

WESTERN SPIRE DECEMBER 2021

For those of you who are not familiar with the WPC finance team, I would like to introduce our team which consists of 6 members: Eric Chapman, Treasurer, Valerie Gendron, Finance Secretary, Bill Bush, Alicia Lynch, Peter Fadden, & Bill Hassler, Finance Chair. Eric and Valerie are the heart of our team. With their knowledge of accounting and finance they make our team run very smoothly. We normally meet every 3 months unless there is an emergency. Several years ago, we were very fortunate to team up with Howe & Rusling, an Investment Management Company in Rochester, NY. I believe without them we would be in a very different situation and not a positive one. Our portfolio manager from H&R is Ryan Tomko CFP who joins us twice a year to bring us up to date and compare our investments with other situations in the stock market arena. Eric receives a general monthly report from H&R, while Val updates our receipts and expenses report on a monthly basis. If anyone has a question pertaining to our investments, receipts, or expenses, please give me a call or stop me after church.

With God's help and guidance, we will be able to help grow our mission to improve our work in God's name.

1Peter 4:10 Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

William C Hassler, Finance Chairperson

Mission/Social Concerns - Palmyra Free Food Cupboard

What a blessing the Palmyra-Macedon Community has. I'm sure most of you have seen the Macedon Free Food Cupboard on Main Street. The activity that they have had using this cupboard and those so generous in the stocking of this has been remarkable.

This past September, I reached out to the woman who frequently stocks it and has posted on Facebook inquiring about this. She was a wealth of information and even helped me with connecting to the builders of this cupboard. I had asked if they would be interested in building another and to let us know what it would cost us. Generosity abounds between our two community's. They would donate the cupboard! What a blessing.

On Friday, November 12th, the cupboard was installed to the right of the Canal Town Nursery School sign. Several of us had bought things to start the stock up. I have had Kathy send a letter that I submitted to the area churches if they would like to participate in stocking this.

I have been posting on the Pal-Mac Neighbors on Facebook to get the information out there. So, if anyone is shopping and can buy items, please consider donating to our Food Cupboard. You can stop in at any time to just put your items in.

Currently, with the winter weather we are asking for NO canned goods. We are NOT accepting any GLASS items due to breakage. If purchasing large quantities, items such as oatmeal packets, individual mac n cheese, sanitary items are best. Toilet paper we are only putting in at the most 6 rolls at a time.

This cupboard will also have the hours and location of the Food Pantry in it for those using as additional options.

What can I get: spaghetti & sauce, mac n cheese, any boxed dinner items, pkgs. of mashed potatoes, rice, noodles, ramen noodles, dry soup mix, toilet paper (only put up to 6 rolls at a time- individual rolls), toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish detergent, laundry detergent, bar of soap, shampoo, sanitary needs. If purchasing large quantities, please open for individual items.

This works for times the Food Pantry is not open. If any questions, please contact either me or Irene Fadden.

Thank you for your generosity,

Edie Chapman

Reverse Advent Calendar for the Food Pantry

Instead of getting something every day of Advent, give to others.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | 25 Thanksgiving Day | 26 Deodorant | 27 Handwashing soap |
| 28 A bottle of dish detergent | 29 Diapers or sanitary products | 30 Roll of toilet paper | 1 Toilet bowl cleaner | 2 Box of tissues | 3 Bottle of spray with bleach | 4 Deodorant |
| 5 Box of tissues | 6 Handwashing soap | 7 Laundry soap and dryer sheets | 8 Tube of toothpaste & a brand new toothbrush | 9 Laundry soap and dryer sheets | 10 Diapers or sanitary products | 11 Roll of Toilet Paper |
| 12 Roll of toilet paper | 13 A bottle of dish detergent | 14 Handwashing soap | 15 Bottle of spray with bleach | 16 Tube of toothpaste & a brand new toothbrush | 17 Box of tissues | 18 Toilet bowl cleaner |
| 19 A bottle of dish detergent | 20 Roll of Toilet Paper | 21 Deodorant | 22 Handwashing soap | 23 Diapers or sanitary products | 24 Laundry soap and dryer sheets | 25 Merry Christmas |

Fill the Advent bags with gifts as suggested on the calendar, or with what you have to share.

Paper Products, soaps, and cleaning supplies are always needed by those who come to the food pantry.

Please bring your bags each week and place the gifts in the large boxes under the tree.



Thanks to all of you who participated in this Food Pantry Project in the past. Those who use the Food Pantry, are very appreciative to have these products available.

2021 Sunday School Teacher Commissioning

We
Shine
Brighter
Together



Thank You Pastor Val Fowler for the commissioning of the WPC Sunday School Teachers on Sunday October 31, 2021. It was reassuring to be reminded we all continue to learn from one another, young or old and that No Question is too silly to be asked.

