

Southwest Winds



Therefore, I say to you, don't worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you'll wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothes? ... Notice how the lilies of the field grow. They don't wear themselves out with work, and they don't spin cloth. But I say that even Solomon in all of his splendor wasn't dressed like one of these. Matthew 6:25, 28-29; CEB

Our Second Annual High Tea

The Golden Harvest Tea will be held at the church, Saturday, November 3, as a fund raiser for the church budget, with sittings at 12 and 2 PM. Here are a few pictures from around the church as folks prepared for the event.



The new playground and trail down to the labyrinth await walking and playing feet



Session Summary for October 11, 2108

Session meetings usually begin with a Treasurers' report. Available were the bank statement details from the end of August bank statement:

Cash on Hand (includes designated funds):
.....\$14,148.97
Register Balance:.....\$11,126.27
Cash that cleared the bank:\$ 3,935.70
Cash received:..... \$ 5,062.70

Over the summer, with the help of an accountant, the church's financial records are being transferred to a "Quick Books" computer program. Because of the change, for the last two months there has been no detailed income or spending reports to the session and the output of the program has been inaccurate and disappointing. Work on the problem continues.

Valdine, Clerk of Session, reported that the "necrology report" for the year went to Presbytery, and our one death this year was Betty Chapman. She noted that she and Lorelei will be attending the Presbytery meeting at Ghost Ranch October 20-21.

Other reports received were from Pastor Lorelei, Sharna Sutherin about Property (Building and Grounds), Pam Burgess the Nomination Committee and candidates for the years 2019-2021. The nominees for session have accepted and will be voted on at the Congregational Business meeting in December; they are Serenea Robare and David Conejo.

At the Congregational Council Meeting there was a general consensus to spend capital money on repairing the church building, and to engage in an "organized outreach" program. The meeting ended shortly after that consensus was reached, and so there was no clarification of what "organized outreach means." So the next Congregational Council meeting is scheduled for November 18, and the topic will be to determine what we mean by "organized outreach." Do we organize outside activities such as recreation events, outreach missional efforts for community needs, or a more formalized outreach effort to recruit new members? I would encourage readers of this piece to be thinking about these questions, and bring your thoughts to the next Congregational Council Meeting. The next session meetings are scheduled for November 15, and December 13.

Respectfully submitted,
John Mezzoff

Two Types of "Congregational" Meetings at WPC?

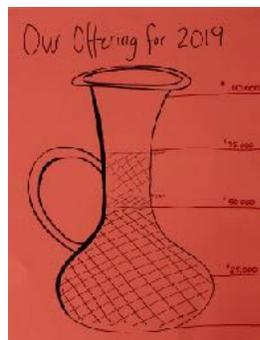
Just in case there is some confusion between what happens at the two meetings we keep talking about, I will try and clarify the purpose of each; (1) "The Annual Congregational Meeting," which is divided into a half in December, and a half in January, and (2) the Congregational Council Meeting.

The Annual Congregational Meeting (1) is prescribed by the Book of Order, must have a quorum of members before beginning, and operates by Roberts Rules of Order. Here all WPC members can vote on the issues. The December "half" is devoted to the election of new session members for the class of 2021, and officers of the corporation for one year. At the January "half" the 2019 budget is presented, the annual reports are reviewed, and the Pastor's terms of call for the new year are reviewed and voted on.

The Congregational Council Meetings (2) are called by the session to discuss a certain topic. At a council meeting all of the people who attend this church are invited to attend and speak. We sit in a circle listening intently as each has a chance to voice their opinion. As we listen closely to each other we may have to go around the circle several times until there is a feeling of consensus about the topic. There is no voting, and the moderator of the meeting can declare when a consensus is reached, or if there is no consensus, then there can be other options before proceeding, such as dropping the topic, return to the topic at another meeting, or perhaps form a committee to further flesh out the issue.

I hope this is helpful.

**Pledges Made as of
Sunday, October 28
\$74,000 towards a goal of
\$100,000**



This poster is located on the wall at the back of the sanctuary.

White Rock Presbyterian Church Mission Effort at WPC

On October 13, a group from White Rock Presbyterian church near Los Alamos was invited to use our space for a sewing workshop as part of their mission effort. Lorelei received the following letter of thanks from Jennifer Holmes, of the White Rock Mission Committee:

Hello Lorelei,

Thank you to you and your congregation for sharing your church space with us last weekend. We hosted a sewing workshop for members of the Navajo House of Fellowship and White Rock Presbyterian Church. We made beautiful curtains for the church at Bread Springs. We also used the church space to prepare and serve lunch to our seamstresses as well as folks who were doing service work at the House of Fellowship and in the Bread Springs Community.

The use of your facility enables us to have a warm, inviting location (with running water!) to bring our joint mission projects to life. We really appreciate being able to collaborate in serving the community in Christ's name.

Also, thank you so much for the donation of the sewing machine and the use of your ironing boards and irons. We plan to continue this sewing ministry with more workshops in the future, and your machine will be of great use.



Rev. Sharna Sutherin presents a message to children

Men's Group Meets for Breakfast

A group of WPC men have met four times at Pee Wee's Kitchen and discussed the Extravagant Generosity book. The group wants to continue to meet, and a possible name for the group was offered as "The Un-wholly Spirits." We plan to meet again on November 7 again at Pee Wee's Kitchen, 1644 S. 2nd St., at 9:30 AM for a designated hour. We have been allowed to use the "party room" with allows private discussion in blessedly quiet space, and the food is very good and the service excellent. We may continue our discussion surrounding mission, personal sharing, church concerns, and we will bring book ideas that have some relationship to our church life. The time has been enjoyed by all.

DONATIONS FOR BATTERED FAMILY SERVICES

The **Deacons** are collecting food items for Thanksgiving Day dinner for BFS families. Help us support the Battered Family Shelter by donating: turkey, ham, cranberry sauce, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, canned or fresh yams, assorted canned vegetables, pinto beans, or rolls. Please place non-refrigerated items in the collection box in the Fellowship area. Refrigerated and frozen items can be marked with BFS and placed in the church refrigerator/freezer. Collections will end on Sunday, November 18th and items will be delivered on Monday, November 19th. For more information, please see Eryn or Heather. When making monetary donations, please make a check out to Westminster Presbyterian and make a note in the memo section "BFS Food Drive." Thank you so much for supporting BFS families.

Nicole Jones

West side of the church



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