



*Grateful for the Past
Vision for the Future*

**MAY 8, 2016
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

A NOTE FROM REV. DR. PAUL KIRBAS



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This has been an exciting time in the life of our church as we have been focusing on our vision for the future. We are in a capital campaign to raise the funds needed for a major renovation of our church facility. During the last several weeks, we have been sharing this vision in many ways. During this time, several leaders of our church have been stepping up to offer advanced leadership gifts to begin the process of reaching our goal of \$5.5 million dollars. Today in worship, we will offer an announcement in which we will share the total dollar amount of these advanced leadership gifts. Then, it will be up to our whole congregation to join these leaders as together, we reach our goal.

This week, you will receive a special mailing with information about the campaign and a pledge card for your use. Please remember that these are

financial gifts that can be offered over a three year span, and are meant to be over and above our regular stewardship giving to the church. Our Capital Campaign Commitment Sunday is May 22. Let us join together and make Westminster 2020 a clear vision for the exciting future of our wonderful church!

Speaking of the future, we have some young people who are about to enter a new exciting chapter of their lives. They are our graduating high school seniors, and we will celebrate them next Sunday as we have Senior Sunday. Come hear their stories, and let us gather around them in this exciting time of their lives.

In God's Love,
Paul J Kirbas
Pastor/Head of Staff

Dear Congregation,

For all the mothers here today, happy Mother's Day! This day celebrates the gift of motherhood, and invites us to sense the mothering purposes of God and of the Church. We are thankful that you are spending some of this special day here at Westminster Presbyterian.

DOWNTOWN BIBLE STUDY

We are starting a new downtown Bible study that will be held on Fridays at noon beginning in August. It will be a brown bag lunch program and will be held at the offices of McAfee and Taft, on the tenth floor of Two Leadership Square at 211 North Robinson Street. Rev. Dr. Paul Kirbas will be leading this group through a study of the New Testament book of James. If you would like to attend, please contact John Kenney at: john.kenney@mcafeetaft.com

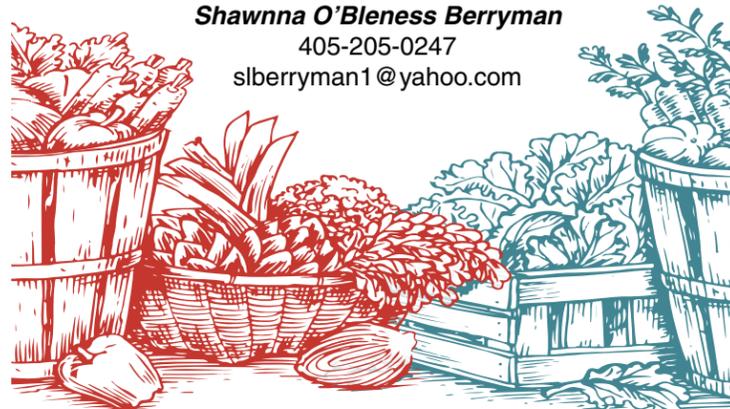


WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY GARDEN

WPC's Community Garden will be needing volunteers to weed and harvest throughout the growing season. Feel free to sign up at: <http://vols.pt/GzXL4A> You can sign up for a single time or multiple times and feel free to bring your spouse or other friends at a time that is convenient for you.

The community garden is located on the west side of the old manor lot just west of the church at 44th & Shartel.

For more assistance, you can contact:
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CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Small Group Ministries and Excursions

Small group gatherings provide opportunities for individuals and families to share fellowship in settings where they can learn more about themselves and about one another while participating in spiritual nurture.

One such opportunity will be on Saturday morning, May 21, when Westminster members, friends and family who would like to spend a few hours in God's Creation are invited to hike together at the Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge on the north side of Lake Overholser.

Information about the refuge is online at: <http://www.tulsaadubon.org/guides/stinchcomb-wildlife-refuge.htm>. The hike will start from Gate 3 (the website listed above provides a map) at 10:30 AM. Those who want to car pool can meet **Dave Thompson** (dave-thompson@ouhsc.edu) at the church at 9:45, drive to the refuge to meet the rest of the group at 10:30.

If the sun is out, it will be behind us as we walk north and west, thus illuminating the bird species we hope to see. We will have extra binoculars for those who want to get a closer look. We plan a leisurely and family-friendly hike of an hour or so. Afterward, some might want to consider having lunch.



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WORRIED AND STRESSED?

"The snares of death encompassed me, ...I suffered distress and anguish." Psalms 116:3

In our busy and fast paced culture, worry and stress have become constant companions for many of us. Unlike the psalmist, we might not be facing the "snares of death", but we often live anxiously. Bombarded by activities, information, appointments and debts, we find it hard to "rest" in God's mercy.