The teachers, youth, and adults promise to serve the children and youth at Western Presbyterian Church with energy, intelligence, love, and imagination. They promise to be educators as well as learners. This amazing group shines their light every week at WPC. Thank You Logan, Kelly, Jody, Emily and Cim!!



**Need a Christmas gift for the
Master Chef on your list?**



WPC Women's Association RADA cutlery sale

The holidays are quickly approaching. Get an early start on your holiday shopping and restock your own kitchen with all your cutlery needs!

Also available are baking pans, soup and sauce mixes, dip mixes and gift sets. Catalogs are available on the table outside the office. Please return them after you place your order with Elaine Hassler @ 315-597-5211. Thank you for your support of the women's association.

To all,

Thank you, all the people who sent cards and flowers and voiced condolences to me, and my family.

We appreciated this kindness very much.

Ron is at peace and will be in our hearts forever.

May God bless you all-

The Pieters Family

CHURCH-WIDE FAITH PAINT

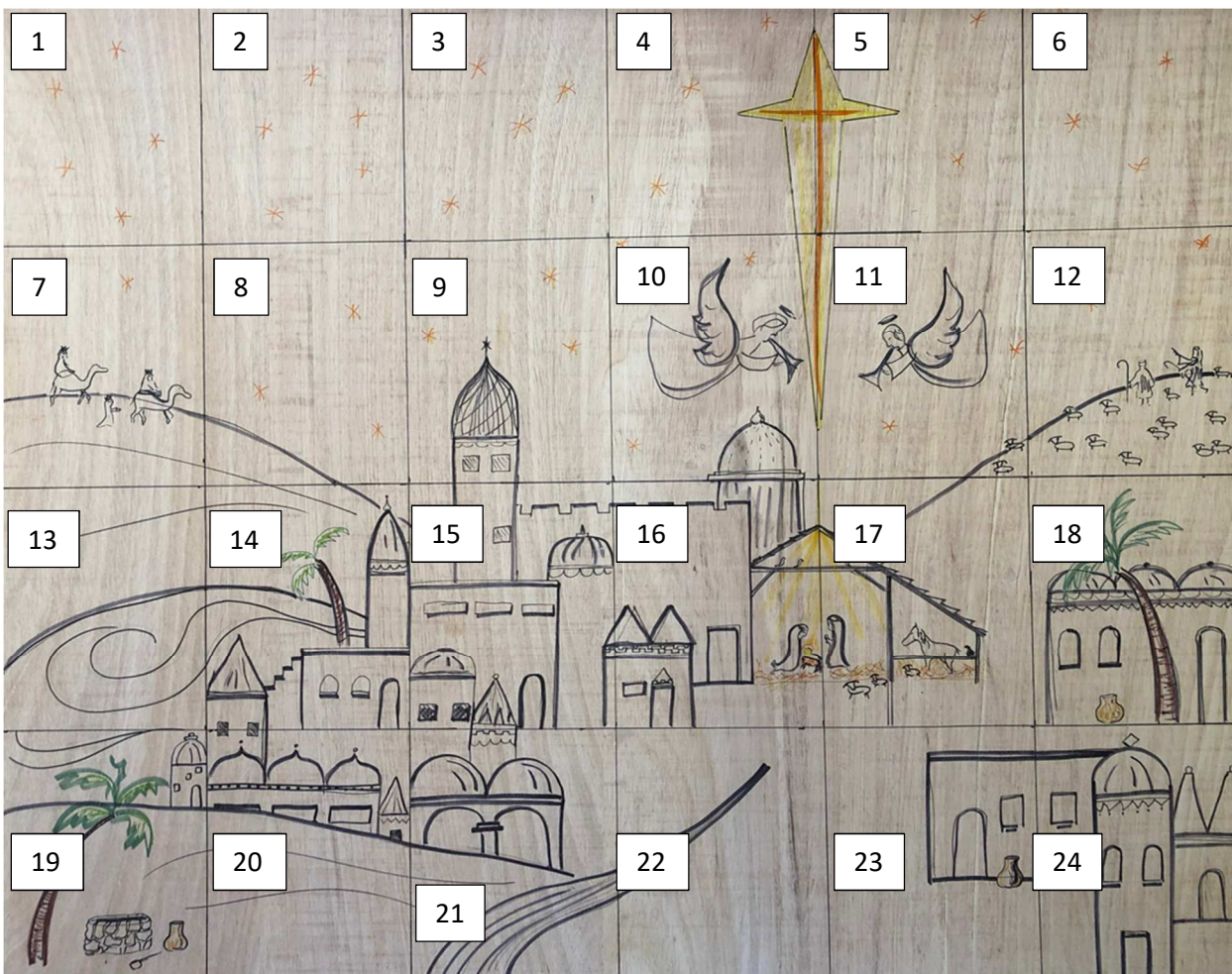
Please sign-up now !!!!!

