

WESTERN SPIRE MAY 2019



Greetings to Friends at Western Presbyterian Church!

Why would a guy in his mid-40s, who already has a terminal degree and a solid profession in school administration, be “surfing” the Western Theological Seminary website? It seemed as though I was being called by the *Hound of Heaven*. While one or two knocks are subtle, “That Voice [was] round me like a bursting sea... I am he whom Thou seekest!”

In recent years, I have been conflicted about my calling to ministry. Stumbling upon the interconnectedness between *minister* and *administer*, I realized an administrator in purest form is one who is called (-ad) to serve (minister). What seemed to be just “poking around” on the Seminary website led to realizing the intricate relationship between ministry and school leadership. Although I have not yet come to terms with how God will use me once completing a degree at Western Theological Seminary, my studies and interactions with amazing professors and students have put me on a trajectory to be a more faithful servant. I don’t know whether it will be a nudge or a push, but I am confident there is a plan. I just wish God would clue me in!

That being said, the last two years of my Seminary experience have included amazing internship opportunities here at Western Presbyterian Church. Rev. Delhagen and the WPC mentoring team (Sue Leonard, Rena Haigh, and Don Dantz) have been of tremendous assistance to me. Their prayers, support, guidance, and feedback have been gifts. I have been given incredible experiences to lead Bible studies, share about mission experiences, visit those in assisted living facilities, attend Session, and, most recently, proclaim the Word of God during Sunday worship.

As my internship comes to a close, please know how much I appreciate all of you and the love you have shared. Although I will no longer be serving as a pastoral intern, your continued prayers and support are welcomed.

Grace and peace to each of you-
Bob Ike

Preaching and Worship

May 2019

May 5, 2019

**Third Sunday of Easter
9 am Book Club**

**Reader: Sharon Marr
Toddler Room: Nancy Talma**

Usher: Jerry & Sandy Kelly

May 12, 2019

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
Communion Sunday**

**Reader: Peter Fadden
Toddler Room: Logan & Kelly Babcock
Communion Elders: Irene Fadden, Sharon Marr, Phil Opdycke & Mary Beth LaBerge**

Usher: Jerry & Sandy Kelly

May 19, 2019

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
9 am Book Club
Youth Led Service
Last Day of Sunday School**

**Reader: Children Led Service
Toddler Room: Carol & Andy Sloan**

Usher: Jerry & Sandy Kelly

May 26, 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Reader: Sue Pringle
Toddler Room: Sue Leonard**

Usher: Jerry & Sandy Kelly



Reminder

**The deadline for the next SPIRE is Tuesday, May 21st, 2019.
Thank you!**



"I would like to thank my wonderful church family for all the cards, calls, prayers, food, shopping and rides to appointments during my recent illness. I'm finally feeling better and getting out to church and other activities. Thank you again for all of your support. You are the best!" Sandy McMenamin

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE... Your help in publicizing our benefit is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Contact Person: Linda Werts, 315-447-0276, lwerts@aol.com

Western Presbyterian Church to Host Bed City Event

Family Promise of Wayne County will hold its 2nd annual Bed City Fundraiser on May 11th to benefit its work with homeless families in Wayne County. The event is being held this year from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Western Presbyterian Church, 101 East Main Street, Palmyra, NY and the Palmyra Village Park next to the church.

Beds are donated, sponsored and decorated by county youth groups. Attendees vote their favorites and awards are determined by the voting. There will be food vendors, kids' activities, a silent auction, music and a non-profit tabling area.

Family Promise of Wayne County is an affiliate of the national Family Promise with its mission and vision to help homeless families regain sustainable housing, livelihoods and their dignity. Currently there are ten Host Congregations along with others in their communities participating in the program. For general information about Family Promise or to volunteer, please contact Board member, Linda Werts, at 315-447-0276. For information about program guidelines or to refer a homeless family, please contact Executive Director, Graig Roberts, at 585-708-9586.



