



WESTERN SPIRE

Nuggets for September, 2011

“Try to Remember the Kind of September...” Most of us can remember where we were and what we were doing as we heard about the planes flying into the World Trade Center. I was in Woodburn, Oregon and a member of my congregation came into the office and told us the strange story of planes flying into the World Trade Center in New York City. At first I was sure that a wayward plane had made a mistake and strayed off path...but as he spoke, it became apparent that the smoking towers were no mistake. We stopped what we were doing, closed the office and posted a notice for a prayer service that evening. Like many Americans, we spent the rest of the day glued to our television sets. The rest of the week was a blur of emotions expressed and inexpressible. Images of people running from the collapsing towers, jumping from the high floors, and those mourning mingled with the awareness of how far away New York was from the Portland, Oregon area; and yet how close we were as Americans that day, week and year.

Before 2001, I had always regarded September as the month of new hope: school starts, the air is crisp and my Jewish friends celebrate the New Year Rosh Hashanah (head of the year, literally). After 2001, for me, September has become more of a mixed bag of memory and impressions. This September as we remember together, we do so as Christ-centered community. There will be a special worship service on Sunday, September 11. We pray, that we not only remember but that we have the courage to live as the promise of God’s hope for the world. “Following God’s light: sowing, growing and celebrating” as God’s people for the world that God loves so much; often in spite of ourselves and because of God’s steadfast love which lasts forever. And then, the following weekend there is the Ox Roast and working together in hope and anticipation; life goes on. Come and join us. Soli Deo Gloria! The Rev. Dr. Nancy J.

Special Services and Sizzling Sermons for September!

This September we continue our series of sermons on the seven deadly sins updated for 2011. We have some wonderful opportunities for reflection and celebration.

Sunday, September 4, 2011 Sermon "Sin: Sloth, 2011"

Lessons: Proverbs 12:24-28; 19: 15-24; Epistle: Romans 12:9-21; Gospel: Matthew 25:14-28.

9:30 a.m. Reader: Steve Landgrebe
Coffee Hour: Barbara & Gene Bucknam
Toddler Room: Jan Taylor

Sunday, September 11, 2011 Sermon "Sin: Anger /Wrath, 2011"

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Lessons: Proverbs 15:1-4 & 18; Epistles: Ephesians 4:17-32 and Colossians 3:1-8;

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-5.

9:30 a.m. Reader: Janet Manktelow
Communion Elders: Sandy Kelly, Frank Lawrence, Charlotte Oates, Janet Manktelow
Coffee Hour: Jan & Dave Taylor
Toddler Room: Laurie Ellis

Sunday, September 18, 2011 Canal Town Days Special Service of Hymns

Canaltown Days

Toddler Room: Rena Haigh

Sunday, September 25, 2011 Sermon "Sin: Lust, 2011"

Lessons: Psalm 78:17-33; Epistle: II Peter 1:1-8 and I John 2:15-17;

Gospel: John 8:31-47.

8:30 a.m. Reader: _____

11:00 a.m. Reader: Sue Leonard

Coffee Hour: Jan & Mike Semans

Toddler Room: Ruth Dantz

Sunday, October 2, 2011 World Communion Sunday

Sermon "Sin: Greed & Avarice, 2011"

Lessons: Isaiah 56:1-12; Epistle: Ephesians 4:17-19;

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21.

Toddler Room: 11:00am – Katie Mitchell

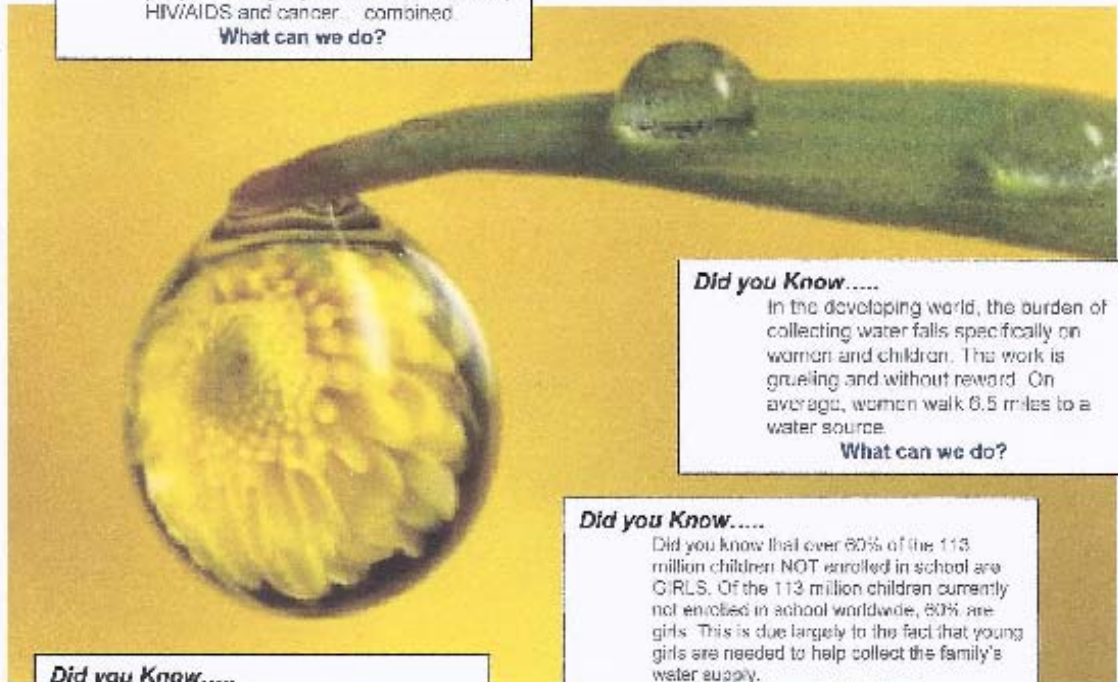
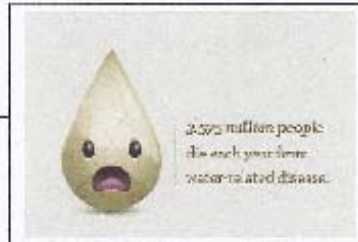
Did you Know.....

