

Westover View

Westover Hills Presbyterian Church

April 2020



Session Notes

From the Stated Meeting of February 9, 2020

Westover Hills received the following correspondence:

Letter from Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services thanking Westover Hills for donations during the 2019 Christmas Season.

Card of Acknowledgment of the \$945.03 donated to Helping Hand of Greater Little Rock from the Alternative Christmas Market proceeds.

Letter of thanks from Solar Under the Sun thanking Westover Hills for its donation of \$378.00 from the Alternative Christmas Market proceeds.

Session voted to purchase two pickle ball sets and two wally balls to start a recreational fellowship program. The purchase was funded by Westover Men, the Fellowship Committee and the Pastor's Discretionary Account.

Westover Hills' Administrative Assistant, Damaris Richardson, will have office hours Monday through Thursday, from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

Session is reviewing the church roll and will be updating it soon.

A congregational meeting will be held on March 1, 2020 to elect new classes of elders and deacons.

Pastor Kris will be off February 23-25, 2020 and Rev. Carol Clark will serve as pulpit supply.

Presbyterian Women received approval of the following:

To hold the Women's Luncheon on May 16, 2020;

To take up the PW Birthday Offering on Sunday, May 17, 2020;
To reserve the chapel, gathering space, fellowship hall and kitchen from July 30 through August 18, 2020 for Treats and Treasures.
To serve beer and wine at the Treats and Treasures preview party; and
To reserve the fellowship hall for pickle ball on March 2, 2020.
Session approved the position description for the church Administrative Assistant.
H.K. Stewart will serve as Westover Hills' elder commissioner to the March meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas.

From the Called Meeting of February 16, 2020

Session voted to approve the amended Building Use Guidelines as recommended by the Property and Maintenance Committee.

A congregational meeting will be held on February 23, 2020 to elect new elders and deacons.

From the Congregational Meeting of February 23, 2020

The congregation voted to elect Bill Smith, David Stricklin, Mary Lois Stanfield and Nancy Passini to the Elder Class of 2022 and Charlotte Frith, Joy Thomas, Kay McCollum, Laura Whitmore, Marcey Berry and Shirley Garlington to the Deacon Class of 2021.

From the Called Meeting of March 8, 2020

Marti Hampton was received as a member of Westover Hills by reaffirmation of faith.

From the Stated Meeting of March 8, 2020

The 2019 Statistical Report was approved for submission to the Presbytery of Arkansas. Westover Hills will share its security and concealed weapon policies with the Presbytery.

This month WHPC paid down \$12,000.00 of principal on the mortgage.

The Stated Session Meeting for April 2020 has been cancelled since it falls on Easter. Any business will be addressed through called or electronic meetings.

The Alternative Christmas Market will be held November 21 and 22, 2020.

One Great Hour of Sharing will be on April 5 and 12, 2020.

The Preschool's Annual Chili Supper netted \$5,000.00.

Session voted to purchase a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to be located new the fellowship hall/gym. The purchase price of \$1,700.00 will be funded by a \$1,000.00 grant from Blue and You with the remainder coming from the church. There will be an AED training session on April 15, 2020.

The Transition Team met March 2, 2020 and will meet again on March 16, 2020.

Sexton Ulysses Neyland's mother passed away and Ulysses will be on bereavement

leave. Session voted to pay him for eight days of bereavement leave and to collect a love offering. Administrative Assistant Damaris Richardson will take five days off to visit family in Guatemala. Session voted to pay her during her absence.

Our Transitional Minister Rev. Kris Crawford was accepted back into the Presbytery of Arkansas from Grace Presbytery at the Presbytery's March Meeting.

New elders and deacons will be ordained and installed shortly.

From the Electronic Meeting of March 12, 2020

Due to the Coronavirus/Covid 19 outbreak, Session voted to affirm the following suggestions by the Emergency Task Force:

A - Worship – Suspend public attendance at worship for 2 weeks, March 15 and 22. Worship services are to be live-streamed, with file also to be posted on WHPC website. Following March 22, we then decide our course week by week.

B - Sunday school - Suspend public attendance, same as for worship; but use conference call for interested adults on Sunday mornings, March 15 and 22. We then decide week by week.

