

June 2018

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

Bob Burk 06/03
Anne Bogart 06/06
Nancy Helsabeck 06/07
Bob Sanders 06/07
Yvonne Buermann 06/08
Rick Ohlson 06/12
Randy Hledik 06/12
Ada Weeks 06/13
Donald Hirst 06/19
Nola Kari 06/22
Lucille White 06/23
Gail Schwieger 06/28

From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

As with previous summers, Marta and I are planning a sermon series that is coming up. Through much of June and July, our preaching will be based on a book by Church historian Diana Butler Bass called *Christianity for the Rest of Us*.

The book came out about ten years ago and was the result of three-year study by Dr. Bass, where she travelled the country researching vibrant mainline churches. During her time, she found many churches that were flourishing, and were doing so without trying to copy the style of larger mega-churches.

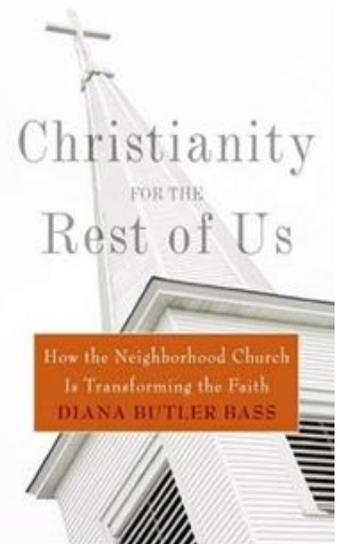
Christianity for the Rest of Us describes a path for mainline Protestants who are seeking to remain faithful to their tradition while also being a part of vital spiritual communities.

Dr. Bass has looked into churches that were

Episcopal, Methodist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ and Lutheran, and she found several consistent practices and traditions that were being followed.

Each chapter of the book profiles one of these practices, which include hospitality, contemplation, testimony, beauty, and reflection, among others. The book is a hopeful one as it includes a vision of what a vibrant, vital mainline church might look like in the early 21st century as congregations seek to rediscover authentic Christian faith and witness today. Through this sermon series, we hope you see glimpses of Westminster in this portrait, and perhaps gain some new ideas and encouragement as we all strive to be the church of Jesus Christ.

Peace,
-David



Interfaith Shelter

Five homeless families, consisting of ten adults and eleven children (infant to 9 years old) were guests of WPC during our turn in hosting the Interfaith Shelter from May 14 to May 21. Nearly 60 members of our congregation participated in preparing food, providing evening programs, cleaning up after meals, and night supervision during our guest's stay.

Many thanks to all members who helped during the week, but in particular, we would like to thank:

Bev Fernandes who put together the week's menu, and supplied

a wonderful notebook of all the recipes (as well as cooking two nights)

Bob and Eileen Sanders who were here every morning to prepare and clean up after breakfast.

Kate Johnson who was also here every morning working with Bob and Eileen, but also was here preparing Sunday night's dinner, and washing all the towels that were used during the week.

Teri Yerton who organized the host activities.

Caleb Andreasen who helped with clean-up and children activities on many nights.

Chick DeLaittre, our facilities manager, for his patience and help during the week.

(It should be noted that the money for dinners prepared at church came from our share of the special Peacemaking Offering that is collected during October.)

According to present plans, this will be the last time we host the Interfaith Shelter at WPC. Starting this coming fall, it is planned to have a permanent site in south Eugene that will house homeless families. However, WPC and other churches and organizations, will still be involved in providing dinners. Stay tuned for future updates.

DID YOU KNOW "FRIENDS OF TREES" HAS PLANTED OVER 70,000 TREES IN THE EUGENE-SPRINGFIELD AND PORTLAND-VANCOUVER AREAS SINCE 1989?

Come and hear the full story of this amazing volunteer organization at Coffee hour on Sunday June 10th.

Prayer Chain and Prayer Requests

Did you know the Westminster has a prayer chain? The Prayer Chain is a ministry of dedicated people who pray for those who request prayers.

There are two ways you can be involved: 1. Join the Prayer Chain and hold your brothers and sisters in Christ in prayer. This is

an email list, so if you would like join, just send Brooke an email (office@wpceugene.org) and let her know you want to be added to the Prayer Chain. 2. Do you have a prayer request? Email Brooke (office@wpceugene.org) and she will forward your

prayer request to the Prayer Chain. Prayer requests through the Prayer Chain are not printed in the bulletin unless you request it.



Welcome to our new Office Manager!

Her name is Brooke Irvin and she is happy to be a part of the Westminster family. Her husband, Utah, and her have two beautiful daughters, Mikayla who is 11 years old and Paisley, who is 2 years old. Her employment background is in Human Services and Real Estate where she specialized in short sale negotiations for distressed homeowner's.

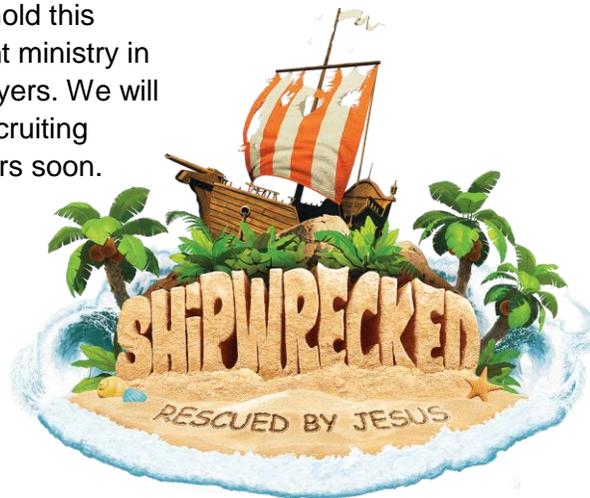
In her spare time, she loves to bake and scrapbook. She also enjoys working out and living a healthy lifestyle to encourage her children to be happy and healthy.

Vacation Bible School July 30th-August 3rd

It is never too early to start thinking about Vacation Bible School! Westminster's VBS will be July 30th-August 3rd. Further details and registration will be coming soon, but please spread the news to your friends and neighbors. AND—please consider volunteering this year. Our VBS has continued to grow each year (YAY!) and to help it grow, we need more

VOLUNTEERS.

Please hold this important ministry in your prayers. We will begin recruiting volunteers soon.



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