

The Church Chat Room

Newsletter of the Westmoreland United Church

Books Books Books

Puzzles and CD's

Looking for a new, used book, puzzle or CD for the long winter night?

There are a variety of books, puzzles and CD's on a table in the Brick Church on the Common

Westmoreland United Church

New items will be added regularly

The church is always open

Please wear a mask

Virtual Yard Sale

Check out our new items on our Facebook page at

"Virtual Yard Sale

Westmoreland United Church"

Items are pick up only

Cash or check to "Westmoreland United Church"

Please wear a mask

Holy Week and Easter Services 2021

Westmoreland United Church

All services will be via zoom with links emailed to those on the church's email list. To be added to the list, please email Tina Fletcher at: tinafletch55@gmail.com

Palm Sunday, March 28 – 10 am worship service. There will be palms in a container on the outside steps of the Brick Church if you would like to take some home with you.

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, April 1 at 6 pm

Good Friday, April 2, all day. There will be reading and prayer stations for "Good Friday in Eight Movements of the Gospel of Mark" set up inside the Brick Church. Folk are invited to stop in (masked) and spend time reading, reflecting, and praying.

Easter Sunday, 10 am – worship service. We will raise up our HALLELUJAHs – praise God! - at home during our zoom service (and during other times of our lives!). There will be a basket of (plastic) Easter eggs on the outside steps of the Brick Church for folk to take home with them.

The special Easter offering will be for Home Healthcare and Community Services - Hospice

There will be a basket of Easter Eggs on the Church steps on Easter Sunday. Please help yourself. Compliments of the Westmoreland United Church

Please join us for one of our Friendly Zoom gatherings

1. "Fellowship Hour" on Sundays at 9:15 am
Enjoy your morning coffee or tea with friends
2. "Prayer Shawls and More/Coffee Chat" every Monday at 1:00pm
Knit, crochet, sew, or other crafts or just come to visit.
To receive a link for Zoom Fellowship times or a church service please contact Pastor Lynn at pastorlynnw@gmail.com

It Has Been a Long Drive!

by Carol Austin, Moderator

On March 4, 2020, the Ladies Aid Society met for its monthly meeting, a potluck luncheon, and a program. That evening, the Governing Board met to approve updates to its Guidelines and the Church By-Laws. Plans were in place for a March 29th Special Church Meeting to approve updates and to enjoy a potluck luncheon.

On March 14, 2020, when it became clear that a new COVID-19 virus was a clear threat in the US. Church services were cancelled for March 15, March 22, and subsequently for March 29th. Little did we know, then, that illness and death would be so profound, or that cancellations of worship services, fundraising efforts, meetings, and any gatherings would continue through the Easter season, summer and fall, the Christmas season, and to March 2021 as we are planning for the Easter 2021.

NHCUCC recommends that no social gatherings occur until at least March 21st. The Governing Board continues to monitor guidelines regarding an in-person worship and activities. As vaccines are now being given, hope is that in-person activity can resume soon.

Despite all that has been cancelled in the past year, members and friends continue to be kept informed. Our church mission work and church finances and properties have been maintained.

In the past year, we have learned the computer Zoom format and computer terminology, new computer meanings of old words. *Memory* used to be something you lost with age! An *Application* or *app*. was used when looking for employment! A *Cursor* used to be a person who used profanity! A *Keyboard* used to be a piano! The *Web* used to be a spider's home! A *Mouse Pad* was where a mouse lived! A *Virus* was the flu! A *Hard Drive* was a long trip home!

During the past year, we have identified what is most important to us. Let us not focus on what we have lost. Let us focus on expressing gratitude for our many blessings and for who has been with us on this journey.

Congratulations on the birth of your new baby

To celebrate we have a hand-made blanket and books for your family

Please email Carrie at 4492berner@gmail.com

You can meet us at Fellowship Hall or we will deliver to you

Masks and social distance Of course!

CHURCH WEBSITE..and NOW FACEBOOK

We are now on Facebook. Just click on the Facebook symbol at the bottom of the Church's home page to go to the Facebook page.

