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Mark 16: 6.....But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here."

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace, peace and mercy to my friends here at Westminster Presbyterian Church. I just wanted to take a moment to fill everyone in on what has been happening here at Westminster Presbyterian Church over the last couple of months.

Let me begin by thanking everyone, who has stepped up to keep the church going and growing while we are going through this transitional period. Many members, affiliate members, visitors, volunteers, and staff have worked extra hard to keep the church thriving.

Your Elders and Committee Chairpersons are earnestly managing their budgets to meet the needs of the church within the means they have available. We have a new class of Elders and Deacons, who were recently ordained and/or installed. Although we are still in need of four more Deacons to complete the Board, several past Deacons have volunteered to step in and help, if the current Board gets over taxed. Members have happily agreed to pick up other members from the church, and provide them with a free ride to and from Sunday worship. And, of course, there's Sandra – our super adhesive glue! Where would this church be without her? Thanks be to God for the many, many people who have stepped up in the service of the Lord.

Still, there is work to do. The Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC) continues their mission to find the right Interim Pastor to lead this church to the next phase. The Worship and Music Committee continues to make sure that our pulpit is filled. Thank you Elder Joyce Johnson and Deacon Linda Progar for the work you have done in these areas, leading these committees. As Pastor Information

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Westminster Presbyterian Church

March/
April
2017

Happy Easter

Our Mission is:

LOVING GOD,

We are a community of faith, called together by Jesus Christ to love God with all our heart, and all our minds, and all our strength. (Mark 12:30)

LOVING LIFE,

Southwest Florida is the best place we know to live out our faith with one another, learning together and loving each other.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

We were created by God, each with a unique gift to share with our neighbors. We are encouraging and empowering the sharing of gifts with the world in Jesus' name.



Forms begin to flow in to the IPNC, and as Elder Nancy Shimandle assumes the role as Chair of the Worship and Music Committee let us continue to keep them in our prayers.

We are thankful to have four new members to our congregation. Faith T. Battan, Dick and Millicent Riley, and Laura Rieley have joined our church via transfer. Let us welcome them in Christian love and fellowship.

As I end this update, let me share with you a prayer that I previously shared with everyone from the pulpit:

Dear Heavenly Father,

As I look back on my life, Heavenly Father, I pray that You will grant me the humility and gratitude to remember to thank You for everything You have done for me.

As I look forward in my life, I pray that you will grant me the strength and conviction in my faith to trust You in the paths that You lead me.

As I look around myself in this life, please, Lord, grant me the compassion and willingness to serve You.

And as I look within myself Heavenly Father, please grant me the peace and the grace to find You.

*Blessings to all of you,
Elder Don Goudy, Clerk of Session*

Flower Dedications

We have dates available on the calendar (located in the narthex) if you would like to sponsor flowers on a Sunday. The available Sundays are: March 26, April 2, 23, and 30, and June 4. Please call Daphne-Ann Haynes at 776-1085 if you'd like to donate flowers.

Flower Sponsors for March:

March 5, Nancy Shimandle and Helen Holmes
March 19, Jim and Becky Beckwith

March 12, Nancy Regal and family
March 26, (Open date)

Missions:

Hope Seeds is one of our Mission Projects. On the second and fourth Tuesdays, from 9 am till noon (and you can come and go when you can) we meet in the Fellowship Hall to package seeds.

It is a sit down job. There's great fellowship. Even a coffee/tea and goodies break.

These seeds go mostly to third world countries and once the seeds arrive there, missionaries help with planting and education. **Plant a seed - Feed a soul.**

Non Perishable Food items are collected and distributed monthly to Our Daily Bread, Beth-El and Misión Peniel. Items for Beth-El and Our Daily Bread go in the brown cart in the narthex any Sunday.

Three Cents a Meal - three cents is collected for each meal between the last month of five Sundays and donated quarterly to the above three missions. The next donation will be collected on April 30. The amount is \$8.19. This reflects 3 cents for each meal since the last collection on January 29.

