



May SERMON TITLES

MAY 6

“How and Why Did God Create Us?”

Genesis 1: 26-27

MAY 13

“What Else Did God Create?”

Genesis 1: 28-31

MAY 20

“How Can We Glorify God?”

Deut. 11: 1-15

MAY 27

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May 2018

MONTHLY NEWS FOR AND ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

Dear Westminster Friends,

It's May and, in spite of all the wintry weather we had in April, life is bursting forth from the earth. It's time for flowers to bloom, birds to lay eggs, gardens to be planted, and buds to turn into leaves on the trees. It's simply time to grow!

Growth is what God has built into the cycle of the seasons (birth, growth, harvest, death). It's what we expect to happen naturally. When something interferes or impedes growth, then something is wrong. But...growth looks different in different contexts. The growth of tulips, for instance, is rapid, and then ends as suddenly as it began. Growth of hatchlings takes a bit longer. Trees take even longer, requiring decades for saplings to reach maturity. But what about Christians? And churches? What about our growth.

We have a tendency to measure growth in churches by the same metrics used by businesses—sheer numbers—and numbers are a way that we can see how much progress we are making with programs and initiatives. But when the Bible talks about growth in our faith and our fellowship, it often uses another word: gain. And gain cannot always be measured with numbers. Gain is about being someone more mature today than we were yesterday. Gain is about a congregation being more engaged in drawing close to God and becoming more like Jesus, and that's not something numbers can measure.

In my younger years, I was all about church growth as the business world tends to measure it. Unless worship attendance, participation, and financial stewardship showed increasing numbers, then we were not growing. But that was not true then, and it is not true now. And that is why I intend to focus on things that reflect gain—as the Scriptures define it—starting this summer.

For instance, I am going to be teaching a class, for any that are interested and feel compelled by the Spirit, on how to prepare and preach sermons. We will spend considerable time and effort going through how we can best interpret the Bible, then put the lessons in form, and then share them compellingly. The class will be good for anyone who wants to learn how to teach in a small group or class as well, but it will focus on producing people that can preach the Word. It will produce, by God's grace, a gain for us. It may not mean more people in our pews or more money in our accounts, but it will mean more gifted people in our midst...so it will be a gain. It cannot be measured by most standards, but it improves us nonetheless.

My aim in this, and other things which are coming up, is to help us mature spiritually, be healthy relationally, and be adequately prepared for whatever God brings our way. I encourage you to pray, and then participate, in every way possible, not for the sake of numbers, but for the sake of gain.


Pastor Chuck



PASTOR CHUCK LEGVOLD



Financial Update MARCH 2018

Stewardship Funds Received (Y-T-D)	96,274
Memorial Transfers	0
Building Use (Rentals)	12,885
Misc. Revenue	227
TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED	\$109,386
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$96,509
Net Income (Loss)	\$12,878
Total Receipts Budgeted (Y-T-D)	\$105,997
Total Expenses Budgeted (Y-T-D)	\$103,124
Stewardship Funds 2017 - 100,451, 2018 - 96,274, down \$4,177 in giving from the same time period.	



**SATURDAY
MAY 19
9:00-11:00 AM
FLC**

This quarterly meeting is for all active Elders, Deacons and Staff.

WPC Fifth Sunday Benevolence Collection

There is a fifth Sunday in **April, July, September** and **December**. This is the time we give to those less fortunate. Envelopes are provided in the pews.

Please give so that others may be helped.

WPC NEW CLASS OFFERED

As noted in his cover letter this month, Pastor Chuck will launch a class next month with the intent of teaching anyone interested in preaching or teaching at WPC how to carefully interpret the Scriptures, turn that knowledge into messages (sermons, lessons, and plans), and then present those messages in worship, classrooms, and small groups. You need no prior knowledge or experience to participate in the class, only a commitment to attend, study, and participate.

