



WESTERN SPIRE

OCTOBER 2022

Part (2) Brief History of WPC's Notables, Organ, and Building

Notables

- *1843. Western Presbyterian Church is sympathetic to anti-slavery and temperance causes. Resolved, that we consider temperance and slavery worthy of our consideration and that therefore our meeting house to be opened for lectures, addresses and discussions having in view their promotion, whenever not deemed inexpedient by our pastor or session.
- *1899. Admiral William T. Sampson, Spanish American War and native of Palmyra, was honored in this church in a special service.
- * A memorial service was held here for President Abraham Lincoln.
- * A memorial service was held here for President McKinley.
- * 1925. Helen Keller and her teacher made an appearance in this sanctuary. It was standing room only.
- *1849. On April 5, 1849, Clarissa (Jenny) Hall married Leonard Jerome in this sanctuary. They were Winston Churchill's grandparents. His great grandparents were also married by the first minister of this church, Rev. Jesse Townsend. Churchill was the Prime Minister of Great Britain from 1940-1945, and 1951-1955.

Organ

- *1828. A subscription is taken up to fund the purchase of an organ.
- *1855. The Hook-Hastings Pipe Organ was purchased at a cost of \$1500.00. It was installed in 1856 and is still here today.

The organ bellows were pumped by young boys of the church called blow boys.

Sometimes they would duck out early and misjudge the last hymn. They were paid .25 each Sunday.
- *1922. The organ was motorized and electrified so the blow boys were no longer needed.
- * 1937. The organ was rebuilt.
- * 1999. Parson's organ company refurbished the organ. Out of 2852 pipes, the ornamental pipes are the only pipes left of the original Hook Organ.

Building

- * 1839. About 40 people bought or rented sheds at the back of the church for their horses and carriages.
- * 1916. Two stories and basement were added for lecture hall and gymnasium.
- * 1942. The first Palmyra Community Center was founded here under the leadership of Rev. Blackstone and Dick Kirchhoff in the old gymnasium.
- * 1972. These 2 stories were torn down and the new 2-story addition you see today was added. Also, the small chapel became the office you see today.
- * 1973. Canal town Nursery was founded.

Steeple/Belfry

- * 1847. A 1200-pound bell is purchased and placed in the tower/belfry.
- * 1868. The town asks that the clock be removed from the steeple. Reason unknown.
- * Folklore believes that slaves, on the underground railroad, were temporarily sheltered in lower section of the belfry.
- * Original beams that can be seen in the steeple are held together with wooden pegs.
- * On March 28, 1953, a fire of undetermined origin burns in the belfry, causing damage to the steeple and the ceiling of the sanctuary. The fire was called in by a WPC member who worked at Main Street Garlock and was going home for lunch.



Trick or Treat on Main Street is back this year. WPC Sunday School youth will pass out candy in front of the church. We are asking for candy donations. If you can donate a bag of candy, please bring it to the labeled box by October 28. Thank you!



Encourage People Who Are Pregnant or Raising Children Under Age 5 to Share Their Thoughts and Experiences

Background

Although New York State WIC serves about 390,000 New Yorkers, nearly twice as many could benefit from its public health services. As part of our NYS WIC targeted outreach project, we partnered with the Center for Human Services Research (CHSR) at the University at Albany to conduct a comprehensive statewide assessment. The assessment includes a survey to learn why eligible families may not enroll in WIC and about WIC participants' experiences with the program.

Spread the Word

Please encourage those you serve who are pregnant or who live with children under age five to participate. Use the suggested language below to share this information in e-mail, website, social media, and other communications:

For potentially eligible non-participants

If you are pregnant or live with children under age 5, please answer a few short questions to share your thoughts and experiences. The questions are available in English, Spanish, and Chinese. The first 250 people who respond get a \$5 gift card. All answers are anonymous. tinyurl.com/NYParentSurvey

For current WIC participants

Please answer a few short questions about your experiences with WIC. The questions are available in English, Spanish, and Chinese. This is optional and your answers will not affect your WIC benefits. No one in WIC will see your answers.

tinyurl.com/NYParentSurvey **Survey Details**

The survey is voluntary, takes about five minutes to complete, and is available in English, Spanish, and Chinese. The first 500 caregivers (250 WIC participants and 250 non-participants) to complete the survey will receive a \$5 e-gift card. The survey is open until at least September 30, 2022. [Learn more](#) about the survey.

Thank you for helping to spread the word about this important effort to learn more about the needs of families who are pregnant and raising young children.

