



July, 2024 Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

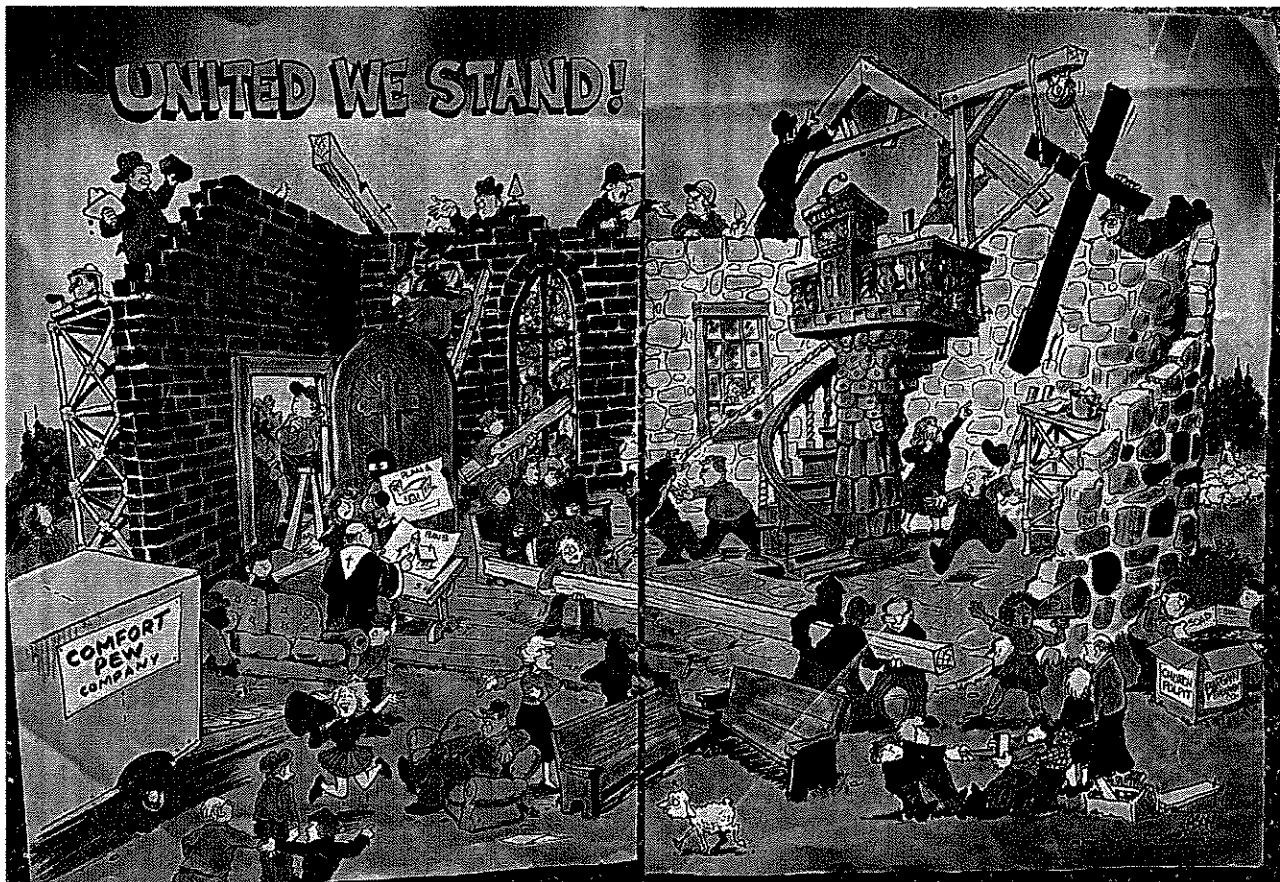
“United We Stand!” is a poster from a David C. Cook Sunday School curriculum. Where do you see yourself in this poster? Can you put a member’s name for the other people on the poster? We do need cheerleaders (male and female) as we move forward. Paul would call them “encouragers.” In Acts 4:36-37 we read the meaning of Barnabus’ name and how he sold a field he owned and took the money to the apostles for their work. Sounds like a lot of our members! I like the fact there is a “Plan A” and “Plan B” reminding me of the wisdom I heard once “There can more than one right answer to a problem.” And I like the “Church Pulpit” box revealing a “soapbox.” There have been times I was told I used the pulpit as a soap box.

I wonder if the church in the poster ever got built. Surely in 1956 when Westminster was founded there were lots of opinions – and there were lots of workers. In 2024, do all of our members contribute, each according to their ability?

In my sermon on June 23rd, I said each person needs to use a window and a mirror. Each of us needs to be looking out the window to see where God is calling us to serve the needs of our neighbors (Mathew 25). Each of us needs to be looking in the mirror to see how God is calling us to change to keep Westminster’s mission faithful to our Lord.

Where do you see me in the poster? Where do you see yourself in the poster? Where do you see the next new members of our church?

