

### Footprints of WPC

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No! Wait!  
He's Up!

# Footprints of Westminster

March/April 2018

"No! Wait! He's Up!"

When I was in elementary school one of my favorite programs was what my brother and I called "The Wrestling Show." Whenever it was on, we parked ourselves on the floor as close as possible to the television set to cheer on our heroes Johnny Weaver and George Becker as they battled the evil Rip Hawk and Swede Hansen.

When I got older I figured out that the matches were carefully scripted morality plays in which you could rely on the bad guys to be gleefully nasty and to always cheat and the good guys to be clean-cut and moral and admirable representatives of truth, justice and the American way; but when I was nine it was all very, very real and very, very exciting.

The script always went like this. Things would start out even, then the good guys would start to get the upper hand, then the bad guys would start cheating, the good guys were being thrown around the ring like rag dolls, one of the bad guys would put the good guy's head between the ropes, the other bad guy would get out of the ring and grab a chair and hit the good guy with it. All the while the announcer would be saying things like, "Oh, my goodness!" "This is bad!" "I don't see how Johnny will get out of this." Then one of the bad guys would pin the good guy on the floor and the referee would start counting the three count and the announcers would say, "He's down, he's out, this is over! ... No! Wait! He's up!" And the good guys would miraculously recover and win.

It may seem silly, but "No! Wait! He's up!" is the first thing I think of every Easter morning. The startling and exuberant "terror and amazement" of feeling utter and complete sadness and despair transformed into unexpected joy and hope.

The two Marys came to the tomb expecting to find a dead body that had been unceremoniously shoved into the grave before dark on Friday. They "knew" Jesus was dead, they had seen him die. Mary Magdalene had followed the burial detail and knew where he was laid. They had no doubt that Jesus, their Lord and Messiah, was dead.

And with him, all their hopes and dreams for a new day had died also. The bad guys had won. Yes, the bad guys cheated. And none of that mattered, for they had won.

And then the Marys came to the tomb. They found the stone already moved. Can't you see them looking at one another in surprise and not a little wariness, perhaps wondering what new indignity Jesus, even in death, had been made to suffer.

Tentatively, they enter the tomb and saw a young man, dressed in white, casually sitting there, apparently waiting for them. "They were alarmed," Mark says. And then the young man looked at them and said, "No! Wait! He's up!" Well, that's not exactly what he said, but that's what he meant.

Life gets pretty heavy sometimes, doesn't it? Personal issues begin to weigh us down. Health

### 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 soul 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.

concerns for ourselves or a loved one. Death intrudes on all our lives from time to time and we can feel ourselves almost overwhelmed by grief. Finances have been tough for many the last few years and you begin to wonder how many times you can rearrange your money to make it last, to get by. Like the wrestling announcer said, "Oh my Goodness. It's over, it's hopeless, there's no way out of this." And the Gospel says to us, "No! Wait! He's Up!"

*Pastor John* (The Reverend Dr. John Wintringham)

### Happy Birthday to all of you born in March

|    |                   |    |                 |
|----|-------------------|----|-----------------|
| 02 | Lee Akins         | 08 | Lynn Rezabek    |
| 13 | Dick Riley        | 13 | George Williams |
| 14 | Charlotte Mattson | 15 | Jim Beckwith    |
| 16 | Dr. Joe Newhall   | 19 | Pat Dodson      |
| 19 | Barry Yoder       | 23 | Wilma Hamilton  |
| 29 | Penny Sandlin     |    |                 |

### Happy Birthday to all of you born in April

|    |                    |    |                  |
|----|--------------------|----|------------------|
| 01 | Dorothy Kellogg    | 04 | Janice Jarrell   |
| 06 | John Crowell       | 07 | Carol MacFarlane |
| 09 | Gladys Rockensuess | 10 | Justin Robertson |
| 15 | Edith Onugha       | 19 | Kay Lee          |
| 21 | Toby Chinwuba      | 21 | Alease Hamilton  |
| 27 | Joan Carlson       | 27 | Chris James      |
| 27 | Jon Spyker         |    |                  |

### Fellowship Committee Events:

#### Easter Continental Breakfast Sunday, April 1, 2018

9 am to 10 am

Please come and enjoy fellowship, Danishes, bagels, deviled eggs, coffee and juice.

#### Bradenton Marauders Baseball, Friday, May 11, 2018

2018 Faith and Family Night at Lecom Park (formerly McKechnie Field)

Marauders vs Palm Beach Cardinals

Gates open at 5:30 pm – Game Starts at 6:30 pm

\$10.00 Ticket gets you: Infield Box or Reserve Ticket to Game

FREE Marauders Baseball Hat

FREE Souvenir Fountain Drink

Also, they will announce our church on the PA and it will appear on the video board.

