



WESTERN SPIRE MAY 2023

Several of us studied *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*, by Adam Hamilton. The third chapter talks about the essential practice of Serving.

God's primary mode of working in the world is through people. So, we're meant to ask, "What does God want or need us to do?"

Walking with Christ, following him, means that we will be asking how we care for the marginalized, the vulnerable, the poor, and the powerless—those Jesus referred to as "the least of these."

The two great commands of Jesus form the basis of our understanding what it means to serve God. "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30) and "You will love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31)

To these Jesus added a third, "You should treat people in the same way that you want people to treat you; this sums up the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 7:12)

Notice that the central ethic of the Christian faith is love. Love of God. Love of neighbor. Love expressed by doing to others what we would want them to do to us.

This love is not a feeling, but a way of living and being. Practiced toward others, it is to seek the good of the other; to bless, encourage, care for, and serve the other. It is the essence of what Micah commanded, to do justice and to love kindness.

Doing justice, loving kindness, practicing love – these are intertwined. Doing justice entails practicing kindness. Practicing kindness is an expression of love and justice. To walk with God, to be a follower of Christ, is to be a servant, and one of the primary ways that we serve is to practice kindness toward others.

Mission and Social Concerns Team

The Women's Association used some of the proceeds from the rummage sale to purchase food for the food cupboard in our church yard. We were able to provide quite a bit of good food to help those in need. Thanks to everyone that donated or worked at the rummage sale for making this possible.



WPC Circle has been doing birthday bags for the food pantry for several years. Mission Team and Circle are supporting a similar mission to Family Promise. There is a box on the buffet table outside of the office for any donations.

DONATE to Family Promise

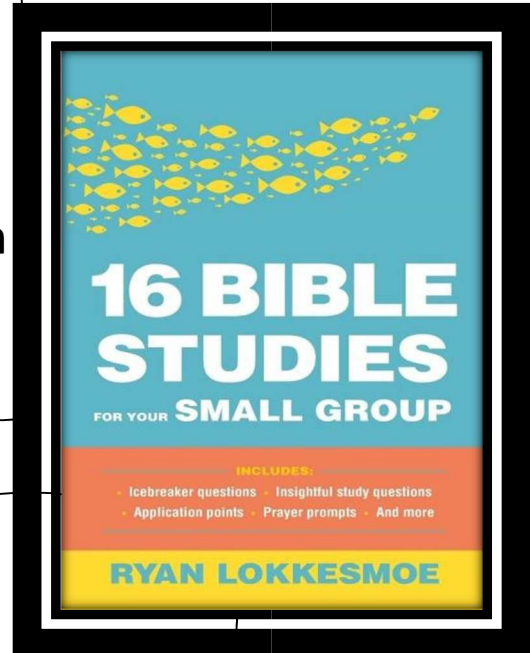
- Kwik Fill Gift Cards in \$10, \$15, \$20, and \$25 amounts
- Paper products: paper plates, paper towels, plastic eating utensils
- Toiletries: deodorant, bath soap, shampoo and conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, feminine hygiene products
- Baby products: disposable diapers, wipes
- Over-the-counter medicine: Tylenol, Band Aids, Cough Drops, Alcohol Swabs
- Bed pillows
- Cleaning products: Trash Bags, Lysol spray, Lysol Wipes

Adult Bible Study

Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am

Lead by Jody Pruitt ~ CE Team

Meets in Fellowship Hall



Come join us !!

It's not too late. The Group is restarting. There are still books available -\$10 each

Each Chapter is independent of the others, so join anytime.

April 23 – Chapter 6

May 7 – Chapter 7

May 21 – Chapter 8

June 4 – Chapter 9

June 18 – Chapter 10



Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You

Thank you if you donated items.

Thank You if you helped setup or teardown.

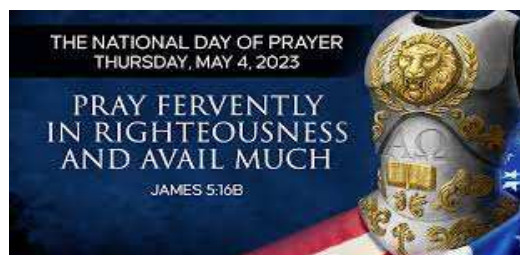
Thank You if you worked the sale.

Thank You for your support.