If you feel that God is calling you to this kind of ministry and preparation, you will need to contact **Pastor Chuck** (pastorchuck@wpc10.org) by the end of May and let him know that you are ready to move forward with this. At that time, depending on the number of people responding (we are hoping for at least 6 participants, but can work with as few as three), a schedule will be created, an easy-to-follow curriculum will be finalized, and a few study materials recommended for purchase. You will need to be able to offer a full Saturday morning OR Saturday afternoon, twice a month, from June through September. We're looking forward to seeing those whom God will call to this training.

WPC BRIDGE GROUP

We will meet on
Thursday, May 17
1:00-4:00 PM
in the church lounge.



WPC MARTHA CIRCLE

We will meet for supper on
Tuesday, May 22, 6:30 PM
in the church lounge.

We will have a time of sharing,
food and fellowship.

WPC VOLUNTEERS



In December 2010, **Dr. Herb Schoppe** began a ministry with the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry that continues today. Since that time, Westminster Presbyterian Church has contributed food items to the pantry each week, in addition to generous monetary gifts. The monetary gifts provide an avenue for the Interfaith Food Pantry to purchase food items at a reduced rate.

Many people in the Aurora community including Westminster members volunteer unpacking and serving more than 1,100 clients each week. Our continued ministry with the food pantry also includes a team of volunteer truck drivers who transport more than 12,000 pounds of food items on three days each week. The following volunteers participating include **Doug Echer, Jim Fechner, Gary Gapinske, Arnell German, Ken Michels, Jim Novota, and Ernie Poochigian.**



If you would like to participate in this important ministry driving once or twice a month, please contact **Ernie Poochigian (630) 907-9913.**

WPC NEW TRAINING OFFERED

If you are an ordained elder at Westminster, and would like to be trained in administering the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the context of worship, Pastor Chuck is ready to prepare you to do so, prior to a required approval by the Session. It would be very helpful if we had at least 6 elders—currently serving on the Session or not—who would be willing to be trained for this important duty. Those prepared and approved by the Session will be able to do so in the context of worship (either here or in other churches), missional communities, nursing homes, and anywhere else corporate worship may take place.

This will require a total of 2 hours of training, probably on a weekday evening, or perhaps on a Saturday. We would like to have our first training class sometime in June, so if you are interested in joining in this training, please contact Pastor Chuck (pastorchuck@wpc10.org) no later than the end of May, after which the date and time will be scheduled and materials distributed.

Aurora Women's Club Geranium Sale

**Saturday, May 12
7:00 AM-11:30 AM**

East Parking Lot



May BIRTHDAYS

Ken Michels	1
Evans Ashina	2
Claire Pepper	5
Karen Meyer	6
Delaney Drury	6
Betty Lou Smith	8
Becky Hill	16
Kerry Proczko	18
Meredith Hill	18
Lois Sherpitis	23
Betty Gilmore	25
Bob Hall	25
Bill McCormack	31

WPC BOOKS AND SERIES

In an effort to share helpful tools and to de-clutter his life, Pastor Chuck is offering books and series from his personal library to anyone who feels the books will be helpful for their growth in the various ministries to which they may have been called here at WPC. Some Biblical commentaries, as well as books on theology, the Holy Spirit, discipleship, evangelism, prayer, and the life of Christ are available, at no cost to you. The only requirement is that you actually use the books to increase your knowledge and application of the Scriptures in growing as a committed disciple of Jesus. If you are interested in seeing what is available, make an appointment with Pastor Chuck, and he will be happy to help you find whatever may be to your benefit and to the glory of God. They will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, so please inquire about them as soon as possible.

WALL REPAIRED



WPC BOOK CLUB

WPC Book Club Tuesday, **May 15th, 1:30 PM**
in the West Conference Room.

The book will be
One in a Million Boy by Monica Wood.