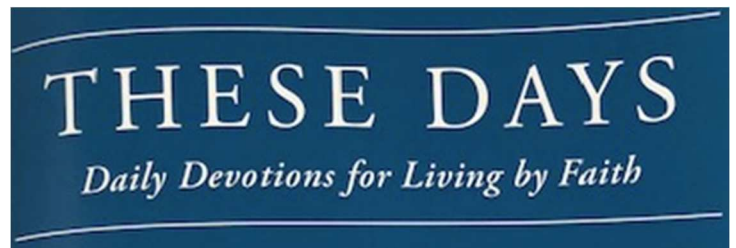
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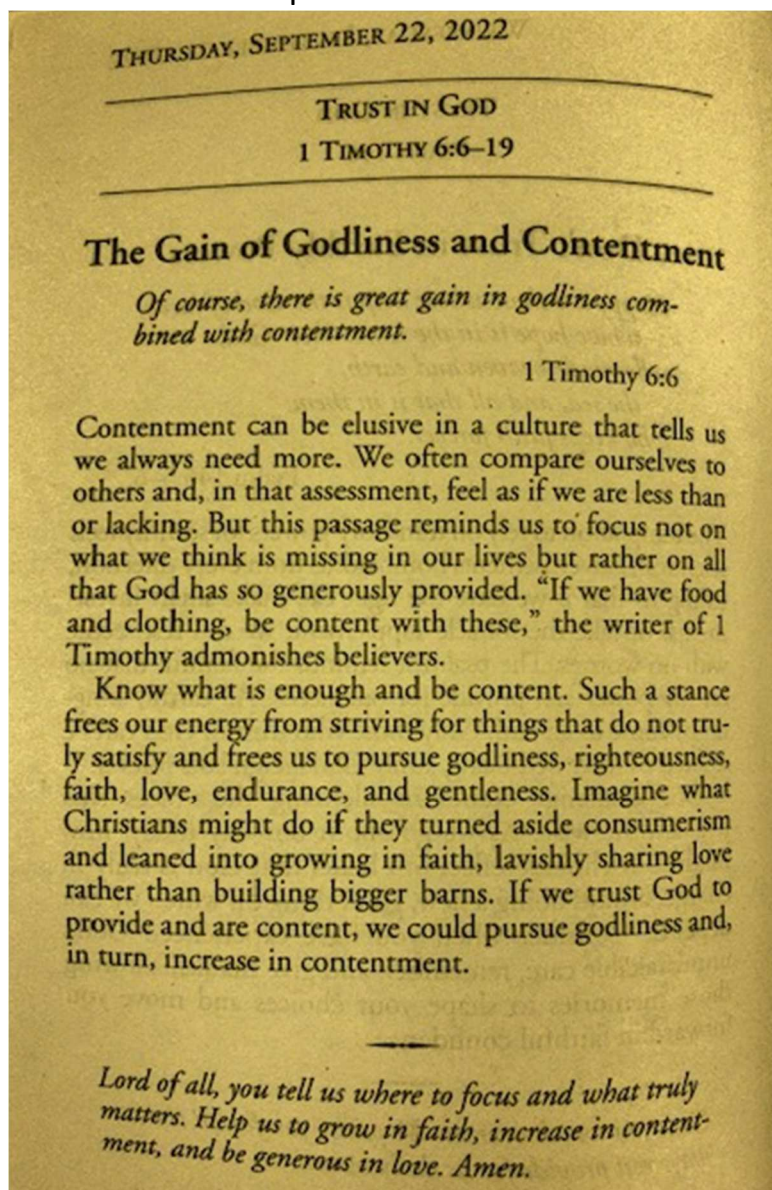
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Friends,

The Deacons are pleased to be offering these booklets that give daily devotionals. Those that use these books find strength from the daily messages. Some folks use these messages as a starting point for their days while others use them as a quiet prayerful closing to the day. These booklets are kept on a table for you to take. They are free. You can find them on the small table right outside the sanctuary near the church office. Please help yourself.



Below is an example of one of these devotionals:



Women's Circle Bible Study

We meet in Fellowship Hall at 1PM on the third Wednesday of the month



September 21st

Lesson #1 – Family Tree

For this meeting, we invite you to bring a photo or object that represents a grandmother or grandmother figure that evokes a special memory or legacy that you treasure.



October 19th

Lesson #2 – Tamar

For this meeting, we invite you to bring a photo of a wedding party to share with the circle



Jan Taylor and Randy Kennard are pleased to invite all women to our Circle meetings the third Wednesday of each month. We met at 1PM.

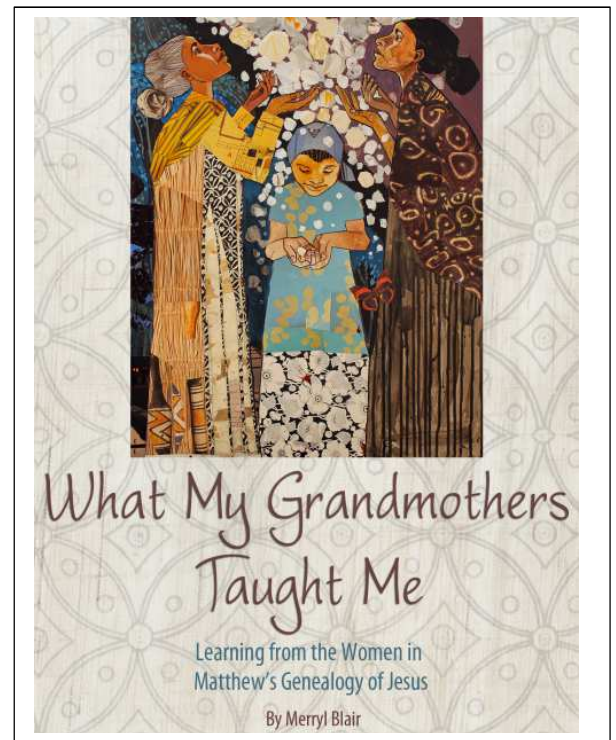
We have lively discussion and grand fellowship as we wear and share our faith through the selected study series. This year we will read and discuss “What my Grandmother Taught Me”. Each of us are creating our own story and have a story to share. We would love for you to join us for this meaningful time together +

*Fear not, we will be distributing books to participants. **See you!!***

Overview of Bible Study:

Welcome to the Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible study, What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew’s Genealogy of Jesus by Merryl Blair. Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason.