C - Other meetings and use of church facilities – Suspend use of facilities by internal and external groups through March 28, that is, as long as LRSD is closed. We then decide week by week.

Respectfully Submitted,
N. Zane Wilson,
Clerk of Session, WHPC

Office Hours

Damaris will work from 9am-2pm Monday through Thursday. Her email is office.westoverhills@gmail.com.
Kris will be with us each Sunday and will keep regular office hours (9:30 – 5:30 Monday through Wednesday each week). She is eager to attend any and all evening meetings and church events. She maintains an open-door policy and welcomes a visit! Please give her a call to set a time. Kris can be reached at kris.westoverhills@gmail.com
****All church events have been cancelled until further notice at this time due to the "stay at home" order from Gov. Asa Hutchinson.****

Welcome New Member

The congregation welcomes Marti Hampton, who has come home. Marti was baptized and grew up at Westover Hills and now has joined by reaffirmation of faith. Please give Marti a big welcome next time you have a chance.

Mardi Gras Time at the Village

The Presbyterian Village Foundation hosted a Mardi Gras Masquerade, Thursday, February 20. The evening included New Orleans-themed cuisine from local restaurants, entertainment AND valet parking! The food was delicious. A number of individuals from Westover Hills attended the event. As the guests arrived, Charlie Frith took their photos.



Top Row, Left to Right - Decoration, King Cake, Food, Mask as Table Decoration

Middle Row, Left to Right - David Stricklin and Sally Browder; Sally Johnson, Joy Thomas, Betty Glenn, Kay McCollum and Shirley Garlington; Sally Johnson, Joy Thomas and Betty Glenn; Ann Bell

Bottom Row, Left Right - Chapel ready for guests, Charlie & Charlotte Frith; Sally Johnson; the Entertainers

Family Promise

Promise program the week of June 14 till noon on Sunday June 21. This will be a time when children will be starting summer camp at Lake Nixon and parents will be continuing jobs or their search for employment as well as housing for their family.

The daily schedule at Westover begins between 5 and 5:30pm when family members arrive from their day's activities, eat a nourishing meal, have free time to play games in the gym, do laundry, take showers and settle into their rooms for quiet time and sleep. The next morning starts early with everyone up around 6 – 6:15 AM. They eat a bowl of cereal or a sausage biscuit, put together a sack lunch, and leave the church by 7 AM to begin the day's activities.

Volunteers from Westover are needed to prepare evening meals, grocery shop for breakfast food, sack lunches and snacks, or be an overnight host. In general, we visit and interact with parents, as well as children, to help them feel welcomed and loved for the week they are with us. We partner with St Paul United Methodist Church in the Family Promise mission of Matthew 25:40.

A Life of Service: Rev. Don Campbell



Rev. Don Campbell regularly attends Westover Hills Presbyterian Church and can usually be spotted near the front with his son, Don, Jr., and daughter-in-law, Andrea. Rev. Campbell was born in Scott, Arkansas, and attended school there until the seventh grade. He attended Little Rock High School (now Central) and recalls commuting two hours a day to attend class there.

Following high school, he attended Yale University and graduated with a B.A. in History. He also received a Fulbright Scholarship and studied liturgics at St. Andrew's in Scotland, before receiving a degree in Divinity at Yale.

After college, Rev. Campbell accepted a call to serve in Crossett, Arkansas for six and one-half years, before becoming the Organizing Pastor of a new church (Grace Presbyterian) in Little Rock. While in Little Rock, Rev. Campbell also served on the planning committee for a new retirement community – Presbyterian Village. In 1973, Rev.

Campbell moved to the Atlanta Office of Professional Development, where he served seven years working with candidates for the ministry. In 1981, he accepted a call to serve as Pastor to Pastors for the Presbytery of Southern Louisiana, where he remained for ten years. In 1989, Rev. Campbell became active in the development of Oasis Renewal Center in West Little Rock, a non-denominational site for spiritual retreats, where he served until 1995.

Rev. Campbell now devotes much of his time to writing. He has authored four volumes of his memoirs and a volume of collected sermons. Currently he is working on a series of prayers. Although retired as a pastor, Rev. Campbell continues his life of service through his writings, and by sharing his faith journey and spiritual reflections with other sojourners.