Looking for 24 folks full of holiday spirit that would like to help paint a panel in the picture below. There are panels for all skill levels, those with little confidence and other panels to challenge the adventurous artist. This project can be done one of two ways. Folks that want to gather in fellowship hall to paint will meet December 4th from 10 am-noon. If you want to participate, but don't like gatherings, you can paint your panel at home. I only ask that it be completed and brought to the church by December 4th to add to all that will be done during the in-person event.

All supplies are included. If you choose to paint at home, I can deliver the panel and paints to you.

Some sections need special instruction to ensure each panel blends to the next. All instructions are included with each panel. You can use any colors you wish for the Bethlehem buildings and add as much or as little detail that pleases you.

This is a fun way to come together as a church family to celebrate in the birth of our Lord.



Check the bulletin board outside the office for sign-up sheet.

Please plan to participate!!!!

Thanks one and all...

Randy Kennard
cell 860-422-5488



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|-------------|------------------|
| December 3 | Linda Williamson |
| December 8 | Kelly Babcock |
| December 11 | Fran Storm |
| December 15 | Sandy McMenamin |
| December 17 | Peter Fadden |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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|-------------|------------------------|
| December 9 | Robert & Susan Pringle |
| December 27 | Joshua & Emily Hunt |
| December 29 | Steve & Randy Kennard |

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 November include:

WPC Christian Education Team

Minutes November 2, 2021

In-person Meeting

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

Present: Emily Hunt, Jody Pruitt, Cim McFarlane, Ellen Avery

Excused:

Absent:

Meeting opened at 7:00 with a devotional.

Motion to Accept the October minutes was approved by the team.

Upcoming Events:

Make Christmas Cards November 14

No Sunday School November 28

Holiday Youth Group Event with PRC December 4

No Sunday School December 26

Epiphany Service Rehearsal January 2

Epiphany Service January 9

Make Valentine Cards January 23

No Sunday School February 20

February Break VBS Day February 21

Make Easter Cards March 13

Palm Sunday Parade April 10

No Sunday School April 17

Pentecost Service Rehearsal May 15

Last Day of Sunday School May 22

Pentecost Service May 22

2022 VBS August 1-5

Continuing and New Business

Sunday School Happenings: Sunday School continues to go well. The group is small, but the multiage and two teen teachers provide a meaningful experience for everyone involved.

Coat Drive- A big thank you to everyone who donated coats for the SS coat drive- 3 big totes full of coats went to the Green Angels.

Sunday School Teacher Commissioning- Thank you to Pastor Val for a wonderful commissioning service on 10/31.

Winter Youth Group Activity- WPC/PRC joint youth group activity for grades 5-12- December 4- due to some unforeseen safety rules with the horse and wagon we are going to look at other options for a Youth Group Activity. Jody suggested the Packard Valley Farm/Log Cabin Festival of Lights. We will look into getting a wagon reserved for the event. More information to come soon.

Epiphany Service- Cim shared this years' service: symbols of the season theme. Students will read and there will be physical objects of the symbols. The service will be live and in-person this year. Jacob will make the arrangement for chimes and hopefully will team up with Mrs. Squire to lead the kids in chiming. ****We would request that the Christmas trees in the sanctuary be left until after the service as a tree is needed as a symbol of the season. **We will not need an organist for the service.**

Annual Gifts- we have one senior this year- Logan. We will purchase the bracelet we have purchased the past few years. Jody has a blanket for Logan from the Sunday School program. We have no 2nd graders this year.

Triennium- Triennium will happen on July 24-27, 2022 in Indianapolis, Indiana (not at Perdue University). Emily M. will go. Logan, Sammy, and Erica are also eligible to go. Cim has agreed to be the Presbytery Registrar. There will be a January 29 youth retreat to discuss Triennium. Location is TBD. We discussed possible fundraiser ideas for Triennium: reusable bag sale, pop can drive, bake sale?? The team will continue to brainstorm ideas and get started on a fundraiser as soon as possible.

February Break VBS-we will look back at Lava Lava Island to find two days to use for February.

Summer VBS- Cim will check through older programs to decide which program to recycle for 2022.

Next meeting: December 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Meeting was closed with prayer at 8:00 by Jody Pruitt.

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Hunt

Deacons Team Meeting Minutes

November 2nd, 2021

Present: Sandy McMenamin, Nancy Talma, Randy Kennard, Sylvia Lyon, Esther Hargrave

In Support: Linda Pulcini, Sara Bush, Fred Coffman

Meeting opening with lighting of the Christ Candle – Sharing of special gifts from this past month.

