

WPC NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021

SUNDAY, MAY 16

Scripture: Acts 1:6-11

Sermon: “What Things May Come”

Pastor Hans Poetschner

Jazz Sunday

TIM’S GOING AWAY CELEBRATION

We hope everyone will join us on Sunday, May 23 to celebrate and thank Tim for his nine years of ministry. The celebration will take place following the Worship service – either outside or inside depending on the weather.

Check your weekly email for more information on Tim’s party.

PARKING INFORMATION FOR MAY 16

We wanted to give everyone a heads up about the east parking lot on May 16. Millikin will be holding a graduation ceremony the morning of the 16th and will be using the east parking lot.

However, we have arranged for some parking spots to be blocked off for our congregation to use. If you normally park in the east parking lot on Sunday morning, and find all of our blocked off spots full, please use the north parking lot and enter through the ramp door.

IF:GATHERING WATCH PARTY

Our next video and discussion will be on Sunday, May 16 following the Worship service. (We had to move it up a week due to Tim’s celebration.) All women, of all ages, are invited to join us in the Parlor for “Anchored: Living in the Deep End”. This talk by Pastor Mike Todd is very inspiring (and entertaining!) and will help us take a close look at where we are in our faith journey.

FAITH STUDY

Everyone is invited to join Pastor Hans for his weekly Faith Study. You can join him on Sunday mornings at 9:00 either in the Parlor or by zoom. Or you can join him on Wednesdays at 3:30pm in the Parlor.

RUMMAGE SALE

The rummage sale is coming. Plans are underway for the rummage sale to be held Friday, August 20 from 8-2 and Saturday, August 21 from 8- noon. More details will be coming, later, but put the date on your calendar

If you have been home cleaning during this year of the virus and have boxes of items for the rummage sale, you may begin to bring them now. Call the office 217-428-6603 before you come to make sure someone is at the church. Since we already have many

items, it would be helpful if you could bring some of the items in a box. No adult clothing or electronics will be accepted.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Sunday, July 11 through Thursday, July 15 from 6:00 to 8:30pm. All children ages three years old through completed fifth grade are invited to participate in this fun week. Everyone else is invited to help make this week a spirit filled fun experience for all! Our theme this year is "Treasured: Discovering You're Priceless to God". It's not too early to register or to be praying about how you will be involved!!!

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC)

Our PNC members were approved by the Congregation and will begin meeting soon. This group will be responsible for calling our next full time Pastor. While they are doing their work – we ALL have work to do too. And that is to PRAY!. Pray for our PNC members, pray that they hear the Holy Spirit in all they do, pray for what God is calling us to do in our community to further His Kingdom. We encourage you to add this to your daily prayer list.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HANS

Dear Friends,

A momentous day in the life of our congregation is approaching, Tim's last day. On Pentecost Sunday May 23, 2021, Tim will for the final time lead worship and preach at the Westminster Presbyterian church. I call on all of you to honor his faithful service, and show up for his send off.

This Sunday will be all about endings and new beginnings. Not only will it be Tim's last service, it will be the first time since the calamity of COVID-19 broke out amongst us that we will have an official fellowship time, and, of course, it is Pentecost, the birthday of the church of Jesus Christ.

Such transitions are loaded with emotions, scary, but also exciting. As we let go of a person we know well, we also let go of habits, customs, and traditions. That is always hard, painful, stressful, and, yes, scary. The church will have to figure out a new way of doing things as Tim is not around, and Tim will have to get used to new living conditions, and a new job with very different tasks and expectations. This is hard work, on the best of days, and you guys know how we all love hard work - not.

But there is an upside to this: a change of the way things get done opens up new opportunities, new horizons, a chance for total renewal. Look at Pentecost: Jesus has left, this time for real, and the apostles sit around the table totally lost. And then everything changes radically, and the story of the church of Jesus Christ begins for real.

We need to celebrate what is passing, and we need to look forward to what is to come. And in our trust in God and the Holy Spirit, a new chapter in our lives, in the life of our congregation may begin that will lift up our spirits, and lead us towards the greater love

of Jesus Christ. Mourn, dear friends, but turn your eyes and prayers towards tomorrow and let it be the Day of the Lord.

Remember in all this, I am pulling for you, and God bless you now and always.
Pastor Hans

ON THE CALENDAR

- 5/13 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00am
- 5/13 Worship/Music Meeting 5:30pm
- 5/16 Faith Study 9:00am
- 5/16 Deacons Meeting 11:00am
- 5/16 Women's Video Watch Party 11:00am
- 5/16 Jr. High and Sr. High Youth 6:30pm
- 5/19 Faith Study 3:30pm
- 5/19 LOGOS 4:30pm