

Stewardship

# WESTERN SPIRE

## NOVEMBER 2024

“Wie ein Elefant im Porzellanladen”

It means “an elephant in a porcelain shop” in German. To include the word "elephant," the most commonly used phrase in English might be "an elephant in the room," but as you know, it means something that everyone in the room knows but no one wants to acknowledge it or discuss it. On the contrary, “an elephant in a porcelain shop” is a figurative expression pointing to someone who is careless or reckless and who breaks things in situations that require careful thought or behavior. It is not necessarily because the person is wicked and evil, but simply because the person is given a role or put in a situation that is foreign to him/her for which his/her previous knowledge is useless or even improper. In English, we say, “a bull in a china shop” to give the same meaning, but I prefer the image of an elephant over a bull because it fits better for the character of innocence, shyness, and curiosity to make unintentional mistakes.

As a pastor who constantly struggles with self-doubt of intellect and pastoral skills, one of my coping strategies is to acquire the right knowledge for understanding a situation and making a decision through self-study, introspection and reflection. I understand where I am going wrong and what should be done at the moment, if I am not to be an elephant to break vulnerable and innocent souls in my ministry, unintentionally and even unknowingly. Whether I consider myself a good fit or not may be a relative truth because it is God who calls each of us for a certain work for a certain time. The work to which we are called by God may not be permanent because God’s call can be gradual or preparation for a greater call. However, one thing is always true. God uses people who always examine their hearts, as God said to Samuel, “Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

We are told that taking ownership is an absolute virtue that is to be applied in the workplace and in life. We are encouraged to be proactive, solution-oriented, less emotional but more rational, and accountable, ready to take on any challenges along the way. Taking ownership feels empowering and gives us the authority to make our own decisions. However, making decisions without thinking how they may impact others’ lives, and your own life is called impulsive. If taking ownership of our life is an absolute virtue, we could conclude that all addiction problems or family problems in the world are caused by those who don’t take ownership in their lives, which is not true. Absolutely, it is not true.

To take ownership and full responsibility for a job is for a mature person. The person who takes pride in the work they are doing understands that their role matters. It is a virtue to a certain point... until you realize it defines who you are... until you have a possessive mentality that you are the best and only person for the particular job... until your such conviction is broken... until you realize you have no tactic to get out of the cycle of perfectionism.

God doesn't ask us to take ownership in our lives. Instead, the Bible uses a special word called 'stewardship.' It may sound less authentic or less exciting for you, but it draws a clear line between our own ability and God-given gifts, between motivation driven by a temptation of controlling and that which is driven by a purpose of God's calling us. Stewardship requires a process of introspection and reflection, while ownership doesn't, until it takes us to an unhealthy extreme. We are called to steward a role God allows us, trusting that God will take care of the rest. It means ownership is a thing that belongs to God.

As we all are aware, we have the 2024 presidential election coming up. The only requirement for me to choose the right candidate is whether he or she considers him/herself as a steward or an owner. If he or she takes the owner's side, he or she may be an elephant in a porcelain shop causing real troubles in people's lives beginning with the most vulnerable. The Bible says in Proverbs 29:2, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice. But when a wicked man rules, the people groan."

Peace of Christ,  
Rev. Hodong Hwang

# Many helping hands make the work light



The Women's Association is thrilled to present to our congregation more comfort and color in Fellowship Hall! A group of women went shopping and tested over 50 chairs. This design is the one that is 'just right"! We sure do hope everyone will enjoy them as much as we do.

The gathering of helping hands to meet the delivery truck was like a celebration. Everyone joined together in joy as we uncrated these 60 chairs. Just a lot of fun.

We tried to sell the folding chairs, but that did not work. We donated half of the folding chairs to the Wayne County Fair. They were thrilled to get them. We have the balance of the chairs in our closet for times when seating of more than 60 people is needed.

NEVER will the new stackable padded chairs leave the church!

ONLY the folding chairs are available to be loaned out.

Funding for the chairs was shared between the women's investments and Church memorial fund.

*Now we can experience a bit of comfort as we do God's work.*



**WPC is collecting granola bars and mac and cheese cups to pack into Weekend Wellness bags.**

**64 children received a bag each week since school began.**  
Food Pantry is purchasing the food items and packing the bags at a cost of about \$8 per bag.

Each donation we make helps decrease the cost to the Food Pantry.

Bags are packed on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 7 PM.