{Celebration of family connections and gatherings; milestone events in the church- 50 years; moving memorial service; ability to be heard, even though it takes perseverance and patience; Palmyra Fire Department for help with flooding basement and more blessings}

opening prayer

Approval of last month's minutes – Correction that header needed to be changed to Minutes from agenda. Motion by Sandy and second by Sylvia.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance – Sandy M. \$708.57

- Discussion of adding another signature authorized to account since Terry G. has left area and Eric C. is not always close by. Sylvia volunteered to be second. She has an account with bank already.
- Sandy to gather information on initiating signature status for backup and verify if Eric C is on account.
- Committee expressed confidence with Sandy's accounting management to date.

Sharing Correspondence: _M. Jaggard & Durfeys received

Further discussion re. need for boost long term. Randy to contact Taylors for clarification of need.

Volunteers to handle Communion on **11/14/2021**: Nancy T. & Esther H.

Update of Prayer Concerns: Adds, Removals and Status

Visit/Calls/Card Counts - circulate sheet

| 2021 Counts reflect the Covid-19 Distancing protocols | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-------------|------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Month | Visits | Phone Calls | Cards sent | Communion Served | Communion Date | |
| January | 3 | 12 | 53 | 18 | 10-Jan-21 | |
| February | 1 | 11 | 80 | 13 | 14-Feb-21 | Sent SS valentines Cards |
| March | 11 | 13 | 69 | 42 | 14-Mar-21 | Sent SS Easter Cards |
| April | 22 | 6 | 43 | 25 | 11-Apr-21 | deliver lilies (16) |
| May | 3 | 3 | 46 | 34 | 9-May-21 | |
| June | 3 | 14 | 49 | 36 | 6-Jun-21 | |
| July | 8 | 17 | 58 | 35 | 7/11/2021 | |
| August | 7 | 9 | 53 | 31 | 8/15/2021 | deliver flowers(3) |
| September | 3 | 11 | 34 | 32 | 9/12/2021 | |
| October | 4 | 10 | 59 | 25+9 | 10/3/2021 | |
| Year to Date | 65 | 106 | 544 | 266 | | |

Shut-in Care: - Discussion and determine anticipated visits with and without communion

Special Care mailings:

- Check accuracy of labels – Remove Frank Barber
- Edit Ron & Barb Pieters to be just Barb
- Change address for Rochelle Morse to reflect DeMay
- The Lions roar at sunset – talk to a deacon
- Suggestions of one more name can be added for this month, Pastor Val

- Noted November birthdays to be acknowledged not in Spire

Monthly Notes: **Bible verse** *Thanksgiving cards already have scripture included.*

Old Business:

- 1) Reports of any contacts
- 2) Communion vote from session – Need to identify Sunday for Commissioning communion trained in worship service.
- 3) Funeral support has been the roll of deacons while the church is without a pastor. This responsibility can be as gentle as prayer and family visits. It can be as vast as facilitating a ceremony for funeral or memorial worship where faith leadership is needed. Though it is a churchwide joining of energy and responsibilities, some initial contacts start through the office and the Deacons. Since August there have been 7 dear souls for our church to care for in prayer and presence. We need to determine how the church tracks these events when they are not included in a pastor report.
- 4) Sandy brought items that Terry dropped off re. tapes, CDs, and photos. CDs for last 15 years will now be located in the archive room in basement. Photos to be left in fellowship hall for viewing this Sunday and then also moved to basement archive room [Randy to request slide of information included before worship]

New Business:

- Support for Barb Pieters
 - Sandy to compose an email to be sent out church wide informing of Ron's passing.
 - Sandy and Randy to deliver flowers from church to Barb.
- Plans for communion out-reach – Sylvia to purchase a non-flame candle for communion visits.
 - Those expressing interest in communion visits: Fran Storm; Bev & Frank Koeberle, DeMay- Rochelle & Bev Mouton; Possibly Madelyn J.
- Card collection has been routinely done by Nancy T. where she goes to post office with church letterhead to collect undeliverable cards. Those cards are sorted. Some used by deacons. Others are given to three local nursing homes for resident use.

Meeting **closed with prayer**

Next meeting Tuesday, December 7th, 2021 at 10 am

Respectfully - Randy Kennard, Chairperson

Fellowship Meeting

November 1, 2021

Present: Ray Marr, Sue Pringle, Norm Underwood

Excused: Roxanne Dobson, Terry Gendron, Val Gendron

Started by lighting Christ candle and reading from Psalms 100.

Recap of Western Horizons Sunday:

First, I'd like to thank the team for handling things while I was out of town. It seems that the 3 dozen cupcakes were just about right. It was hard to speculate as the attendance fluctuated each week.

