

Westminster Window

Knowing Christ Building Believers Serving All

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TAKE NOTE!

- Youth Sunday is May 12 (Mother's Day). Youth will be leading worship and the kids will be singing.
- Summer worship hours begin June 2. The service will be from 9:30-10:15 am.
- Pastor Bonnie's last Sunday will be June 9.

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Laura Schulte, Editor

May 2024

From the Pastor's Pen- YOU ARE BEING CALLED:

-*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "I am here! Send me!"* Isaiah 6:8

God's calling is diverse and constant. God calls to each one of us to love and serve the Lord every day with our lives through our faith. In the months to come, there will be changes and needs that God will be calling you to fulfill. Do not miss that call. Pray, listen, and stay connected and talking with others in our church. You are the one God will be sending to carry out the work of the church. It may be something brand new and unexpected. Follow Jesus.

Praying joy for the journey, *Pastor Bonnie*

This is a news report of a new calling for a woman in our denomination. It signals some of the change that is happening there at the highest levels.

THE REV. JIHYUN OH, THE NOMINEE TO BE THE NEXT STATED CLERK OF THE PCUSA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Rev. Jihyun Oh, director of Mid Council Ministries and an Associate Stated Clerk in the Office of the General Assembly, is the selection of the Stated Clerk Nomination Committee to be the next Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Commissioners to the 226th General Assembly will vote on Oh's nomination when they meet in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 30-July 4, 2024.

Oh's first name is pronounced "Jee-hun." If elected, the 1.5 generation Korean American, who was born in South Korea and raised in Kansas, would be the first Korean American to serve in the PC(USA)'s highest ecclesial office, only the second woman, and the first woman of color.

"Two things stood out the most for me with Jihyun: the primacy of prayer and spiritual discernment in her decision-making and the fact that she already has her hands in the soil of the unification process," said the Rev. Gregory Bentley, a member of the nomination committee. "She has demonstrated, to my satisfaction, that she has the steady hand, depth and breadth of knowledge of the church and the moral fortitude to lead the PC(USA) during these convulsive and cataclysmic times in which we find ourselves."

"Jihyun is exactly the right person to lead us through this time of transition in the PC(USA). She has deep respect and trust across the denomination," said the Rev. Sallie Watson, the committee's moderator. "Her pastoral sense, honed as a chaplain in a Level 1 trauma center hospital intensive care unit, serves her well and will serve us well. She can relate to all kinds of people ... We're so fortunate to have her among us."

Shout to the Lord!

This month we are sending a “shout out” to all Faith Formation teachers and Calvin’s Kids staff for a successful year. We thank them for their dedication and for taking the time to thoughtfully prepare for the spiritual growth of their class. We thank God for each of them. They shared themselves and their love for God with our children, youth and adults. They are a gift to Westminster.

God of all wisdom and knowledge, give your blessing and guidance to all who teach in your Church, that by word and example they may lead those whom they teach to the knowledge and love of you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On Mother’ Day, May 12, some of the Calvin’s Kids will sing during Worship, graduates will be recognized and the youth will help lead Worship. Scuba VBS is scheduled for June 3-7 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed. Please let the CE Office know if you are available to assist. Join us as we reach out to our community, spread the Word and share God’s love!



Treasurer’s Report



For the Month Ending March 31, 2024

	<u>Actual</u>
<u>Total General Fund Receipts</u>	\$45,065.74
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$56,231.29
<u>Net Income Gain/(Loss)</u>	(\$11,165.55)

Acolyte Schedule

May 5—Madison & Logan Sternberg
May 12—Mollie & Tommy Soderlund
May 19—Parker Klausing & Alana Ethington
May 26 (Memorial Day Weekend)—The Hanna Family

Summer worship hours begin June 2 (9:30–10:15 am)

June 2—Alana Ethington & Lydia Sullivan
June 9—Jeremiah & Caleb Spirk
June 16—Parker Klausing & Gavin Peck
June 23—Madison S. & Mollie S.
June 30—Logan S. & Tommy S.

May Anniversaries

May 28—David & Candace Sternberg

May 29—C.O. & Donna Bannister

May 31—Tara & Mike Vickery

Tim & Catina McDonald



May Birthdays

May 1—Drake Moore

May 3—Jillian Ferguson

May 4—Scott Jackson

May 5—Mike Schobert, Julie Posth

May 7—Tom Welch

May 8—Kenny McConachie

May 9—Alexandria Diercks

May 15—Melissa Peck

May 18—Alice Baird, Daniel Spirk

May 20—Debbie Bernardoni

May 22—Tom Moffat

May 23—Sherri Sroka

May 24—Brooke Craig

May 28—Riley Biermann

May 31—Jeremiah Spirk



Parent and Family Corner

Below is an excerpt from “The Daily Dad” by Ryan Holiday.

