

WESTMINSTER WITNESS



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Dear Friends,

Some people think that the Church goes on vacation when the school year ends, but that couldn't be further from the truth.

Last month the session approved a recommendation from the Worship Committee to make a **change to our worship space**. The session voted to remove the choir pews and replace them with 15 cushioned chairs. Replacing the choir pews with chairs will enhance our worship by creating a more flexible space for our Chancel Choir, the Good News Band, and our Sunday school children to sing. Further, the change will also allow us to more easily accommodate combined Choir groups and other kinds of groups to sing to God's glory.

The three choir pews that presently occupy the Chancel will be used to replace damaged pews in the congregation. The choir pews are scheduled to be replaced with the cushioned chairs in early July. The chairs are now on display and available for use in the back of the Sanctuary.

Three mission opportunities will be available to Westminster members this summer. The first opportunity will be to prepare **breakfast for the disadvantaged** at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Keansburg on Saturday, June 30th at 8 am. The second offers an opportunity to cook for residents at the **Ronald McDonald House** in Long Branch on Saturday, July 28th at 3 pm. The third opportunity is a **Habitat for Humanity** event at a building site in Keansburg on Saturday, August 11th from 9-3:30 pm

Westminster is once again offering a free **Vacation Bible School** during the week of July 9th through July 12th. Led by our Sunday School teachers, the VBS will take place between the hours of 6-8 pm.

Please mark Saturday, July 14th on your calendars as Westminster hosts its second annual **Faith, Hope, and Music Festival**, featuring the uplifting music of local contemporary Christian bands, food, and children's crafts. This community event is open to the public and will take place from 4-8 pm.

Please make time this summer to exercise your faith by participating in the mission and ministry of God through your Westminster community of faith. Have a wonderful summer! Pastor Joe



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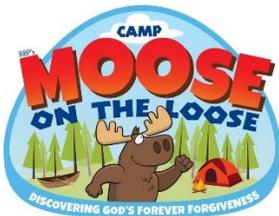
The Faith, Hope, and Music Festival, will return July 14th from 4 to 8 PM on the Westminster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Great Lawn, featuring an incredible line-up of some of NJ's best faith-based bands. This year's festival will showcase an amazing mix of musical talent including BethAnne Clayton and the Good News Band; Brave Joshua:1:9; The King of Kings Band featuring Nancy Scharff -just back from touring with Michael W. Smith in Israel; and Oasis Church's OM-53.

The 2018 festival has been expanded to include more bands, a Good News Game Zone for youngsters as well as the Christian Craft Tent and the WPC Daily Bread Bakery offering baked goods that use ingredients from the church's Community PAR Garden. Cold Stone Creamery, a participating event sponsor will be there to dish out their delicious ice cream and there will be other savory food and snack vendors on site.

This year, WPC is teaming up with Star 99.1, the popular Contemporary Christian Music station for *Cheer for Kids* - a summer long campaign to make & send personalized cards to hospitalized children who have to miss out on outdoor fun. WPC will set up a Star 99.1 *Cheer for Kids* Card Creation Station at the festival with all the card-making materials needed for festivalgoers to make and drop off their personalized cards all in one stop.

Lots of Volunteers are needed to make the event a success and help with the Kids' Game area, the Star 99.1 Card Creation Station, 50/50 Raffle Sales and the Daily Bread Bakery Booth. Sign-up sheets will be placed in Harlan Hall and the Narthex, so please considering volunteering. Contact Erika Sayar at esayarwpc@gmail.com or Kim Kosko at kkosko19@gmail.com for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 9-12



Westminster Presbyterian Church is excited to host Vacation Bible School this July 9th through 12th from 6pm to 8pm. This year's theme is Camp Moose on the Loose. Children will experience a camping theme where they hike, canoe, and fish – complete with tents, campfires, and wildlife. Through the Camp Moose on the Loose VBS lessons, Westminster will learn about the life of Christ as seen through the eyes of Peter and will discover the lasting forgiveness that only Christ can give.