*A Rummage Sale is Not a one-person task, so this sale
was positively Successful because of You.*

Thank You All again! ~Jody and the Women's Association

The Christian Education Team would like to send sincere appreciation to everyone who helped make the Easter Bunny Breakfast a success. Thank you to the Fellowship Team for co-sponsoring, thank you to the volunteers, thank you to everyone who made donations, and thank you for everyone who attended.



The National Day of Prayer is on Thursday, May 4, 2023

From the National Day of Prayer Taskforce:

Scripture instructs us to pray and intercede for those in authority—whether we support their policies, voted against their platform, or prefer their personality. It is a wonderful gift that, since 1952, our nation’s laws have appointed our president, the highest recognized leader in our nation, to guide our nation toward a position of prayer at least once a year.

Join me to ponder these quotes on prayer, taken from the writings and National Day of Prayer proclamations from four previous presidents:

- “I call on Americans to pray in Thanksgiving for our freedoms and blessings and to ask for God’s continued guidance, grace and protection for this land we love.” Barack Obama 2009
- “In times of trial, we ask God for wisdom, courage, direction, and comfort.” George W. Bush 2002
- “It is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God...” Abraham Lincoln 1863
- “We remember and celebrate the role that the healing balm of prayer can play in our lives and in the life of our Nation.” Joseph Biden 2021

Each quote was penned in the midst of a nation walking through trial: an economic crisis, a war, a pandemic, and in the months following an attack on our nation. What a joy! Knowing that in a moment of crisis and need, a leader pointed our people toward prayer.

Will you take a moment and pray with me, for the influence of presidents and leaders, and for the influence the Lord has given you in your life?

Lord, You have appointed our leaders, and I pray that you would pour out your wisdom on them. Give them words to speak that honor You, and bring wise, godly counsel into their lives to speak Your truth. Make my heart tender towards my elected officials, to pray for them...to wield their influence in a way that honors You. In the same way, work in my life and my heart. Teach me to use whatever influence I have to lead those around me toward prayer, modeling what it looks like to seek Your face in all situations. In Jesus name. Amen.

Please join us for an evening of beautiful music honoring our Select Choir Seniors. All are welcome.