Fellowship has signed up for coffee hour on the 28th. This is when we will be decorating the Fellowship Hall. Norm will get juice boxes and tea. Ray has volunteered himself and Terry to bring up the tree and decorations during the week before. We will put up the tree and hang wreaths and put out mangers throughout Fellowship Hall and possibly the hallway to the sanctuary.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Norm Underwood

Mission and Social Concerns Ministry Team
November 3, 2021 Minutes

Present

| | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|----|------------|---|-------------|---|---------------|
| P | Irene Fadden | ex | Rena Haigh | P | Sally Chase | P | Cassie Hughes |
| | Jonnie Fontaine | | Jan Taylor | P | Ruth Dantz | P | Edie Chapman |
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Opening with lighting of the Christ Candle and prayer

Mexico Water Project –

Tabi Trip – February 14-24, 2022

3 teams 101 – Food Prep, Painting and interacting with residents

102 – Teach residents how to use, maintain, etc.

103 – Builders of system

Cupboard “Take what you need, Give what you can.”

Mission Team is looking for a storage cabinet to store additional donated items. Session suggested we ask the congregation if there is one that someone no longer needs. Mission Team suggested Habitat ReStore in Canandaigua. Irene will contact Norm about the availability of a storage cupboard at the ReStore.

Edie will contact person building cupboard as to when it will be ready for installation and if they will do the installation with help or if WPC needs to do installation. Edie will let mission team know how we can help. She will also find out how cupboard will be installed.

Paper goods in cupboard, including diapers; dry food products, like mac and cheese, dried potatoes, cereal, hamburger helper; Edie will check on keeping canned goods, juice, etc. outside in the winter.

Information in the cupboard will list pantries hours it is open and possibly the Episcopal church’s phone number. Let users know they can come to the food pantry twice a month. Sign on the cupboard that camera is for vandalism not to see who is using the cupboard.

Vandalism – Outside Camera to watch the cupboard. Mission Team will work with Property Team as needed.

Food Pantry update

Lots of money in bank and still receiving donations of food.

BOCES students are stocking shelves and cleaning refrigerator.

Ruth will talk to volunteers about letting families know they can come twice a month.

Carol Wise from Zion oversees Food Pantry sign. The sign gets taken down weekend of Sunday Free Community Dinner. Ruth will keep an eye out that Food Pantry sign gets put back in front of church.

Birthday bags will be collected at the next Circle meeting. 5 have already been given. Thank you to all who participate in this project.

Community Garden update

Rena is not planting garden at her house and has offered her enclosed plot for beans to be grown in 2022. Thank you, Rena.

Good Neighbor Fund Update

Beginning Balance \$1,306.73/ Donation \$50/ Check written \$600/ Ending Balance \$756.73.

Rent – 1 adult, 1 child.

Weekend Wellness update – 79 bags went out this week. Once, bags left at the HS were unable to be located. Kim Stuart is contact at schools. Boxes are coming with 8 bags/box. It makes sense to send a full box rather than leave 1 or 2 bags in the Weekend Wellness room.

Beginning Balance - \$15,475.32

Checks Written - \$1,200

Ending Balance - \$14,275.32

Bags delivered in October – 260 bags/ School year 2021-2022 - 311 bags

Family Promise update:

Coordinators expressed that congregations want more interactions with families rather than leaving food at the apartments. On October 25th, it was the first time families (being housed in Lyons apartments) came to the Day Center for dinner prepared by hosting volunteers. It was much appreciated by both family and hosting volunteers. Host congregations are bringing dinner Mondays and Fridays.

Families are not asked if they have been vaccinated, and masks are required at the Day Center.

WPC is signed up for January 2nd and June 6th. We will sign up for another 2 weeks sometime during the summer and fall.

Reverse Advent Calendar will be sent out to start November 28th. Calendars will be in the December Spire. Information will also be put in the bulletins and on the bulletin board.

Christmas Angels – Irene will contact Alicia to see how we can help. Large quantities of toys have been received and the toys will be stored in the Ox Roast room (if there is room.) As Mission Team, we think the making of the angels this year might be difficult. Requests need to be matched with what has been donated.

We appreciate all the hard work Alicia, and her family does to make the sorting of gifts and placing them in routes for Lions to deliver.

Remaining money donations

Checks will be sent to:

- Qholaqhoe Mountain Project in Le Sotha, Africa \$250
- Home Meals (Meals on Wheels) \$200
- \$15 Gift cards for ARC home – about \$200
- Good Neighbor Fund - \$600
- Family Promise - \$321.80 plus remaining mug money (\$105)

This leaves \$50 to fill the food cupboard. We hope it is up by Thanksgiving.