How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the young Jesus have felt, as he heard about his family? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place?



Have you thought about Jesus’ grandmothers? What can these Grandmothers-of-the-Faith teach us? Their stories will lead us into the gospel, the Good News about Jesus Christ. By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is. Merryl Blair teaches at Stirling geological School in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, and is active in the worldwide ministry of women of faith.



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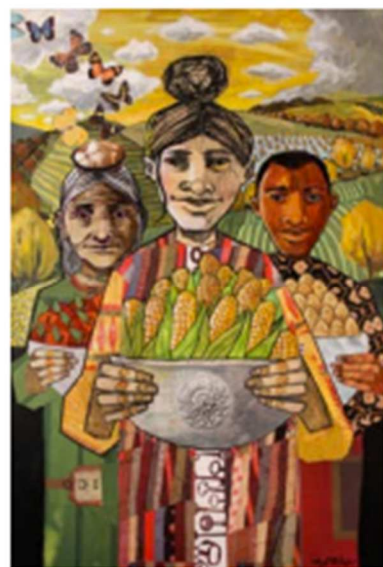
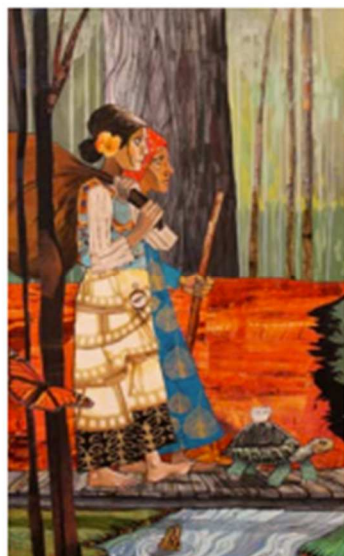
What My Grandmothers Taught Me is illustrated with artwork that includes vibrant color, theological insight, and provocative interpretations of stirring and troublesome, yet powerful, stories of women's witness. Yes, the artworks highlight each lesson. Yes, they both probe and puzzle if you pause even for a moment to connect them to the story on the adjacent page. But they hold so much more if you are willing to gaze and ponder, examine, and wonder, look, and listen with the curious eyes and ears of faith. As we draw on the insights and intentions of artist Cody F. Miller,¹ and provide questions to guide your exploration, allow God's Spirit to draw you deep into these illustrations. Open yourself to an even richer understanding of the power these stories of Jesus' biblical grandmothers have to tell us the Good News and inspire our discipleship.

Note: I like to use the word gazing to describe what we will do when we explore the artwork.

Gazing at art is not about guessing what the artist intended. Gazing at art draws you into the events, experiences, and feelings of the subject. It invites you to take part, even imagine how you might respond, and then examine your own experience and relationship with God in light of what you discover. What we find when we gaze at the art will help us understand some of the author's insights and help us see how these stories show us God's love, grace, and faithfulness. Begin all your reflections on these pieces of art with these three directions:

1. Simply gaze at the image for a couple of minutes. Wonder what this lesson's characters and story reveal about the women themselves, about God, and about God's people. Notice where the person's eyes focus.
2. In the "Artist's Statement" near the front of the study book (p. 5 in each version) we read, "I work with cut paper and paint because I enjoy the interplay of the known and unknown. For the known, I work out many variations of a sketch until the design I'm looking for is finally realized. The unknown comes from my files full of patterns and objects that wait to find a new home." Every image contains cutouts (images that Cody found along the way and adds to a new image). Identify the cutouts you can find. Note things that might be cutouts, even if you're not sure that they are. (This is not a test! You are looking at a page-size print. The originals are much larger, and the "unknown" additions are more obvious.)
3. Watch for occasional appearances of birds and butterflies. Ask what purpose or symbolic role they might play. But don't work too hard. Enjoy the images. Sometimes, in the author's words, they are simply "beautiful guides to show God's grace."

On the next page are the images that correspond with each of the 9 lessons in the study. Join us to further understand how the art blends into the Biblical message and where our grandmother's lineage has shaped us.



On October 9th, we will collect the
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

Where does the money go?



Seeds for planting



Disaster Relief



Providing clean water

Feeding the hungry

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

IT'S BACK!!!



Please join the Fellowship and Christian Ed. teams as we present another night of fun. On Oct. 15th at 4:30 pm, we will again present "Bible Trivia". Feel free to invite friends and family for an exciting and enlightening evening. Bring your favorite snack. Beverages will be provided.



Our annual (well, it's been a long time) potluck to honor our 50+ year members will be held after church on Sunday, Oct. 16th. Please bring a dish to pass, table service, and your memories of the last 50 years. You may be asked to share with everyone!

Save the Date

November 17, 18, 19, 2022

Western Presbyterian Church needs Your Help to
work and donate goods to the Fall Rummage Sale



Clean out the clothes, linen and toy closets,
cupboards, garages and more...

Donation Drop-off
starting November 6

* Please price Household Items,
Toys, and such (we need the help)

* Please No large appliances or
furniture. ~Thanks

HELP Sign-ups will be in WPC Church Hallway

WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday School

Ages 3- High School

LEARN ABOUT GOD THROUGH BIBLE STORIES

Church & Community Service Projects

Tween & Teen Youth Group activities

SNACKS!