Our church website is www.westmorelandunitedchurch.org

Basement Treasures

Yard Sale items for sale

By appointment only

Email : Jeanie at jeaniesy@gmail.com or call 352-8032 or

Judy at jrancourt3@myfairpoint.net or call 399-4828

Small appliance, dishes, linens, books, small furniture puzzles, games lots more

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT EMAIL LIST

If you would like to be on the church email list to receive important church announcements, please email tinafletch55@gmail.com and I will add you to the list.

THANK YOU! *Tina Fletcher*

The family of Ken Walker wish to express sincere thanks for the outpouring of love and support that is surrounding us.

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Scripture readings of the Revised Common Lectionary for Lent, Year B, which you may also find at <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/> where the text is included.

March 28, 2021 - 6th Sunday in Lent

Palm Sunday

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Mark 11: 1-11 *or* John 12: 12-16

April 4, Resurrection of the Lord Sunday

Acts 10: 34-43 *or* Isaiah 25: 6-9

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

I Corinthians 15: 1-11

John 20: 1-18 *or* Mark 16: 1-8

April 11, 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4: 32-35

Psalm 133

I John 1: 1 – 2: 2

John 20: 19-31

April 18, 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3: 12-19

Psalm 4

I John 3: 1-7

Luke 24: 36b – 48

April 25, 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4: 5-12

Psalm 23

I John 3: 16-24

John 10: 11-18

May 2, 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8: 26-40

Psalm 22: 25-31

I John 4: 7-21

John 15: 1-8

May 9, 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10: 44-48

Psalm 98

I John 5: 1-6

John 15: 9-17

Pastoral Ponderings, March 12, 2021

Dear beloved community of Westmoreland United Church,

As I learned from beloved siblings in Christ in chapel services at Eden Seminary:

“God is good - all the time!

All the time - God is good!”

This remains true even after a year of pandemic-style living, even as we continue to physically distance to be safer as we await enough immunization and decrease of illness rates and deaths from this COVID-19 before we are together indoors in groups in person for worship and fellowship. This remains true as we mourn so much including folk who have died, celebrations postponed or missed, changes in life circumstances including work and school and home and play...

And God remains ever faithful and present, even in the deepest sorrows of our lives. Hear what Paul wrote to the followers of the Way – of Jesus – in Rome so long ago as God’s still speaking word to us here and now:

“nothing can separate us from God’s love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.”

Romans 8: 38-39 (CEB)

Praise be to God who is good – all the time.

Shalom,

Pastor Lynn

Mission for Hundred Nights

For the next couple months we are collecting items for **Hundred Nights**, there will be a box in the Church to put items in.

Their **Wish List...**

Hand Sanitizer, Disinfecting Wipes, spray bottles, Paper towel or handi-wipes

Ground Coffee, Powdered Creamer, Sugar, Hot Chocolate

Drink Mixes (lemonade, ice tea, tang)

Deodorant (men’s and women’s) razors (multiple blades) shaving cream

Shampoo & Condition (full size)

Snacks (Peanut butter Crackers, Fresh fruit, cheese-sticks, single serving packets of nuts and dried fruit)

Lunch Foods – canned soups and stews – vegetarian appreciated also

Backpacks, chap stick, medicated foot powder

Laundry soap, spray air freshener

Toothbrushes and tooth paste

AMAZON SMILES

The Westmoreland United Church is now set up through Amazon Smiles. Simply click this link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/02-0407386>

and you will be taken directly to the Westmoreland United Church through Amazon Smiles. Once you select this as your charity - anytime you shop on Amazon Smiles, Westmoreland United Church will receive a donation! During this time where we are ordering more often on line so we don't have to physically go into stores we hope you will take the time to do this to help our Church.

If the link doesn't work, you can just sign up for Amazon Smiles and it will ask you what your charity is. Just type in Westmoreland United Church and it should come up.

Thank You for supporting Westmoreland United Church!

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