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Goodbye and Hello!

Summer seems to be the time when most people move. Sometimes, it all happens so fast that you get that feeling Dorothy had in the Wizard of Oz: "Oh my! People come and go so quickly here!" It's particularly hard when we make new friends and then they move on. Nevertheless, sometimes that is the journey to which God calls us.

Thank you Rev. Jen Strickland

To Jen, we want to say a big thank you for your ministry among us. And may God guide you in your future endeavors. As Rev. Jen and her husband Rev. Jacob Buchholz will have an opportunity to practice ministry as pastors together in the same church, we know that will be a unique and fulfilling experience. And not only be in California, but to be just a few miles from a family member will be an added blessing. We have enjoyed Jen's preaching, her hard work, and her vision for creative ministry ideas.

Jen, Westminster was the place where you were ordained and had your first call to ministry. While first calls are often short, they can be very helpful in discovering so much about your gifts and about the ministry. May God bless your future leadership and your new pastoral partnership with Jacob!

Welcome to Our New Director of Children's Ministries

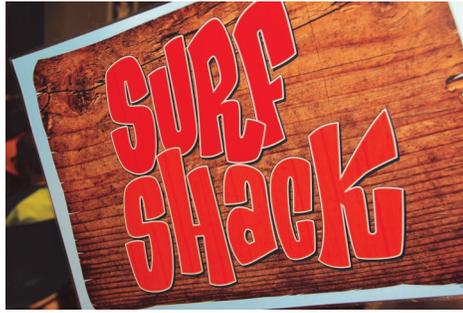
After an extensive search process, the Director of Children and Families Search Committee is thrilled to announce our next DCM, Barbara Hipple. Barbara is well known around the Presbyterian churches in Lincoln and in Homestead Presbytery as she served on the Presbytery staff for many years. She loves children and she loves the Presbyterian Church. She was Mission and Outreach Coordinator for Homestead. She has directed various camps, Sunday Schools, Vacation Bible Schools, and been advisor to church youth and young adults groups. The arts are one of her passions, which is a big plus when working with children. She taught multiple times at Synod School. She was a board member of Presbyterians for Earth Care and involved in environmental stewardship. And early in her career, she worked at the American College in Paris and the American Protestant Church in the Hague, in the Netherlands.

We will be able to welcome Barbara this month to this wonderful church and to the team that watches over all of the many ministries for children, youth and families! She begins on Monday, July 11th.

And we all owe a big thank-you to the search committee for their thoughtful and great work: Sonia Harford, Karen Hoffman, Rob Bennetts, Rob Baltensperger, Geoff Cline and our chair, Erika Schafer. You did a wonderful job!

Warmly,

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald



Vacation Bible School Pictures



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Summer fun at Preschool

Paint yourself silly came out and helped the children learn a leaf printing technique, Homer from the Lincoln Saltdog's talked baseball, we walked to the Bike Shop to learn how to change a tire, and the staff at Leon's were so helpful on our tour as well. See our pictures of the summer fun we are having at Westminster Preschool.

Sunday School Summer Session: June 5th – August 7th

Continuing in July, those in our Kindergarten of Eden who are 3 years old or younger will meet in the toddler room at 10:45am.

Downstairs in Faith Village, our 4 year old preschool friends will meet in Faith Village Theatre with our K-5th grade friends. Beginning at 10:45am, the children will watch the Buck Denver video series “What’s in the Bible?” from the creator of Veggie Tales, Phil Vischer. Our children will expand their foundational knowledge of books in the Bible through these fun filled videos!

We invite you to bring your children to Sunday School to grow with love for our Creator!

Foundation Birthdays April, May, and June

Marybell Avery
Chip DeBuse
Treven Fricke
Jim Kinkennon
Willie Shafer
Allen Wachter

Rich Batten
Mike Dempsey
Carol Jean Glenn
Kim Kubick
Tom Smith
Faye Webert

Dale Burrage
Christy Dempsey
Michael Gregg
Scott Lippstreu
Dale Tinstman

Steve Carveth
Lyudmila Fomina
Marcia Hollestelle
Bill Roberts
Jane Voorhies

All in the Family

Marriages: Best wishes to Morgan Hegert and Michael Thedinga married on May 28; Christine McKinney and Nic Genrich married on June 11; Stephanie Phillip and Brian Semerad married on June 18; Krystal Hernandez and Tryell Harlow married on June 25.

Baptism: Hudson James, son of Brandi and Shawn Jording on June 12.

Bereavements: Comfort for the family and friends of Beth Hamilton who died on May 28; Paul Byerly who died on June 18; Michael Ryan who died on June 22; and Kim Johnson who died on June 25.

Rev. Jen Strickland’s Farewell Celebration

Join us Sunday, July 10th
for refreshments after all worship services
to help celebrate Rev. Jen and
her future ministry.



The Westminster Foundation

The midyear update on the activity of the Foundation is as follows. The church had to replace a major part of the HVAC system and that project is almost complete. The church has incurred \$130,000.00 in expenses to date and another \$30,000.00 or so will finish this major installation. The Foundation operates to help the church when these major events occur. The Foundation is happy to say that we made gifts to the church to cover the cost of this project. It does however deplete the corpus of the Foundation and reduces the other gifts the Foundation will do in the future. Any donations you would make to replace the dollars in the Foundation would be very much appreciated. The Foundation wants you to know what we have been able to do to help the church achieve it's mission in the past. Over the last four years the endowment has made \$170,148.00 in gifts back to the church. The General Fund has made gifts in the amounts of \$306,616.00, for a grand total of \$476,764.00. The dollars come from a percentage of the Foundation's balance on a rolling three year basis. The Foundation as you can see has made a big difference in the life of Westminster. Anything you can do to help build our Foundation today will keep on giving forever. When giving be sure to mark your check as Foundation donation and attention to Business Administrator.