2 YOUTH LED SERVICES

Annual Vacation Bible School partnered
with the Reformed Church during February
and Summer Breaks

Ways to register:

Call the WPC at 315-597- 9171

message us through our
Facebook page

 **EMAIL**



All are
WELCOME



Fall Gathering “Give Thanks in All Circumstances”

Friday, October 28, 2022

10:00am-1:00pm

Ovid Federated Church

7137 North Main Street, Ovid, NY

10:00 am..... welcome, announcements, brief business meeting

10:30 am.....worship and dedication of Thank Offering

Worship Leader: Rev. Susan Frost

11:00am.....tour of Ovid church mission store

11:30am.....program speaker: Deborah Keuhner

Executive Director of The Potter's Hands, Corning

Noon.....fellowship lunch

Hearty soups, beverage and dessert will be provided.

Each PW group attending is asked to bring a loaf or loaves of
bread to share.

12:30pm..... “Hope in a Purse” - hands on mission activity

We will fill purses with needful items which will be donated to agencies such as Survivor Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes supporting women in crisis situations or as they leave incarceration or graduate from substance abuse programs. Please bring with you any of the suggested items on the back.

For “Hope in a Purse” hands on mission activity...

Please bring any of these items...

(hint: you may wish to request donations from your congregations)

- new or like new purses
- full size toothpaste and toothbrush
- full size bar of soap
- rolls of quarters
- full size shampoo/conditioner
- feminine hygiene products
- comb and brush
- body lotion
- batteries
- razor
- sanitizing wipes



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 3	Carol Campbell
October 4	John Cook
October 9	Rochelle Morse
October 12	Gail Rush
October 15	Don Dantz
October 19	Wes Barager
October 20	Irene Fadden
October 27	Rebecca Underwood
October 27	Sheila Koeberle
October 28	Wilma Redman
October 30	Gary Hughes

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 18	James & Cim MacFarlane
October 19	Don & Ruth Dantz

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!

The team minutes received for September include:

WPC Christian Education Team

Minutes September 6, 2022

Building Faith, Family, and Fellowship. WPC nurtures spiritual growth, joyful fellowship, meaningful community, and global involvement: worshiping and serving God with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

Present: Emily Hunt, Jody Pruitt, Cim McFarlane, Ellen Avery

Excused:

Absent:

Upcoming Events:

September 25- Sunday School children and their families will help with water bottle sales at Canal Town Days

October 2- First day of Sunday School

October 15 Fall Work Day at Camp Whitman

October 15- CE-Fellowship Bible Trivia Night

October ? Trick or Treat on Main Street

November 20- Christmas card production

January 15- Valentine card production

March 12- Easter card production

January 8- Epiphany service

May 28 (pending prom conflicts)- Pentecost service

May 28- Last day of Sunday School

July 23-26 Watson Conference

August 7-11- 2023 VBS

Continuing and New Business

Camp Whitman Retreat- Cim, Emily, and Nella attended a Camp Whitman end of the summer retreat on 8/26-8/27. They discussed what makes up a service, burned palm branches for Ash Wednesday, and had a lot of fun.

Service Project- on September 25, SS youth and families will sell water at Canal Town Days. Please have youth wear sunflower shirts.

Opening of Sunday School- Cim sent a back-to-school email to all VBS families with a VBS video. The team approved purchasing *Growing in Grace and Gratitude* for the SS year (\$160). Jody and Emily M. will be weekly SS teachers, Kelly will teach every other week. SS will begin on October 2.

Spire Cover- Emily will write the Spire cover for December with a focus on SS youth.

Trick or Treat on Main Street- we need to find the exact date. Emily will put an article requesting donations of candy in the October Spire. SS youth and families will pass out candy.

Church Band- Cim and Lisa want to get the church band started again. More information to come.

Confirmation Class- Cim was invited by Pastor Michelle to a Presbytery of Genesee Valley and Geneva combined confirmation class on October 15 at Ganondagan. Pastor Michelle will be using Big World Big Questions. The team decided that our youth aren't quite ready for confirmation yet.

'22-'23 Closing of CTNS- the team discussed CTNS closing for the '22-'23 school year. We discussed what that means for CE, especially SS. We discussed the need to find a WPC or CTNS point person to research community needs and grants, etc.

Bible Jeopardy- October 15- Emily will put together a Kahoot. Fellowship will cover refreshments.

Adult Class- Jody is exploring an idea to open up a Sunday morning adult class in the late fall. Emily reached out to Randy to see if she had ideas.

'23 VBS- Cim would like to recycle the Everest curriculum.

Future Watson Retreats- Cim will meet regularly with the Watson team. She will meet on September 28 to discuss the training and definition of chaperones. Youth have expressed interest in a Washington, DC trip. The plan is to have Watson for two years, break for Triennium, and start again.

October 2 Worship Music- the worship team reached out to Cim to say that we don't have music planned for 10/2 worship service. Emily will reach out to families who have expressed interest in providing music for worship.