Sign up for the game in the Fellowship Hall on April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>.

### ANNUAL CHURCH BEACH PICNIC

SATURDAY, April 28 at Coquina Beach North Pavilion

We have the Pavilion rented all day so come and enjoy the beach. Beverages will be provided, but bring your table service and a dish to pass. We plan to eat at 1:00 pm.

Sign up for the picnic in the Fellowship Hall on April 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Let us know at that time what food you are bringing.

Any questions on the above, please call John James 941-746-5818

**Mission Opportunities.** Thank you notes were received from Presbyterian Mission for our gift to hurricane disaster relief in Florida, from Special Offerings for Peace and Global Witness offering (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, 2017) and from Salvation Army for our generosity to the 2017 Angel Tree Program.

**Special Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing,** This is one of the four special offerings collected by the Presbyterian Church USA each year. It is collected during the month of March. A gift is given from our Mission Fund to this offering. Some of our members like to give an additional gift. If you desire to do this, use an envelope from the pew rack. Mark the "other" box and write One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). Include your name and/or regular giving envelope number. (This ensures your gift is credited on your annual giving statement.)

**One Great Hour of Sharing** helps neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disaster, food for the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed.

**Non-perishable food** is collected for Our Daily Bread and Beth-El each week. Food items should be placed in the brown box in the Narthex.

**Dental items – toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss and travel size mouthwash** are collected for Beth-El's new Adult Dental Clinic. These items can be put in the box/basket marked "Dental items for Beth-El" in the Narthex.

**Three Cents-A-Meal will be collected on April 29.** The suggested donation is \$10.20 per person. It reflects 3 cents for each meal since the last collection which is always the last Sunday of any 5 Sunday month. The donations are divided equally among, Beth-El, Mision Peniel, and Our Daily Bread.

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Hi everyone – it's me, Calvin, Westminster's church mouse. I found out that Ash Wednesday fell on Valentine's Day, and Easter falls on April Fool's Day. On March 11, we begin Daylight Saving Time.

The food in February was really great with the wonderful goodies they had for Scottish Sunday and birthday cake on the Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>. By the way, I hope everyone had their tartan on. It makes everything so festive and David Scott playing his bagpipe was wonderful. It's a little hard on the mouse's ears, but it is wonderful to hear.

Our minister sang in Peace River Choir for the Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian in Sarasota. Pastor John is continuing a series on the "Gifts of the Dark Wood." One Sunday he had the paper

that dissolved in water, and the following Sunday everyone got cards to write and put on a metal thing. I wonder what is next. I thought Easter was here since they all sang Easter hymns.

Well, I wish you a wonderful Easter. Look for me at the Easter Sunday Breakfast.



*Calvin, the church mouse*

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### Sanctuary Flower Dedications for March and April, 2018

March 4, Nancy Shimandle and Helen Holmes  
March 18, Jim and Becky Beckwith

March 11, Nancy Regal  
March 25, Ed and Joyce Richter

April 1, Easter  
April 15, Onugha family  
April 29, John and Linda Progar

April 8, Pat Dodson and Rob DeBruin  
April 22, Mary Morse

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For all members, affiliates, and visitors, or those in the community who use our facilities: the following rules are to be followed if our facility is used: (if anyone has any question, please direct those to our buildings and grounds committee.)

### RULES FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS/GROUPS USING CHURCH FACILITIES

**(Failure to adhere to these rules will result in future restrictions for use of facilities and/or monetary compensation)**

