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Dear Members and Friends of Westminster,

On Sunday, June 10th, Westminster will celebrate its 60th anniversary! To celebrate 60 years of the Lord's faithfulness, I would like to extend a personal invitation to a special celebratory service at 10 am, followed by a church picnic on Westminster's Great Lawn where we will spend time in fellowship as a community of faith.

Our big Sunday morning celebration will include a visit and remarks from family members of Westminster's founding pastor, the Rev. Harlan Durfee; and Westminster's second called pastor, the Rev. Jean Johnston, and her husband, Ed.

Westminster's Sunday School children will perform special songs tailored for this great occasion, and Music Director, Erika Sayar, has supplemented our dedicated Chancel Choir with guest soloists and a trumpet. The music will be spirited, stirring and great!

You can also look forward to a retelling of Westminster's church history and a celebration of the people who have played a special role at the church over the years.

Please dress casually for the anniversary service and proudly wear any article of Westminster clothing that you may own.

A church, of course, is not a building, but rather its people. Our anniversary celebration will celebrate its people and the history we have created together. I sincerely hope that all of you will attend our weekend of events, culminating with the special service of worship and picnic on Sunday, June 10th where we will renew friendships and celebrate the goodness of God and our common journey of faith.

Sincerely,
Pastor Joe

60TH ANNIVERSARY



June 8, 2018 marks the official sixtieth anniversary of the founding of WPC! We will celebrate this milestone with a weekend of worship, praise, fellowship and gratitude.

Reservations for dinner on Saturday, June 9 at The Colts Neck Inn in Lincroft have been completed with 110 members and friends attending.

On Sunday, June 10, we will observe our 60th anniversary with a worship service of praise and thanks for all God has done in and through WPC during these sixty years. We are blessed to have the opportunity to express our gratitude to the Charter Members of our church who will be present. Plan to join us and celebrate WPC's past and future ministry. Pastor Joe and the Worship Committee have planned a wonderful service and invited The Reverend Jean Johnston to participate.

The celebration continues after worship with the Deacons Annual Picnic. Everyone is encouraged to stay and enjoy this time of fellowship and delicious food. There will be special games and activities for the entire family, so remember to dress "picnic-casual."

If you have questions or need additional information, contact Monica (evenings 732-615-0628).



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.

TAIZÉ SERVICE

Wednesday, June 6th, 7:00 pm



Come and rest your mind, body, and soul in our candlelit Sanctuary at our monthly Taizé service at 7:00 pm.

A time of prayer for the world will precede at service at 6:45 pm.

COMING UP!

Westminster Vacation Bible School

July 9 through 12, 6-8 pm

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

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!!



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.

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had a great year and will meet again in the Fall

If you would like to help at one or more of the events, please contact **Amy Weston at 732-233-5705**, by email at a.weston00@gmail.com or thru the church office if you have any questions



The Deacons Spring Blood Drive was held on May 31, 2018. It was a success because so many people gave of themselves to help others. The blood drive is another way that Westminster Presbyterian Church reaches out to our community to join us to donate blood. Every pint of blood saves 3 lives, that is truly is astounding. If you were unable to donate blood this time, don't worry we will be having our Fall Blood Drive on Thursday, October 4, 2018. The deacons would like to thank everyone who signed up to donated blood. Without your support there wouldn't be a blood drive and lives wouldn't be saved. Thank you, Pam Wayde, Moderator

DEACON FOOD PANTRY

Items for June

Thank you everyone who donated food for the Deacon's Easter Food Baskets. We supplied 17 families with 4 large bags of groceries and a large Ham. We are helping our neighbors as Jesus commanded. Thank you again.

Our pantry shelves are getting bare, please remember us when you shop. Canned tuna, mayo, canned chicken, cold cereal, canned pasta's (Ravioli, Beefaroni, Spaghetti O's with or without meat, jelly, mac & cheese, beef stew, jarred spaghetti sauce.

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.

A CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

Fundamentally, our Lords' message was himself. He did not come to preach a Gospel; He himself is that Gospel. He did not come merely to give bread; He said, "I am the bread." He did not come merely to shed light; He said, "I am the light." He did not come merely to show the door; He said "I am the door." He did not come merely to name a shepherd; He said "I am the shepherd." He did not come merely to point the way; He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

---J. Sidlow Baxter

Submitted by Dorothy Pietro