Next meeting: October 4, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Hunt

Deacons Team Meeting Minutes

September 13th, 2022

Present: Sandy McMenamin, Randy Kennard, Patti Dlugosh, Sara Bush, Esther Hargrave

In Support: Linda Pulcini, Nancy Talma, Sylvia Lyon

Meeting opening with lighting of the Christ Candle – the elusive dolphin’s fin- elusive presence of God

Approval of last month’s minutes – *Motion by Sandy & seconded by Sara*

Treasurer’s Report: Current balance – Sandy M. \$522.13

Discussion around use of devotional booklets “These Days” and their usage – how many to order? Decision to keep quantity at 15 for \$89.25/yr.

Sharing Correspondence: no communications received

Volunteers to handle Communion on **9 /11/2022** served 38 (*communion Sunday occurred prior to meeting this month*)

Update of Prayer Concerns: Adds, Removals and Status

Group Prayer – Opening our hearts to those included on our list and beyond

Visit/Calls/Card Counts - circulate sheet

2022 As of April, Counts taken from remaining elements during serving					
Month	Visits	Phone Calls	Cards sent and Email outreach	Communion Served	Communion Date
January	11	3	55	29	16-Jan-22
February	0	6	39	37	13-Feb-22
March	3	9	38	42	13-Mar-22
April	4	5	50	72*	17-Apr-22
May	5	10	39	39*	8-May-22
June	4	17	56	0	
July	5	17	56	31*	10-Jul-22
August	6	13	65	31	8/14/2022
September	7	8	61	38	9/11/2022
Year to Date	45	88	459	177	

* communions are now served with passing out the elements in a cup of juice and another for bread

Shut-in Care: Status of visits and feedback - Discussion around visits and personal needs...

Special Care mailings:

Current Roster: cared for by Deacons monthly

Monthly Notes: **Bible verse** “...varied scriptures included in the cards

Old Business:

- 1) Reports of Prayer List contacts
- 2) Session Status – Spoke about CTNS closing and impact on MIF. Indicated there will be further investigations

New Business:

- Quiet honoring of confidentiality and why folks bring their concerns to us and status us. How we care to support all in prayer and beyond. Intent is not to be intrusive, but to jointly offer careful attention.

Meeting closed with prayer

Next meeting Tuesday 10/4/2022 @ 10 am

Respectfully - Randy Kennard, Chairperson

Fellowship Meeting

8/29/22 7:00 pm

Present: Norm Underwood, Ray Marr, Val Gendron, with attending by phone, Sue Pringle, and Roxanne Dobson.

Purpose: final preparation for church picnic, Sept. 11 after worship.

Sign up - 20 people have signed up with additional 6 we know that didn't sign up. Haven't heard from ARC if any people are coming. We anticipate 10-12 that were coming in June. Total to approximately 46 members and guests.

Meat - Roxanne will purchase hamburgers and hotdogs and rolls. She will check with both Breens Williamson and Save a Lot in Newark.

Grills - Ray will still man the grills.

Dessert - Norm, Sue, and Val (chocolate) will make cupcakes.

Drinks - Norm will get drinks, lemonade, tea, and water. Also, get condiments at same time (ketchup, mustard, relish)

Help from Mission team - understanding is that Ruth is only one available to help.

Did not discuss time to meet and set up but should be between 9:00 and 9:30 am.

Other business: Norm to contact Christian Ed. about another Bible Trivia night.

Need to get updated 50+ year membership list from Kathy for Western Horizons in October.

Discussed possibility of holding regular potlucks. It was suggested to have on the 5th Sunday in months that have 5 Sundays.

Next meeting is Oct. 3rd. at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Underwood

Mission and Social Concerns

September 7, 2022

Minutes

Meeting opened with Mark 6:41-46 Jesus feeding the 5,000 and prayer

Budget –

Our Budget request for 2023 was created. It will be given to finance for their September meeting.

		Request for 2023	
Presbytery Mission Support	\$	2,532.00	
Synod Mission Support	\$	90.00	
Food Cupboard	\$	2,000.00	→
Food Pantry	\$	2,000.00	
Qholaqhoe Mountain Project	\$	1,000.00	
Home Meals (Meals on Wheels)	\$	1,000.00	→
Clint McCoy Feeding Center in Malawi	\$	500.00	
Healthy Ninos - water purification	\$	600.00	→
ARC Home residents	\$	250.00	
Family Promise	\$	2,000.00	
Good Neighbor Fund	\$	3,000.00	
Weekend Wellness	\$	3,000.00	
	\$	17,972.00	

About \$170/month

- Toilet paper
- Fruit cups
- Cereal bars
- Tuna/chicken
- Diapers/pullups

\$500 for both Meals on
Wheels programs.

20 water purification buckets

Spending from 2022 Budget

Qholaqhoe Mountain Project	\$	250.00
Home Meals (Meals on Wheels)	\$	250.00
Clint McCoy Feeding Center in Malawi	\$	500.00
ARC Home residents	\$	50.00
Good Neighbor Fund	\$	800.00
total	\$	1,850.00
Amt remaining from Budget	\$	1,374.71
Amount from Fadden	\$	625.29

Picnic on Sunday Sept 11 – ARC home on Main Street has closed. Rena has invited 8 men living in ARC home on Jeffries St. Rena has not heard if they will attend, but at least she found an ARC home. Great perseverance, Rena. Rena, Ruth, Jan, Sally, and Irene will be present at the picnic to help serve.