**Black Mountain Presbyterian Church is feeding Hurricane Helene victims.**

Any donations would be gladly accepted at their website or by check to

[117 Montreat Rd. Black Mountain, NC 28711](#)



**60%**  
of Hondurans live in poverty.

without access to reliable and nutritious food and medicine.

WPC has supported Healthy Ninos for several years. We have made clean water possible, put concrete floors in houses, donated personnel health items, and sent boxes of

Healthy Ninos used to help 8 children and their families each month. The first six months Healthy Ninos helped 137 children and their mothers, **3 times more being served.**

**Thank you for being the hands, feet, and wallet of Christ in everything you do to serve the "least of these."**

## CLL AKA ~ ~ Circle of Lovely Ladies!

This is how we saw ourselves as the women's group gathered in the parlor for circle. Truly we were sitting in a circle. Absolutely we were and still are lovely ladies... all except perhaps Randy that is!



Our memory verse is a shortened version of the one found in our Lesson. **Colossians 3: 1-2** *"If then you have been raised in Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."*

This scripture is from one of the letters Paul wrote. His focus was to redirect folks to how the Christian church should be modeled, modeled through Jesus's vision. Paul was seeing that folks were wondering from Jesus' teachings and wanted to reign folks back in. What Do's and Do Not's are there in various faiths? Are these rules dictated in the Bible? For the most part, the answer is 'no' per Paul.



This Epistle written by Paul was a by-product of his passion to ensure the future of the Christian Church. What passions do we have here and now, today in our lives? What might we feel motivated to speak out about? How would we shape the message, who would we want to hear our message? How could we be agents of change through our passions? To do so would mean we would need to put ourselves out there to be judged. Our passion might be to express appreciation for a sermon well done. Might we want to inform others of food availability in our community? Would we want to highlight that all should be honored for their uniqueness's, not their differences? Where is our passion and how do we communicate it?

The differences of earthly belongings and earthly lives compared to Christ-like lives have some glaring differences. Some earthly desires are difficult to let go of such as materialism, mores, electronic devises, greed, grudges, ridged scheduling and the lack of being present. A Christ-like



persona sounds easy to own, but is it really? Is it as easy as following the ten commandments? How do we deliver ourselves from temptations? One person shared that being contrary was a difficult behavior to let go of. As much as we all wanted to be more in-line with compassion, love, humility, patience, forgiveness, acceptance of all; these had challenging hurdles to overcome. Love is the perfect bond of unity ~ Peace of Christ controls our hearts.



**Practice the Pause.**

*Pause before judging.*

*Pause before assuming.*

*Pause before accusing.*

*Pause whenever you are about to react harshly and you will avoid doing and saying things you will regret later.*

Healing strategies to deal with anxiety and fears have both worldly and Godly actions:

Worldly Actions		Godly Actions
Avoidance and suppression	<b>Replaced by</b>	Meditation and acceptance that some things may be out of our control
Overeating or drinking excessively		Find solitude/ a quiet place and be real about how you feel/ take a walk
Put on a happy face		Practice self-Love
Yelling and screaming		Pause before reacting/ Don't always figure out things by yourself
Holding everything in, put up a wall between anxiety and life		Pray, talk to God and breath deeply

Prayer can be as simple as these 3 words:

*(Sometimes wrapping your thoughts around lots of words are not needed. God feels and sees your heart.)*

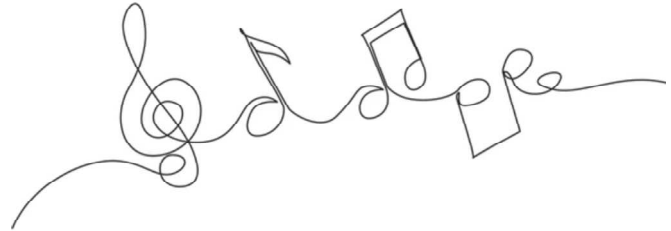
**HELP ~**  
**THANKS ~**  
**WOW ~**



In celebration of our new Hymnals and the joy of music sung and played in worship, it seemed appropriate to share an insight included within the lesson covered in the Women's Circle this month, however, not actively discussed.

