

April 2021

The Westviewer

Westview Presbyterian Church

Dear Westview,

We have started a new chapter in the life of the church with a limited reopening of in-person worship. In many ways I feel Palm Sunday was like my first Sunday at the church as I enjoyed meeting people for the first time after weeks of talking on the phone! I appreciate our commitment to being careful and wearing masks and socially distancing while we ease into things in this new chapter. Let's also please keep in mind that not everyone is vaccinated nor thinks it is time to return to worship. Let's be patient and respectful and look forward to the day we can all be together in worship.

I want to thank everyone who attended the town hall meetings in March for our initial conversations around the mission of the church and the needs of our facility. Four town hall meetings were held in the month of March regarding the mission of our church and a master plan for our facilities. A survey was also mailed to those who did not participate through Zoom with a self-addressed stamped envelope to make it easy for return. My summary of the responses is as follows:

- A) We want our facility to reflect a value of community and welcome that reflects the mission of the church of joyfully seeking and sharing God's light.
- B) There needs to be more strategic work done in several areas to be presented back to the congregation: space usage, sanctuary bathroom remodel (especially ADA compliant), kitchen remodel, making the prayer garden more accessible, the idea of a community garden, signage, parking for older members.
- C) There is support in the congregation for continuing this process of developing a master plan for our church facilities.

Please find the following executive summary of the questions and responses. A full list of all the responses will be available on the church website and is available in the church office.

Sincerely,

Dr Dan

Town Hall Meetings Summary

1. What are the driving values we want our facility reflect?

- An inviting, friendly, welcoming, and safe place to be fed in body, mind, and soul
- Our facility and our facility master plan should reflect our mission. If a capital campaign was held for projects that furthered the mission of the church, I think it would be well received.
- There is a history at Westview of acknowledging need but not being able to move beyond it to action. Everything is “Yes, but . . .”
- The Pantry and SafeLots are the way we say something to our community and how we are using our building for the community. We are a part of the solution for change.

2. If we were to develop a master plan for the facility what would you like to see that would help us be relevant and grow the church?

- Increased sense of “family”—more multigenerational
- Opportunities for youth. Something my grandkids and kids of all ages can come to
- Make the entrance to the sanctuary building more apparent and inviting

3. Do you have any input around developing a community garden for the church and community?

- Planting seeds in the earth and in people’s lives resonates with who we are as a church.
- We would need to figure out how to get water to it. We have a residential water tap not commercial. To change a residential to commercial tap is between \$50,000 - \$100,000
- I oppose the idea because it would require a lot of work to organize, a group to work the garden, weeding and watering would be a constant job and water would be expensive
- A good concept but we would need very serious commitment and leadership.
- Younger people seem to be more interested in “doing” something than sitting in church.

4. Memorial garden

- I don’t know why we put the memorial garden where we did. The noise from Hover disrupts it as a place of prayer. Where would we put it if it was moved?
- There are no sidewalks to the prayer garden. You have to walk on grass and gravel to get there, and having a sidewalk may encourage people to use it more
- Could the memorial garden also be a columbarium?

5. The bathrooms in the sanctuary pod.

- FAMA (Facilities ministry area) had a plan drawn up for a bathroom renovation in the sanctuary pod. The cost of the renovation somewhere between \$100,000- \$400,000
- Something needs to be done. It is essential we have ADA compliant bathrooms
- If the bathrooms were expanded in the choir room where would the choir meet? Upstairs?

6. Signs

- The electric sign on the sw corner was rejected by the city but we should look at it again.
- All our signs need to “work”—directing people easily to where then need to go.
- We should have a sign on the north east corner of the property
- We should have outside lights on each of the letters on the building.

7. \$100,000 loan balance executive summary

We have a loan from Independent Bank to help with expenses incurred by the flood in 2014. The loan is held at a 4% interest rate with a seven-year balloon payment due in April 2021. We are working to refinance back to an original balance of approximately \$160,000 at the same interest rate. We can then take \$50,000 or so and repave the parking lot. Current monthly payments of \$1060 would not change.

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Special points of interest:

Join us for Worship:
Limited In-person,
and on Zoom
Sundays at 9:30 am

- 2021 Covenant Commitment—\$55.00



Dates & Times to Note

- **April 1**—Maundy Thursday service, 7:00 pm (in-person and Zoom)
- **April 2**—Good Friday
- **April 3**—Worship MA work in Sanctuary, 9:00 am
- **April 4, 11, 18, 25**—Sunday worship service, 9:30 am
- **April 5**—Communications MA, 4:00 pm
- **April 5**—Facilities & Administration MA, 7:00 pm
- **April 6**—Deacons meeting, 7:00 pm
- **April 7**—Worship MA , 7:00 pm
- **April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**— Zoom Fellowship, Host:Harry Heibein, 8:00 am
- **April 12, 26**—Round Pantry Set-up
- **April 13, 27**—Round Pantry, 2:00—7:00 pm
- **April 16**—Westview Meal for SafeLot
- **April 21**—Spiritual Journeys MA, 10:00 am
- **April 22**—Session meeting, 6:30 pm



Session Notes



At their regular meeting on February 25, Session took the following actions:

Approved: To re-open with “soft” opening on Palm Sunday (March 28), and a “full” opening on April 4 using guidelines previously written. Worship services will continue to be available on Zoom and outside in courtyard with a TV weather permitting.