Food Cupboard – This has been a successful mission. People are using, both putting food in and taking food out. Jan comes by a couple times a week to check. Food is in white cabinet inside the church. The cabinet holds cereal and the things in the \$175 worth of items from Amazon each month.

Food Pantry – There have been enough volunteers, and there are many more families coming to the pantry. The increase is possibly due to the end of COVID-19 relief for families. The families express their thanks for the food from the pantry. Birthday Bags are needed again – Cake, frosting, candles, balloons, plates, and napkins, this will be put on announcements. SNAP - An Eligibility Prescreening Guide is handed out at the food pantry to families interested in applying. The pantry's phone number is on the guide if the family needs help with filling out the online application. If someone needs help, Ruth will be contacted and then Irene will contact the family needing support.

Meals on Wheels – volunteers are always needed. Ruth will get phone numbers for the 2 programs.

Weekend Wellness –

- 2021-2022 School year – 2,279 bags distributed. Ending balance - \$10,835.32. Cost for the year \$6,840.
- This year will be the same as in previous years, with boxes delivered by Foodlink and volunteers taking the boxes to each school. Price of bag has increased this year.
- Next year Food Pantries at school rather than boxes delivered by WPC volunteers. Edie and/or Irene will be attending meetings to decide how this process will happen. The first meeting should be the week of September 12th. We will keep you apprised.

Good Neighbor Fund – The Bullis Fund refunded the \$1,200 given by Mission to the hotel to cover last fire family's costs. Presbytery grant of \$2,550 was received by the GNF. There were donations from the Pal-Mac Rotary, and 4 individuals and a fund raiser with Pampered Chef. 11 families were helped with rent. The current balance \$1,358.12.

One Great Hour of Sharing – We would like to do the 2nd Sunday in October. Cassie will coordinate with Sue Leonard and Kathy. It will be our celebration of communion for World-wide Communion Sunday.

Advent Reverse Calendar – YES!

Transportation to Grocery stores – Ruth has not heard anyone using the pantry say they do not have transportation to the grocery store, so she thinks people have found a way to get there. But there is a need for a grocery store in Palmyra.

Laundromat – There is a need! It would take a large amount of money to set up. But it is needed.

Rena, Betsy Lewis, and Palmyra members of the Mission Team are planning to go to town and village meetings to discuss this with the elected officials.

Community Collaboration – Cross Creek, WPC, and Zion were all at the Community Collaboration event in July. We had hoped to discuss the event and how we can have more collaboration in ministries. Irene thinks specifically about transportation to grocery stores and starting a laundromat. As well as other things discussed at the event, holiday meals, one large food pantry, one clothing closet and services like at Grace House.

CTNS – Not enough students this fall. No teacher and the director needs a job to support her family so she has hopefully taken another job. Session wants figures and reasons for not continuing the Nursery School. Session is interested in having grants used to support CTNS so it can re-open.

Healthy Ninos Honduras – Children and adults in Honduras need shoes. We will hold a shoe drive in November for gently used or new shoes. The ministry has a warehouse in Honduras and sends a container by ship to Honduras. Watch for more details.

Letters to end hunger – Wilma/Email – Food Research Action Center – Bread for the World

You are invited to go to www.frac.org to explore this website. Jan Taylor said Wilma Redman is willing to create a letter that Kathy will send out to the congregation by email. If the letter is sent out in word format, most people can change the letter, so it is written in their own words. This way each letter or email will be unique and not a form letter. People who do not have Microsoft word, can have a pdf copy. We need to be sure to get letters out when appropriate, so if you think there is an issue to send letters about, be sure to let others on the team know through email.

The meeting was closed with Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Fadden

Property Ministry Team - Minutes

Present: James McFarlane, Gary LaBerge, Steve Kennard, Phil Opdycke

Absent: John Dobson, Don Dantz

Meeting Started at 6:30 pm

- Steeple Painting – any update on potential workdays? – Gary to double check with contractor.
- Cleaning of sanctuary before wedding in September? – Gary to contact Larry with a list of items to address in sanctuary.
- If CTNS is truly closed and dissolved, does this change any of our plans for the space?
 - Green room organization project? - No change on our end. Palmyra Kings Daughters declined to support the project when they heard CTNS was closing. Not sure why at this time.
 - Heating schedule? - Yes, adjust settings to keep cooler during the week.
 - Requirements for salting and plowing? – Could allow later start to plowing schedule on days that Kathy is not in the office.
 - Recommendations for effective use of space? – Something to think about.
- Second system camera for sanctuary for organist alternate view and possible alternate view of sanctuary. Compatibility with system, cost, install, other required components? – Steve studying.
- Phil planned to cover operation of the AV system on 8/21 while James out of town. James to have system setup and ready to run Thursday evening, Aug 18th, with special instruction set.
- Air conditioner storage – leave in thru September.
- Lighting updates status – Still moving forward with LED updates as needed.
- Plumbing system status – all systems working OK so far.
- Kitchen fridge working OK still so food does not freeze for upcoming weddings, Canal Town Days, Memorial services, etc? – So far, no issues. Phil volunteered to clean out CTNS items. Gary to add jugs of water to help stabilize temperature.
- Projector and screen install for NE Classroom – Projector mounted in place. Need screen and screen controller mounted and power for screen and projector.
 - Gary looking into options for additional mounting brackets for the screen.
- Rebate for furnace install – Gary getting different contact info since not getting anywhere with first sets of contacts.
- Do we hire Emcor to install the 7 additional thermostats, so we have a full set of the same thermostat or buy them from Amazon or Lowes and install them ourselves?
 - Gary to get quote from Emcor and then we can compare and pick an option.