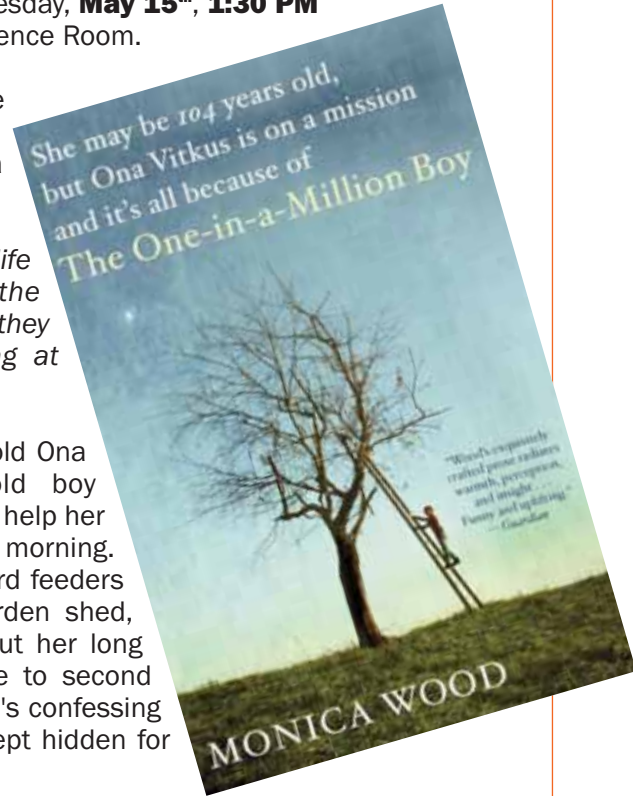
"The story of your life never starts at the beginning. Don't they teach you anything at school?"

So says 104-year-old Ona to the 11-year-old boy who's been sent to help her out every Saturday morning. As he refills the bird feeders and tidies the garden shed, Ona tells him about her long life, from first love to second chances. Soon she's confessing secrets she has kept hidden for decades.

One Saturday, the boy doesn't show up. Ona starts to think he's not so special after all, but then his father arrives on her doorstep, determined to finish his son's good deed. The boy's mother is not so far behind. Ona is set to discover that the world can surprise us at any age, and that sometimes sharing a loss is the only way to find ourselves again.

'Readers won't be able to resist falling for Ona ... The conclusion will leave them smiling through their tears.' "

You may pick up a copy to read in the church office.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - MAY 3

Westminster has an excellent opportunity to join with Christians all over the United States in prayer for our country. Thursday, May 3 is the NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER. Please join with other covenant partners at Westminster in a gathering of prayer in the sanctuary at 7 pm. Of course, we pray in the privacy of our home, before meals and during devotional times, but this is an opportunity to come together in powerful prayer focusing on the needs of our country. This concept is nothing new, in fact it has a long rich history.

1775 First recorded national call to Fasting and Prayer by the Continental Congress.

1863 President Lincoln declares a National Day of Prayer and Fasting.

1983 National Day of Prayer Task Force established in May. First observance was held in Constitution Hall.

1987 National Prayer committee lobbies President Reagan and Congress to designate a day for national prayer.

1988 President Reagan signs into law the first Thursday in May as the annual observance of the National Day of Prayer.

1991 Shirley Dobson becomes the chair of the National Day of Prayer Task Force.

2016 Shirley Dobson passes the chair over to Anne Graham Lotz who becomes the interim chair.

2017 National Day of Prayer Board of Directors appoint Dr. Ronnie Floyd as President.

2018 May 3 will celebrate the 30th anniversary of President Reagan signing into law the designation of the National Day of Prayer.

Mission Statement: The mission of the NDP Task Force is to mobilize unified public prayer for America. Since 1993 there have been 1412 proclamations by the President of the US and state leaders encouraging Americans to pray on the National Day of Prayer.

Theme for 2018: *UNITY* Ephesians 4:3 Making every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace.