Closing Prayer at 10:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene

PROPERTY MINISTRY TEAM - MINUTES

November 20, 2021
WPC

James McFarlane, Gary LaBerge, Phil Opdycke, Don Dantz, Steve Kennard

Absent: John Dobson

Old Business:

- Approve or update document - Property Usage form – November 7, 2021 version approved by team.
- Organist Camera/Viewer – Clip does not work consistently. Keep looking for replacement Baby monitor style option.
- Refrigerator Temperature Control – Service company was contacted but did not come in yet.
- Sanctuary light replacement and attic winterization have been completed.
- November 23rd is scheduled date of service company for Furnace check and maintenance. Gary to call company to ask about possible thermostat replacement options.
- Narthex toilet – New seat, Auto Light switch with timer for control of water supply valve appear to work well.
- Report of loose fiber on carpet near bathroom upstairs. CTNS vacuuming caught loose strand and made it look worse. Trimmed back loose fiber. Looking for replacement section of carpet and then installer to fix. Will look at other options as needed.
- Still planning to seek quotes in January for the painting of Steeple. Need to set constraints/expectations for project and will be using records from past projects as guide.
- Option for contractor cleaning church – Gary plans to contact possible contractor option to review our needs.
 - Is it worthwhile to investigate robot vacuum for cleaning Sanctuary? Is worth investigating further.
 - Could run at night, get under pews, there is a version that self-empties into base station.
 - Cost is between \$400 and \$500 for version listed above.
 - Do we see if anyone in the church has one to see if they see it as worthwhile?
- Need additional people for running AV system on Sundays

New Business:

- Padding under climbers/slides in muscle room. Thoughts on options for CTNS to be able to apply for grant to improve over what is there. Is a work in progress and team agrees that padded carpet is a good option.
- Does office furniture and/or computers fall under purview of Property team as a whole? Team agrees yes.
 - Updated chair for new interim (and for long term pastor). Move forward with plan for Kathy to acquire new chair that works better for her space. Current chair would move to Pastor's office. When new pastor arrives, if the chair is not compatible with their body type and physical condition, then we can investigate other options at that time.
 - Windows 11 released, should have at least a couple more years before office computer will be issue due to Windows 10 not being supported.
- Snow plowing contractor – look for alternate? Plowing is going up \$2.50/visit, Salting is going down \$0.50, and walkway clearing is going up \$2 – Stay with Brad Jacob's at this time. If weather is similar to last year, then cost change might be a \$150 to \$200 increase in cost for the year.
- "Take What you Need, Give What you Can" style small food cupboard was installed by Mission team during week of November 7th – 13th.
 - Security camera addition to record any vandalism associated with this project.
 - Network hardware company also has cameras that are powered by network connection.
 - Do we update the entire camera system, or just install the spare camera? – Need to check options.
 - Maintaining safe access to food cupboard and maintaining area around it.
 - Clearing snow during winter – who, how often? Who clear sidewalk (village or us)? Enough room between sidewalk and cupboard to allow room for snow removal without damage to cupboard?
 - Muddy ground during warmer seasons? Need stone or other material around cupboard?
 - Mowing and trimming next summer?
 - Lighting? Extend or redirect some light from any working units still near the CTNS sign?

- Additional cupboard for overflow?
 - At October Session meeting, Irene said they are hoping for other churches (and groups?) to help maintain outdoor cupboard. Not sure if this means others would need access to the “overflow” cupboard that is at WPC. If so, should the overflow then be a padlocked external cupboard maintained by Mission team and volunteers? Property Team does not want to generate and hand out more keys to the church.
 - Should seasonal overflow items go to food pantry? (Example: if goods are donated during winter, but should not be stored in freezing conditions, should the items go to food pantry to be used or stored somewhere else until weather improves?)
- Office toilet is not flushing well. Gary to check, fix, and/or contact contractor as needed to get it working properly again.
- Have noticed some communion cup silencers (rubber grommets) have degraded and are falling apart. Gary ran across the name of the item and found some for \$5/pc. Will continue to search for other options and will determine how many we should replace soon and how many we want to have on hand as spares.

Next Meeting: 12/15/21 at 6:30 PM

The stated meeting of the session of Western Presbyterian Church & Society, Palmyra, New York was called to order by the Moderator Reverend Carol Wilson at 7:00PM in Fellowship Hall with the Lighting of the Christ Candle and prayer.

7 Present: Emily Hunt, William Hassler, Irene Fadden, James McFarlane, Norman Underwood, Philip Opdycke, Janet Manktelow

2 Excused: Susan Leonard, Randy Kennard

0 Absent

A quorum was present.

Carol shared a scripture reading with us. She asked us to try to start our day with a small scripture reading and see if it changes our day.

- Motion made by Bill Hassler seconded and carried to approve the agenda.

Clerks Report

- Motion made by Irene Fadden seconded and carried to approve the minutes from the Sept. session meeting.

E-mail votes:

- Motion made by Randy Kennard seconded and carried to hold a Faith Paint on Dec. 4th from 10 AM to 12 PM. The panels depicting the Christ Story will be displayed throughout the Christmas season.
- Motion made by Randy Kennard seconded and carried to approve allowing members who attended the communion training to serve or assist in serving communion. They would serve church members who are unable to attend worship service such as shut-ins or patients in nursing homes.