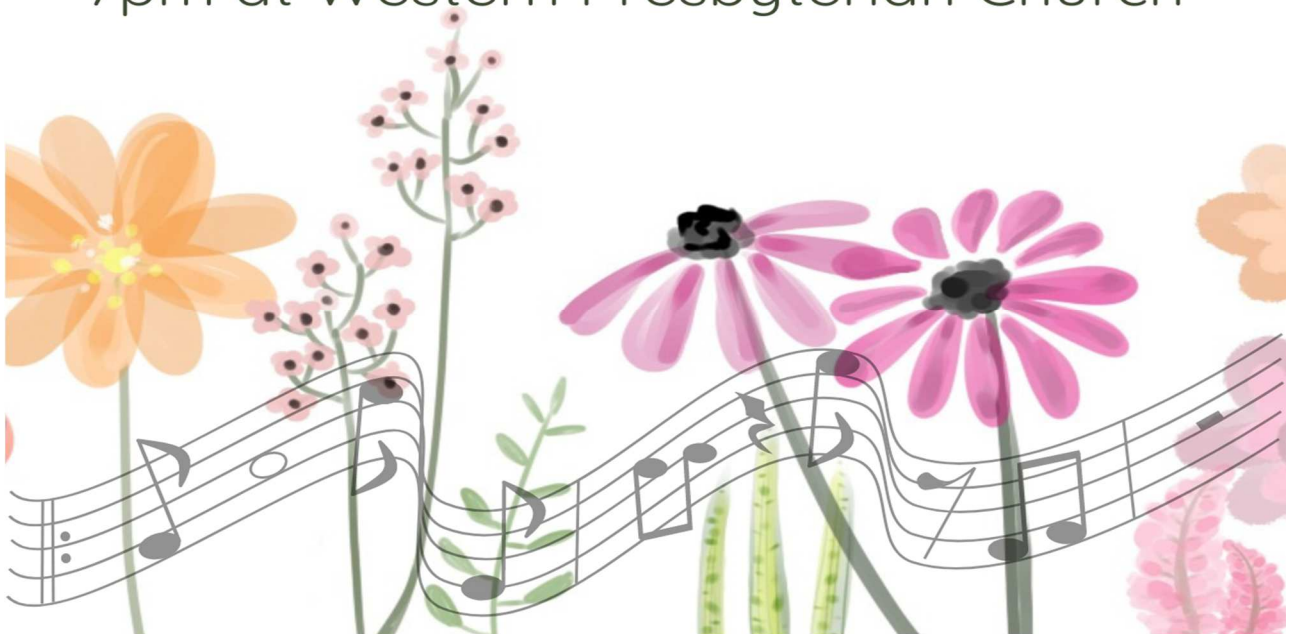
Palmyra-Macedon Select Choir

Senior Recital



May 10, 2023

7pm at Western Presbyterian Church



Come see the Bullis Play being performed at the Macedon Center Historical Museum

Celebration of the 200th Anniversary for the Town of Macedon
A MUSICAL PERFORMANCE ABOUT GENERAL JOHN BULLIS
portraying the essence of Macedon's History from Frederick Douglass,
the Abolitionist Movement, Bullis Park, and the Bullis House all captured
in the saga of Macedon's heroic family

2 performances of the play - Play is free, donations encouraged

Friday, May 19, 2023 at 7:30pm
Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 2:00pm

Hosted by Macedon Historical Society and the Macedon Ad Hoc Players

Historic Macedon Academy, 1185 Macedon Center Road. (31F)

Rand Darrow has written the play. It is directed by Ira Srole and produced by Sandy Pagano. The musical director is Howard Spindler from Eastman School of Music.

Many people from the Palmyra-Macedon area are in the play including folks from our church. Others as far reaching as Rochester and Greece are in the play as well as folks from all over Wayne County. This play chronicles the life and accomplishments of John Bullis. We know the name from Bullis Park and the Bullis Homestead as well as the Bullis foundation and grants. This is the chance to know the man.



Performance is part of
the 200th Anniversary
of the legislature
founding of the
Town of Macedon

April – Lesson #7 & 8 from “What My Grandmothers Taught Me”



Women’s Circle met this month and discussed one of the most well-known women in the Bible, Mary, mother of Jesus. Now, you may ask yourself, what is there left to discuss, we all know the Christ story. Ahhhh,... we found much to talk about.

First, one question we posed at the very beginning was, ‘how many other women did the angel ask before asking Mary?’ Now, Mary was a woman of strong faith and was a student of the OT scriptures. She also was engaged to Joseph at the time of the conversation with the angel. The circle members were amazed and had not even thought there might be others under consideration. At the circle, we push ourselves to think beyond the traditional lesson. However, we migrated back to the thinking with comfort that Mary was the ‘Go-to’ woman to birth our savior.

We also compared how Matthew and Luke handled the story of the Christ birth. The Books have totally different points of view. Mary was seen in different contexts and it was interesting how Mary’s imagery evolved differently based on the different Books of the Bible.

We looked at how we would hear God’s voice if God spoke to us. Would we need further confirmation that it was the voice and intent of God? How would we discern God’s voice?

Was the Christ story easier for Joseph and Mary to respond to because there were prophecies in the OT mentioning the coming of God’s son, Immanuel?

Finally, we looked at the chain of women that we have studied. Each woman was identified based on some connection to someone else. We each selected how we would want to be known if we needed some association. Then we explained why. Some were identified through their children; some were identified through a grandparent and so forth. Basically, Jan wanted to be known as a child of God.

We actually had great participation and discussion. Sadly, we have one last lesson in our study before our end-of-season picnic. This has been a great focus for our circle.

Carry with you.. *This child that Mary bore, was not conceived in sin, but will, in fact, save people from their sins. That means you are saved from your sins through Jesus Christ - Mary’s last words in the Bible were, “Do whatever He, Jesus, tells you.”*

May – Lesson#9 from “What My Grandmothers Taught Me”

LESSON NINE:

What Are These Women Doing in a Place Like This? “Ruth and Naomi’s Light”



Mark Your Calendar:

Wednesday, May 17th at 1pm

in Fellowship Hall ~ lesson #9

Wednesday, June 21st at NOON

at Aqueduct Park

Bring a dish to pass at the picnic



At the Picnic we will select the study for next year.

The Light of the World

GLOW!