Children on Sunday Morning



From Ms. Nancy:

We have been learning about and following the Church calendar. Now, in the Season of Lent, we continue to read stories and respond to Jesus's work in the world.

May we suggest, whether your child is 3 years or 12 or somewhere in between, that you choose a familiar story from the Gospels, read it together, talk about it, and then respond with crayon or paint, playdoh, a card to a shut-in, Legos (there are many Google sites online with free downloadable color sheets, etc.) reinforcing with your child that during this time of uncertainty, God is with us, loves us, and so you are reassuring our children that things will be okay and that Easter is on its way!

Annual Preschool Chili Supper

The Westover Hills Preschool Annual Chili Supper and Silent Auction was held March 6, in the Westover Hills Fellowship Hall. Regular, white chicken and vegetarian chili, hotdogs and beverages were served; raffle tickets were available for a chance to win wine and a chance to win Preschool tuition.



Lots of wonderful items were donated for the Silent Auction. Including sales of auction items and admission tickets, the Preschool made about \$5,000 after expenses were accounted for. Mömandpöp creators, songwriters Bobby Matthews and Virginia Ralph, entertained the preschool

children while the adults enjoyed their supper. A big thanks to all of those who donated time, money, and goods and to all who attended.



Preschool Board serves chili - From Left to right - Shawn Mitteldorf, Deanine Rogers, Betty Glenn, Mary Lois Stanfield, Charlie Frith, Laura Whitmore and Eileen Joyce



Gricelda (Preschool Teacher) and



Mömandpö entertain the preschool children



Bartenders - Ray Koone and Tommy Callaway
chaperoned by Ray Stephens



Mömandpöp entertain the preschool children

Adult Christian Education

Because of the coronavirus, Sunday school has moved to the telephone. On Sunday, March 15, 8 people joined in a conference call to discuss "Fear and Hope," the story of Jesus and the disciples on a troubled sea (Mark 4:35-41). To access the Sunday school call in the future, go to **425-436-6323/access code 495565#**.

When Sunday school can occur face to face again, we will continue our environmental stewardship discussions. John Mac Leod has agreed to talk with us about the weather and climate. And Joel Gill, director of Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, will talk to us about the Ferncliff green initiatives, including farming.

Presbyterian Women News

Compassion blankets will be made for UAMS after services on after May 17. The PW Annual Birthday Luncheon is Saturday, May 16. Watch the Careline for more details.

If you've noticed the kitchen looking even more sparkling than usual, credit Donna Callaway and the kitchen team for an early spring cleaning. Please don't make any messes if you happen to take a peek!

Mark your calendars now for Treats & Treasures 2020. Betty Glenn & Mary Lois Stanfield are busy planning for the August 15 Preview Party and August 16 early morning sale. When you start your spring cleaning, remember to save up the goodies for drop off day.

Presbyterian Women's Outreach to the Incarcerated Debuts Hawkins Childbirth Ministry

Carol Enderlin and two other nurses are now teaching childbirth preparation to pregnant inmates at the Wrightsville unit twice a month. Through their classes they help the women understand risks, and problems that could affect the health of either/both the baby and the mother.

The low-key approach and relaxed setting are helping the soon-to-be moms feel comfortable sharing info they hadn't even mentioned to their healthcare providers. By understanding the potential of symptoms, the women realized they needed to bring them to the attention of their provider.

Carol says she and the other nurses have appreciated the support of the Assistant Warden and the Program Coordinator who were also following up on potentially serious health problems with three of the pregnancies.

Kids' Art Classes

The teens have recently been introduced to *Lord of the Rings*, and have done some coloring; a few students have even gotten the books to read after hearing part of the story (now that is a successful art class)! They also used sharpies and 91% alcohol (never-ever say 91 proof to teenage boys) on floor or wall tiles to make coasters. The coasters will be great gifts when the kids head – hopefully – back home. Class numbers have been steadily climbing again with as high as 24 teens on some Tuesdays. The teens also made kitchen strainer light catchers.



Robin Tutt preps beads for Mardi Gras necklaces and masks during Mardi Gras party with youth at the Juvenile Detention Center on “Fat Tuesday.” The King Cakes disappeared so fast that we almost thought we’d forgotten to pick them up!

