



March SERMON TITLES

MARCH 4

**"The Cross Means God
is Satisfied"**
Gal. 3: 10-14

MARCH 11

**"The Cross Means Christ's
Substitution"**
Heb. 9: 23-28

MARCH 18

**"The Cross Means We
are Free to Love"**
1 John 4: 7-21

MARCH 25

Musical Presentation

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MONTHLY NEWS FOR AND ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

Dear Westminster Friends,

I have had several people ask me, over the course of my years as a pastor, what Lent means. I have usually replied with the traditional understanding of Lenten practices: introspection, confession, repentance, preparation for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus, and more. But some wanted to know where the term came from, and that's where I did some digging.

The word we translate into "Lent," comes from the Latin word for "spring." I was surprised to discover this simple translation, because I had always thought it had some great spiritual and liturgical background. But it doesn't... it has to do with the time of year in which this season takes place: Spring. Now I know that usually Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of the Lenten season, is not often thought of as being part of Spring – it wasn't this year, for certain – but the majority of the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Passion Week do occur alongside the first signs of Spring weather. But why would the early church decide to call this important and reflective time of year by the name of a natural cycle of nature?

Perhaps it has more to do with what happens in the Spring-time than simply the time of year. Think for a minute about what Spring brings to us: greater light, increasing warmth, new life, renewed life, joy, gratefulness, and hope. That, perhaps, is what we need to be pondering and practicing alongside of confession, repentance, and preparation. After all, should not our reflection on what God has done in Christ shine a greater light on our lives and where they intersect with His grace? Should not the warmth of God's love for us, shown in the magnificent sacrifice of the cross, come to be embraced? I think that the new life we see in budding trees and emerging perennials should remind us of the promise of God to make all things new. And I know that you will agree that the climax of Lent – the Resurrection of Jesus – will bring new life, joy, gratitude, and hope to all who place their faith in Jesus.

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I commend to you the importance of the traditional practices of Lent, so let us examine ourselves, as the Scriptures say we should, and let us confess our sins to God, seek His merciful forgiveness, and prepare ourselves to serve Jesus as He deserves. But let us also, from this Lent forward, use this time to rejoice, take hope, offer thanks, and embrace the new life won for us by our Savior. This is the fullness of Lent!

Rejoicing in Jesus,

Pastor Chuck



PASTOR CHUCK LEGVOLD



Financial Update **JANUARY 2018**

Stewardship Funds Received (Y-T-D)	39,575
Memorial Transfers	0
Building Use (Rentals)	3,665
TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED	\$43,240
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$29,498
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Net Income (Loss)	\$13,742
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Total Receipts Budgeted (Y-T-D)	\$35,332
Total Expenses Budgeted (Y-T-D)	\$34,375
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2017 Stewardship Funds were \$47,924; 2018 Stewardship Funds are \$39,575. We are down \$8,349 in giving from the same time period.

March **BIRTHDAYS**

Fred Jorgensen	1
Jack Pool	5
Kim Kirhofer	7
Gayle Copenhaver	9
Jim Cromer	9
Margaret Smith	11
Paul Medgyesi	23
Miriam Helmen	26
Lou Jacobs	27
Bonnie Legvold	28

WPC **ESTHER CIRCLE**

Esther Circle will meet on
Thursday, March 22 at 9:15 AM
in the church lounge

WPC **BRIDGE GROUP**

We will meet on **Thursday, March 15,**
1:00-4:00 PM in the church lounge



WPC **MARTHA CIRCLE**

Martha Circle will meet on
Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 PM
at the home of Claire Pepper

Palm Sunday March 25 10:30 AM Sanctuary

Musical presentation remembering the events of Palm Sunday and Holy Week, featuring the Westminster Chancel Choir and guest musicians. Plan on attending and bring your friends!



WPC BOOK CLUB

We will meet on **March 20th, 1:30 PM** in the West Conference Room.

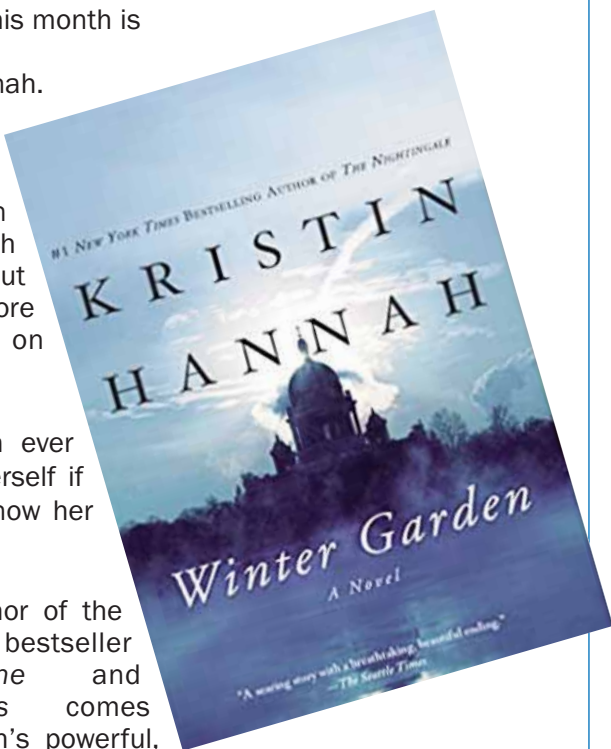
The book for this month is
Winter Garden
by Kristin Hannah.

