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Psalm 5: 3

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.



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Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sept./Oct.
2017

Psalm 5:3 (NIV)

“In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.”

Begin your day in prayer and meditation, so that you can maintain a peaceful outlook and not start your day in a race. Ask the Lord for the desires of your heart and believe that he will answer.

In The Morning

Lord, You will hear my voice
I will order my prayer to You
and eagerly watch

Psalm 5:3



Missions

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!

You are such a generous and loving congregation. Your donations of the following list of school supplies for Beth-El is amazing!

2 protractors	3 pencil sharpeners
2 boxes of lead (for pencils)	2 adding machines
1 sm. pad paper	9 rulers
13 boxes of Kleenex	39 regular, 15 pkg pencils
2 pkg mixed easers	86 highlighters
5 pencil boxes	13 pencil bags
9 Btls Elmer's glue	39 glue sticks
4 large, 4 sm, and 6 packets hand sanitizer	17 back packs
4 1-inch binders	2 Large binders
12 paper filled binders	1 3-subject binder
5 5-subject binders	8 9-subject notebooks
13 composition books	44 2-pocket folders
11 sets of dividers	1330 sheets 3-hole notebook paper
314 colored pencils	482 washable markers
1667 crayons	257 pens
1108 pencils	1 pkg index dividers
7 scissors	

Many thanks to Nancy Shimandle, Jeannine Shimandle and Don Townsend for sorting, packing and delivering the supplies.

The missions committee, with your help, continues to support food collections for Beth-El, Mision Peniel and Our Daily Bread.

The 3 cents-a-meal collection also supports these groups. The next collection is **October 29th**. The amount is **\$8.19**.

Beth-El will soon begin a free dental clinic for adults in their community without insurance. Dental hygiene kits will be given to the patients. We will be collecting packaged toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss for these kits. More details for this collection will follow shortly.

Joyce Johnson, Chair, Mission Comm.

Happy Birthday to all of you born in September!

4	Shirley Schaffer	5	Tiffany Chinwuba
7	Pearl Hockman	8	Carolyn Fillmore
8	Fred "Skip" Schouw	11	Tami Goudy
11	Jim Paulsen	12	Mary Anne Paulsen
16	Jason Onugha	16	Abigail Goudy
19	Betty Smith	27	Angus Logan
28	Neil Redford	28	Peggy Uhrig
29	Ryan Thomsen		

Happy Birthday to all of you born in October!

5	Elizabeth Dykstra	7	Julia Williams
9	Donald Butler	13	Thom Shimandle
16	Danielle Borden	20	Jan Koch
21	Constance "Connie" Bogdonavich	22	Wendy Starkweather
26	Alice "Grace" Fischer	27	Sharon Crowl
30	Sue Newhall	31	Peggy Downing
31	Faith T. Battan		

It's Me Again.....Calvin! Just commenting on a few things.

Pastor John is working on getting his fingers roughed up so he can play the guitar. He will be the third minister who can play. Oh....and he can sing too!

Many thanks to Michael Shields for filling in for Woody. I will miss hearing him play that little pianovelle.

We welcome back Woody and Joyce. That means I get to listen to our wonderful choir not only on Sunday, but every Wednesday as they rehearse. Pretty soon the choir will start rehearsing for our Christmas concert. I know Woody is bringing back lots of new music he has checked out while on vacation.

Hey, if you like to sing, Woody would love to have you join the choir.

I have been checking to see what is going to happen here at Westminster. The ladies will have Circle in October and the Sewing Circle will start on October 5th. The ladies make such beautiful quilts. They can always use more help.

I think the bells will resume practice in October.

Oh, have you heard that Pastor John has a few ideas for get togethers? I look forward to those. Maybe there will be food. 😊 I have been living on Sunday Fellowship snacks all summer. I have lost weight so I hope some meals are being planned.

Well, Miss Sandra is working on the Footprints so I will sign off. I will be running around the church, so please don't step on my tail!



Thank You Notes:

Thank you to my church family for your prayers, cards and spiritual support during this difficult time and after Bill's passing. He is now free of his failing mind and body.