A Stephen Minister can be a presence beside you during these times of crisis and stress, listening and caring for you, helping you sort through your feelings and discovering the resources you need to make it through.

If you would like to know more about how Stephen Ministry can care for you, please contact Rev. Michelle Junkin, our pastor for congregational care, at 405.524.2224 ext. 222 or mjunkin@wpcokc.org

MOMS' NIGHT OUT

Whether a working mom, stay at home mom, single mom, church member or non-church member...this is a shout out to all types of mothers of young children and their friends to come find some respite, spiritual nurture and fellowship with others who are in the same boat (who understand all that you juggle day to day as a mom.) Feel free to spread the word and welcome others to attend!

May 19 at Upper Crust on Classen Curve at 5:30pm.

RSVP to Rev. Michelle Junkin at mjunkin@wpcokc.org or signup online.

If you need childcare sign up at www.wpcokc.com/children. Regarding childcare drop-off for this event, if you need the code for the church to enter after hours, email Michelle at michelle@wpcokc.org or call front desk during normal business hours.

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

Prelude:

Choral Prelude on a Melody "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" Melchior Vulpius Arr. Healey Willan

Time of Welcome

*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Risen Lord appeared to his disciples and said, "Peace be with you". May the peace of the Living Lord be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Call To Worship

Jeremiah 29:10-11

Leader: For thus says the Lord, "When your seventy years are completed, I will visit you

People: **and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place.**

Leader: For surely I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for your welfare and not for harm,

People: **to give you a future with hope."**

*Processional Hymn: #611 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Hymn to Joy

+(verses 1 and 3)

Time of Confession

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God of indescribable grace, we confess that we struggle with the values of Your Kingdom. You call us to love unconditionally, but when we love others we often expect something in return. You call us to serve humbly, but when we serve others it's often to enhance our image. You call us to live truthfully, but we often live lives that are disconnected from our true selves.

We confess our sinfulness, our arrogance, and our self-centeredness. We seek Your forgiveness, and long for our hearts to be washed by the power of Your Spirit. Shape us to become humble servants who love and serve others after the example of Jesus Christ. Lord, hear this confession, and those we now offer in silence...(a silence is kept). Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of God's grace.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*Response to Forgiveness: #581 *Glory Be to the Father*

Gloria Patri

++Children's Moment: #693 *Though I May Speak*

The Gift of Love

As the children come forward, the congregation shall sing (verse 1); as the children return to their seats, the congregation shall sing (verse 3).

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament

Psalms 148:1-14, p. 582

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Moment for Westminster 2020

Chris Stephens

++Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Hymnal p. 35

Reading from the New Testament

Acts 16:11-15, p. 136

++Anthem: *Sanctus* from *St. Cecilia Mass*

Charles Gounod

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and Earth of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Chancel Choir; Arnold Rawls, Tenor; Steve Thompson, Organ

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

Sermon: "THE MOTHER CHURCH"

Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

*Hymn of Discipleship: #305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

Darwall's 148th

*Affirmation of Faith: **The Apostles' Creed** (Traditional)

Hymnal p. 35

Invitation to Offering

++Offertory: *Jesus, Rose of Sharon*

Arranged by Michael T. Smith

Jesus, Rose of Sharon, bloom within my heart; beauties of Thy truth and holiness impart, that where'er I go my life may shed abroad fragrance of the knowledge of the love of God.

Jesus, Rose of Sharon, bloom in radiance and in love within my heart.

Jesus, Rose of Sharon, sweeter far to see than the fairest flow'rs of earth could ever be, fill my life completely, adding more each day of Thy grace divine and purity, I pray.

Jesus, Rose of Sharon, balm for every ill, may Thy tender mercy's healing pow'r distil for afflicted souls of weary burdened men, giving needy mortals health and hope again.

Arnold Rawls, Tenor; Dr. Sallie Pollack, Piano

*Doxology: #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Old Hundredth

++Prayer of Thanksgiving

+The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Recessional Hymn: #324 *For All the Faithful Women*

Nyland

+(verses 1 and 4)

*Benediction

Postlude: *Darwall's 148th*

Arr. Richard Unfreid

*This sign is an invitation, to all who are able, to stand as they offer God thanks and praise.

+This sign indicates Chapel Worship Service only.

++This sign indicates Sanctuary Worship Service only.

✿ Worship Flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God and given in memory of Elva Welborn, mother, Christie Dvoracek, grandmother, and seven aunts who were very thoughtful, giving women, by Jeanette Willet.