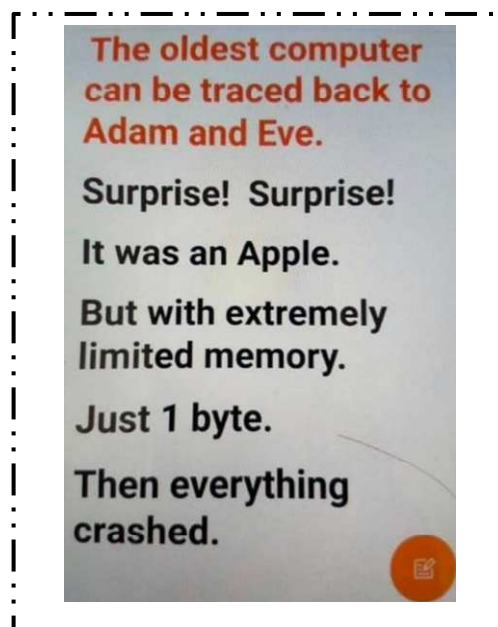
This snippet was taken from the CEB Student Bible that is used by Jan Taylor and Randy Kennard in preparation for the Circle's Bible study. It is found as part of notations around Colossians, a letter from Paul addressing how churches should represent God's will. This at a time when churches were drifting in many different directions away from the messaging of Jesus. It resonated to us so much that we wanted to share it with you. ~

Hugs ~



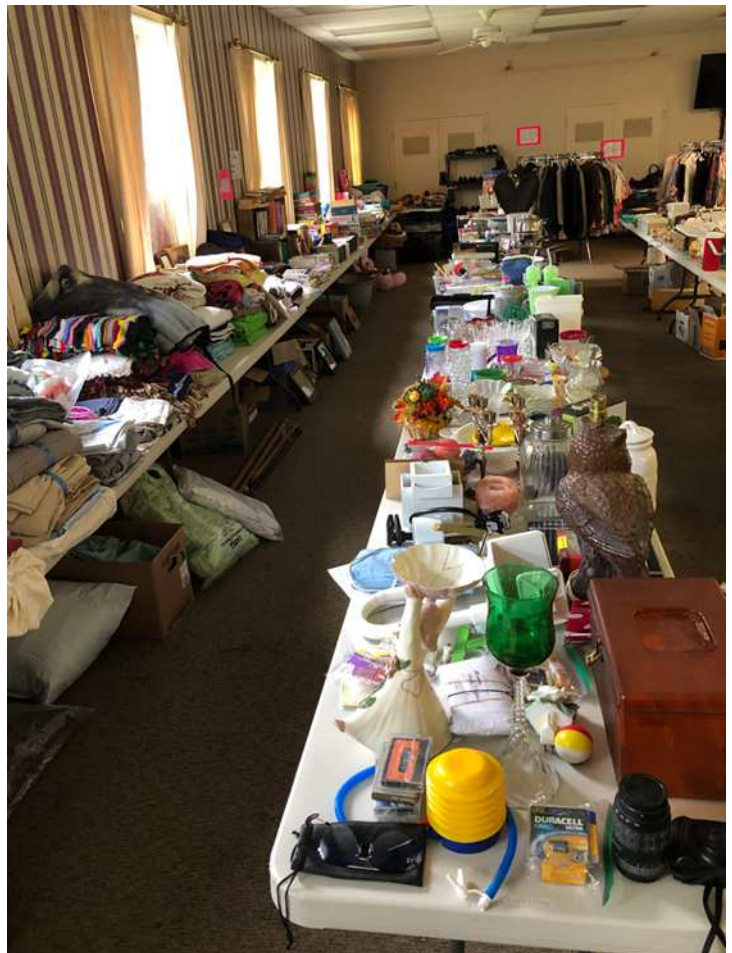
## **Singing Songs to God**

**Singing music in church is one of the most beloved parts of worship. It is also one of the main sources of conflict in congregations. Everyone has their own favorite hymns, favorite types of instrumental accompaniment, and personal preference for how loud the music should be. In this passage, Paul isn't concerned with any of those questions. He is concerned with what the music is doing and the inner desire of those who sing it. First, Paul urges the believers to use their singing of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to build up wisdom through teaching and warning. Second, Paul challenges everyone to sing to God "with gratitude in your hearts." Amen.**



## Fall Rummage Sale.....

- The signs went up near the road
- *Request for items went out*
- Bags and boxes arrived by the car load
- *Tables were positioned and racks a-ready*
- Helping hands with laughter and energy placed all the wares out
- *The tables are full and ready for shoppers*
- The line goes out into the parking lot as anxious shopper are ready to buy, buy, buy!
- *Another Great Sale*