1.1 Billion People do not have safe water to drink

Did you Know.....

It's an unfortunate paradox that water – a substance so vital for survival – is also responsible for disease and death. The fact is that waterborne disease kills more people – everyday – than armed conflict, HIV/AIDS and cancer... combined.

What can we do?



Did you Know.....

In the developing world, the burden of collecting water falls specifically on women and children. The work is grueling and without reward. On average, women walk 6.5 miles to a water source.

What can we do?

Did you Know.....

Did you know that over 60% of the 113 million children NOT enrolled in school are GIRLS. Of the 113 million children currently not enrolled in school worldwide, 60% are girls. This is due largely to the fact that young girls are needed to help collect the family's water supply.

What can WPC do?

Did you Know.....

If we did nothing other than provide access to clean water, without any other medical intervention, we could save 2 million lives a year.

What can WPC do?

Information courtesy of the World Health Organization, UNICEF, UNESCO Water Portal, the Fresh Water Society, EDGE OUTREACH and WaterAid.

Western Presbyterian Church of Palmyra will help make a difference in people's lives.

We need your help to bring clean water to Kongasis, Kenya



Here is how WPC can make a difference.



Through Joining Hearts and Hands, Bill and Joanne Cala, we have been matched with a community in Kenya that needs help with water.

WPC water project is born!

Kongasis community is located close to a spring as a water source. They need help managing this water source by constructing a water retention pond and water purification system.

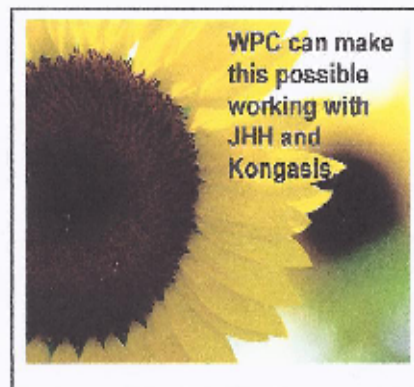
Kongasis is a farming community. In the entire area around Kongasis there is no electricity, running water, sanitation system and no water treatment plants. The majority of people collect their water from seasonal rivers, rain water and private springs.

Sixty years ago a spring was tapped to supply water for 2 families. A small stone block retaining wall was created to hold the water. Now that wall leaks badly and there is significant water loss. Now there are fifty families, their animals and a primary school drawing from this spring. Animals and poor water retrieving techniques threaten to contaminate the water.

- With a larger covered retention pond the community, their animals and the school will have clean water.
- A distribution system for the water to the community and school is needed.

WPC is looking for a few folks that would like to help lead this project.

Just think of how this can change the lives of others and along the way strengthen your faith.



Western Presbyterian Church's family of faith is growing again!

**The Christian Education Committee is proud to
introduce**

Our New



Friends

**Oliver Vincent Fabrizio
Hunt**

and

Avery Thomas



**Oliver is welcomed by
Mom, Amie and Dad,
Tony.**



**Avery is welcomed by Mom,
Emily and Dad, Joshua.**

**Welcome Oliver and Avery!
Welcome to our family of faith!**



Church Wide Event!

Western Presbyterian Church's
Annual

Back to Sunday School Breakfast

Everyone is invited to
Come and enjoy a Continental Breakfast of:

Bagels

Fruit Cup

Donut Holes

OJ, Milk and Coffee

Sunday, September 25th, 2011

9:30am

Fellowship Hall



*Come and meet our Sunday School teachers, greet
our SPLASH! families and re-connect with church
family after summer's respite.*



Ox Roast Announcement:



The 37th annual Ox Roast: a great gathering of our members. Come join us for fun and fellowship while raising funds for our church.

We still need helpers!

The Ox Roast Signup Sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall. There are 124 slots to be filled (we only have half the workers we need) for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Sign up now!

Barb Bucknam is contacting members regarding donations of food etc. Call her if you have not heard from her and want to donate.

Please sign up as soon as possible. Canal Town weekend is September 17th and 18th.

