



February, 2024 Newsletter

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Dear Westminster,

On behalf of the transitional team, we are in the process of finding a transitional pastor to help guide us during this time of change while we cast a wider search for our next pastor. The team is in the process of interviewing several candidates over the next several weeks. Rest assured, we are working diligently through this time of change. Additionally, the office is being covered by several members. Please pray for our church as we move forward.

~ Chris Stein, Worship Committee Moderator

Calendar of events at the end of the newsletter – please be sure to look at our calendar of events coming for February. We have a fish fry dinner, Ash Wednesday service option at Galloway Presbyterian Church, Lunch Bunch at York Steak House, and the book club gathering just to name a few! Also, you can join us in room 104 for Sunday School at 9:15am each Sunday. And, finally, give a try at the bible cross word puzzle included!

FROM THE FOOTSTOOL

THE LIE MAKER By Linwood Barclay Fiction (2023) Available in Large Print

Jack is a writer whose previous two books marketed in the “so-so” category. His recent offering failed to reach a publisher. So, frustrated and running low in the money department, he accepts an offer from the government to write background life stories for individuals entering the Witness Protection Services. Jack also sees this as an opportunity to gain information about his father who entered the program when he was a child. All this must be done with the utmost secrecy. Lana, Jack’s girlfriend, is a prominent reporter for a Boston newspaper, and she has an inquisitive mind, and investigative nature. Of course, she decides to snoop and discover what Jack’s job is all about. And so, the web spinning begins, with each chapter adding a strong thread, attaching itself to one already spun. Though a complex plot, it is easy to follow. It seems as if Jack is telling you the story personally, maybe over dinner or cool drinks on the porch. You can stop him anytime—“Hey, Let’s take a break for a piece of pie. We’ll continue in a few minutes.” But you won’t want to delay too long.

PRESIDENT GARFIELD from Radical to Unifier

By C. W. Goodyear Biography B G231 G658p Available in large Print

Celebrate this month of Presidential honoring by reading a new informative account of one of our lesser-known presidents. Give yourself the month to accomplish this feat as the tome is heavy on wordage as well as on holding. History classes lumped Pres. Garfield’s term into a short sentence—he was from Ohio, and he was assassinated. It seemed we learned more about the western expansion and industrialization of the country than we did about the aftermath of the Civil War. This book reads well on its own, but it would be helpful to read the current biography of Grant first, as so many facets of Garfield’s political rise were connected to Grant’s leadership. Garfield was also a noted general for the North during the war and was led into the political arena immediately following its conclusion. He was a person everyone liked—he always found something good about everyone even when disagreeing over policies. His selection as a presidential candidate was to appease a fractured party. The text of his early years in the northeastern woods of Ohio is short but fascinating. He didn’t want to farm and left home to be a towpath driver on the Erie Canal. His physical appearance is frequently mentioned. He was a large man, with an extremely huge head! He was genuine, humane, and intelligent. He was also killed soon into his presidency.

One of the most interesting impacts of this part of history is that it is so much like now. The Democrats were floundering with ideas, and suitable candidates. The Republican party was fractured, with a wide chasm. There was voter fraud. Political payoffs, too many aged “cronies”, and scandals plagued both parties. No one wanted to deal with the conditions affecting general livelihood. Is this really the 1870s? Or is it the 2020s? Give this book a try. Also, the Garfield home in Mentor, Ohio makes a wonderful stop if you are prowling the NE shores of Lake Erie.

~Carolyn Moore

Update from the Deacons

We just wanted to remind the Congregation of continuing monthly activities and let everyone know about two upcoming events.

The Deacons email/text out ecards to members and friends of Westminster. Please watch for emails from our email address: thedeaconsatwpc@gmail.com Also, please check your spam and trash accounts just in case that is where our cards are ending up.

The monthly Lunch Bunch meets on the second Tuesday of each month at York Steak House at 11:30. Reservations are not required and guests are welcome and encouraged.

Fellowship Time continues on the second Sunday of each month in the Upper Room at 10am. Please stop by and have a cup of coffee, something sweet to eat and great comradery.



On Friday February 16th, at 5pm, the Deacons will be hosting a fish fry to recognize the beginning of Lent. Other non-meat items will be provided and there will be games. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex so we know how much food is needed.

Since we are recognizing the beginning of Lent, we want to recognize the end of Lent and we will continue the tradition of Westminster's Easter Breakfast. Please mark your calendar for 9am on March 31st. More details to follow.

The "official" deacons continue to be thankful for our congregation and their help with our ministry.

Blessings,

Pam, Kevin and Jim

Plans for the Community Garden

The Garden Task Force will meet at 2:45 on February 8th at Prairie Lincoln Elementary to plan the Spring After-School Garden Program. The program will held on Wednesdays at 2:45 - 3:45 from February 28th till May 29th with the exception of March 27th (spring break at the school).

~ Lynne

Additional information

New Announcements: Please email Melinda Rowe with any announcements or articles for the weekly bulletin or newsletter. Newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month.
tnmrowe@yahoo.com If you need to call, you can reach me at 614-592-9357.

Hymnals available for those who zoom. If you would like to sing along with the songs and you zoom for the service, please take home a hymnal, we have plenty.

Adult Bible Study class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am during the school year, upstairs room 104.

Zoom assistance needed. If you can help aim the camera during the service, you qualify! Please see Chris Stein.

Session did not meet in January.

Copies of the 2023 Annual Report & Contact List are available for those who were not at the congregational meeting January 28th.