Help Supply Items for Hygiene Kits

The Outreach Team is planning to put together Hygiene Kits in August. The Outreach Team will be collecting items for these kits from now until Genesis Sunday. Each "kit" has a hand towel, washcloth, wide tooth comb, nail clipper, bar of soap, toothbrush, and band-aids. Last year's team was able to put together 110 kits. Let's match that again this year. Any questions feel free to contact Joan Roberts at roberts2520@windstream.net.

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Items</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Items</u>
July 10th	Hand Towel/Wash Cloth	July 17th	Comb/Nail Clipper
July 24th	Soap/Tooth Brush	July 31st	Band Aids/Gallon Bags
August 14th	Put Kits Together		

Westminster Bible Class

The Bible class meets on Sunday mornings at 9am. The focus in July is "A World Gone Wrong ." Join us in the Parlor for energized discussion and exploration of the day's text.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Theme</u>
July 3rd*	Romans 1:18-23, 28-32 & Romans 2:17-29	Ignoring God's Plain Truth & God's Truth Within Us
July 10th	Romans 3:9-20	We Are All Under Sin's Power
July 17th	Romans 3:21-31	God Set Things Right
July 24th		
July 31st		

**Make up of June 26th and July 3rd lessons*

Adult Education on Sundays

Join us on Sunday mornings in July for the topic "Will Faith Have a Role in the 2016 Presidential Campaign?" As the race for the presidency heats up, questions arise as to the beliefs and integrity of the candidates.

<u>Date</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Presented by</u>
July 3rd	Report regarding the 2016 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA)	
July 10th	The Faith of Ronald Reagan	Ernie Hines
July 17th	The Faith of Abraham Lincoln	Mike Rasmussen
July 24th	The Faith of Donald Trump	Ernie Hines
July 31st	The Faith of Hillary Clinton	Ernie Hines

Annual Book Sale

Can you believe it? It is only six weeks until this year's annual Book Sale. Sunday, August 14th is the date - mark it on your calendar, and start checking your closets and shelves for books, DVDs, puzzles, games, etc. to donate. Donations can be left in the library any time before Friday, August 12th. This is the library's only source of income for purchasing books and supplies. Last year's sale was very successful - help make it two in a row.

Westminster Preschool is now Hiring!

As we gear up for our fall session we are hiring a pre-kindergarten teacher and an afternoon extended care teacher. If you know someone with education and experience - have them email their resume to Suzanne@westminsterlincoln.org or for more information regarding the positions call 402-475-6702 ext.103.

Upcoming Events & small groups



Westminster

For more information
or a list of current
Small Groups, contact
Geoff Cline at
geoffcline@mac.com.

Bible at Breakfast

When: Mondays at 8am

Location: The Eatery Restaurant
(2548 S 48th St)

Topic daily devotional: *Uncommon Life*

By: Tony Dungy

Presented by: Bruce and Margaret Sheffield
Eggs, bacon, hash browns, toast, pancakes,
sweet rolls, coffee, etc. Even the words make
me hungry. There is also a hunger for words
from the Bible, fellowship with other
believers, and thankfulness for another day.
To fulfill both hungers, a Bible group will have
weekly meetings this summer on Mondays.
No preparation is needed other than your
hunger.

Young Adults

When: Wednesday, July 13th from 5-7pm

Location: The Mill at College View &
Goldenrod Pastries (4736 Prescott Ave)

Presented by: Pastor Jennifer Strickland

All Young Adults are welcome to join in the
drinks, pastries and fellowship.

Lunch Bunch

When: Tuesday, July 5th at 11:30 am

Location: The Eatery Restaurant (2548 S 48th St)

Come for fellowship and good food. All are
welcome. Call Larry Wieskamp at 402-802-6883
with any questions.

Prairie Readers

When: Wednesday, July 20th

1 pm in Westminster's Parlor

Book: *All the Light You Cannot See*

By: Anthony Doerr

Presented by: Marissa Kemp

Told mostly in the present tense, in short and
usually pointed chapters, the story moves briskly
and efficiently toward its climactic encounter during
the Allied bombing of St.-Malo, France, a couple of
months after D-Day.

Summer Choir

Will take a break in July. It will resume on Sunday,
August 7th. Come and sing for this one day
commitment choir. Meet at 9:30am in the sanctuary.
We sing at the 10:30am worship service. No robes or
steps required. You can worship with your family.
Come for great friendships and the joy of singing to
praise the Lord!



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CALLING ALL ASTRONAUTS!

Creative Arts Camp

July 11-15th from 9am-Noon - Let's use God's gift in you to be creative! Get ready for the GALACTIC BLAST!

(Cost: \$45 for 1 Child and \$120 for 3+ Children)

Register online at www.westminsterlincoln.org

Volunteers Needed for Creative Arts Camp

Calling for Space Commanders (volunteers) to help the Astronauts (children) to get ready for their quest.

Registration (8:45-9:45am) - Check-in with your warm welcome.

Craft Helpers (8:45-9:45am) - Help craft making and be a comforter for drop-off time.

Group Leaders (8:45am-12:10pm) - Shepherding children and help with activities.

Snack Helpers - Help provide snacks for the week.

For more information or to sign up contact Masako at 402-475-6702 ext. 111.