**Don and Ruth Dantz
Andy and Carol Sloan
Bill and Sarah Bush
Mike and Jan Semans**

37th Annual OX ROAST

(Surloin tip of beef, slow roasted on an outdoor spit)

Saturday - 9/17/2011

Palmyra Canaltown Days Festival

Top Secret
"Delicious" BBQ Sauce

The "Meating" Place
Western Presbyterian Church

Corner East Main & Church Streets
Palmyra, New York
Phone 315/597-9171
www.wpreschurch.org



"37 Years and still
so-o-o good"

OUR MENU

Sandwich

\$4.50

Dinners:

Adult \$8.50

Senior \$7.50

Ages 6-12 \$5.00

Ages 5 & Under (Free)

IN A HURRY?

Take-Out (Sandwiches Only)

Noon to 3:00 PM

TAKE A LOAD OFF YOUR FEET?

Sit-Down Dinner 4:00 PM to 8:00PM

STILL IN A HURRY?

Take-Out (Dinners Only)

4:00 PM to 8:00 PM



Western Presbyterian Church has an obligation to furnish workers for the Pal-Mac Farmington food pantry (located at Zion Episcopal Church) the second Monday and Wednesday of each month.

Volunteers needed: Male or female to work at the Pal-Mac food pantry for approximately one and a half hours the second Monday and Wednesday of the month. This would only be a couple of times per year. Training will be provided.

Also needed: person to accept deliveries from food link and stack the shelves on a Friday morning on an occasional basis. Also: anyone interested in attending a “training session” for food link to be able to place an order for the Pal-Mac pantry? If the spirit so moves anyone to accept any of the above requests, please contact either Ruth Dantz 597-2143 or Elaine Hassler 597-5211.



DON'T WAIT: Order your Western Presbyterian Sunflower T-shirt in time for Canaltown Days. **Get your order into the office no later than Tuesday, September 6th.**



**SOWING, GROWING AND
CELEBRATING**

Now is the time to order your sunflower t-shirt. Just fill out the order form below and send in with your check made payable to Western Presbyterian Church to the attention of: Linda Pulcini. Deadline is September 6, 2011.

\$10.00 per T-shirt

\$12.00 T-shirt, sizes 2X and 3X

Number of T-Shirts

Sizes

Total

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone/Cell # _____

Email Address: _____

Please specify to one of the following:

- I will pick-up my T-shirt at the Western Presbyterian Church**

- I will call with arrangements for my T-shirt pick-up**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. 2 Cecelia White
Sept. 3 Robert Jagger
Sept. 4 Barbara Bucknam
Sept. 5 Laurie Pipitone
Sept. 5 Bronwen Lawrence
Sept. 7 Gary Haigh
Sept. 8 Elaine Hassler
Sept. 10 Andrea Spencer
Sept. 10 R. Andrew Sloan
Sept. 13 Kathryn Hutton
Sept. 15 Katharine Smith
Sept. 16 Shirley Bassage
Sept. 18 Alicia Lynch
Sept. 20 Patricia Pinkney
Sept. 28 David Koeberle
Sept. 28 C. Lloyd Morse
Sept. 29 Dorothy Buck



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sept. 3 Sheila & David Koeberle
Sept. 5 Martha & Raymond Beato
Sept. 6 Susan & James Bush
Sept. 11 Tammy & George Hoflich
Sept. 19 Diane & James Hixson
Sept. 20 Amie & Tony Fabrizio

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office at 597-9171 so we can add it to our list next time.



Dear Western Presbyterian Church Family,

We want to express our sincere gratitude for all the love, support, and prayers for Lizzy and our family. We cannot thank you enough for your outpouring of donations and baked goods for the Lizzy's Fight Fundraiser on August 22nd. We were very touched to see so many of you attend the event in support of Lizzy. We are truly grateful and blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family.

God Bless You All!

**Jim, Andrea, Jon & Elizabeth Spencer
And
The Abbott Family**



SEPTEMBER 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Rev. Nancy - Vacation Day	2	3
4 9:30 AM Worship Service	5 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed	6 Rev. Nancy Vacation Day 2pm - Deacons 4pm Kings Daughters FH & Kitchen	7 Rev. Nancy - Vacation Day	8 6-7:30 Parent Orientation for CTNS - FH 7:30 Special Session Meeting FH CTNS BOOK SALE	9 9am - Meet the teacher in school 6:30-9:30 4H-FH CTNS BOOK SALE	10 CTNS BOOK SALE
11 9:30 AM Worship Service CTNS BOOK SALE	12	13 1pm - Circle I 7pm - Social Concerns 7pm - Property 7pm - Worship	14 7pm - Christian Ed	15 7pm -Choir	16 Canaltown Days Ox Roast	17 CTNS 10:00 - 2pm Root Beer/Face Painting Ox Roast
18 9:30 AM Worship Service	19	20 SPIRE DEADLINE	21 7pm - Finance 7:30pm - Circle IV	22 7pm - Choir	23	24
25 8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship Service Sunday School Begins Again! 9:30-Breakfast-FH	26	27 7pm - Session	28	29 7pm - Choir	30	