“In the same way, let your light shine in front of others. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will praise your Father who is in heaven.” - Matthew 5:16

**YOUTH LED SERVICE
MAY 21, 2023
10AM
WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Watson Youth Conference presents

Gather us in:
Peace, Love, & Jesus'

**Radical /
Hospitality**

July 23-26, 2023

For info, email Rev. Michelle Allen at pastor@eastavonchurch.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 1	Courtney Marr
May 3	Emily McFarlane
May 8	James McFarlane
May 10	Cim McFarlane
May 11	Peter Bush
May 15	Susan Moak
May 24	Philip Opdycke
May 31	John Dobson IV



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 1	David & Patti Squier
May 5	Tom & Alicia Lynch
May 16	David & Betsy Lewis
May 23	Gary & Pamela 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!

The team minutes received for April include:

WPC Christian Education Team Minutes March 28, 2023

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, Ellen Avery

In Spirit:

Upcoming Events:

April 1- Easter Bunny Breakfast

April 2- Palm Sunday Parade

April 23, May 7, May 21- Adult Sunday School Class

May 21 - Pentecost Youth Service

May 21 Last Day of Sunday School

July 23-26 Watson Conference

July 31-August 4- 2023 VBS

Continuing and New Business

Easter Bunny Breakfast- April 1 8:00-10:00 we went over the final details for the big day:

We are all set with pancake mix, applesauce, syrup, Pam, and apple juice. Muffins, gluten free muffins, sausage, apples, oranges, and butter are accounted for and coming. Emily will pick up the remaining items- milk, a can of coffee, and sugar free syrup.

Friday, March 31 at 4:00 those who are able to attend will come to Fellowship Hall to set up and decorate.

Workers are asked to arrive on Saturday between 7:00 and 7:30.

Assignments- Dishwasher- Jody, Photographer- Lisa, Easter Bunny's assistant- Emily M, Server/busser- Emery, Nella, David, Avery, and Rory. Cooks- Emily H and Pat D. We are hoping for 2 Fellowship team members to collect money (see below for a plan) and one to help with kitchen plating, etc.

Money collection- two volunteers at a table in front of Fellowship Hall will collect money from families and write the number of meals sold onto a post-it note. The family will give the post-it to the volunteer at the window of the kitchen, the number of meals will be supplied. This will give us an idea of how many meals we have sold for future events.

The kitchen volunteer will help to plate the meals and hand refills to the servers. (we are trying to keep the kids out of the kitchen during the event).

Servers will come out with refills of pancakes and beverages and will clean up tables.

Cim will have a craft table where children can make a photo frame to put their Easter Bunny photo on. We will hand out one bag of bunny bait per family.

Emily will bring griddles.

Jody and Cim will look for CTNS sandwich board sign to get that out to the road with details. We can't find the sandwich board.

Palm Sunday Parade- 4/2- The palms will be coming sometime soon, and Sue L will leave them in the sanctuary for us. Rev. Nancy J will be preaching that day. There is a spot for a children's message if we would like to do one- We will use *The Colt & The King* written by Marni McGee.

Camp Whitman Board Update- Cim gave a report on the CW board- the board hired an assistant director/3rd Presbyterian youth minister. He has a lot of camp experience. All kitchen staff members have been hired (including Jacob M) and all but 3 counselors have been hired (including Emily M).

Sunday School Report- Easter cards were made on 3/12. Cim took a class on the first Saturday of March about the Benefits of Collaborative Youth Ministry. She learned a lot, especially ways to be present both at church and in the community.

Pentecost Service- 5/21- theme will be *Glow*- there was a slight date mix up, but I think we are all set now.

A Big Thank You to the Deacons team for an amazing service with a heart theme. Thank you for including the children's artwork for the bulletin and for including the children in a very engaging and informative Children's Sermon.

Another Big Thank You to the Oaks Family for their generous donation to VBS and to Jayden Demurisse. Emily H sent thank you notes earlier in the month.

Chimes- We are running low on time; we will talk with Patty Squire to see if it is doable for the 5/21 service.

Second Grade Bibles- Rory and Thomas are second graders this year. Bibles are in and ready to present on 5/21.

Senior Gifts- Emily M. and Erika are our seniors. Emily H plans to order the gift next week. Kelly will present Emily M's gift, Cim will present Erika's gift, Jody will present the special blanket.

Adult Class- Jody shared that there have been 11 participants. She loved the curriculum, and the participants loved the class. She will continue the class session on April 23, May 7, May 21, and possibly into June. Jody will put information into the Spire after Easter.