1. These rules apply to all who use WPC facilities, whether a one-time user or regular weekly or monthly groups.
2. Persons or groups granted permission to use church facilities are totally liable for any damage incurred (reimbursement for damages will be required).
3. Use of facility is limited to the actual room(s) reserved during the hours designated for use. All scheduling is through Sandra at the church office.
4. Alcoholic beverages, smoking and excessive noise are prohibited on church premises.
5. If tables and chairs are moved around for your meeting or event, please move them back to the location you found them upon arrival. Pick up tables to move them; (do not drag them across the floor). Dragging tables damages the mounting brackets for the folding legs which can cause a table to collapse. Wipe off all tables used and clean up the floors of food, spills, paper, etc.
6. If using kitchens, wash and dry all sinks when finished (do not rinse food scraps, coffee grounds, etc., down the drains - scrape food into garbage cans prior to washing items), check to make sure all burners, ovens and microwaves are off, make sure refrigerator and freezer doors are closed, take garbage bags out to the green trash cans in shed (combination lock is 4316). Re-line garbage cans with new plastic bags. Do not leave dirty dishes, utensils, or food containers in the sinks or kitchens overnight. The user will be responsible for the cost of custodial personnel if their services are required.
7. Check all restrooms to make sure the water is turned off and no toilets running.
8. Turn off all lights when exiting and turn the A/C thermostat back to 80 degrees in all buildings (except the Nursery which should be maintained at 75°).
9. Most important: LOCK ALL DOORS. Upon exiting, double check that the door is locked behind you. If you can't lock the door, in an emergency call John Progar, 840-2709. Do not leave the building unlocked.
10. Permission may be canceled at any time for unscheduled church-related events such as funerals.

11. Due to the security alarms, the use of the Church office and Sanctuary shall not be allowed unless authorized for special occasions (i.e. wedding rehearsal, etc.) and these uses will require someone from the church to be present to secure the building.
12. Security of all areas must be maintained for the safety of everyone using the facilities. After arrival of the last person involved in any activity, meeting, etc., the doors shall be locked to prevent others from entering. This is not an option.

(Effective June 1, 2015)

### And Other News from Around Church:

The **Eat Around Lunch Bunch** is planning on having lunch on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> (the third Saturday of the month). Save the date. Everyone is invited to join us. We plan to enjoy lunch at Longhorn Steakhouse, 14<sup>th</sup> St West. Please RSVP to Valerie Beechy at 795-7829.

**Don't forget** .... On March 11 Daylight Saving Time begins.

Palm Sunday is on March 25<sup>th</sup>

Our Maundy Thursday service, March 29<sup>th</sup>, will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Easter is on April 1<sup>st</sup> this year.

### Thank You Notes:

To my brothers and sisters at Westminster Presbyterian, I can't thank you enough for your phone calls, your cards and especially your visits to me at the hospital and at my home. I could also feel your prayers just before and just after surgery, which went very well as I was in the local hands of Dr. Tiesi, a master surgeon. I'm improving every day and will see all of you soon.

*With love and best regards, John James*

To the staff of Westminster Presbyterian: Thank you so much for your kind support for our family following our mother's passing (Jean Aldrich). Everyone went above and beyond to help us pull together her service and it did not go unnoticed.

*God bless, Mac Aldrich*

To the congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church; The Newhall family wishes to thank you for condolences for mom's passing. She loved this church; it was a major part of her life.

*Sincerely, Phil and Betsy Newhall*

Dear Church family, Mom (Lee Akins) thanks you for the beautiful flowers. *Sincerely, Bonnie Metcalf*

My Church family, I am so blessed to be a part of this church and I want to thank each and everyone for being so kind and generous to me during this time.

What a blessing my church family is to me. I appreciate each and everyone for all you have done to help me.

I would also like to thank the deacons for the beautiful flowers they brought to me in January. They sure brought joy to a very difficult situation.

Again, "thank you" everyone! God bless!