Buildings and Grounds held a Grounds Clean up day on February 14 and again on February 17. The loft, in the garage, was cleaned out...you can actually see there is a floor up there! The buildings were pressure washed, windows were cleaned, and trees were trimmed a week or so earlier.

Update from the Interim Pastor Search Committee

The information about the interim pastor position for our congregation was approved by the Committee On Ministry of our Presbytery (Peace River) on January 10. On January 13 this information was posted on the Presbyterian Church USA national website. This allows pastors who are looking for a position to see our job description and needs. If they are interested, they can send us their application. Graham Hart, Executive Presbyter of our Presbytery, has also placed an "ad" in the magazine, "Presbytery Outlook." We have received four applications to date. The committee will be meeting to evaluate and/or interview applicants as appropriate. The Presbytery committee on ministry will help us as needed. Continue to pray that God will send the right interim pastor for our congregation.

Submitted by Joyce Johnson, chair of the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC)

Needles and Knots

Distributions for 2016:

February	12 Quilts 10 sweaters 1 dress 14 lap robes 2 crocheted quilts	Beth-El
April	6 quilts 6 pillows 8 lap robes 4 sweaters	Hope Family Services Hope Family Services Meals on Wheels Meals on Wheels
June	12 quilts 3 sweaters	Beth-El Beth-El
November	7 quilts 25 sweaters 20 Watch caps 30 Baby hats - hospital 10 baby hats (helmets) School for the deaf - MI	Beth-El Beth-El Anchor House
Totals:	37 quilts 42 sweaters 22 lap robes 6 pillows 1 child's dress 20 watch caps 30 baby hats 10 children's hats (helmets)	



Needles and Knots meet every Thursday from 9:30 a.m to 11:30 a.m. in the Beacon Class room. No sewing except to tie knots. Knitting/crocheting at home - we have the yarn. Simple patterns. Come help us to do more.

Submitted by Kay Lee

Happy Birthday to all of you born in March!

2	Leila Akins	8	Lynn Rezabek
13	George Williams	13	Dick Riley
14	Charlotte Mattson	15	Jim Beckwith
16	Dr. Joe Newhall	19	Pat Dodson
19	Barry Yoder	23	Wilma Hamilton
28	Bob DeBruin	28	Tracey Vinopal

Happy Birthday to all of you born in April

1	Dorothy Kellogg	4	Janice Jarrell
6	John Crowell	7	Carol MacFarlane
9	Gladys Rockensuess	9	Sally Sarver
		15	Edith Onugha
15	Mary Ann Hacker	19	Kay Lee
21	Fred Chinwuba	21	Alease Hamilton
27	Joan Carlson	27	Jon Spyker
27	Chris James		

Memorials

<i>In Memory of ...</i>	<i>Given by ...</i>
Clara Matz	John and Joyce James
Clara Matz	Dora Meyer
Clara Matz	Jane Hulsey
Clara Matz	NYE Financial Group Ins.
Clara Matz	Bettie Cochran

Clara Matz	Mary Ellen Pickering
Clara Matz	Dick and Daphne-Ann Haynes
Carol Shoenfelt	Dick and Daphne-Ann Haynes
Bill Nuttle	Dora Meyer
Nancy Eaton	Barbara and Cliff Small
Bill Nuttle	Anonymous
Carol Shoenfelt	Anonymous
Nancy Eaton	Anonymous
Craig Sutton	Dick and Daphne-Ann Haynes
Clara Matz	Donald and Julie Schaleknup
Carol Shoenfelt	Mary Jane Tenny
Nancy Eaton	Roy Lawrence
Vera Roads	Mary Jane Tenny
Irv Sarver	Mary Jane Tenny
Irv Sarver	John and Joyce James
Gloria DeBruin	John and Joyce James
Gloria DeBruin	Ted and Margaret Aalsburg
Gloria DeBruin	Agnes Roskam
Gloria DeBruin	Eleanor and Don Tillina
Gloria DeBruin	Perry Matz
Ethel Michel	Joe and Sue Newhall
Gloria DeBruin	Tom and Dee Holder
Gloria DeBruin	Dick and Daphne-Ann Haynes
Gloria DeBruin	Don and Mary Ann Hacker
Mary Stockmeier	Sue Snyder
Irv Sarver	Neil and Phyllis Redford
Gloria DeBruin	Neil and Phyllis Redford

Upcoming Events:

March 1 at 6:30, in the Sanctuary, Rev. Cairns will provide the sermon and apply the ashes at the Ash Wednesday Service.