'23 VBS- Cim would like to recycle the Everest curriculum. We decided to serve lunch during VBS. Cim will check with Lisa about serving lunch.

Watson- Cim reported that the keynote speaker is set, the music director is set, two pastors from Fredonia are lined up. There will be slight schedule changes. PR is ready to go.

Next meeting: May 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Hunt

Deacons Team Meeting Minutes

April 4th, 2023

Present: Sandy McMenemy, Randy Kennard, Nancy Talma
In Support: Linda Pulcini, Sara Bush, Sylvia Lyon & Patti Dlugosh

Meeting opening with lighting of the Christ Candle

1. **Approval of last month's minutes** *Motion: Sandy M. Second: Nancy T.*
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Current balance – Sandy M.
 - a. Balances

	Deacons Checking Account	WPC Budget Line item
Initial balance	\$851.94	\$600.00
Additions	\$20 + \$30	
Deductions		
Ending balance	\$901.94	\$600

3. Sharing Correspondence: letter/cards – received from F. K. with gift of \$ in memory to Ellie Giles
4. Volunteers to handle Communion on **4/9/2023** –
 - a. Acquire elements Juice ~ Sandy to bring Bread~ in freezer
 - b. Prep & clean-up time – Sunday morning...at 9 am - prepare ~44
5. **Update of Prayer Concerns:** Adds, Removals and Status
6. **Group Prayer – Lord, hear our prayers.**
7. **Visit/Calls/Card Counts** - circulate sheet

2023 As of April, Counts taken from remaining elements during serving					
Month	Visits	Phone Calls	Cards sent and Email outreach	Communion Served	Communion Date
January	16	27	63	38	1/15/2023
February	7	19	68	42	19-Feb-23
March	6	20	64	39	12-Mar-23
April	6	11	56	57	9-Apr-23
Year to Date	35	77	251	176	

S.S. created cards
 deliver 21 lilies / S.S. created cards

* commuions are now served with passing out the elements in a cup of juice and another for bread

8. **Special Care mailings:** CE cards targeted to be all sent Easter week following meeting.
 Current Roster: special care – confidential listing

Monthly Notes: Bible verse: Mark 9:37 “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me.”

Old Business:

1. Reports of Prayer List contacts

New Business:

2. Set date to deliver Easter Lilies (qty 21) Tuesday, April 11th at 10 am [list of recipients is generated]

Meeting **closed with prayer.**

Next meeting Tuesday 5/2/2023 @ 10 am -- first Tuesday – see you then.

Respectfully - Randy Kennard, Chairperson

Fellowship Meeting Minutes

4/2/23 11:00 am

Fellowship team met after church on Sunday, 4/2/23.

Present: Ray Marr, Roxanne Dobson, Sue Pringle, Norm Underwood.

Excused: Terry and Val Gendron.

First order of business: 5th Sunday Potluck April 30, 2023 after church.

Desserts: Ray will bring cream puffs. Norm will do brownies. Since some people bring dessert for dish to pass, it was decided we did not need a lot of dessert. Sue will get juice. We will need to inventory supplies such as plates, plastic ware, creamer. There will be no theme, such as Mardi Gras.

Decided on Sept. 24th for "Welcome back" church picnic, to be held in Fellowship Hall.

Plans are to hold Western Horizons Sunday on Oct. 29, as that is also the 5th Sunday of the month.

Next meeting will be after church on May 7th.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Underwood

Mission and Social Concerns Ministry Team Minutes

April 5, 2023

Present: _p_ Cassie Hughes _z_ Edie Chapman _p_ Irene Fadden __z_ Jan Taylor
___ Johnnie Fontaine _p_ Rena Haigh _p_ Ruth Dantz _p_ Sally Chase

Mission Team Worship Service May 7th Scripture – Good Samaritan

Ways we can do likewise: Meals on Wheels, Summer Lunch, Zion last Sunday meals, food cupboard, Food Pantry, Other things we can think of...

Food Pantry – Ruth, Food Cupboard – Jan, Family Promise – Irene

Meals on Wheels – Sally, Good Neighbor Fund – John Cook

Healthy Ninos Honduras – Rena, One Great Hour of Sharing - Cassie

Mission Team Cover Letter for Spire in May Family Promise –

Next signup to host on May 1st - Irene will be in contact with families and get dinner delivered. Ruth and Sally will make something for the dinner.

