



# Westminster Presbyterian Church Weekly Witness



## Loving Faithful Committed

**April 21, 2024**

Our Scripture reading for the sermon this Sunday will be from Acts 4:5-12. In it we have the first Christians under arrest who, interestingly, turn it into an opportunity to share their faith. In it, Peter makes quite an exclusive claim - that salvation is found in Jesus alone. What exactly does that mean? Does it mean lots of people in this world who practice another faith or no faith are headed to the fiery pits or the outer darkness? What exactly does salvation through Jesus alone mean? Come, this Sunday and we will consider this pivotal moment in the early church.

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What do our elders in the Presbyterian Church (USA) do? Elders are called to ministry in partnership with our ministers. Within this calling, elders have responsibilities in several areas of the life of the church including the exercise of leadership, governance, spiritual discernment, and discipline. What do our deacons do? Deacons are to "exhibit within the church and before the world the exemplary moral authority of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ." Deacons traditionally pray for our members, tend to their needs, visit the sick and bereaved, and bring home communion with the pastor.

Get to know Westminster's Elders and Deacons.

Pastor Tom

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Thank you to all who will make this week's

Worship Service a success:

Bridge Pastor: Pastor Tom Paine

Lay Reader: Kaye Hubbert

Elder of the Day: Kaye Hubbert

Usher/Greeter: Hareld & Janet Dills

Fellowship Host: Mel & Jean Bluhm

Organist: Jan Snider/Pianist: Carolin Auvil-Greenfield

Prelude: by Westminster Bells



**April Food Bank Donations: Canned Meat**

**Our Deacons are collecting the following  
Food items to help feed the hungry**



**Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Spam, Ham, Corned Beef, Roast Beef, Turkey, Vienna Sausage, Etc...Thank you for supporting this program by placing your donations in the basket at the bottom of the sanctuary steps.**

**Let us join together to help lift, restore, heal, love and feed our neighbors.**

## Elder Serving this Sunday

## Lay Reader Calendar

## Usher/Greeter Calendar

April 2024	April 2024	April 2024
April 7 Don Wilson	April 7 Don Wilson	April 7 Gary Odegaard
April 14 Mike Schieffer	April 14 Jean Bluhm	April 14 Jean & Judy
April 21 Kaye Hubbert	April 21 Kaye Hubbert	April 21 Hareld & Janet Dills
April 28 Guy Warren	April 28 Nancy Emerick	April 28 Chuck & Nancy Emerick

Thank you to everyone who is our **Elder, Lay Reader** or  
**Ushers/Greeters** for the month of **April 2024**

If you are unable to be a Elder, Lay Reader or Usher/Greeter on the scheduled date please let the church office know right away & please make arrangements for a replacement Elder, Lay-Reader or Usher. **People who may substitute are:**  
**J. Vander Stoep, Mike Dwyer, David Plotz, Nancy Leventon, Gary Odegaard**

- 1 Cori Hartley
- Jenny Kirk,
- Mitch Lund,
- Jacob Zylstra
- 6 Isabella Harlow
- Judy Wilson
- 7 Kathleen Alviar



- 9 Melyssa Carter
- 16 Olivia Carr
- 17 Nancy Emerick
- 26 Dennis Blake
- Kate Alexander,
- Jo Vander Stoep

### ELDERS

Leading, Shepherding, Teaching.

### DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

- Kaye Hubbert
- Carol Days
- Guy Warren
- Amy Howlett
- Dave Murphy
- Don Wilson
- Michael Schieffer
- David Plotz
- Jan Stites

- Kay Odegaard
- Judy Stone
- Wayne Osborn
- Robin Frantz
- Joyce Carr
- Janet Dills
- Nung Plotz
- Kathrine Gulmert
- Peg Warren



## Fellowship Hosts for April 2024

April 7 - Dave Murphy

April 14 - Alviars

April 21 - Mel & Jean Bluhm

April 28 - Hareld & Janet Dills

**Our History Corner # 14 is being repeated as there was an accidental omission in Jean's article that has now been corrected.**