From Your Fellowship Team

Please be sure to mark your calendars for church picnic to be held on Sunday, June 2nd in Fellowship Hall after the service. It will be a pot luck. Bring a dish to pass and your meal service. Fellowship will provide drinks, meats and dessert, because we will also be celebrating May and June birthdays. Join us for a good meal and great company!

The first one went so well, I'm trying it again!
Book Club for Adult Sunday School with the book
Help, Thanks, Wow by Anne Lamott.

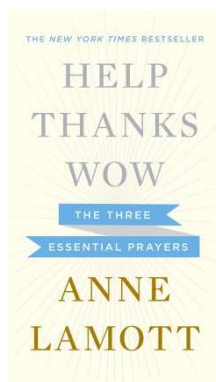
This book focuses on three essential prayers for daily life and will be divided in 3 sessions.

Book Club will run Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:45 am.

Help on May 5 (Fellowship Hall)
Thanks on May 19 (Fellowship Hall)
Wow on June 2 (Mary Griffith room)
Come to all or any you are able!

Breakfast goodies will be served, bring your own coffee/tea.
The cost of each book is \$15.50.

Questions to Emily Hunt edlugosh@yahoo.com





THE DANGERS OF VAPING

Monday, May 6, 2019 6:30 pm

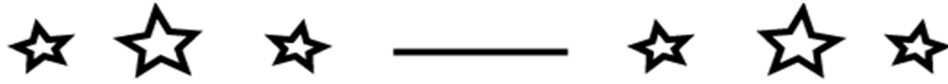
Palmyra Library 3rd Floor

Get the facts about vaping and
e-cigarettes.

Learn about the dangers of vaping.

*This is a free program, co-sponsored by the Western
Presbyterian Church. Please call 315-597-5276 to
pre-register.*





Thank You!



For All Your Hard Work!

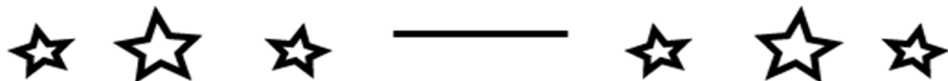


With so many hands -a big job becomes a cheerful undertaking!
Thank You to Everyone that gave their time and energy, their donations and bake goods and made purchases.

You all added in your way to the Success and Record-Breaking Sales of our WPC Rummage Sale!

Thanks, SOOOOO Much

~Jody





Fundraiser for Family Promise

Bed City, May 11th 4 PM to 7 PM

Western Presbyterian will be hosting Bed City. There are many ways you can help...

1. Create a Silent Auction Basket. List the items and value. Bring the baskets to church on Friday
2. Bring items to sell in Family Promise Booth – hats, scarves, bags, plants, handmade items.
3. Donate items for chili or other soups. It will be made at the church as it is a hot dish to be sold at the event.
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5. Donate bowls, spoons, and napkins for the chili.
6. Volunteer to sell chili the day of the event.
7. Donate bowls, spoons, and napkins for the chili.
8. Write a check to Family Promise to sponsor a bed and put it in the Generosity Box. WPC can surely raise \$1,000 to support Family Promise.
9. Tell others about event. Invite them to come with you to the event.
10. Pray for the Family Promise ministry in Wayne County.



Bed City at WPC and Village Park

May 11th, from 4 PM to 7 PM

Fundraiser for Family Promise

- Vote on Bed Decoration
- Buy a ticket for bedspread crocheted by Veronica, the first Family Promise mom.
- Bid on a Silent Auction Basket
- Eat some great food
- Find a special handmade item you can't resist.

Hope to see many WPC families
as we celebrate and fund
Family Promise for 2019 and beyond.

WE ARE LIVE at WPC!



As a way of reaching more people through our weekly worship, our services will now be live streamed through our church Facebook page! Over the past couple of years, we have experimented with how this can best be done, and because of our new A/V system, we now have the ability to share our worship with anyone who wishes to join us virtually. So, no matter where you are - in Florida for the winter; away for the weekend, at a Bills' game - you can worship with our community at Western Presbyterian Church! We pray that this will be a valuable gift to those who cannot physically be with us, and for those who may want to just check us out!