Blessings of peace and joy from your Gap Pastor, *Jon*



Clerk's Corner: June Session Meeting

Mission and Outreach

Our next date for feeding the hungry is Saturday, July 13, at 4:30-6:30 pm at Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church on West Broad Street. Kevin Dye posts a sign-up sheet in the Narthax for volunteers to work that evening and/or make a cake (three needed) for dessert.

Meetings of the Congregation

Frustration was expressed at how long it has taken to get to our second meeting with the congregation. Pastor Jon asked if we are ready. He said any new pastor candidate would want to know what are Westminster's congregation's vision, goals and next steps. Pastor Jon himself wants an answer to what kind of revitalization does our congregation want.

Administrative Committee

The loss of rental income caused by one of our renters cancelling their lease with us is estimated to be \$5,000 per year. A motion was made and approved to try to get more rental income by advertising our fellowship hall as available for rent for birthday parties, weddings, etc. on FaceBook, Next Door and/or ads in the newspaper at our current rental rate.

Elected

Rene Miller was elected Treasurer. Jim Benney was elected President of the Corporation, Lynne Kelly was elected Clerk of Session.

Deacons' Report

Jim Benney has been chosen as Moderator and Joyce Sizemore is secretary.

Worship and Music

Pam Johnston and Olivia Mitchem are working with Pastor Thom Shuman of Galloway Presbyterian Church, 6191 Hall Road, Galloway, OH, to plan our joint worship service on July 14.

-Lynne Kelly, Clerk of Session

Report from the Deacons

HAPPY FOURTH!!!

The new Deacons are Carol Jones, Pam Johnston, Joyce Sizemore and Jim Benney. Thank you to Kevin Dye for moderating the Deacons last year and for all of the activities that he worked on.

We hope you enjoyed the luncheon on June 30th. Thank you to everyone who decorated, provided food, other items and helped set up and take down.

We sent out July 4th ecards. If you didn't receive one, please let Jim know so we can figure out what is going wrong. The ecards should show up in your inbox but may end up in your spam or trash. The email address is thedeaconsatwpc@gmail.com

There will not be Fellowship Time in July at Westminster because we will be doing a joint Service with Galloway on July 14th. There will be a meal after the Service and our Deacons are coordinating the food with the Galloway Deacons. This is a great opportunity for us to get to know the Galloway members better. You do not have to bring any food.

Please join us on July 9th for our monthly luncheon at York Steak House at 11:30. Bring your friends. Reservations are not required.

We are planning activities for the Fall and if you have any suggestions, please contact any of the Deacons.

Blessings,

Carol, Pam, Joyce and Jim

Flea Fantasia Updates

After some discussion, we have decided to keep rooms open in the lower level of the building. Rooms 1, 2, & 3, we will have items for you to look at and purchase all year long. You can also donate items. If you need assistance bringing something into the church, talk with one of us.

In order to reduce work, if you bring something, please put it in the room it belongs (clothing, toys, etc). This will keep us from moving items from room to room, making more work. If you see something you like, put a donation into the offering plate and designate that it is for flea fantasia. Thank you!

~ Karen, Melinda, Trent and Jim

Galloway Presbyterian events

July 9th, 5:30 p.m. Gathering at Average Joe's 1515 Hilliard-Rome Road, 43228. Folks can email the pastor thomshuman79@gmail.com or call the church 614-878-5015 to RSVP.

July 10th, 12:30 p.m. Ladies gather for lunch at Bob Evans 1601 Georgesville Square Rd 43228. Reservations not needed.

July 14th, 10:45 a.m. A joint worship service with members from Westminster and Galloway will be held at Galloway Presbyterian, 6191 Hall Rd, Galloway, OH. After the service we will be enjoying a potluck luncheon.

Additional information

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

Diane Trout has updated her phone number.

She can be contacted through her cell phone at 614-638-2821.

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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 10:30am - Hybrid 11:30am - Pot Luck and	1	2 4:30pm - Deacon Meeting	3 9am - Garden Club 7pm - SDA-Sanctuary	4	5	6 9am - SDA - 9 to 1 @ 5pm - SDA @ Sanctuary
7 The Lord's Supper 10:30am - Hybrid 7pm - SDA Evening	8 4:30pm - Admin Mtg - 7pm - SDA Evening	9 11:30am - Lunch Bunch 7pm - SDA Evening	10 9am - Garden Club 4:30pm - Administrative 7pm - SDA-Sanctuary	11 7pm - SDA Evening	12	13 9am - SDA - 9 to 1 @
14 10:30am - Worship at Galloway Presbyterian -potluck to follow	15	16	17 9am - Garden Club 6:30pm - Session 7pm - SDA-Sanctuary	18	19	20 9am - SDA - 9 to 1 @ 5pm - SDA @ Sanctuary
21 10:30am - Hybrid	22	23	24 9am - Garden Club 7pm - SDA-Sanctuary	25	26	27 9am - SDA - 9 to 1 @
28 10:30am - Hybrid	29	30 1pm - Book Discussion	31 9am - Garden Club 7pm - SDA-Sanctuary	1	2	3 9am - SDA - 9 to 1 @ 5pm - SDA @ Sanctuary