Leading in Worship

Pastor/Head of Staff: Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care: Rev. Michelle Junkin

Associate Pastor for Youth and Education: Rev. Abbey Walker

Director of Worship and Music: Josh Phelps

Organ: Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Carillon: Lisa Hart

Acolyte: Sam Purnell

CHILDREN



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In 1st-4th grade we learned about Contentment: deciding to be happy with what you've got. Our bottom line was: When you focus on what you don't have, it can make you miserable. This month's Memory Verse is: **"I have learned the secret to being content no matter what happens. I am content whether I am well fed or hungry. I am content whether I have more than enough or not enough."** Philippians 4:12b, NlrV. This week talk with your children about a time when you had to learn to be content.

In Club 56 today our verse for the week is 1 Peter 5:7 which says, **"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you."** This verse helps us understand that "God cares when we are feeling down." God promises to be there beside us through all the storms of our life. Even if we are feeling sad, God is always there for us.

We only have a few more weeks left of Full Circle before we break for the summer. This week we will be wrapping up our discussion on Generosity. We have learned a lot about giving to others and taking care of what has been given to us. May 22nd will be our end of the year celebration for Full Circle.

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, June 6-9th from 9am-Noon. We still need volunteers to help us make this wonderful event happen! If you are available please email heather@wpcokc.org

Mission Week is also coming up for our Club 56 kids. They will be heading to Tulsa June 9-11 and doing service projects there. To sign up or to volunteer to help please email Nicole at nmencer@wpcokc.org

Have a blessed week,
Heather

Hello Parents,

This week in the nursery area we continued our lesson on David and Jonathan. We learned that God gives us good friends and our memory verse is, **"Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do."** Ecclesiastes 4:9, NlrV

K.N.O.W.S.

May 13th is K.N.O.W.S., If you need a night out sign your kids up for Kids Night Out Westminster Style! Cost is \$5 per child and includes dinner and many fun activities. RSVP online or email Amanda at abreninger@wpcokc.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendar for VBS, June 6th-9th. Kids will spend each day spelunking through activity stations with the Cave Crews where they will learn about God's love in amazing ways! You can sign up online under the childrens page. WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need volunteers to help make this important week happen. If you are available to help before or during VBS please contact Heather Selement, heather@wpcokc.org, for more information. We also have a table in the Garden Court with a list of items that we need for VBS. Please consider picking up a couple of items to donate.

JR WEST AND WEST CAMPS

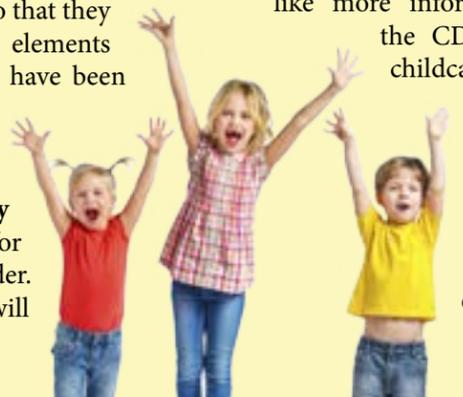
We are excited to announce that we have reached our maximum of 60 kids in summer camp. We are still taking names for our wait list. Please email Nicole at nmencer@wpcokc.org for more information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Full Circle will have its last session for the school year on May 22nd. It will resume in the fall. The children are encouraged to stay in the service so that they may see all of the elements of worship that we have been working on this year and how they fit into the service. Nursery is still available for children 6 and under. Wednesday nights will resume in the fall.

"Fill In the Gaps" Summer Care

With all of the excitement around West/Jr. West Camp this year, we want to let you know that we have heard your request for additional care during the off weeks. The CDC is able to accommodate a few families, up to 10 children, during a four-week period of time. Those weeks are: May 31-June 3, July 5-8, August 8-12, and August 15-18. It is important to note that these weeks will be operated by the CDC and not by West Camp. If you would like more information, please contact the CDC at 405-524-7120 or childcare@wpcokc.org. Space is limited to the first 10 children who have a completed registration form and pay the \$75 deposit. Please note that this is a complete session of care and not an al a carte option.



YOUTH AND EDUCATION

JHAMS

Junior High and Middle School
DEADLINE IS HERE!

Current 5-8th graders, don't miss out on games, worship, Lake Texoma, small groups, and staying in dorms!
Sign up on wpcokc.com



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Mission Week 2016 #Mycover

When? June 9th-11th We will meet at the church at 3:30 pm on June 9th and arrive back at the church June 11th around 3:30 pm.

Where? We will be staying at First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa in their youth building.

What? Mission week will look different this year, instead of staying in the city we will take a trip to Tulsa, Ok to serve the community around Tulsa. We will be serving at the Tulsa Food Bank and the Tulsa Day Center for the homeless. We will also be having a dodgeball tournament Thursday and going to Main Event on Friday night.

