



Southwest Winds

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"Summer
Edition"

People were bringing children to Jesus so that he would bless them. But the disciples scolded them. When Jesus saw this, he grew angry and said to them, "Allow the children to come to me. Don't forbid them, because God's kingdom belongs to people like these children. I assure you that whoever doesn't welcome God's kingdom like a child will never enter it." Then he hugged the children and blessed them.

Mark 10:13-16; CEB

- Worker installing **new steel door**
- Inside view, nice finishing job
- Outside view with matching stucco



Second Load of Rubber Mulch

Tom Funk, Sue Weaver, and Jane Nelson spread out the second load of rubber mulch in record time to cover the bare spots, and essentially finish the installation of the play set.



Hurrah for the fun, the work is now done.



2 Photos from Lorelei

May Session Report

The May session meeting was held Thursday evening, May 12, 2018 at the church. The Moderator was Rev. Lorelei Kay, and all the session members were present including Pam Burgess, Albert Jordan, Juliana Stravers, Valdine Brower, and John Mezoff.

Treasurer's Report:

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Here is the financial summary as of Feb 28:

Bank Balance:	\$12,331.72
Checkbook balance:	9,465.44
Cash Dispensed:	9,297.82
Cash Received:	8,913.55

Presently the financial status of the church is reported to be healthy.

Motion passed: It was voted that left over money from the playground project be applied to the basement door repair.

Motion passed: It was voted to keep all financial records, checks, deposit slips, financial information, bank statements, checkbooks, credit cards, IRS information, at the church.

Motion passed: It was voted that all funds taken for church purposes be recorded through the intake process (including amount and name of giver/s), and that cash not be taken home by individuals on behalf of the church. Only two people shall be in the office when the offering is counted, one of them being either a Session member or a member of the Budget & Finance Team who is trained to enter information into the church's financial (QuickBooks) program.

Clerk of Session Report:

Valdine, reported that WPC's Session Minutes for the last year, and the Membership Register Record were approved without exceptions. Congratulations, Valdine, on all your work keeping these records in line with the book of order guidelines.

There will be no session meeting in July and August's meeting date will be decided at the June meeting.

Pastors Report:

Pastor Kay's report began with the story of how difficult it has been to get Home Depot and Cosco to recognize our tax exempt status. She has spent much effort to get this straightened out, even though we are recognized as a Presbyterian Church by the national church and a tax exempt entity by the state and federal tax administrations.

Pastor Kay thanked Sharna Sutherin and Pam Burgess for their leadership on the playground

project, and all the members of the congregation who have helped putting the equipment together, preparing the play yard and spreading the rubber mulch. I think that we have all felt good about the project, and because our little ones are enjoying the new playground equipment. A donation for a bench in the playground has been made by the family of the late Marilyn Johnson. Thank you!

There was a discussion about the "Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Child/Youth/Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy and its Procedures." This 11 page policy was approved by the national church at the 2016 General Assembly and applies to all "entities" (including all churches) of the PCUSA. The document can be read at oga.pcusa.org. The session talked about how the rules in the document will affect how we operate, specifically with protection of children in our Sunday school and other youth activities. It also means that pictures of children cannot be published in this newsletter without a written consent signed by the parents on file in the church office. This publication is published on the church web site and so is very public. If you have specific questions about this policy document, please speak to Rev. Lorelei Kay.

At the time of this meeting, Lorelei had scheduled the installation of the new steel outside back door in the basement. This has been accomplished. Recall that the door was bashed in on April 30 by someone attempting, but failing, to get into the church. We have a \$2,500 insurance deductible and the new door and installation will cost about \$4,300. A Motion was voted to take money for the emergency repair from church funds less any donations earmarked for the door replacement. Some donations have been received.

There was a memorial service for Marilyn Johnson, a friend and colleague of Pam and Sharna, May 11, 2018. Plans for the service were outlined for the session.

Rev. Kay reported to the session a list of all the community activities, pastoral care, worship planning, denominational, and teaching activities that occupy her time and efforts.

She requested vacation June 22-29, and July 13-23, which were approved.

She passed along that Holly Stravers wants to buy the old piano in the basement, and the session voted to accept a donation for the instrument.

The new phone service with HughesNet is working.

Property Update from Sharna Sutherin:

Some of her report is included in the information given above. Other updates are:

- All the books have been removed from the shed.
- Barbara and Felix Paredes have agreed to begin to research sanctuary chairs. Holly Herr Stravers has agreed to work on a plan and estimate for painting downstairs.
- The kitchen project still needs a team and a team leader.
- The banner collection has been sorted by the worship committee.

The next session meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening at 7 PM, June 14, at the church.

John Mezoff, reporting

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Westminster Presbyterian Church (USA)

is located a mile south of the intersection of Historic Route 66 and Boardman (State Highway 564) on Boardman

Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30 AM

The Church Telephone is (505) 905-3247

The Church Website is <www.wpcgallup.org>



Deacons, Volunteers Needed

Save the Date!

New Teacher Orientation has been moved to Friday, August 3rd at JFK Middle School. We will start a sign-up sheet in July looking for volunteers to help greet the new teachers. We'll be asking bakers to help us out with cookies too!

We are still collecting items to include in the new teacher orientation welcome bags and will collect throughout June and July. Suggested items include: cracker sandwiches, mini-hand sanitizers, candy, Emergence-C, snack bars, dry erase markers, Post-It note pads, Band-Aids, paper clips, or any other small items a new teacher might enjoy. Please place items in the collection box on the table in the fellowship area. If you would like to have the Deacons do the shopping, please make the donation to the church, and make a note in the memo section for "New Teacher Orientation." Thanks in advance!!

Nicole Jones

Friday Night Book Group

She Flies ON: A White Southern Christian Debutante Wakes Up - by theologian Carter Heyward, is the book that the Friday night book group is reading. The next meeting will be June 8 at Pastor Lorelei's home at 6:30 PM for potluck dinner and discussion. Please let Lorelei know if you will be attending and what you will bring to share for the meal. (505)

Worship Committee Meeting

The worship committee will meet Saturday, June 9 at 1:00 PM at WPC. Contact Kathy Mezoff for more information. (505) 870-6136