### **History Corner #14 April, 2023**

The St Helens Club is the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest woman's club in the state. It meets here in the Fellowship Hall. May, 1<sup>st</sup> 1:00-2:00, I will share with this St Helens Club how many of its members are also women from our church. This club started in 1895 with some members of our church, educated women who needed a place to keep their traditions, their culture & still fit in to the Chehalis wilderness where cows roamed the plank covered water & mud & loggers & hunters almost spoke a different language. It was depression but there were 14 taverns & 7 churches & ours was one of them. They met & made a difference by getting the cows off the streets & creating a comfort place for country women to rest after a long buggy ride & change their babies' diapers. This community effort continued & they restored the Jackson House, planted trees along the road to Centralia, worked at the S.W. WA Fair & each week gave presentation they researched & gave with good diction & correct speech.

Our own Francis Kennicott, wife of Dr. Kennicott who built the first hospital in Chehalis & daughter Frances were members. Her large home on State Street built & designed by the same architect as our church was a place of many meetings. Emily Stearns, daughter of Laura St John on the plaque in front of our church & married to Joel Stearns, son of our first elder & her mother Laura & sister were also members. Edna Newland, a member of our Ladies Aid Society was among the women who got a loan to buy the lot our church is built on was a St Helen member. Anna Urquhart the woman the blue "Garden of Gethsemane" window was dedicated to was also a member as was her daughter-in law Sara Murry.

From this early membership our women Mary Judd, Kaye Kaufman, Kay Bain, Mary Elizabeth Heimbigner, Haven & Eleanor Petersen, Jackie Minnick, Joyce Johnson (Nancy Leventon's mother & Nancy), Mel Johnson, Dr. Kate Gregg, Florence Kennicott who did so much in our church including saving the Pioneer windows, Ethel McGovern, Kay Rollefson, Meg Martin, Bev Ramsey, Fran Giffey, Doris Tibbits, Norma Zylstra, Suzy Vander Stoep, Janet Bluhm, Jean Bluhm, Meredy Fay, Maryann Kruse, Liz Powell, Jan Snider, Lou Charneski, Jean Smith our secretary through many pastors, Ethel & Jeri Smith (Jean's daughters), June Cleveland, & Jenny Kirk, all attended our church. There were 44 in all.

In our church history it is evident that Christ filled women in our church since its beginning had the gifts from God to make a difference in this community. They listened to God & with His guidance forged ahead with worthwhile projects to evangelize. We are a downtown church standing bold over the years & with God's continued help & with our men by our side, we will find just the right minister & we will support this person & with God's blessing, we will fill our congregation with sinners, like ourselves who want to become God's willing helpers to spread His work throughout the area.

Jean Bluhm, Historian

## **Announcements for Sunday, April 21, 2024**

### **Joys/Upcoming Events & Needs**

- **Happy Birthday to everyone whose birthday is in April.**
- **Happy Anniversary to all our couples married in April.**

### **Concerns**

- Prayers for Mary, who is in the hospital with cancer & kidney problems.
- Keith Conant's cousin in California was hit by a car. Prayers for a complete recovery from this accident.
- Prayers for Irene who is beginning chemo treatment.  
Prayers for successful treatments & healing.
- Jan & Ron Stites friend, Carla, was just diagnosed with cancer.
- Prayers for Phyllis Crawford, a good member is in a dementia center in Shelton.
- Gary Odegaard asked for continued prayers for their friend Almeda. She has been moved to a place where she can get special care.

### **Continued Prayers Needed for:**

Larry McCool, George Evans, John Poole, Jim Lester,  
Kay Odegaard, Clyde Hoffman, Dave Nunn, Erlinda Martinez, Doug  
Fletcher, Dave Murphy, Alijah Berry, Margie Howard, Janice Borden,  
Gwen Moor, Wayne Osborn, Bob Lund, Anne Westfall,  
Margie Howard, Jennette Dougherty, Lowell & Brenda Carlson,  
Clyde Berry, John Aggers, Kathryn Fraher, Elizabeth Duncan,  
Shellie Bailey, Rebecca Moore

**Please call or email prayer updates to the office.**