For those who do not have a Facebook account, we are looking into ways to share the recorded services through our website. Be on the lookout for more information!

***Directions:** Go to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/WesternPresbyterian and look for the post that will share the live stream (we will try to have the feed up ten minutes before worship begins). Simply click on the video - and make sure your volume is turned on!

***Please note:** if you join late and wish to watch the service from the beginning, you will have to wait until the conclusion of the service after the video is uploaded by Facebook.

We will also be sharing pictures of each page of the bulletin so you can follow along!

From Easter to Pentecost

Feel the Spirit, Fill the Shelves



April 28th – Pasta and Sauce

May 5th – Several Cans of Fruit

May 12th – Variety of Canned Vegetables

May 19th – Pancake Mix and Syrup

May 26th – Variety of Canned Fruit and Veggies

June 2nd – Spaghetti or Alfredo Sauce

June 9th – Boxes of Cereal

The prayer concerns listed are current as of 04/28/19. Please remember that all prayer requests are automatically removed from the list after one month unless the giver specifically requests continuation.

Our Prayer Concerns



Grieving:

Family & Friends of Shirley Kleinpeter (requested by Rayvon Moore)

Serving in Armed Forces: *(Please contact church office if no longer serving)*

Jeffrey Bavis, AJ Bliss, Kyle Chapman, Tim Henderson, Jake Hewitt, Adam Hill, Sarah Jagger, Joe Krebbeks, Patrick Magno, Brandon Maxwell, D.J. Phee-Henderson, Dylan Smith, Adam Stephens, Adam VanNatta, Logan Warner, Shod Williams

Others for whom prayers have been requested:

All caregivers, All victims of violence, hatred and hunger, Brooks Ballard, Jane Becker, Mary Blake, the Brown Family, Carol Burns, John Condie, Harold W. Delhagen, Harry DeCook, Gladys DeBruyne, Art Duel, Evelyn Elsenheimer, Yvonne Ferraro, Ed Forman, Emily Fowler, Mary Kay Jones, the Jorgensen Family, Rosie Kessler, Jack Kilty, Kriss Larsen, Marta Lydia & Pastor Ricardo, Mason, Marilyn Pitts, Wesley Pruitt, Joyce Rauhe, Wilma Redman, Marion Staples, Oscar Stevens, Becky Strause, Ted's son, Richie Thomas, Steve Vanderwedge, Bob Wyllie

Please pray for those who wish to remain anonymous as they, too, need our prayers.

Others for whom we continue to pray:

Doris Coffman, Tracy D'Arduini, Harold M. Delhagen, Ed Elsenheimer, Jack Lamphier, Laura Loomis, Nick Loomis, Ashley Maragas, Cim McFarlane, Luke Medina, Christie Romano, Melissa Taylor, Jonah Wieber

Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:

Peg Eskild, Jamie Hemmings, Beverly Koeberle, Bev Mouton, Patricia Nash, Grace Williams

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In the event of an emergency for which prayer is requested, please call **Deacon Sandy McMenamin @ Home 315-597-6181** smcmenamin@rochester.rr.com

You may also call the **church office 597-9171** to communicate your request through the Deacons Emergency Prayer Chain.

Your Property Team would like to remind you that we have a monthly point person on call. If you spot an urgent issue that needs attending, please contact the appropriate person rather than the person you may have reached out to in the past.

Month	Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
May	Don Dantz	315-597-2143	585-317-4960	ddantz@rochester.rr.com

Thank you! We appreciate all the members of our congregation being eyes and ears for our facility.



Toddler **MAY** Schedule

Below is the Schedule for staffing of the Toddler Room during the 10:00 AM Sunday morning service. Thank you in advance for your extremely important mission of providing infant and toddler care. Please arrive about 10-15 minutes early. If you find you are not available on your assigned date, please find a replacement. Many, Many, thanks!