Approved: Lynn Goin and Wally Fleeger will discuss balloon payment options with Independent Bank in April, 2021.

Approved: Social Media Policy

Approved: Establishment of a new Communication/Evangelism MA



Thanks to everyone who has helped provide SafeLot meals each month since last October.

SafeLot has graduated 14 families into housing! Thanks to Sandy, Elaine, Beth, Sue, Dorothy, Lisa, Nita, Sandy, Wanda, Bev, Lila, Jackie, Susan, and the entire Outreach Ministry Area!

If you would like to contribute by cooking or supporting a local restaurant, please call Janet Mulay.

Westview provides dinner for SafeLot on the 3rd Friday of each month.

Simple Crock Pot Recipes Wanted!

SafeLot supports people in many ways, successfully enabling them to leave the program. When people move from living in their cars to their new residences, they often have little to nothing to start with in their new homes. Thanks to an excellent sale, Outreach has a number of 7 qt. Crock Pots for gifts to celebrate the graduation of SafeLot parkers. Westview is blessed with some **Wonderful** cooks, and we would like to offer a few simple recipes to go with these Crock Pots. Because the recipients are just starting out again, the simplest, easiest and least expensive recipes are best. Please e-mail, mail or drop off your recipes to the church office by April 15th.

Thank You!



May the beauty of the spring flowers and the warmth of the sun be reminders of God's love for us and the promise of blessings to come.
Happy Spring!

The Worship Ministry Area Team



Gatherings Ministry Area wishes you a Happy April. Hopefully April showers will bring May flowers!

We look forward to a time of renewed connections.
Blessings to you all!



EASTER 2021



Message From Highlands:

Dear Friends: Cautiously and with great hope, Highlands is making plans for Summer 2021! We plan to offer six Family Camps this summer, inviting families to join us for 2 or 3 nights in the mountains. Highlands can be a safe place for folks to get away and enjoy the beauty of God's creation this summer.

But none of this is possible without **Summer Staff**. Summer staff at Highlands serve as program counselors working with families. They also serve as activity facilitators leading rock climbing, canoeing, pedal boats, mountain biking, archery and more. Summer staff are needed in our food service, guest services and housekeeping departments.

Young adults can apply online at <https://www.highlandscamp.org/employment>





Round Pantry has passed another milestone: 11 years of feeding those that are food challenged. This mission has been made possible due to all of your hard work, as well as the support of Westview Presbyterian Church and many partner churches and community members. On April 13th there will be a small celebration held to thank all our volunteers for the hours of love and labor given to the Round Pantry.

Next year will be YEAR 12 and we hope to be able to celebrate in a big way! Please watch for invites to help with volunteer opportunities, donations, and prayers for the 2022 celebration.



The One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering occurs during the season of Lent, February 17 – April 4. One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians join together to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Westview encourages you to participate in this offering! Your gift will help to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through these programs:

Your gift may be received directly through either the [PC\(USA\)](#) website or Westview Presbyterian Church.

REBUILDING HOPE — PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (32%)

Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees.

GROWING FOOD SECURITY — PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (36%)

Takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.

PARTNERING IN PROGRESS — SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (32%)

Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.

Other News (cont.)



Linda Shupe	04/01
Martha Ruscitti	04/11
Sean O'Brien	04/13
Becky Herman	04/14
Ann Constantinides	04/17
Beth Shryack	04/19
Beverly Dehning	04/21
Lila Latta	04/22
Margee Sekich	04/22
Virginia Brown	04/25
Micah Heins	04/26
Lynn Goin	04/27
Rick Hansen	04/27

Karleen and Todd Ehlert 04/24



Along with all the wonderful baby gifts that Karin and Adam received, there is the cutest little *blue sun hat*—with no note attached. Karin and Adam would love to thank you, if you will let them know who you are, or you can even call the church office. Who knows, you might see their new baby girl wearing it to church one day!

Please Note: Activities shown below will resume when Westview is able to fully re-open..

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU AT WESTVIEW!
We would LOVE to have you be a part of us!

GROUP	DATE & TIME	PLACE	SPECIAL NOTES
Thursday Morning Study Group		Damascus Room	Open to: Anyone Meets: Sept-May, 2nd Thursday, monthly Contact: Church Office
Men's Breakfast		Fellowship Hall	Open to: Any interested men Meets: Oct-May, 1st Saturday Contact: Tom Herman
Women's Revolving Restaurant Tour		Various local restaurants	Open to: Any interested women Meets: 4th Thursday, monthly Contact: Janice Bachmann
Young at Heart		Perkins	Open to: All who are young at heart Meets: Monthly, 3rd Friday Contact: Wanda & Harry Heibein

APRIL 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 Maundy Thursday 8:00 AM Zoom Fellowship, Host: Heibein 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday (in-person & zoom)	2  Good Friday	3 9:00 AM Worship MA - Sanctuary
4 9:15 AM Coffee Fellowship (zoom) 9:30 AM Worship Service	5 4:00 PM Communications MA 7:00 PM Facilities/Admin MA	6 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting	7 7:00 PM Worship MA	8 8:00 AM Zoom Fellowship, Host: Heibein 6:30 PM Personnel Advisory Committee	9	10 
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