

The Westwind

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Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you've got
Till its gone.....

The lyrics are Joni Mitchell's but many of us at Westminster can relate to them these days. Much of what we've always taken for granted, we no longer can. Westminster has long been a magical place. Whenever we've needed something, it seemed to appear with little or no effort. For example, the *WestWind* just magically appears in our mail box about the first of every month, right? We go to worship on Sunday morning and there's a familiar face in the pulpit, right?

As unsettling as change can be, it's inevitable. It's also the only way we grow, either as a person or as a congregation. Through all of the change and uncertainty we've experienced over the past few months, we've learned some things about ourselves, and yes, we've grown. It may not be obvious at first glance, but we have.

In the last year, due to budgetary conditions, we've changed the way we do mission at Westminster. Rather than supporting missions through the annual budgeting process, we ask members to give to a different program each month, apart from our pledges. Guess what. We, as a congregation are giving more to mission than we did the old way. That's growth.

We no longer have a full-time pastor. Instead, we've had a series of guest preachers. Each of them has blessed us in his or her own way. We have an elder covering some of the pastoral and administrative duties. Our secretary has been hospitalized, and numerous volunteers have stepped up to fill the breach. Things don't always go as smoothly as they once did, but the essentials get done. We've learned that we're capable of more than we imagined. That's growth.

As Dr. Mark Waters reminded us from the pulpit, “The same God that brought us the good **old** days will also bring us the good **new** days”.

In the Pulpit in June

7	Rev. Luther Hollowell
14	Rev. Bill Libby
21	John Powell
28	Beverly Armstrong

NOTES FROM MAY 19 SESSION MEETING

Pam Veltkamp led an opening meditation and closed the meeting with prayer.

Father's Day worship will be at the church with lunch and auction to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Vacation Bible School will be a tri-church (Westminster, Grace Lutheran, Elmwood West Methodist) event held at Elmwood West United Methodist Church July 13-17, 2009.

Negotiations are ongoing with Providence Classical Academy regarding a contract for the 2009-2010 school year.

Abby Parham was elected Clerk of Session effective June 1, 2009.

Cary Cooke was elected Elder Commissioner for the presbytery meeting to be held in Wichita Falls on June 5-6, 2009.

Royse Kerr agreed to collect articles for and to print the June Westwind. There will be no mailing of the newsletter, and the congregation is asked to pick up copies at the church.

Prayer List for June

Each week we will be praying specifically for several of our WPC families. We invite you to join us as we ask God's blessings upon our sisters and brothers in Christ.

June 1 – 7 Bobbie Core; Vernon Glaze; and David & Jamie Tindall, Casey & Kelly
June 8 – 14 Burl & Pat Hambrick; and Holley Moysenko & Chanuis Moysenko-Shaw
June 15 – 21 Betsy Brehm & Ashley, Shelby & Maggie; Wanda Garson; and Dr. Joy Shin
June 22 – 28 John Headstream; and James & Rebekah Chenevert and David

OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

A number of books belonging to our Church Library are missing. These books are listed in the Card Catalog, but are not on the shelves, nor have they been checked out. Please look through your private libraries and see if you have any books stamped "Westminster Presbyterian Church" on the front, back, or along the sides. Church Library books also have a white sticker with a number on the spine.

If you find any of these books, please return them to the Church Library.

Listed below are some of the books that are missing and that have been requested;

The Case for a Creator by Lee Strobel; *Fatherhood* by Bill Cosby; *The Bible Makes Sense* by Walter Brueggemann; *Where Miracles Happen* by Joan Anderson; and *Leap Over A Wall* by Eugene Peterson. The video of the *Prince of Egypt* is also missing.

Thank you!

The Christian Education Committee

June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 12 Noon Spiritual Renewal Group in library	3 6:00 PM Hand Bell Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	4	5	6
7 9:30 AM Church School 10:55 AM Worship & Lord's Supper Noon Birthday/Anniv Celebration	8	9 12 Noon Spiritual Renewal Group in library	10 6:00 PM Hand Bell Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	11	12	13 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Church 8:00 AM Women's Breakfast @ Towne Crier
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News from the Stewardship Committee

First, we'd like to thank the congregation for your continued support of our monthly mission emphases. During the month of April our focus was One Great Hour of Sharing, for which \$350 was received. Thank you!

Our mission emphasis for June will be the Presbyterian Medical Care Mission (PMCM) here in Abilene. You may remember that this agency was our focus in January. At that time, we emphasized the medical side of the mission. In June, our focus is on the dental aspect. The following information comes from the PMCM brochure entitled "Meeting the Need."

The Mission stepped forward to meet another need in 1999. Many of our patients had never seen a dentist and were in desperate need of dental care. Calls were being received every day by patients seeking dental care. The Mission became the first facility in the area dedicated to providing care to low income uninsured families. Today the Mission has a staff dentist for 16 hours a week and a full-time dental assistant. This small staff, along with 17 volunteer dentists, is providing much needed dental care to 30 patients each week.

The Stewardship Committee asks your help in supporting the Presbyterian Medical Care Mission. Mission emphases for the remainder of the year are:

July	Meals on Wheels
August	Buffalo Gap Ministries
September	Presbyterian Children's Homes
October	Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
November	Presbyterian Food Pantry
December	Joy Gift Offering

May Anniversaries

19 Larry/Nedra Black

Birthdays

2 Charlotte Smith
Myles & Ryan Smith
Evelyn Sullivan
7 Travis Porter
9 Nedra Black
10 Lauren Johnson
15 Cary Headstream
20 Ashley Peaton
21 Cameron Smith
25 Scott Serrault

SPECIAL GIFTS DONATIONS for MARCH & APRIL 2009

In memory of
JACK RUSCHMEYER
by
Mary and Cary Cooke
Ruth Cranor
Rus and Frances Evans
James and Jewel Halford
Presbyterian Women
Robert and Pat Gaines
Mary Lou Chappell
Mozelle and John Eaves
Melissa and Ben Pilcher
Rick and Frances Buzzard
Larry and Nedra Black

In honor of
JIM WALLACE
by
Gary and Nelda Soben

You are cordially invited to the Installation Service of

The Rev. Jim Wallace

as Pastor of St. Luke Presbyterian Church
Amarillo, Texas

Sunday, June 14th, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
3001 Bell Street

Amarillo, Texas 79106

A reception will immediately follow the Service