The Nursery is room # 5 – South Side located on the 2nd floor. Snack will be on the counter and a vacuum will be in the closet next to the Green Room. Age appropriate toys will be available as well as a changing table. Please let Jody know when we need to refill the snacks. Once again, Thank -You for your help.

05/05/19	Nancy Talma	315-597-5003
05/12/19	Logan & Kelly Babcock	315-210-0368
05/19/19	Carol and Andy Sloan	315-597-5182
05/26/19	Sue Leonard	585-734-4027
06/02/19	Rena Haigh	315-597-5971
06/09/19	Maxine & Kelly Babcock	315-210-0368
06/16/19	Sue Pringle	315-597-9533
06/23/19	Jan Taylor	315-597-4293
06/30/19	Irene Fadden	585-802-7594
07/07/19	Ruth Dantz	315-597-2143
07/14/19	Jody Pruitt	315-331-3211



*If anyone or anyone you know may be interested in joining the team in providing infant and toddler care during the 10:00am service please contact **Jody Pruitt**, we would love to have you! Also, if you are no longer able to help please let Jody know as well.

Thanks ~ the CE Team Jody Pruitt 315-331-3211 jody.pruitt@gmail.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 1	Courtney Marr
May 3	Emily McFarlane
May 5	Amanda Talma
May 8	James McFarlane
May 8	William Roland
May 9	Noah Scribner
May 10	Cimberly McFarlane
May 11	Brendon Trapiss
May 11	Catherine Quigley
May 15	Susan Moak
May 19	Cherokee Lane
May 22	Michael Pinkney
May 23	Deborah Trombino
May 24	Philip Opdycke
May 31	John Dobson IV

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 1	David & Patti Squier
May 5	Tom & Alicia Lynch
May 6	Scott & Wendi Gagliano
May 11	James & Daphne Hemmings
May 16	David & Elizabeth Lewis
May 17	Terrence & Betsy Goodwin
May 21	William & Caroline Roland
May 23	Gary & Pam Hughes
May 30	Peter & Irene Fadden

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office at 597-9171 so we can add it to our list next time!



MAY 2019

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
			1 11 am to 1 pm FH Women's Gathering 1 pm Mission/Social Concerns 7 pm Christian Ed.	2 National Day of Prayer Sanctuary Open 6 pm Potluck	3	4 8 am to 5 pm CTNS Vendor Event
5 3rd Sunday of Easter 9 am Book Club FH	6 2 pm Deacons 4:30 pm CTNS Board 6:30 pm Vaping Program at Palmyra Library 7 pm Fellowship	7	8	9 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	10 1-3 pm Set Up Bed City	11 10 am – Noon Decorate Beds 2 pm Set Up 4-7 pm Bed City Fundraiser
12 Communion Sunday Mother's Day	13 2:30 pm Select Choir Rehearsal	14 7 pm Worship	15 6:30 pm Property 7 pm Select Choir Recital	16 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	17	18
19 9 am Book Club FH Youth Led Service Last day of Sunday School	20	21 SPIRE DEADLINE 7 pm Generosity	22	23 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	24	25
26 6th Sunday of Easter	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28 7 pm Session	29	30 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	31	



JUNE 2019

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
						1 2 pm LECC Concert
2 9 am Book Club Parlor Birthday Celebration Church Picnic	3 4:30 pm CTNS Board 7 pm Fellowship	4 2 pm Deacons	5 1 pm Mission/Social Concerns 7 pm Christian Ed.	6 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	7	8
9 Pentecost Communion Sunday Last Choir Sunday	10	11 6-9 pm King's Daughters FH & Kit. 7 pm Worship	12	13	14	15
16 Father's Day Family Promise hosting families	17 Family Promise hosting families	18 SPIRE DEADLINE 7 pm Generosity Family Promise hosting families	19 6:30 pm Property Family Promise hosting families	20 Family Promise hosting families	21 Family Promise hosting families	22 Family Promise hosting families
23 Take Down Family Promise	24	25 7 pm Session	26 9 am to Noon Clean the Kitchen	27	28	29
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