Comments from Sally about Family Promise – need of the family with many children – What help are they getting? Interactions seem missing between parents and children. Modeling interactions was more possible before COVID. Possibility of Head Start, prenatal care.

Food Pantry update – Pantry Board – April 25th

LDS church has approved \$30,000 grant for food pantry. This has been a welcome addition to the Food Pantry. Need all those things we gave with Reverse Advent Calendar. King's Daughters donated \$300 of the paper, cleaning, and personal health products and they already need to be replenished. Laundry soap, dishwashing soap, cleaning supplies are always needed.

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

Women's Association Donation – filled shelves and cabinet. There are frequently people at the cupboard. The food is needed, and the cupboard is being used.

Growing fresh vegetables – We will again promote growing vegetables for the food cupboard and pantry. Cherry tomatoes, red peppers, cucumbers, beans are veggies that families have taken in the past.

Good Neighbor Fund Update - Deposits from WPC and Reformed Church

Beginning Balance – \$ 580.14 / deposit of \$ 1,750 / check written for \$500

Ending Balance – \$ 1830.14 / 2 Rents / 3 adults, 2 children

Concert – Pastor Val is unable to commit at this time, but he was excited to be doing it again. Set date and he has a 6 week timeline before the concert.

Weekend Wellness update –

Beginning Balance - \$ 8,879.32 / 0 deposits/ no checks written

Ending Balance \$ 8,8879.32 / 248 bags in March / 1,312 bags in school year

The Food Pantry meeting was changed to April 25th, same night as Session, so Irene will not be able to go to discuss plans for Weekend Wellness for next year. Ruth will bring back information from the meeting. School is going to survey parents to determine the need for Weekend Wellness. This will help with decision making for the fall.

Meals on Wheels – Newsletter and Application. They will come to us for training. Meals picked up throughout the county.

ARC Home – April 30th 5th Sunday Potluck Easter Cards signed and will be sent to ARC Home. They also will be invited to 5th Sunday Potluck.

Lenten calendar 2 cents a meal – \$233.50 received on Palm Sunday. 2 more banks today **One**

Great Hour of Sharing – Oct 15th Cassie will do the offering again this year.

Mission and Witness Grant – No word yet on decision - \$3,000 requested for GNF.

Spending the budgeted money – \$2,535 to Presbytery Mission, \$1,000 to GNF, \$1,000 to Family Promise, and \$250 to Mountain Connections in Lesotho

Closing Prayer

“And what does God require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.” -Micah 6:8

Team will meet May 3rd to practice worship service.

Next meeting: May 17th after Edie gets back.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Fadden

PROPERTY MINISTRY TEAM - MINUTES

April 19, 2023
WPC

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

Excused:

Meeting Started at 6:30 pm

We do not yet have a quote from Emcor regarding the updates/repairs needed on our boiler system (boiler leak, pilot, zone valves, breathers, etc). Gary confirmed list with Jeff Izzo of Emcor and expect a quote soon with plan for work to start in May before they get swamped with AC seasonal maintenance.

Gary has called Klingerman Painting and is expecting call back shortly on date to start the painting of the steeple?

Looking for someone local to take on rebuild and clean up of the front light that was between columns but fell during a recent storm.

Waiting for quote from Klingerman Painting for the sealing of the bricks.

New Computer for church office is ordered and on its way. Hope to be able to install by end of April or mid-May at latest. (Actually arrived on 4/20)

Waiting on purchase of new AV system laptop to look into other options (network storage device, docking station, editing software etc) before committing to purchase.

Changes to natural gas supply company coming up in May. NYS Public Service Commission sent out a reset order that calls for all accounts to fall back to our service company (NYSEG). Energo (Marathon) was our supply company, but they are no longer an option because we do not use enough gas within a year. Will try to find another ESCO soon and see if we can get our cost per unit reduced relative to what NYSEG charges.

Letter in mailbox at church supposedly from Jim Salmon company offering an inspection of the church. Had another company several years ago and are still working through that list, so will hold off for now.

Is having a secured mailbox for financial secretary worthwhile? If so, where do we place it and what style does it use.