Please join Westminster's celebration of the National Day of Prayer on **Thursday, May 3, 2018, at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.**



WPC WAYSIDE CROSS FRIENDSHIP DINNER

Join us for dinner on **Thursday, May 10th at Gaslite Manor** supporting the Wayside Cross Master's Touch ministry. Wayside Cross is one of our communities most important and successful Christian organizations that helps integrate mission residents back into society with employment skills and a transformed heart. Special guest speaker is Jim Nicodem, Senior Pastor of Christ Community Church in Saint Charles.



Reservations are due by May 1st. Add your name to the sign-up sheet by the choir room. Let's make an effort to fill 3 tables of eight demonstrating our support for this important program in our community. A free will offering will be taken to support The Master's Touch Ministry of Wayside Cross. - **Your Witness Team**

WPC Small Group Ministry Update

By Judy Rhoads, Deacon of Small Groups

On Saturday, April 21, WPC's Small Group team will be meeting to discuss how we will begin to fill chairs in our existing small groups; to determine when and how to begin a new small group and to make plans for summer activities/mission initiatives for small group members and friends. The results of this planning meeting will be shared in multiple ways during the month of May.

In the meantime, you may, on occasion, have thought about WPC's Small Group Ministry (I hope so) but, perhaps, have pushed the thought aside; because your life is plenty busy already. You may also be feeling you just don't know enough about how participation in a small group might impact or effect your life.



Hopefully, the following common questions and answers will help move you closer to considering the possibility that a **Chair really IS waiting for you.**

Q: How much of my time will participation in a small group take?

A. That depends. On average most groups meet two times a month for two or three hours, including refreshments. So, let's say 5 hours out of the 720 hours in a 30-day month.

Q. Will there be homework? If so, how much?

A. Maybe a little. This will depend upon what your group has chosen to study. Some studies have a discussion guide for each participant. Often Bible scripture for the next meeting is assigned. My observation, however, has been the lesson content is reread and discussed during the meeting. If you have a busy week, and don't have time to prepare, you won't be lost.

Q. Am I going to have to talk, or can I sit and listen during the meetings?

A. Part of the small group experience is to develop a level of comfort that allows you to respond willingly when you have something to add to the conversation. No one, however, **HAS** to talk.

Q. Will I have to pray out loud?

A. Not unless you feel led to do so. Our group leaders do not pressure participants to pray out loud. Sometimes I do. Sometimes I don't. I have spent time with all six groups and have never felt the expectation that I **HAD** to pray out loud.

Q. Who else is going to be in my group?

A. I don't know. You may be joining an established group that has open chairs, or you may be in a brand-new group. I had no idea who was in my small group (except the leader and his wife) until I showed up at the first meeting.

Q. How much do I have to know about the Bible? I am concerned my Bible knowledge may be lacking.

A. One of the purposes of being a part of a small group is to gain Bible knowledge. An individual goal for each participant is to leave each small group meeting with more understanding of the Bible than when he/she arrived. If Baxter or Beatrice Bible-Scholar happen to be in your group, he/she should have exactly the same goal.

Q. How many weeks or months will participation in a small group last?

A. Your small group will discuss all of the possible options, and you will be a part of this decision.

Q. If I don't like it, can I drop out without others being angry with me?

A. No one signs a contract saying they cannot leave their small group. You will, however, be surprised how much you will enjoy the new relationships you will develop. If something isn't working for you, be open about it. Maybe others are feeling exactly the same way.

Westminster Presbyterian Church **MAY 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 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	30 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM WPC Monday Morning Bible Study 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM TOPS IL #2386- Aurora Chapter 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Westminster Men's Open Basketball	1 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 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM CCS Parent Meeting- Sanctuary 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Yoga	2 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 8:45 AM - 10:30 AM Weight Control 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 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM AA District Meeting	3 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Thursday Afternoon Prayer Team- W. Conf. Room 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM National Day of Prayer Service	4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED NO CHURCH RENTALS 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM CCS School Day	5 NO CHURCH RENTALS 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM CCS- Greek School 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CCS- Music program (El Sistema) 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM WPC Fellowship Event - 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.