WPC Designated as a Participating Sponsor for Star 99.1

Summer Long *Cheer for Kids* Card Campaign

Westminster has signed on as a participating sponsor and drop-off location for the Star 99.1 FM *Cheer for Kids* Card Campaign. For most kids, summer means playgrounds, amusement parks, riding bikes and enjoying the great outdoors! But for some kids, especially those fighting serious illness, it means long, lonely, days spent in a hospital room. Star 99.1, the popular Contemporary Christian music station, has just launched a project to help brighten up the face, heart, and room of hospitalized children at [Children's Specialized Hospital](#) and [Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital](#). WPC will team up with Star 99.1 to help make, collect and deliver some cheer in the summer for those children.



Star 99.1 and WPC invite you to participate in *Cheer for Kids* by making a homemade card for children in those hospitals. Not crafty? No problem! On-line templates will make it easy to create a personalized card with a special note. All participants need are the basics - crayons, colored pencils, stickers, glitter glue and anything else colorful and fun. Whether participants make their own card or use one of the templates the project coordinators ask that they *please refrain from using the phrase, "Get Well."* According to Star 99.1 "The goal is to spread cheer and not remind the children of their medical condition. And don't forget to sign your card to make it personal." Details and templates can be found at <https://www.star991.com/cheerforkids>.

WPC will also be setting up a Star 99.1 *Cheer for Kids* Card Creation Station at its Faith, Hope, and Music Festival on July 14th and have a STAR 99.1 *Cheer for Kids* mailbox in their Sanctuary vestibule all summer long where cards can be dropped off anytime throughout the summer. The cards will be picked up by Star 99.1 at sponsor locations during scheduled stops throughout the summer.

MISSION

COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUP



Westminster, along with other churches in our area, is a member of the Community Outreach Group. COG is committed to helping those less fortunate in our area. Once a year we commit to provide 28 -30 units of cleaning supplies that are delivered to the food pantry on Kings Highway.

If you would like to be involved in this mission project, we have bags with the items needed attached to it. The cost is approximately \$20.00 to fill a bag.

Please see Marcia Barnard or Debbie Carusotto if you are interested in helping out this worthy cause.

St. Mark's Soup Kitchen

WPC's next date to cook and serve breakfast at St. Mark's Soup Kitchen is Saturday, June 30.

St. Mark's serves breakfast 6 days a week and lunch 7 days - yes, even on Sunday. They serve 4,000 meals a month to the needy and are in the middle of a capital campaign to enlarge their kitchen to make it easier to cook.

The Mission Committee has decided to add a new "client" to our cooking adventures. There is a Ronald McDonald house in Long Branch, very close to Monmouth Medical Center.

Volunteer teams are asked to become "Caring Cooks" who will provide dinner for the families staying at the house. WPC has committed to cook dinner at Ronald McDonald House on July 28 and October 27.



The Mission Committee has arranged another WPC Habitat for Humanity build opportunity for 2018. We will be assisting in the building of a house for a Veteran in Keansburg on August 11 from 9:00-3:30.

Please save the dates and watch for sign-up sheets.

A VERY HEARTY THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN OUR PREVIOUS EVENTS!!

BLUECLAWS FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT
 Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 7:05 pm

Westminster will be going to the game and sitting as a group. Tickets will be on sale through Kim Kosko. The last date for ticket purchase is on Friday, August 10. Please contact Kim or the church office if you are interested in going to see the Blueclaws play! Caravan options to be determined



2018 BLUECLAWS

FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

~~Friday June 15, 2018~~
Tuesday August 21, 2018
7:05pm Games

The BlueClaws welcome members of all faiths.
 All groups receive the following incentives:

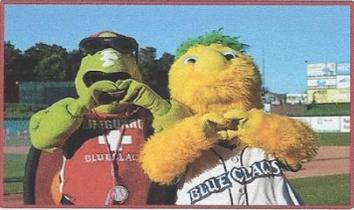
- 5:30 Pre-game Enlightenment
- Fundraising Options
- Youth Group On-Field Activities
- Seniors Eat Free
- Group Recognition on Video Board
- Discounted First Pitch, Food, and Merchandise

SILVER SLUGGERS TUESDAY

Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey (vnacj)
 Harrodate

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Adults - \$10.00 | Senior/Junior - \$8.00


BLUECLAWS.com
732-901-7000



Westminster Nature Preschool

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Westminster Nature Preschool Summer Explorations

Session I - Gardening June 11th to June 14th

Session II - Outdoor Fun June 18th to June 21st

Session III - Camping June 25th to June 28th

Session IV - Cooking July 9th to July 12th

Session V - Music and Movement July 16th to July 19th

Session VI - Theater July 23rd to July 26th

All camps meet Monday through Thursday from 9-12, \$140/week. Camp with lunch (you provide the lunch) is Monday through Thursday from 9 - 1, \$175/week. We will be closed the week of July 2nd. Gardening and water play will be a component of each camp. The program is open to children ages 3 - 6.