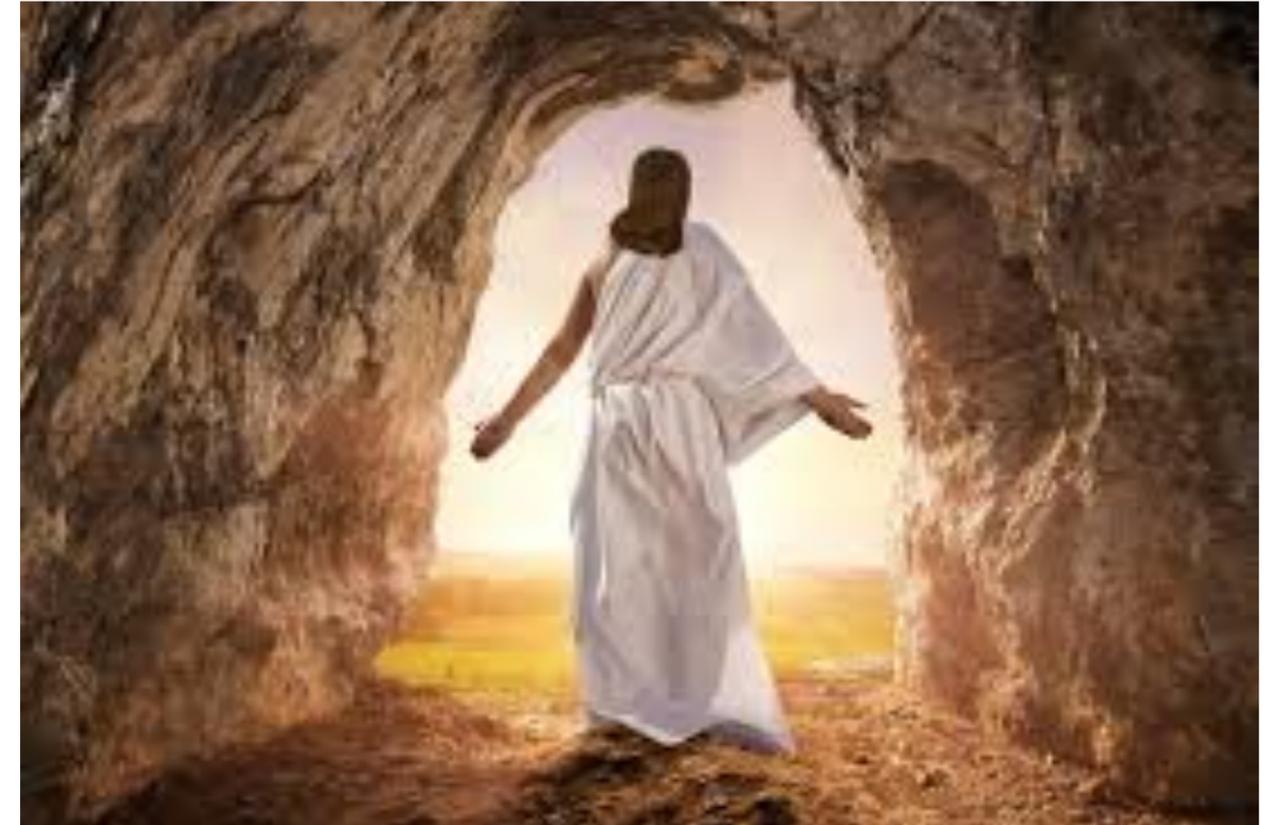
*Love, Jan Jarrell "JJ"*

Excerpt from a letter received from The Salvation Army.... Dear Friends: ...We appreciate you and your support to our organization thank you for your donation of quilts.

*God Bless you, Major George Patterson, Corps Officer*

**Addendum # 15**

- Akins, Lee**, returned to her home, 1306 30<sup>th</sup> St W, Bradenton, FL 34205, ph.746-4210
- Aldrich, Jean**, went to live with Jesus on 01-18-18
- Bacon, Charles Dr.**, removed from the rolls, October 2017
- Braselton, Nancy**, removed from the rolls, October 2017
- Cornish, Margaret**, removed from the rolls, October 2017
- Crandall, Sandy and Dale**, new address: 7276 Miller Road, #47, Swartz Creek, Michigan 48473, Phone #(810)644-7030
- Dennis, Martha "Marti"**, went to her heavenly home on February 8, 2018.
- Douglass, Ray**, went to his home in heaven, 01-10-18
- Downing, Margaret**, removed from the rolls, October 2017
- Hacker, Mary Ann**, went to her heavenly home on 2/2/18
- Hanna, Phyllis**, went to her heavenly home on February 14, 2018
- Jarrell, Janice**, new address: 3528 14<sup>th</sup> St W, B-1, Bradenton, FL. 34205, ph. 748-1874
- Marquette, Cathy**, removed from the rolls, October 2017
- Meyer, Dora**, removed from the rolls, October 2017
- James & Jeanne Paulsen**, removed from the rolls, October 2017
- Sarver, Sally**, phone number (937) 701-3819, but after the phone number change, she removed her membership due to her moving back up north.



His Is Risen!

|                   | Elders               |                        |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Class of 2018     | Class of 2019        | Class of 2020          |
| Becky Beckwith    | Fred Chinwuba        | *Nancy Atherton        |
| John James        | Joyce Johnson        | Faith T. Battan, Clerk |
| John Progar       | Nancy Shimandle      |                        |
| Florence Barnhard | Juanita Starkweather | Lois Lee               |

Deacons in alpha order:

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| Joan Carlson      | Pat Dodson        |
| Chris Hardesty    | Daphne-Ann Haynes |
| *Carol MacFarlane | *Edith Onugha     |
| Laura Rieley      | Millicent Riley   |
| Dick Riley        | Annick Roberts    |
| Shirley Schaffer  | Burt Tupper       |

\*Denotes retiring upon completion of the class they are currently serving on.