Next Meeting: 9/21/22 at 6:30 PM

The stated meeting of the session of Western Presbyterian Church & Society, Palmyra, New York was called to order by the moderator, Reverend Carol Wilson in Fellowship Hall at 7:00PM with the lighting of The Christ Candle, prayer and scripture reading from Psalm 139.

9 Present- Emily Hunt, William Hassler, James McFarlane, Philip Opdycke, Susan Leonard, Randy Kennard, Norman Underwood, Irene Fadden (on Zoom), Janet Manktelow

0 Excused

0 Absent

Motion made by William Hassler seconded and carried to approve the agenda for the meeting.

Clerks Report

Motion made by Randy Kennard seconded and carried to approve the minutes from the June 2022 meeting.

E-Mail Votes from July and August

Motion made by Norman Underwood seconded and carried to approve Courtney Marr organizing and running a fund raiser for Canal Town Days. We will sell bottles of water.

Motion made by Susan Leonard seconded and carried to approve signing a new contract with One Source for background checks.

Motion made by Property Ministry Team and carried to approve Jayden Demeurisse from Troop 96 completing the organization project in the green room as an Eagle Scout Project.

Motion made by Christian Ed Ministry Team and carried to approve Vacation Bible School to start each day by ringing the church bell.

Motion made by Deacons Ministry Team and carried to approve allowing Reverend Fred Coffman to officiate the memorial service for Reverend John Berges in the church sanctuary at 11:00 AM on October 8, 2022, reception to follow.

Motion made by Norman Underwood to approve paying Cim McFarland from the pulpit supply fund for doing the Vacation Bible School worship service on August 7. Discussion followed.

Motion failed with 1 abstention, 6 no and 1 yes.

Financial Secretary's Report

	<u>Current</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>YTD% of</u>
	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Receipts	\$25,027	\$112,282	\$144,927	77.47%
Total Expenditures	\$ 5,647	\$ 45,526	\$127,182	35.80%
Net Receipts/Expenditures	\$19,380	\$ 66,756	\$ 17,745	

Motion made by Norman Underwood seconded and carried to accept the report as submitted.

Business of the Church

Motion made by Randy Kennard carried and approved to hold Western Horizons Sunday on October 16, 2022.

Teams that will right the front-page article for the Western Spire newsletter:

October – Bill Hassler for finance, Nov.- Sue Leonard for worship, Dec.-Emily Hunt for CE

.Jayden Demurisse was supposed to come to this meeting but will come next month instead.

Canal Town Nursery School

There was much discussion on the closing of the nursery school. Session and church members were not told before it went public. We were taken by surprise and upset to not be notified. We understand that there were not enough children enrolled to be able to open for this fall but would like to explore options for possibly opening at a later date. We would like to see if a member of the congregation would be willing to look for and write grant request to help defray the cost of running the school.

We need the nursery school to provide the church with paperwork showing the cost of running the program and why it would need to close. We also requested that the director change her wording on Facebook from closing permanently to closing for now.

Motion made by Randy Kennard and seconded to look for someone in the congregation or community to look for grants for the nursery school. We also request from the nursery school board, a detailed report showing financial reasons for closing. Session voted not to officially close the school at this time.

Randy Kennard shared devotions.

Ministry Team Reports

Worship Ministry Team – working on parking during Canal Town Days. World Communion Sunday will not be observed on Oct. 2nd, however we will observe it on the 9th when we have a pastor to lead us.

Deacons Ministry Team – at this time we are low on pastors to help with pastoral care for our congregation-will continue to work on this issue

Communion counts: Jan 16,2022	29	July 10,2022	31
Feb. 13,2022	37	Aug. 14,2022	31
March 13,2022	42	Sept.11,2022	38
April 17,2022	72		
May 8,2022	39		

CE Ministry Team – 4 kids went to Camp Whitman this past summer. VBS was a huge success- they had 10 teen volunteers and 30 children. The Watson Homestead retreat for youth was very successful.

Mission Ministry Team – the food cupboard in the church yard has been very successful in helping people in need. They will be helping people fill out the application for the SNAP Program.

Fellowship Ministry Team – 26 people have signed up for the church picnic in September. Will hold Bible Trivia in conjunction with the CE team on Oct. 15th, talking about starting to hold potluck lunches on the months with a fifth Sunday.

Property Ministry Team – making sure everything is ready for a wedding in Sept. and working on parking during Canal Town Days.

Finance Ministry Team – will start working on the 2023 budget at their Sept meeting.

Presbytery – a new pastor was installed in Trumansburg; Camp Whitman had a successful summer.

Next meeting September 27th -devotions – Phil Opdycke

Motion made by James McFarlane seconded and carried to adjourn with prayer at 8:55PM.

Janet Manktelow, Clerk

Worship Meeting

September 13, 2022

Present: Linda, Joan, Sue, MaryBeth, and Courtney

Excused: Sharon, Alicia, Carol

Open with prayer with the Christ Candle

Pulpit supply update

Christmas Eve is a Saturday and Christmas Day is a Sunday- what to do?