We had a request to do a funeral for Eugene Deci. He was a member many years ago. Pastor Carol agreed to do the service and will contact his wife, Mary, about it.

- Motion made by Bill Hassler to remove members as follows:

Move to inactive: Lou Callerame, Lynette Cogan, Doug Hall, Gary Nelson, Cherokee Lane

Move to special care inactive: Ellie Giles, Rochelle Morse, Ron and Barb Pieters, Frances Storm

Remove from rolls: Jerry and Sandy Kelly

Financial Secretary's Report

| | | <u>September 2021</u> | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | Current | 2021 | 2021 | YTD% of |
| | Month | YTD | Budget | Budget |
| Receipts | \$7,395 | \$111,286 | \$127,054 | 87.59% |
| Expenditures | \$5,005 | \$ 76,688 | \$162,534 | 47.18% |
| Net Receipts/Expenditures | \$2,390 | \$34,598 | (\$ 35,480) | |

- Motion made by Norm Underwood seconded and carried to accept financial secretary's report.

Business of the Church

After some discussion the following vote was taken:

- Motion made by Bill Hassler seconded and carried to not allow Tony to give piano lessons in our building.

Church usage forms: property has been working on updating the form. Forms for weddings and funerals will be separate from general use forms. Fees for these two items will be provided when the form is approved. This will make it easier to adjust prices as needed. A covid form will also be given out with these forms.

Mentioned to CTNS to be sure not to block the front driveway when the food truck is making a delivery for our Weekend wellness program.

We need to check with Randy to see if the members who took the communion training have been ordained.

Devotions: Norm shared a devotion from Matthew

Ministry Team Reports

Worship Ministry Team - no meeting

Deacons Ministry Team – suggested that get well cards for Joan Durfey would be appreciated

CE Ministry Team - Cim McFarlane will be the registrar for the Youth Triennium. The Sunday School coat drive was very successful. They are working on a scavenger hunt that will be done with the Reformed church.

Mission Ministry Team – Irene checked with the village about placement of our food cupboard-it just needs to be on our lawn. The cupboard needs to be checked every day. We will investigate placing a camera to watch the cupboard.

Fellowship Ministry Team – will hold Hanging of the Greens on November 28th

Property Ministry Team – the fridge in the kitchen is still not working properly, working on the bathroom in the Narthex.

Finance Ministry Teams – working on the 2022 budget, pledge cards are going out this week.

CTNS – a problem of perceived intimidation from one of our church members and Stacy. Irene will try to set up a meeting to discuss this issue.

Next meeting -Nov. 23rd **Devotions** – Emily

- Motions made by Irene Fadden to adjourn with prayer at 8:30PM.

Janet Manktelow Clerk

November Worship Meeting

11/9/2021

Present: Alicia Lynch, MaryBeth LaBerge, Linda Williamson, Sharon Marr, Sue Leonard, Courtney Marr

Absent: Carol Sloan, Joan Durfey

We opened with prayer at 7:00.

Christmas Eve Service: Val Fowler has talked about a Christmas Eve Service in the past. Sue reached out to touch base about this, and he has yet to respond. Be thinking of plan b.

Organist: Jack checked in to discuss Christmas Eve. Elijah is out of town. Jack can do it if it's 9 pm or later. Poinsettias are a go! MaryBeth will call Jack at the Settlers Post. Courtney will set up a Google Form. Courtney will give Mary Beth the number and Kathy the names and dedications. We will start collecting ASAP.

Tree Decoration- MaryBeth and Gary will start decorating. Nov. 21 after Sunday Service we will decorate.

Advent- What to do, what to do? Use past advent readings? Christian Ed to read? Have the weekly pastors come up with the readings?

<https://www.crosswalk.com/special-coverage/christmas-and-advent/what-are-advent-readings.html>

Singing- We want to sing this Christmas season. 6 feet from other families and sing with masks?

Candles -Battery operated candles for Christmas Eve Service.

Luminaries- Sharon and Courtney will put them up Christmas Eve.

Schedule: Pastors scheduled all the way until the end of December.

Jan. 9th -Epiphany Service by the kids

Future Fundraising with Pastor Val is a possibility

Thankful Slides- James and Phil (AV), Kathy (secretary), Emily for Children's Sermons, Sunday School Team, Each committee, Janet for Session, Alicia for Angel Tree, Eddie, Ray, Kennards, Terry for weekend wellness

We closed with prayer at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted by Courtney Marr.