Also, a special thank you to the deacons for the cards and flowers sent to Bill over the last years. They were a ray of sunshine.
God's blessings to you all, Florence (Barnhard)

Upcoming Events:

► Sanctuary Flower dedications: We have some new openings for our sanctuary flower dedications for: October 29, November 12 and 26 and December 3. If you are interested in sponsoring flowers for any of these Sundays, please call or contact Daphne-Ann Haynes at 776-1085.

► Regular choir rehearsal resumes on Wednesday, September 6 at 7 pm.

► Bell rehearsals will begin in October - no date has been set.

► The Sewing Group will begin on October 5th.

► Save the date of Saturday, December 9 for the church's "Holiday Trip", formerly called "Mystery Trip"

We have reserved tickets for a Matinee Holiday Show at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers for Saturday, December 9, 2017, for a production of:

A Christmas Story – The Musical

We will have more information, cost and sign up dates in the bulletins in the near future. Your Fellowship Committee has enjoyed arranging these trips for our members and friends. We hope you will be able to join us for this trip.

► Small Group Dinners 2017 - 2018

Once again it is time to think about organizing our Small Group Dinners. This will be the 21st year the Fellowship Committee has organized this activity for our church. Once we have all the sign-ups, you will be delegated to a particular group and the names of the people in that group will be sent out to everyone. Dates for the dinners may be set up at the first meeting so that a calendar may be set up in advance.

Your host will select a restaurant and it will be Dutch Treat. There is a different host for each dinner who will choose the restaurant and make the arrangements for that particular dinner. This a great way to get to know others and often provides pleasant fellowship and lasting friendships. It is a particularly happy time for Westminster when both couples and singles can enjoy fellowship together.

Please use the form below to sign up now or call Joyce James at 941-746-5818 if you need more information. You may also e-mail to: jwjames308@msn.com Deadline is Thursday, October 12, 2017. Last year we had 3 groups with 22 participating. We would love to have you join us!

Name(s) _____

Phone # _____

You may drop your reservation in the Offering Plate, in a basket in the Fellowship Hall, e-mail above or mail to the Church Office by Oct. 12, 2017.

► For the forth or fifth year in a row, Westminster will host the Safe Kids Fair on our campus. This year it will be held on Saturday, October 7. Typically, there are around 300+ children and their parents on the church grounds visiting many different vendors. Kids come out here to learn about safety, crime prevention, health and enjoy a lot of fun activities. We need volunteers to help point folks to certain areas, make popcorn, hand out flyers, etc. If you're interested in helping out, please let Tami Goudy know....she'll line you up with something you're comfortable doing. Again, the volunteers working on the project thank you all. Thanks to all of Westminster's members and affiliates for sharing your church home and grounds with our neighborhood kids.



Addendum#12 (to the 2015 Pictorial Telephone Directory)

Barnhard, William, went to live with Jesus on 7-8-17

Bogdonavich, Connie is now in the Health Center at Westminster Manor

Dodson, Pat, moved to 2604 Edgewater Court, Palmetto, Fl. 34221, (941) 479-4068

Fantaski, Jane, went to her heavenly home on 7-19-17

Tupper, Burt and Peggy, rejoined WPC, effective 08-20-17

Vinopal, Tracy, transferred her membership to Kirkwood PC

A piece of trivia:

The Reverend Edmond Lee was the first clergyman in Manatee County. That was back in 1845 and he came from Vermont. And guess what? He was Presbyterian!

Consider coming in once a month to pack vegetable seeds. Plant a Seed! Feed a Soul! See Kay Lee (or call her at 751-3538) for the time and date each month volunteers gather in the Fellowship Hall. All support afforded **Hope Seeds** multiplies its capacity to serve the hungry and malnourished of the world. Together, the hope within each and every seed is able to be shared. Countries touched by Hope Seeds efforts are: Belize, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cuba, Congo, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Philippines, South Africa, Trinidad, Uganda, United States, Zambia and Zimbabwe!

Sanctuary Flower Dedications:

September 3rd, Nuttle/Redford; 10th, Progar; 17th, Haynes/Stokes; 24th, Butler/Atherton
October 1st, Atherton; 8th Wells/Progar; 15th, Riley; 22nd, Justice and Mattson; 29th, open