On March 5 we will hold our Annual Scottish Sunday Service and following the service, a Scottish Luncheon.

On this Thursday evening service, Victoria or JD Millar we deliver the message, at 7 pm on April 13. This is a reverent communion service celebrating the last supper our Lord had with his disciples.

There is usually a community Good Friday service in town and we will update you with the time and location of this service in the coming weeks.



Then Easter will be on April 16. Happily, Victoria or JD will lead us on this joyous morning worship service.

Westminster Presbyterian Women

Westminster Presbyterian Women will meet at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall on March 7 for fellowship, a Bible lesson and short meeting. Sylvia Hutchison will be teaching Luke in our study of Jesus. Hope everyone will come because we really are learning how Matthew and Mark differed, so now we will see how Luke saw things during the life of Jesus.

Our final meeting till Fall will be at IMG for a luncheon. This will be at noon and Mary Anne Paulsen will take reservations at the April meeting.

Our thrift sale is over and even though we did not have the lunchroom, we were able to raise \$3,614.45. We do have some expenses but this was better than last year. Many thanks to all who helped to make the sale great. We are not planning another sale since those of us who ran it are having health problems and are just too old. Maybe someone will come along and want to run another sale. We look at our wonderful church family and really cannot believe how much time and effort they put in.

Now, if anyone has a way to raise money for the PW, please let us know. Our funds help local missions and are available to make repairs at the church that are not in the Building and Grounds budget.

Nancy Shimandle

Thank You Notes:

Dorothea Baumgartner thanks the deacons for the lovely flowers delivered to her in early February. She misses everyone and thanks them for the sanctuary flowers.



Addendum #9 (to the 2015 Pictorial Telephone Directory)

Battan, Faith T, new (returning) member, 603 63rd Ave W, H-4, Bradenton, FL 34207-4976, ph #758-5941

Baumgartner, Dorothea, removed from the rolls, Jan. 2017

Blackwell, Jean, removed from the rolls, January 2017

Carlson, Joan, correction to address, add **Drive**

Fischer, Grace, address at Surrey Place, 5525 21st St W, Rm 157, Bradenton, FL 34209

Hanna, Phyllis, mailing & residence, at Westminster Towers, Rm 177, 320 15th Crt W, Bradenton, FL 34205

Heald, Charlotte, went to live in her heavenly home on 02-08-17

Powers, Phyllis, went to live with Jesus on 02-11-17

Richards, Elizabeth, removed from the rolls, moved up north

Rieley, Laura, new (returning) member, 4550 71st St W, Apt. 93, Bradenton, FL 34209, ph #567-5848

Riley, Dick and Millicent, new (returning) members, 221 61st St West, Bradenton, FL 34209-2438, phone #792-0932

Roads, Vera, went to her heavenly home on December 10, 2016

Sharps, Pearl, mailing/residence: Westminster Towers, Room 147, 320 15th St Crt W, Bradenton, FL 34205

Stockmeier, Mary, went to live with Jesus on 01-25-17

Sutton, Mary Alice, removed from the rolls, joined a church in Traverse City, Michigan

Wilson, Carolyn, moved to Summerfield retirement, 3406 26th St West, Room 106B, Bradenton, FL 34205

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Please don't hesitate to contact Karin Dale, at Cedarkirk, if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support of the ministry of Cedarkirk!



***Don't forget on March 12 the time changes again. Spring ahead!