HAPPY

BIRTHDAY  
HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY

November 5      Katie Mitchell  
November 8      Michael Semans  
November 8      Gary LaBerge  
November 9      Betsy Lewis  
November 10     Sue Leonard  
November 12     Terry Gendron  
November 13     Joan Durfey  
November 16     Nella McFarlane  
November 18     Abagayle Teeter  
November 26     Randy Kennard

November 22    David & Patricia Pinkney

**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!**

**The team minutes received for October include:**

WPC Christian Education Team

## Minutes October 1, 2024

Building Faith, Family, and Fellowship. WPC nurtures spiritual growth, joyful fellowship, meaningful community and global involvement: worshiping and serving God with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

Present: Jody Pruitt, Emily Hunt, Cim McFarlane

In Spirit: Ellen Avery, Pastor Hodong

### **Upcoming Events:**

October 20- Teacher Commissioning

October 26- Trick or Treat on Main Street

November 10- Christmas Card Making

December 1- No Sunday School (Thanksgiving weekend)

December 29- No Sunday School (Christmas weekend)

January 5- Children's Service Epiphany

January 12- Valentine Card Making

March 16- Easter Card Making

March 23- Palm Sunday Bulletin Making

April 13- Palm Sunday Parade

April 20- No Sunday School (Easter weekend)

May 18- Spring Children's Service

July 28- August 1- VBS

### **Continuing and New Business**

**Sunday School News-** We had a very successful Back to Sunday School breakfast last week. Thank you to everyone who attended. We made several cute pumpkins that will be sent to college students and shut-ins. A highlight was playing pumpkin tic-tac-toe.

Sunday School classes begin this Sunday. We discussed bringing back the Sunday School offering. We decided that we will allow the students to pick where the offering will go (we will give them options that are missions of our church).

**Sunday School Teacher Commissioning-** October 20- each teacher is available that day. Emily reached out to Pastor Hodong and he is fine with this date.

**Camp Whitman-** Cim has a meeting tomorrow. Camp is hoping to expand the camp for adults with developmental disabilities next summer. Saturday is the fall cleanup day.

**Presbyterian Youth Triennium-** The theme for Triennium 2025 will be As If We Were Dreaming. It will be held July 28-31 in Louisville, Kentucky. It is being held at a convention center and participants will stay in nearby hotels. Several WPC youth are eligible to attend. We need to find out who is

interested and begin thinking of ideas for fundraising.

**2025 VBS-** Cim will order the new curriculum- True North

**Trick or Treat on Main Street-** The donation box is out for candy donations. Emily talked to Courtney and she is making WPC labels for the bags. Emily will pack the baggies on October 20 during the Sunday School hour.

**Toddler Time-** Cim had a record number today- 19 families and 25 children. 15 of the families were new to WPC Toddler Time. She said opening up the crawling room made a big difference. Jan Taylor helped Cim today. The next WPC Toddler Time will be 10/15.

**Nursery-** We discussed using the muscle room for a nursery. Cim says we will need two volunteers each Sunday. One of the volunteers can be a teen and we will see if Nella and/or Avery are interested. We will need to bring the changing table downstairs and set up a pack and play. There are drawers where we can store some extra diapers and wipes. We would need to be able to open the old kitchen window to be able to view both spaces at once. It is possible that this window is painted shut. James may be able to put up a monitor so the nursery volunteers can still view worship.

If we get a tv downstairs so volunteers can watch the worship service during nursery time, can church committees take a month and set up volunteers so that the whole responsibility isn't on CE? After all, it should be a whole church effort--or hire someone for the nursery for each Sunday and the 2nd person can be a volunteer.

**Youth Group-** Lisa P and Cim are thinking about apple picking on October 20. **Labyrinth-** We continued the discussion about using the labyrinth at the Episcopal Church. This could be used for a youth group event or an educational theme. Pastor Hodong will talk to Keisha to set up a day before winter comes.

**Holiday Festival of Lights-** we discussed wanting to do this youth event again this winter. We haven't seen it advertised yet and wondered if it will happen with the closing of the Log Cabin. We will keep an eye out for more information and look for an alternative plan if it is not happening this year. Cim mentioned having a **Christmas Scavenger Hunt** and Emily talked about the Goosechase App that we could use to play the scavenger hunt. We will look into this as another winter youth activity.