The Bible puts forth a pretty good definition of an actual successful life; “An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children are trustworthy and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.”

We can strip the gender out of this and it’s still true. Our job is to:

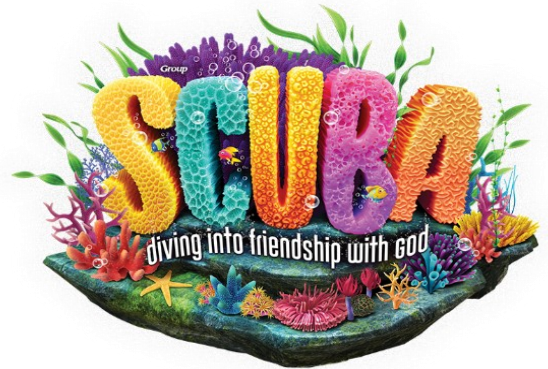
- Live an honorable life
- Treat our spouse well (and respect our marriage)
- Teach our children to be honest and reliable
- Refrain from spoiling them

If you can be successful or famous or respected at your chosen craft above all that? Fantastic. Just remember: no amount of worldly gains will matter—especially at the end of your life—if you have failed at being a parent to those with whom you would most love to share those gains.

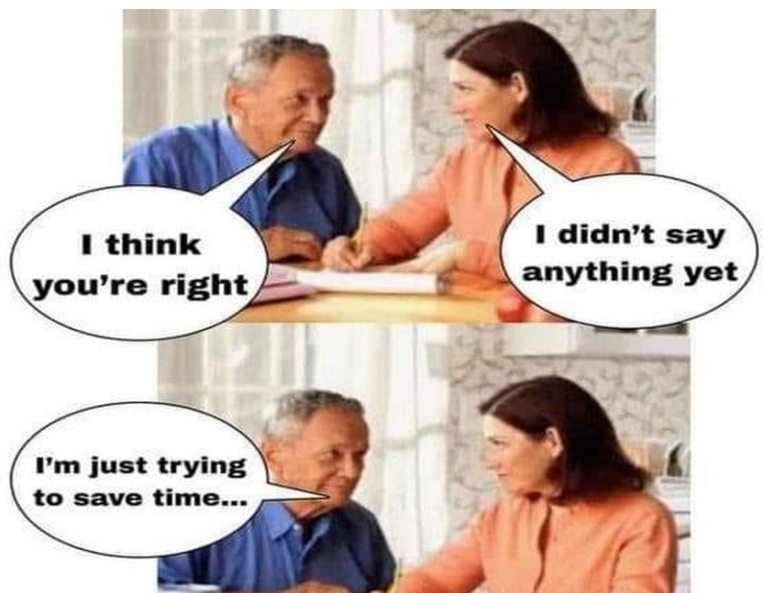
SCUBA VBS

If you would like to help provide items for this year's VBS, please see the list below. You can bring your donations in to the office any weekday between 8 am and noon, or drop them off on Sundays.

Large containers of Goldfish Crackers
Cheetos
M & M's
Pretzel sticks
Country Time Lemonade mix
Pudding cups, chocolate or vanilla
Pool Noodles
Ocean dwelling stuffed animals (to be returned)
Swedish Fish (gummy fish or worms)



To Westminster Youth class, Thank you all for thinking of me and sending the beautiful Easter card. I'm doing physical therapy at RCCC for my broken ankle and broken shoulder. Therapists are very good to help me and the other patients get better. I will get back to church soon. Thank you all, Alana, Paige, Gavin, Logan, Caitlyn and Madison! Martha Barber



Out and About at Westminster



Calvin's Kids Highlights



May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5-6:30 pm Calvin's Kids 6 pm Benevolence 6:30 Choir	2 10-12 Food Pantry 6 pm Deacons	3	4
5	6 9 am Prayer Circle 1-3 Quilting	7 10-12 Food Pantry 5:30 pm Worship	8 5:00-6:30 LAST Calvin's Kids 7:00 Trustees	9 10-12 Food Pantry	10	11
12 3-6 Scouts in Fellowship Hall	13 9 am Prayer Circle 1-3 Quilting 6 pm WOW Brown Bag Mtg	14 10-12 Food Pantry 6:30 pm Session	15	16 10-12 Food Pantry	17	18 9-1 Congregational Clean-Up Day
19	20 9 am Prayer Circle 1-3 Quilting	21 10-12 Food Pantry	22	23 10-12 Food Pantry	24 5 pm Potluck 6 pm Games	25 9-1 Spiritual Retreat
26	27 9 am Prayer Circle 1-3 Quilting	28 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	29	30	31	