Had an issue with AV system. Transmitter boxes that send video signal to Choir TV and Fellowship Hall TV were not powered on 4/16/23. At end of service, was testing system. Found the working boxes were still powered after key was shut off, so cycled power on the "always on" power strip, and all of the units were powered, and system is working. I don't want to shut off the power to this unit each week, because it powers the network switch and access point. Should look into possibly changing the outlets that are used.

Looking into additional coverage options for AV system for possible time I will be away in June at the same time Phil will be unavailable.

Report of ant "infestation" in the bottom of the white cupboard inside door to main street parking lot. Don Dantz taking care of it with spray and ant traps.

Will be moving AV Cart from basement back to main floor for use in parlor (and fellowship hall) as needed for PNC and other meetings.

Are Scouts of Troop 6166 willing and available to lend a hand by raking the church lawns? James to check with leaders.

Gary checking on cost and effectiveness of using concrete to replace the potholed section of the front parking lot. Since that small section of the parking lot entrance seems to keep failing when paved, maybe concrete would be better?

Gary working on schedule for install of the cellar door that exits to the front parking lot. New door is at church, just need to schedule time with people and with dry weather.

In regard to cleaning of church: Gary has been in contact with Shelley Evankovich (sp?). She has been cleaning the library for years. Proposed cost is flat rate of \$300/week that would cover weekly cleaning duties, plus monthly and semiannual cleaning services.

Will be contacting Nate Ernst of Midlakes Detection to perform tests on our fire detection system.

Next Meeting: Currently scheduled for 05/17/23 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 Susan Frost in Fellowship Hall at 7:00PM with the Lighting of the Christ Candle and prayer.

6 Present: Alicia Lynch, Irene Fadden, Susan Leonard, Norman Underwood, James McFarlane, Janet Manktelow

3 Excused: Emily Hunt, Randy Kennard, Philip Opdycke

0 Absent

A quorum was present.

Susan shared scripture with us to get the meeting started. The scripture was Romans 5:1-5 and Thessalonians 2:1-2.

- Motion made by Susan Leonard seconded and carried to approve the agenda.

Clerks Report

- Motion made by Irene Fadden seconded and carried to approve the minutes from the February session meeting with correction (add elder installation)

The following death is recorded: Eleanor Giles DOD March 8, 2023, at the age of 89. A memorial service was held in the church sanctuary at 1:00PM on March 16, 2023. Reverend Dr. Nancy J. Farrell officiated. Internment is in the Palmyra Cemetery.

Financial Secretary's Report

February 2022

	Current <u>Month</u>	2023 <u>YTD</u>	2023 <u>Budget</u>	YTD% <u>Budget</u>
Receipts	\$7,957	\$35,005	\$147,077	23.80%
Expenses	\$5,440	\$11,500	\$139,546	8.24%
Total Receipts/Expenditures	\$2,517	\$23,505	\$ 7,531	

- Motion made by Irene Fadden seconded and carried to approve the financial secretary's report.

Business of the Church

Flyers for developing team to explore needs of community/nursery school or day care -Cim McFarlane and Lisa Perry made a great flyer. We decided to put them on the tables of the Easter Bunny Breakfast, in the Western Spire and on Facebook.

Geocaching Update – after we decided to allow geocaching on church property for Wayne County's Bicentennial, we were thanked and told they would not be using our church since we didn't want it to be during the months of November and December.

Spire Article- asked for teams to volunteer to do an article for the front of the Spire.

May – Mission Team
June – Property Team

July – Finance Team

Elder Training -Reverend Susan spoke to us about elder training. She provided written material for us to read. We need to remember we are doing God's work not just church business. We also need to be aware of being in the right place at the right time as ruling elders. We need to continue learning and growing in our faith and leadership. We talked about the Essential Tenants of the church. We will continue to explore more on being ruling elders, in future session meetings.

Ministry Team Reports

Worship Ministry Team – We will celebrate Good Friday in our sanctuary with the Farmington Friend Meeting. Their pastor will lead the service. Pulpit supply is filled through May 21, 2023.

Fellowship Ministry Team -The team will be helping the CE team with the Easter Bunny Breakfast. Working on the potluck lunch for the last Sunday in April.

Mission/Social Concerns Ministry Team -They are working with Reverend Val Fowler on doing a concert to raise money for the Good Neighbor Fund. Pete Fadden installed new doors on the Food Cupboard to try to keep the squirrels out.

Property Ministry Team -the internet has been updated and appears to be working well, working on repairing the light over the front steps. The steeple will be painted, the bricks sealed and new computers for approximately \$80,000 by the end of 2024.