Maybe a prerecorded message we can email and put on Facebook instead of a Christmas Day service.

Organist-

We have Jack on a part time basis. Elijah might come back in summer. Pieter hasn't been in touch but was still working on Sundays. Sandy Campbell does 1 Sunday a month. Lois F. is picking up a few dates.

There might be dates that won't be filled.

Do we want to play re-recorded hymns? Not at this time.

PNC update- no new news. We keep pulling along.

Canaltown Days Parking-

Sunday worship parking and volunteer parking update

Closed with prayer

Respectfully submitted by Courtney Marr

Our Prayer Concerns (updated September 21, 2022)

Grieving:

Family & Friends of Cynthia Herbst (requested by the Deacons)

Family & Friends of John (Jack) Dobson, III (requested by Roxanne and John Dobson)

Serving in the Armed Forces:

AJ Bliss, Adam Hill, Sarah Jagger, Joe Krebbeks, Josh Polle

Others for whom prayers have been requested:

All caregivers, All those who have been affected by the Coronavirus, All those who have no one to pray for them, All victims of violence, hatred and hunger, Janet Barager, Jane Becker, Lou Callerame, Ed Cole, Barb Culver, Ronald Desassure, Rev. Nancy J. Farrell, Russell Harris, Paula Hemmings, Dave Jankowski, Gerald Kuhn, Will Loan, Tom Lynch, Mike, Miller Family, Tracy Murphy, Kathy Rynders, Jan Taylor, Sheilah Wallerstein, Connie West, Lisa Whitehead, Yates/Wagner families

Please pray for those who wish to remain anonymous as they, too, need our prayers.

Others for whom we continue to pray:

Tracy D'Arduini & Linda Pulcini, Joan Durfey, Evelyn Elsenheimer, Ann Guest, Ian Guest, Janet Haigh, Bobby Haurand, Christine Stachecki Johanessen, Charlotte Lawrence, Jessica Locey, Iris McConnell, Cim McFarlane, Wesley Pruitt, Wilma Redman, Pastor Ricardo, David Squier, Marguerite Vizzini

Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:

Beverly Koeberle, Rochelle Morse, Bev Mouton

Prayers of Intercession are offered each day by our Deacons.

To request prayer for yourself or another, please contact Randy Kennard, chair of Deacons, Sandy McMenamin, or Kathy in the Church office. Please remember that all prayer requests are automatically removed from the list after one month unless the giver specifically requests continuation.

Save the Date

November 17, 18, 19, 2022

Western Presbyterian Church needs Your Help to
work and donate goods to the Fall Rummage Sale



Clean out the clothes, linen and toy closets,
cupboards, garages and more...

Donation Drop-off
starting November 6

- * Please price Household Items, Toys, and such (we need the help)
- * Please No large appliances or furniture. ~Thanks

HELP Sign-ups will be in WPC Church Hallway



OCTOBER 2022

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
						1
2 First day of Sunday School Rev. Gail Conners preaching	3 7 pm Fellowship	4 10 am Deacons 7 pm Christian Ed. 7 pm Scouts Muscle Room	5 Weekend Wellness Delivery 10 am Mission/Social Concerns	6	7	8 11 am Rev. John Berge's Memorial Service
9 Communion Sunday 9 am Sunday School Pastor Val Fowler preaching One Great Hour of Sharing	10 Columbus Day Office Closed	11 7 pm Worship 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	12 Weekend Wellness Delivery 7 pm Boy Scouts FH	13	14	15 4:30 pm FH Bible Trivia Night
16 Western Horizons Sunday 9 am Sunday School Pastor Carol Wilson preaching Potluck Dinner	17	18 SPIRE DEADLINE 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	19 Weekend Wellness Delivery 1 pm FH Women's Circle Bible Study 6:30 pm Property	20	21 Foodlink Delivery	22
23 9 am Sunday School Rev. Gail Conners preaching	24	25 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room 7 pm Session	26 Weekend Wellness Delivery	27	28	29
30 9 am Sunday School Pastor Val Fowler preaching	31					



NOVEMBER 2022

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
		1 10 am Deacons 7 pm Christian Ed. 7 pm Scouts Muscle Room	2 Weekend Wellness Delivery 10 am Mission/Social Concerns	3	4	5
6 Daylight Savings Time ends 9 am Sunday School	7 7 pm Fellowship	8 7 pm Worship 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	9 Weekend Wellness Delivery 7 pm Boy Scouts FH	10	11 Veteran's Day Office Closed	12
13 Communion Sunday 9 am Sunday School	14 6-9 pm Set Up Rummage Sale	15 SPIRE DEADLINE 6-9 pm Set Up Rummage Sale 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	16 Noon-9 pm Set Up Rummage Sale 1 pm Women's Circle Bible Study 6:30 pm Property	17 9 am to 3 pm Rummage Sale	18 Foodlink Delivery 9 am to 3 pm Rummage Sale	19 9 am to 11 am Rummage Sale 11 am Tear Down Rummage Sale
20 Christ the King Sunday 9 am Sunday School	21 Weekend Wellness Delivery Office Open 8:30 am to 2 pm	22 Office Open 8:30 am to 2 pm 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room 7 pm Session	23 Office Open 8:30 am to 2 pm	24 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26
27 1 st Sunday of Advent No Sunday School Hanging of the Greens	28	29 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	30 Weekend Wellness Delivery			