**Next meeting:** November 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Emily Hunt

## **Fellowship Meeting**

**10/7/2024**

Present: Roxanne Dobson, Terry Gendron, Val Gendron, Jan Taylor, Norm Underwood

Update on progressive dinner 11/2:

Rena will host appetizers. Entrée of mini subs and wraps will be at the church. Jody will host dessert.

Jan will create a sign-up sheet for head count and for people to contribute desserts and appetizers. Val will announce in church on Sunday. Norm will ask Irene to post on screen.

Approximate times: appetizers at 4:30 pm. Meal at 5:30 pm and desserts at 6:30 pm.

Western Horizons Sunday 10/20: Special coffee hour.

Jan will get clear plates. Ray will get crème puffs. Norm will look into 1/2 sheet cake. We will have coffee, tea, juice and cider. Norm will send the list of 50-year members to Irene to put on the screen.

Hanging of the Greens 11/24: Team will host coffee hour. Will have coffee, tea, cider.

Ray to do crème puffs. Ray and Terry will bring up decorations and trees. Norm will let Kathy know to put on church calendar.

Roxanne volunteered to Chair Fellowship next year.

Respectfully submitted. Norm Underwood

## Mission and Social Concerns Ministry Team Minutes

October 10-2024

Present: \_P\_ Cassie Hughes \_P\_ Edie Chapman \_P\_\_ Irene Fadden \_P\_ Sally Chase  
\_\_ Johnnie Fontaine \_\_P\_ Rena Haigh \_\_P\_ Ruth Dantz \_P\_ Rev. Hodong Hwang

**Lighting the Christ Candle**, Scripture Matthew 5:14-16 and Opening Prayer

**Mission Budget** – Finance met and proposed that Mission receive funds for 2024 as per our budget request. \$20,285. The session’s approval was given at the meeting on Tuesday evening. Checks will be sent to the various missions except the \$2000 for the Food Cupboard and \$2,000 Food Pantry. Irene has bought cereal by the case from Wegman’s for the food cupboard. Ruth will continue to buy personal health and cleaning supplies that cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits.

Most Mission Budget amounts are given below but for those not listed:

1. **Meals on Wheels** - \$2,000
2. **Clint McCoy Feeding Center in Malawi** - \$500
3. **Victim Resource Center** - \$1,000
4. **Presbytery Mission** - \$2540
5. **Synod Mission** - \$100
6. **PCUSA Mission** - \$100

**Food Pantry update** – Things are going well. The pantry is being used by many families to make their budget stretch. The next pantry meeting is October 22 at Dave Nagel’s. 70 dinners will be boxed for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Birthday Bags are needed all the time. Women’s Circle do collect a few bags at each meeting.

**Food Cupboard “Take what you need, Give what you can.”** The Lions Club held a Fall Collection drive. The event was well received, and a lot of food was collected.

The food cupboard has been filled more regularly by volunteers. The cupboard is being used and, on the days, it is filled twice a day, it is being used twice as much. If you see the cupboard needs replenishment, please do it.

**Good Neighbor Fund Update** – Balance of \$49.34 remains. We will send \$3,000 from our budget. \$1,000 has already been sent.

**Weekend Wellness update** – There is a remaining balance in the Weekend Wellness account of \$1,000 with Wilma. Money was received from Pal-Mac Rotary. \$7,000 was sent to the Food

Pantry. Our budget will send another \$3,000 to the Food Pantry to use for Weekend Wellness purchases.

Bags are being filled the first and third Tuesdays. Those are the days that the Lions Club meets. Irene let Noreen know that if she needed bags filled WPC would be able to do it on a different day.

This fall 64 bags have been taken to the school each week, 128 so far this school year.

**Family Promise** –There are 2 new families in the program; a mother and her 4 youth are staying in the Day Center, and a mother and her 2 children are in an apartment in Lyons.

The WPC Fall Family Promise dinners are Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> and Nov 25<sup>th</sup>. \$2,000 will be sent to Family Promise.

**Healthy Ninos Honduras** – The latest newsletter states the needs of the people since the pandemic have increased over 3-fold. They used to serve 8 children and their mothers, bringing them into housing and care for them until they are healthy. 167 children and their mothers have been served in the first 6 months of 2024. The mission says they can feed the children for \$40 per month. The mission team planned to send \$800 for 20 water purification buckets. It was decided we will send the check to the mission and let them use the \$800 as they choose for food or water bucket.