Copies of the book may be picked up in the church office to sign out and read before the meeting on the 20th.

Can a woman ever really know herself if she doesn't know her mother?

From the author of the smash-hit bestseller *Firefly Lane* and *True Colors* comes Kristin Hannah's powerful, heartbreaking novel that illuminates the intricate mother-daughter bond and explores the enduring links between the present and the past.

Meredith and Nina Whitson are as different as sisters can be. One stayed at home to raise her children and manage the family apple orchard; the other followed a dream and traveled the world to become a famous photojournalist. But when their beloved father falls ill, Meredith and Nina find themselves together again, standing alongside their cold, disapproving mother, Anya, who even now, offers no comfort to her daughters. As children, the only connection between them was the Russian fairy tale Anya sometimes told the girls at night. On his deathbed, their father extracts a promise from the women in his life: the fairy tale will be told one last time — and all the way to the end. Thus begins an unexpected journey into the truth of Anya's life in war-torn Leningrad, more than five decades ago. Alternating between the past and present, Meredith and Nina will finally hear the singular, harrowing story of their mother's life, and what they learn is a secret so terrible and terrifying that it will shake the very foundation of their family and change who they believe they are.



NEW NAME, NEW TIME, NEW PLACE

by Dorrie Post

The Tuesday Morning Prayer Team will now be known as the **Thursday Afternoon Prayer Team and will meet at 1:00 PM on Thursday afternoons in the West Conference Room.** Please come and join the team as it prays for the needs of our congregation. We meet for about an hour. If you are uneasy about praying aloud, come anyway as some members do and some don't. No one will put you on the spot. Just come to join hearts in prayer for WPC.

This month we continue our newsletter study of the Lord's Prayer again using the pamphlet by Haddon W. Robinson titled *Jesus' Blueprint for Prayer*. When we say, do not lead us into temptation, "We are really crying out, 'Keep me away from temptation!' We are praying, 'Don't let Satan ambush us.' We are recognizing that God has the power to lead us past all the lures to sin that confront us; and we are asking, 'If the opportunity to sin presents itself, grant that I won't have the desire. If the desire springs up, grant that I won't have the opportunity.'

If temptation brought chains to bind us, we might resist it on our own. Instead it brings flowers and perfume and promises good times and satisfaction. It bribes us with wealth and popularity and entices us with promises of prosperity and unbounded freedom. Only God can keep us from its charms. The Lord's Prayer reminds us to fear the strategies of Satan."



WPC SMALL GROUPS By Judy Rhoads, Deacon of Small Groups

A Chair is Waiting for You!

A small group ministry provides opportunities for spiritual growth and discipleship while nurturing relationships and a sense of community. Participation in Westminster's small group ministry will provide opportunities for relationships among covenant partners and friends to build and grow.

In Pastor Chuck's February newsletter communication, he stated "Each of us plays a special unique place in the lives of others, and each of us is in a position in our church that no one else can fill. We need to grasp this reality, because without such mutual commitment, something will fail to get done, and someone will feel lonely and, perhaps, out of place."

Lonely. I can see how individuals might feel lonely at Westminster. I did for a while when I was caring for my mom. Although we greet each other warmly on Sunday mornings, we still do not have much time to develop relationships. After Mom died, I made a personal decision to get involved in the life of our church. This, of course, has given me many opportunities to meet a diverse group of covenant partners and friends that do not sit near me on Sunday morning. Now, I want to know you better.

On the morning of January 27, 2018, the small group leaders, Jason Drury, Lou Jacobs, John Halsey, Dian Poochigian, Bonnie Legvold, Tom Westerfield and our WALK elder, Gary Gapinske met to share ideas, to encourage each other and to pray that God would bless us with a group synergy that will provide inspiration on ways to advance His Kingdom through WPC's small group ministry.

We also prayed that God would instill in your heart the desire to join a small group. Think about it. Pray about it. Talk to one of us about it. Your participation will provide opportunities for spiritual growth, discipleship and evangelism. We want you to know "A chair is waiting for you." I want you to know I am praying you will decide to claim that chair!



Westminster Presbyterian Church **MARCH 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM "Faith Weavers" Class 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM WPC "Read Through the Bible" Class 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Youth Sunday School 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM WPC WORSHIP SERVICE - SANCTUARY 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Life Christian Center - Worship Service - Sanctuary	26 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM WPC Monday Morning Bible Study 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM CCS Girls Basketball Practice 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM WPC Session Meeting 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Westminster Men's Open Basketball	27 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 8:35 AM - 9:15 AM CCS Chapel - Sanctuary 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM WPC Staff Meeting 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Martha Circle-Huss' home	28 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 8:45 AM - 10:30 AM Weight Control 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Breakfast - Colonial 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AA Groups 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM WPC Youth Group 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM LCC Worship/Youth Bible Class-Sanctuary, FLC 7:30 PM Hand Bells	1 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Thursday Afternoon Prayer Team- W. Conf. Room 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM CCS Fine Arts Festival/Open House	2 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Visitation and Memorial Service for Richard Karas	3 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM CCS-Greek School 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CCS-Music program (El Sistema) 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM Montoya Baby Shower Room Rental- FLC
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ONE WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY 10:30 AM SANCTUARY



Our Mission Statement

Westminster Presbyterian Church exists to lead people into intimate relationships with Jesus, the Son of God, deep relationships with His family, and servant relationships with our community.