Our Prayer Concerns (updated November 23, 2021)

Grieving:

Family & Friends of Kirk Eskild (requested by the Deacons)

Family & Friends of Ronald Pieters (requested by the Deacons)

Family & Friends of Eugene Deci (requested by the Deacons)

Serving in the Armed Forces:

AJ Bliss, Adam Hill, Sarah Jagger, Joe Krebbeks, Josh Polli, Dylan Smith

Others for whom prayers have been requested:

All caregivers, All those who have been affected by the Coronavirus, All those who have no one to pray for them, All victims of violence, hatred and hunger, Dave & Joanne Burley, Molly Campbell, Beth Chang, Skylar Chardeen, Kim Cook & daughters, Barb Culver, John Davis, Joan Durfey, Tad Eskild, Ed Kasperwicz, Sandy Kelly, Iris McConnell, Emily McFarlane, Jim Murray, Mike O'Connor, Virginia Parrott, Pastor Ricardo, Ken Rice, Kathy Rynders, Bonnie Santmyer, Jonathan Santmyer, Grace Seither, Scott Schreiner, Jeff Spurles, Mary Ellen Stanziano, Hannah Ruth Stell, Dave Taylor, Marguerite Vizzini, Deborah Wilder & family, Bob Wyllie

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

Others for whom we continue to pray:

Tracy D'Arduini, Harold M. Delhagen, Kathleen Dougherty, Art Duel, Ian Guest, Janet Haigh, Bobby Haurand, Christine Stachecki Johanessen, Jessica Locey, Ashley Maragas, Cim McFarlane, Jared Pisanzio, Wesley Pruitt, Wilma Redman, David Squier, Fran Storm

Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:

Madelyn Jagger, Beverly Koeberle, Rochelle Morse, Bev Mouton

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. Please remember that all prayer requests are automatically removed from the list after one month unless the giver specifically requests continuation.

You can mail your
offering to
101 East Main St.
Palmyra, NY 14522.
Or you can bring your
offering to the church.
Kathy puts an offering plate
outside the office Tues.,
Wed., and Thurs. 9:00-2:00.





DECEMBER 2021

| SUN. | MON. | TUES. | WED. | THURS. | FRI. | SAT. |
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| | | | 1 10 am Mission/Social Concerns Weekend Wellness Delivery | 2 | 3 | 4 Faith Paint FH 10 am to Noon |
| 5 2 nd Sunday of Advent 9 am Sunday School Pastor Gail Conners preaching | 6 7 pm Fellowship | 7 10 am Deacons 7 pm Christian Ed. 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room | 8 Weekend Wellness Delivery 7 pm Boy Scouts FH | 9 | 10 Food Link Delivery | 11 |
| 12 3 rd Sunday of Advent 9 am Sunday School Pastor Val Fowler preaching Poinsettia orders due | 13 | 14 SPIRE DEADLINE 7 pm Worship 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room | 15 Weekend Wellness Delivery 10 am FH Living Waters for the World Meeting Noon Warfield's Women's Circle Holiday Luncheon 6:30 pm Property | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 4 th Sunday of Advent 9 am Sunday School Pastor Val Fowler preaching | 20 | 21 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room | 22 Weekend Wellness Delivery | 23 | 24 Christmas Eve **See note below Pruitt Family XMAS FH 9 am to 2 pm | 25 Christmas Day |
| 26 1 st Sunday of Christmas No Sunday School Pastor Carol Wilson preaching Manktelow Family Gathering FH 1-6 pm | 27 | 28 7 pm Session 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room | 29 | 30 | 31 New Year's Eve | |

**** Christmas Eve plans are in process. Details will soon be announced during Sunday worship and will be sent to you via email.**



JANUARY 2022

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| | | | | | | 1 New Year's Day |
| 2 2 nd Sunday of Christmas 9 am Sunday School Epiphany Rehearsal | 3 Annual Reports due in office 7 pm Fellowship | 4 10 am Deacons 7 pm Christian Ed. 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room | 5 Weekend Wellness Delivery 10 am Mission/Social Concerns | 6 Epiphany of the Lord | 7 | 8 |
| 9 9 am Sunday School Children Led Epiphany Service | 10 | 11 7 pm Worship 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room | 12 Weekend Wellness Delivery 7 pm Boy Scouts FH | 13 | 14 Food Link Delivery | 15 |
| 16 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany 9 am Sunday School Communion Sunday Pastor Val Fowler preaching | 17 Martin Luther King's Birthday Office Closed | 18 SPIRE DEADLINE 7 pm Scouts Muscle Room | 19 Weekend Wellness Delivery 10 am FH Living Waters for the World Meeting 1 pm Women's Circle Study FH 6:30 pm Property | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany 9 am Sunday School | 24 6 pm CTNS | 25 7 pm Session 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room | 26 Weekend Wellness Delivery | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 4 th Sunday after Epiphany 9 am Sunday School Annual Meeting | 31 | | | | | |