**Hurricane Helene victims** are being fed by Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. The church's website has a button to click to give donations to help with this mission.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** – Cassie will make the announcement on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, the day of the collection. Randy made a moving invitation to give to the OGHS – helping hurricane victims and other Presbytery Disaster Assistance. Rena is the liturgist on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, and she will make an announcement about the offering.

Beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have a **Reverse Advent Calendar**. Irene will be sure to update the calendar dates. It will be in December's Spire.

**Budget for 2025** – for our mission \$21,350 and for the wider church \$2,745.

Next meeting will be November 7 at 9:30 AM.

### **Closing Prayer**

Respectfully submitted, Irene Fadden

# PROPERTY MINISTRY TEAM - MINUTES

September 24, 2024  
WPC

Present: Phil Opdycke, James McFarlane, Gary LaBerge, and Don Dantz

1. The meeting was opened with a prayer from Phil.
2. Thanks for the new comfy chairs.
3. James reported that the handicap chair isn't working. So, James will contact the manufacturer for a correction.
4. Chair carts-2 full and 2 now empty. Many went to the fair.
5. The new cleaning service seems to be working well. They even cleaned the fellowship hall fan blades.
6. Query-should we develop a simple contractor form for any and all services to the property committee. Just so we have a written example of all maintenance for the building.
7. The T loop discussion- We got a new set up ten years ago; however, the newest hearing aides are no longer programmed as T loop compatible. And since Facebook has a 10-15 second delay in the audio, it may cost over \$2,000 for a compatible new system. The committee is looking into other sources such as Bluetooth with our own Wi-Fi.
8. We will inquire with the fair if they would like our old wooden tables that are in the basement.
9. We are looking at purchasing new handles for the kitchen cupboards in the old kitchen as a safety measure with the little ones who visit on Mommy and Tot days.
10. A large baby gate has been purchased for downstairs to split the old kitchen to increase use of the room.
11. Gary rented the lift from Blazey's and cleaned the gutters. He filled 3 buckets with stuff.
12. In time 5-10 years when the roof will need to be redone, we should put in new heavier grade gutters at the same time.
13. The regional safety inspector came to church in September to check for any violations that need to be corrected to comply with the local zoning laws. So, we need to change a few things.
  - A. Test buttons on the safety lights don't work. Need to replace all locations.
  - B. Need new florescent exit signs.
  - C. Time to recharge and add a couple of new ones: ie The Mary Griffith room.
  - D. More carbon monoxide monitors are needed.
  - E. The inspector will return and give us more info. in depth in October.

14. There are two exit doors that are problematic. One is the Mary Griffith outside door and the north side basement door. By law both need crash bars.
15. The boiler inspection is December 2.
16. The fire department now has an outside and inside key so that they will not have to break windows to get in.
17. Parking cement blocks – 16 six footers are going to be purchased for \$200. Gary will install them.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phil Opdycke

Stated Meeting of Session  
September 3, 2024



The stated meeting of the session of Western Presbyterian Church & Society, Palmyra, New York was called to order by the moderator Reverend HoDong Hwang at 7:00PM in Fellowship Hall. The meeting was opened with prayer.

**8 Present:** Norman Underwood, Alicia Lynch, Philip Opdycke, Randy Kennard, Irene Fadden, Emily Hunt, Courtney Marr, Janet Manktelow

0 Absent

**0 Excused**

**A quorum was present.**

- Motion made by Alicia Lynch seconded and carried to approve the meeting agenda.

Randy Kennard shared devotions with us..

### **Clerks Report**

- Motion made by Norm Underwood seconded and carried to approve the minutes from the August meeting.

**The following death is recorded: Doris Chriswell (m) DOD Sept. 3, 2024 at the age of 96.** A private graveside service will be held with the Reverend Robin Lostetter officiating.

### **Financial Secretary's Report**

**July 2024**

	<b>Current</b>	<b>2024 Month</b>	<b>2024 YTD</b>	<b>YTD% of Budget</b>
<b>Budget</b>				
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$40,250</b>	<b>\$119,733</b>	<b>\$173,285</b>	<b>69.10%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$14,426</b>	<b>\$89,690</b>	<b>\$185,198</b>	<b>48.43%</b>
<b>Total Receipts and Expenditures</b>	<b>\$25,824</b>	<b>\$30,043</b>	<b>(\$11,913)</b>	

### **Business of the Church**

Update: the new chairs for Fellowship Hall should arrive on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Motion made by Christian Ed Ministry Team to approve having Toddler Time in the muscle room from 9:30 -11:00AM every other week starting Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. This program is partnered with the Palmyra community Center. Motion passed.