Presbytery – They are offering Lifelines Workshop Series.

Next meeting will be April 25th.

Devotions: Irene Fadden

- Motion made by James McFarlane seconded and carried to adjourn with prayer at 8:38PM.

Janet Manktelow

Clerk

Thank You for Your Support To the Easter Bunny Breakfast



Whether it be Donations, Helping:
organizing, cooking, serving,
or Attending.

It was great fun for all

~ the CE Team and Fellowship Team
Proceeds go to the General Funds of WPC





Our Prayer Concerns (updated April 19, 2023)

Grieving:

Family & Friends of Wayne Marriot (requested by Muffie Beato)
Family & Friends of Barbara Rudnicki (requested by Carol Sloan)
Family & Friends of Kay DeRue (requested by Sue Leonard)

Serving in the Armed Forces:

AJ Bliss, Adam Hill, Sarah Jagger, Joe Krebbeks, Josh Polle

Others for whom prayers have been requested:

All caregivers, All those affected by natural disasters, 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, Ellen Avery, Dick Bruinsma, Ed Cole, John Cook, Janet Hassler Costa, Gary Culver, Tracy D'Arduini & Linda Pulcini, Davila family, Jim DePoint, Kathleen Dougherty, Heather Durfey, Jesse Elsenheimer, Gail Green, Marge Harloff, Russell Harris, Joshua Hunt, Dave Jankowski, Linda Johnston & Pam, Frank Lawrence, Will Loan, Angelo Mascioli, Stacey Mayou, Deb Merla, Mary Greenlaw-Meyer, Patrick Miller, Karley Mott, Tracy Murphy, Dawn VerStraete Nieskes, Clem Olsen, Pastor Nominating Committee, Courtney Sears, Brian Teeter & Sammy, Peggy Teitsworth, Ann Fadden Tuck, Sheila Wallerstein, Fran Welch, Connie West, Marie Winker

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

Others for whom we continue to pray:

Joan Durfey, Ann Guest, Ian Guest, Janet Haigh, Bobby Haurand, Paula Hemmings, Christine Stachecki Johanessen, Cim McFarlane, Jessica Locey Otto, Wesley Pruitt, Wilma Redman, Kathy Rynders, David Squier, Marguerite Vizzini

Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:

Beverly Koeberle, Rochelle Morse, Bev Mouton, Dorothy Schlee

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.



MAY 2023

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	1	2 Food Link Delivery 10 am Deacons 7 pm Christian Ed. 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	3 Weekend Wellness Delivery Mission Team rehearsal for worship	4 National Day of Prayer	5	6
7 5 th Sunday of Easter 9 am Sunday School 9 am FH Adult Bible Study Mission Team Service Fellowship meeting after church	8	9 3-5 pm Select Choir Rehearsal 3:15 pm Worship 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	10 Weekend Wellness Delivery 7 pm Select Choir Recital 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	11	12	13
14 Communion & Cereal Sunday Mother's Day 9 am Sunday School Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell preaching	15	16 SPIRE DEADLINE 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	17 Weekend Wellness Delivery 10 am Mission/Social Concerns 1 pm Women's Circle Bible Study 6:30 pm Property	18	19 Food Link Delivery if needed	20
21 Last Day of Sunday School 9 am FH Adult Bible Study Pentecost Youth Service	22	23 7 pm Session 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	24 Weekend Wellness Delivery	25	26	27
28 Day of Pentecost Rev. Robin Lostetter preaching	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	31 Weekend Wellness Delivery			



JUNE 2023

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4 Trinity Sunday 9 am FH Adult Bible Study Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell preaching	5 7 pm Fellowship	6 10 am Deacons 7 pm Christian Ed. 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	7 Weekend Wellness Delivery 10 am Mission/Social Concerns	8	9	10
11 Communion & Cereal Sunday Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell preaching	12	13 3:15 pm Worship 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	14 Weekend Wellness Delivery 7 pm Boy Scouts FH	15	16	17
18 Father's Day 9 am FH Adult Bible Study Sister Barbara Moore preaching	19	20 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room SPIRE DEADLINE	21 Noon Women's Circle Picnic Aqueduct Park 6:30 pm Property	22	23	24
25 4th Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Gail Connors preaching	26	27 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room 7 pm Session	28	29	30	