anonymous	11 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7-9pm Camera Club	12 10:00 a.m. LaLeche League	13 10:30 a.m. Listening Session 1:00 p.m. Listening Session 3:00 p.m. Listening Session
14 10:00 a.m. Worship Fellowship & Refreshment Time in Fellowship Hall Progressive Dinner 4:15 - 8:30 p.m.	15 5:00 p.m. Simply Christian Group	16 6:00 p.m. Mission Meeting 6:30 p.m. WENA Board	17 7 a.m. Men's Devotions 9:30 a.m. Chair Exercise 12:00 p.m. Finance Committee 1:00 p.m. Mary/Martha Circle TBA Narcotics Anonymous	18 3:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. WENA Meeting	19 9:00 a.m. Volunteer at Good Samaritan Inn	20
21 JAZZ SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. Worship Fellowship & Refreshment Time in Fellowship Hall	22 5:00 p.m. Simply Christian Group 6:30 p.m. Strategic Planning Meeting	23	24 7 a.m. Men's Devotions 9:30 a.m. Chair Exercise Narcotics Anonymous PEO Rummage Prep	25 10:00 a.m. Presbytery Meeting at Lampstand 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7-9pm Camera Club PEO Rummage Sale	26 PEO Rummage Sale	27 PEO Rummage Sale

28 <i>10:00 a.m. Worship Fellowship & Refreshment Time in Fellowship Hall 5-6 p.m. WPC Concert/Spaghetti Supper</i>	29 <i>5:00 p.m. Simply Christian Group</i>	30	31			
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