For additional information please call the school at (732) 671-9011.

DEACON FOOD PANTRY Items for July

Our pantry shelves are getting bare, please remember us when you shop. Crackers, canned tuna, mayo, canned chicken, canned pasta's (Ravioli, Beefaroni, Spaghetti O's with or without meat), jelly.

He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. John 21:16 KJV



How to Access Our Food Pantry

The food pantry in Harlan Hall is kept stocked through the generosity of and for the benefit of Westminster members and the community at large. Should an emergency arise and a member or someone from the community needs food, call either Lori at the church office or Pastor Joe at 732.671.2585 (your call will be kept in complete confidence). They will notify the Moderator of the Deacons, Pam Wayde, and she will put together the parcels. The groceries may be picked up immediately in some cases or as early the next day by arrangement with either Pastor Joe or Pam Wayde.

Thank You

Thanks from the 60th Anniversary Committee.....

The 60th Anniversary Committee gratefully acknowledges everyone who supported our fundraising efforts and those who made generous financial donations to offset the cost of the celebration. The June 9th dinner at Colts Neck Inn was made possible through your generosity! Special thanks to the speakers at the dinner; Elder John Humcke, Elizabeth Kallop and Elder Jim Davis, who delivered inspiring tributes to WPC.

We extend our appreciation to Pastor Joe, The Reverend Jean Johnston, Erika Sayar, and the Worship Committee for organizing a joyous worship service that celebrated WPC's sixty years of ministry and challenged us to look to the future as God continues to inspire new areas of ministry for our congregation. We are so grateful to our guest speaker Peter Durfee, who shared moving memories of his father, our Pastor Emeritas, The Reverend Harlan C. Durfee. Peter's tribute was a delightful reminder of Harlan to those of us who knew him and an insightful reflection of his life and personality for recent members.

Even a misty rain did not dampen the spirits of the Deacons as they served lunch after worship. Our congregation was blessed by their efforts to provide a time of fellowship and feasting for the 60th celebration. Thanks for your continual service to our church and community.

Our greatest appreciation is extended to our Charter Members who graciously shared their memories, historical photographs and advice as we planned the celebration. We salute your efforts and acknowledge that all WPC is and will become can be attributed to your foresight, leadership and dedication to God.

June 14, 2018

Dear Westminster Friends,

We were so blessed to enjoy your 60th celebration with you. All of it now is a special memory. So precious were the many conversations filled with news of lives that forever will be intertwined with ours.

I am confident that God continues to bless you through the ministry of Pastor Joe. Praise God for your witness in Middletown.

With deep affection,

Jean (& Ed, too)

WESTMINSTER DEACONS

The Deacons would like to thank all who attended June 10, 2018 picnic. The weather was not the best, but it did not stop the celebration of 60th Anniversary of Westminster Presbyterian Church. This year we were blessed to have so many attendees. The picnic is always great fun, but this year was extra special because of 60th Anniversary. Thank you, Pam Wayde

PROPERTY COMMITTEE THANK YOUS for the 60th

Many Westminster members and friends contributed to sprucing up the Westminster church campus for the big 60th anniversary celebration. They include, but are not limited to the following:

- **Ed Bennett** for grooming our bushes and lawn.
- **John Alonso** for washing and painting the Sanctuary doors.
- **Ron Wayde and a crew** for cleaning and preparing the grills for the annual picnic.
- **John Cuttrell and Mike Ellithorpe** for repositioning the PAR garden irrigation hose underground and setting up and removing pop-up tents.
- **Our Sextons, Rey and Claudia Ruiz**, for extra dusting and care of the Sanctuary.
- **The Deacons** for setting up the tables and chair and preparing the food for the picnic.
- The PAR Garden committee under the leadership of **John and Lola Pillarella** who spruced up the garden.