Update: the proposed Day Care is waiting for the state and county to inspect the facilities. Nothing can happen until that is complete.

## **Ministry Team Reports**

**Worship Ministry Team** – the new hymnals are here and will be placed in the pews to be used starting Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Fellowship Ministry Team** – Will hold the Welcome Back Picnic on Sept.22<sup>nd</sup>. Western Horizons Sunday Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> and Progressive Dinner Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Deacons Ministry Team** -Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell will have hip replacement surgery on Sept.4<sup>th</sup>.

**Mission Ministry Team** -Will meet on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance Ministry Team** -They are meeting with the auditor this Thursday.

**CE Ministry Team**- Welcome back to Sunday School Breakfast will be the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Property Ministry Team** -Looking into the paint peeling in the sanctuary. Hire a new cleaning service: Emily Jane Cleaning and Care LLC run by Emily Demeurisse.

Presbytery- offering several Webinars

● Motion made by Philip Opdycke seconded and carried to allow Randy Kennard to fill in for the clerk at the Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> session meeting.

Devotions at the Oct 8<sup>th</sup> meeting- Courtney

● Motion made by Emily Hunt seconded and carried to adjourn with prayer at 8:00PM.

Janet Manktelow

Clerk

## Worship Meeting September 10, 2024

Excused: MaryBeth and Carol

### Agenda

New Hymnals Name Plate Fundraiser & Selling of old

Start in September and have it be on going

Cost \$25 new/ Donation for old

Forms will be collected by worship members or put in worship mailbox.

Hymnal exchange- Worship Team will come on Thursday September 19 at 3:15 pm to put new hymns in and take old out. Old hymnals with nameplates will go in Fellowship Hall/no nameplates will go in a box in Mary Griffith Room.

-Check to see if there are places locally who might want our hymns donated.

Organist Schedule Issues/Music in General-We will set up a time with Jack for people to learn how to play the list on the organ.

\*Look into advertising for a sub organist or pianist or for someone to join the monthly organist list.

Do we want to advertise for special music for the holidays? Is there money to pay for a musician/singer to come on Sundays in Advent?

Candles-Be careful of the brass when changing the candles.

Acappella group-Elijah would like to host his group for a concert-are we on board?

\*Sue will get more information from Elijah, but we all think this would be wonderful for us to host. We will ask Elijah to fill in a building use form when a date is set and will add to the Session agenda when we have more information.

Questions to ask:

\*Open to the public and tickets or free?

\*Check song choice

\*Who will be here with them?

\*Refreshments after?

October Communion-World Wide Communion first Sunday of October

Offering Envelopes-ordered more! 2,000 envelopes

Sue put envelopes in the pews.

We will look each Sunday to see when we need to replace the envelopes.

Fall Decorations?

For October now-mums and fake pumpkins-Members will purchase mums, and Joan will purchase the window pumpkin decorations and will be refunded by our budget.

Pie Extravaganza- Sunday before Thanksgiving- November 17<sup>th</sup>. We will also be celebrating Hodong's first year at WPC.

Looking ahead- Advent- New Christmas decorations or changing the placement of the old decorations.

-Sue will check with our florist for the timeline to order poinsettias.

Hodong-

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> Sister Barbara Moore will be here.

Respectfully submitted by Courtney Marr

## Our Prayer Concerns (updated October 16, 2024)

### **Grieving:**

Family & Friends of Cindy Squier (requested by David & Patti Squier)

Family & Friends of Doris Chriswell (requested by the Deacons)

### **Serving in the Armed Forces:**

AJ Bliss, Adam Hill, Joe Krebbeks, Quintyn McLeod, Josh Polle

### **Please pray for those of our congregation with immediate concerns:**

Ellen Avery, Jonnie Fontaine, Pam Gnagy, Frank Lawrence, Tricia Owen, Scott Semans

### **Congregation members needing continued prayers:**

Wes Barager, Scott Bush, Irene Fadden, Cim McFarlane, Wilma Redman, Jan Semans, David Squier, Fran Strom