Healing Through the Arts

Healing through the Arts – Mary Frothingham

Mary Frothingham was born in Jinan, China. Her father, a British medical missionary from the Church of England, and her mother, an American missionary from the YWCA, met there in language school. Mary lived in China for the first ten years of her life, moving to Minnesota in 1941 after her father became ill. Shortly after, her father died and Mary remained with her mother’s family while her mother left to complete an education at the University of Minnesota. Mary still has fond memories of ice skating with family and going into Minneapolis for art lessons while living in Minnesota. Upon graduation, Mary’s mother took a teaching position at a girls’ school in East Northfield, Massachusetts. Mary and her mother resided together at the school, which Mary later attended for four years.

After high school, Mary attended Oberlin College in Ohio, where she met and later married Dick Frothingham, a theological seminary student. Upon his graduation Dick served as pastor for two small churches in Ohio, and Mary joined him a year later after her own graduation. As a new bride, Mary recalled learning to cook using the Fannie Farmer Cookbook, and both directing and singing in their church choir. During the Korean War, Dick served as Chaplain at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas for three years, and Mary completed her course

of studies as an educator. She later taught second grade for two years. Following the Korean War, Dick and Mary moved to New York where Dick received his PhD. Mary and Dick then moved to Nebraska, where he took a position at Doane College as part-time faculty and part-time chaplain for two years.

After Nebraska, Mary and Dick moved to Little Rock where Dick took a full-time faculty position at then Little Rock University (now UALR), where he remained for the next 25 years. During this time Mary and Dick raised three sons. Mary began to volunteer at Easter Seals when her youngest son entered kindergarten, staying on the next eight years as a part-time Arts and Crafts teacher for handicapped children in the Occupational Therapy Department. For the following 12 years, Mary taught Arts and Crafts, Performing and Visual Arts for handicapped adults attending the sheltered workshop at Easter Seals. In looking back, Mary views her role during those years as helping persons who were marginalized by their disabilities to overcome social isolation through the arts.

Currently, Mary is dedicated to writing a series of books on different lives and the healing that can come through repentance and forgiveness. She has previously co-authored a musical entitled “The Healing Tree,” on the theme of racism and healing, which was performed at St. Paul’s Church of Christ in Little Rock. Mary loves attending WHPC, and feels a strong sense of connection to and support from her church family. Most recently Mary has been enjoying the taped services available online and adult Christian education classes, where she continues to share her wealth of life experience through lively class discussions.

Did You Know?



Did you know that the Property and Maintenance Committee is vigilant 24/7? Did you know that they attend to all our property at Westover Hills? Committee chair Mac Balkman and committee members are on call

whenever a toilet leaks, a roof leaks, a wall leaks -- or a door won't lock/unlock. He and his fellows, Ray Koone, Bob Quinn, Ray Stephens, and others, during Ulysses' recent absence, cleaned the church and set up and took down tables in support of the Preschool Chili Supper. During our temporary closure, they come by the church at random times now to do security checks.

Last fall they oversaw cutting down of the three big pine trees by the North Parking Lot. With overheated and under heated

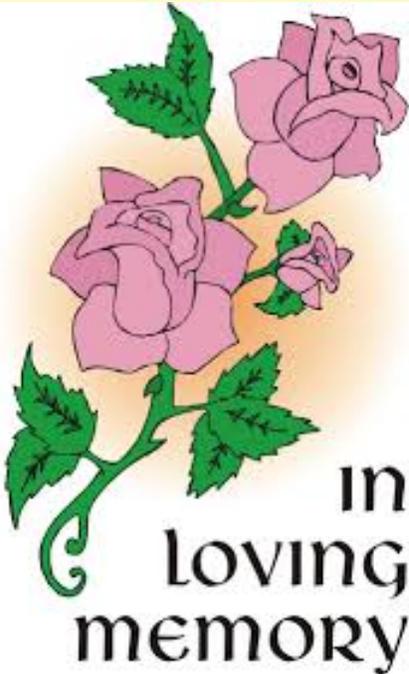
members of the congregation who want more or less heat or cool, they talk through managing thermostats in the buildings. They do other things, too many to count, for all of us. In short, they make sure that the facilities we depend on are ready for business – seven days a week, 24 hours a day! Thanks, Mac and Company!

Honorarium



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