How much? \$80 Per child

Email Nicole at
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to sign up or for more information



SENIOR SUNDAY

We are recognizing this year's high school Seniors on **Sunday, May 15th** and need to know which Seniors would like to participate in the worship service. If you or your graduate would like to participate, please contact Rev. Abbey Walker. This will be a day where we celebrate with graduates and their families as they follow God's call into a new stage of their lives. We encourage the congregation to support these students by writing letters or cards to the students to present that day.



Friday Friends After School Program

Ages: 3rd - 8th grades

Dates: May 13th, 20th

Times: 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Please join us for snacks, games, and devotions that teach basic truths found in the Scriptures!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember to silence all cell phones. No food or drinks are allowed in the Chapel or Sanctuary.

WPC CARES: Members in Need of Care. In order to care for our members who are hospitalized, homebound or simply needing prayer, please notify the church by email at wpccares@wpcokc.org or by phone at 524-2224 ext. 249. Doing so helps our ministers and care team members know whom to visit. Without your help our ability to know who is in the hospital or in need is limited.

Deacon of the Week: Donna Kiplinger - Please contact her for congregational care needs at 401-8511.

Flowers in the Worship services may be purchased to honor a loved one or special occasion and will be mentioned in the bulletin. Please sign up in the book at the reception desk. Cost is \$60/vase and there are 2 vases each week.

Children's Worship Bags can be found at the entrances to the Sanctuary. The bags contain activities that coordinate with the weekly worship theme. There are also some fun quiet games to enhance their worship experience. Questions? Contact Heather Selement at 405.524.2224 ext. 248 or hselement@wpcokc.org.

If You Are Interested in scheduling a baptism or wedding, or need to notify the church of a death in order to coordinate a funeral or memorial service, please contact Lori Jirousek, Executive Assistant at 524-2224 ext. 228 or lori@wpcokc.org.

WPC FOUNDATION Did you know that the Westminster Presbyterian Church currently has several Endowment Funds? They range from Youth Ministries to the Campbell Trust Fund that is used mainly to support our Members who are pursuing the Ordained Presbyterian Ministry. If you would like to start your own Endowment Fund, please contact the Business Office or any of the Foundation Trustees. Mark Schlegel, Hal Brown, Alison Taylor, John Frick, Tim Cheek, Cliff Hudson, Sarah Frank, Paige Bass, Ellen Morgan, Chris Stephens or Jim Richard.

Happy Birthday! The following Westminster members are celebrating their birthdays this week. Please remember them in your prayers, that they may experience God's grace in the coming year.

May 8: Kate Ellis; Courtney Holliday; Barbara Keating

May 9: Sue Cheek

May 10: Lodema Clement; Frank Gartin; Diane Holt; Lucy London

May 11: Charlene Barbour; John Cooper

May 12: Richard Champlin; Anita Grove; Jordan Lippert; Rachel Portman; Julia Witcher

May 13: Dustin Cornell; John Lewis; Cara Parent; Hilary Price; Kathlin Winter

May 14: Sherri Eakins; Pam Geurin; Kate McConnell; Bill Reid; Christopher Tilghman

COMMUNION* DATES

**served every Sunday in the Chapel service*

BAPTISM DATES

(2nd Sunday of each month)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

(3rd Sunday of each month)



June White Retires

Please join us Sunday, May 22nd at 10:30am, for a reception honoring June White, who has served the Westminster Presbyterian Church family since September, 1967!

Adult Christian Education Classes Sundays at 9:30am

Adult Bible Study: This 40 and over traditional adult Bible study class meets in the Library (room 205) on the Second Floor. They follow *The Present Word* curriculum. In May they will be learning about the *Fullness of Faith* in the Book of Luke.

Adventurers Class: Comprised of adults ages 40 and over, the Adventurers meet downstairs in room LL30. Through May John Shelley will be leading a study about the Sermon on the Mount.

Cornerstone Class: Looking for an opportunity to connect with other young families? Please visit the Cornerstone class downstairs in LL29.

Genesis Class: This 50 and up singles class meets downstairs in LL28. They are following *The Present Word* curriculum. In May they will be learning about the *Fullness of Faith* in the Book of Luke.

Widower's Coffee



Please join Glenn Dunn in the Parlor on Sunday, May 15th at 11:30am for a time of fellowship over coffee and with other Widowers in our church.

We will join together in this social gathering as a time for encouragement and fellowship with other men who share in this life transition.

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Sunday mornings on KSBI (check local listings) at 7:30a and 10:30a

Online via our LiveStream at <http://www.wpcokc.com/live-streaming>