### **Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:**

Gene Bassage, Beverly Koeberle, Rochelle Morse, Bev Mouton

### **Others for whom prayers have been requested:**

Charlotte, Melissa Dantz, Jay Fadden, Nancy & Jerry Frizelle, Janet Haigh, Bobby & Eileen Haurand, Rob King, Deb Merla, Kate Pfaff, Jim and Marcia Robbins, Rose Ann Wagner, Connie West

### **May your prayers go out to:**

All caregivers; All those affected by natural disasters; All those who have no one to pray for them; All victims of violence, hatred and hunger; Please pray for those that wish to remain anonymous

### **Prayers and Congratulations:**

Congratulations to Kari (Chapman) and Cameron Sweeney on the birth of their son Jack Arthur Sweeney born on 09/13/24.

Proud grandparents are Edie and Eric Chapman.

Congratulations to Sidney and Jessie Pruitt on the birth of their son Harrison Thomas Pruitt. Proud grandparents are Jody and Paul Pruitt.

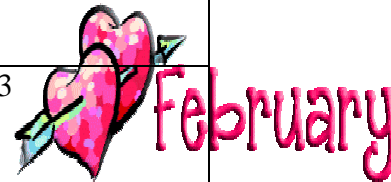
*Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless renewal has been requested.*

**Prayers of Intercession** are offered each day by our Deacons. To request prayer for yourself or another, please contact Randy Kennard, chair of Deacons, Sandy McMenamin, or Kathy in the Church office.



# NOVEMBER 2024

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
					1	2 4:30 pm Progressive Dinner
3 All Saint's Day Daylight Savings Time Ends 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service	4 2 pm Fellowship	5 Election Day 9 am Men's Group 10:30 am Deacons 7 pm Session 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	6	7 9:30 am Mission/ Social Concerns 11 am Bible Study	8	9
10 Communion & Cereal Sunday 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service	11 Veteran's Day	12 9:30 to 11 am Toddler Time 3:15 pm Worship 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room 7 pm Christian Ed.	13 7 pm Boy Scouts FH	14 11 am Bible Study	15	16
17 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service Thanksgiving Pie Extravaganza	18	19 Spire Deadline 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	20 1 pm FH Women's Circle Bible Study 6:30 pm Property	21 11 am Bible Study	22	23
24 Christ the King Sunday No Sunday School 10 am worship service Hanging of the Greens	25 Office Open 8:30 am to 2 pm	26 Office Open 8:30 am to 2 pm 9:30 to 11 am Toddler Time 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	27 Office Open 8:30 am to 2 pm	28 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30





## DECEMBER 2024

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
1 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> No Sunday School 10 am worship service Baptism of Jack Arthur Sweeney	2 <b>2 pm Fellowship</b>	3 <b>9 am Men's Group</b> <b>10:30 am Deacons</b> <b>7 pm Boy Scouts</b> <b>Muscle Room</b> <b>7 pm Session</b>	4	5 <b>9:30 am Mission/ Social Concerns</b> <b>11 am Bible Study</b>	6	7
8 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service	9	10 <b>9:30 to 11 am</b> <b>Toddler Time</b> <b>3:15 pm Worship</b> <b>7 pm Boy Scouts</b> <b>Muscle Room</b> <b>7 pm Christian Ed.</b>	11 <b>7 pm Boy Scouts FH</b>	12 <b>11 am Bible Study</b>	13	14
15 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service	16	17 <b>Spire Deadline</b> <b>7 pm Boy Scouts</b> <b>Muscle Room</b>	18 <b>Noon Warfield's</b> <b>Women's Circle</b> <b>Luncheon</b> <b>6:30 pm Property</b>	19	20	21
22 <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service	23 <b>Office Open</b> <b>8:30 am to 2 pm</b>	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Office Open</b> <b>8:30 am to 2 pm</b> <b>9 pm Christmas Eve</b> <b>Candlelight Service</b> <b>and Communion</b>	25 <b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	26 <b>Office Open</b> <b>8:30 am to 2 pm</b>	27	28
29 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of</b> <b>Christmas</b> No Sunday School 10 am worship service	30 <b>Office Open</b> <b>8:30 am to 2pm</b>	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b> <b>Office Open</b> <b>8:30 am to 2 pm</b>	Jan. 1 <b>New Year's Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	Jan. 2 <b>Office Open</b> <b>8:30 am to 2 pm</b>	Jan. 3 <b>Office Closed</b>	Jan. 4