



Mid-Week Update for the week of October 18 to 25, 2020

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Announcements

The Turkeys Are Coming!

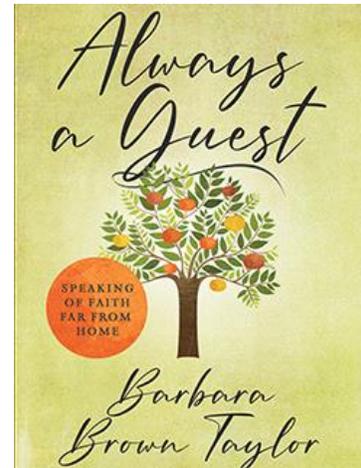


Stay tuned for an announcement by Pat Wilson
this Sunday.



All Saints Day

All Saints Day is coming up shortly, on November 1. Each year we honor loved ones who have died in the past year. If there is someone you would like to remember during this service, please send their name and a picture to Beth in the office by October 29.



New Barbara Brown Taylor Book

From beloved writer and renowned preacher Barbara Brown Taylor comes a new collection of stories and sermons of faith, grace, and hope. When preaching in guest pulpits, Taylor finds that one must seek common ground: exploring the central human experience. *Always A Guest* will inspire Taylor's fans as she explores faith in all its beauty and complexity. You can save 35% when you order from the PC(USA) Store.

Church Retreat Cancelled

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we're getting in touch to let you know that the church retreat is going to be postponed until next year, October 22-24, 2021.

As you may well be aware, the government has called on the public to stop gathering to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, and so it wouldn't be responsible for us to go ahead with the event at this time. We hope you can join us for the 2021 church retreat on the rearranged date October 22-24, 2021. Looking forward to gathering next year!



Centering Prayer Meditation

The Presbytery of the Twin Cities forwarded this opportunity: Rev. Luna Gebben-Green is co-leading a 4-week introduction to Centering Prayer Meditation, offered by Minnesota Contemplative Outreach via ZOOM. Beginning November 10th, 2020, the class will be from 9:00am to 10:30am, Nov. 10, 17, 24 and Dec. 1.

Centering Prayer is a receptive, deep method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship.

You can learn more at their website:

<https://www.minnesotacontemplativeoutreach.org/enrichment.html>



Westminster
Town Hall Forum

Virtual Westminster Town Hall

Westminster Presbyterian in Minneapolis has moved their town hall series online this fall. The forums will be broadcast on Minnesota Public Radio, and streamed on their website www.westminsterforum.org.

Upcoming Community Events



Inter-Faith Prayer Vigil, Oct. 28

Westwood Lutheran Church has coordinated a pre-election prayer vigil for Wednesday, October 28th. "This pre-election season is one of those times when we felt it would be good to come together, to stand united, and pray for peace, justice and healing in our land.

"You are invited to light a candle that night on your porch, or put a light in your window, as our community stands united in love for our neighbor, and praying to do our part as 'repairers of the breach.'"

The vigil will be live on Facebook and YouTube at 7pm on Wednesday, October 28. Links for the vigil will be available on their website, www.westwood.church, the day before.

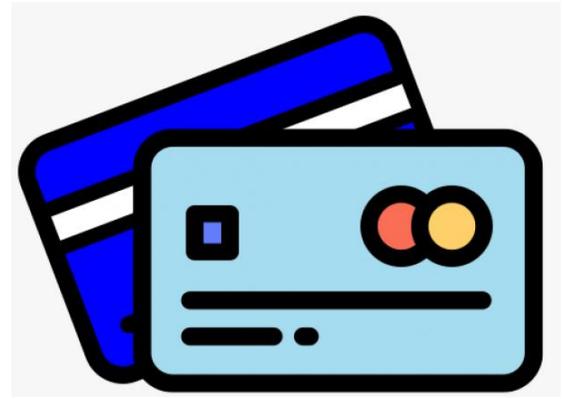
Tuesday, October 27, at 12p: Building a Movement to Stop Climate Change, with Bill McKibben



A Day in the Life: Lessons from Georgie, by Katrina Bergman

1. Sometimes joy is a choice.
2. New things are scary, but sometimes that is right before they become awesome.
3. Fall leaves are awesome. Don't let them pass you by because you are too busy to enjoy them.
4. Snow is sometimes scary, and always cold, but the first snowfall of the year is exciting.
5. Take time to play with your friends in the snow.
6. Be nice to your friends.
7. Just because someone isn't your friend now, doesn't mean they can't be your friend. First impressions are not always right.
8. It is easy to be a bully when you are bigger, stronger, or more privileged. Sometimes being kind takes work.
9. When we are excited, we can sometimes be careless, and our friends get hurt.
10. Sometimes there is a fine line between teasing and fighting.
11. Naps are amazing, and cuddles are even better.
12. A cold day is better with a hug in it.

13. Everyone wants to be loved, even dogs.



From the Pastor

Thoughts on a VISA card

So I hear through the grapevine that, during the broadcast of last Sunday's worship service on Zoom, the tip of my VISA card was showing! While broadcasting the Sunday morning service, I was reading scripture and following the order on my iPhone. What I didn't realize is that when I held the screen close enough to see it, those of you on the other side of the broadcast could see the back of my iPhone, with a pocket for my driver's license and VISA card. The tip of my VISA card was showing!

At first, I was embarrassed that my VISA card showed up in Sunday morning worship service. It felt like the old days when women would be told, "Your slip is showing." Back then, women would wear slips under their dresses and skirts and took care to make sure that underwear stayed under their clothes. Ladies didn't let their underwear hang down below their dresses!

But after thinking about it for a while, I have concluded that there's nothing so awful about a tool for carrying out business (a credit card) showing up in worship. After all, during the week I use my VISA card often for church business. I order things online, such as the FM

transmitter for our parking lot worship services, and get reimbursed later. Back in the day when we used to worship together in the sanctuary, we had wallets and purses with us, in which credit cards and check books could be found. Sometimes we'd get the check book out to write a check to put into the offering plate.

My VISA card in worship reminds me that when we worship, we bring ALL of us with us, not just our spiritual selves. The tools and practices of everyday life are part of us as much as our praying of prayers and singing of hymns. After all, God sees us as we are, not as we would like to be seen. God knows all about our credit cards and financial dealings already. I am reminded of Psalm 139:

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

Finally, something good has come out of this pandemic: some breaking down of the “dividing walls” between private and public life. A news reporter broadcasts from her home and sometimes a cat walks into sight. A minister broadcasts from an upstairs bedroom office and sometimes her VISA card shows.

Let us give thanks that the God that we worship knows and accepts us as we are. And let us remember that all that we do, and all that we have, is to be done and used to demonstrate God's glory and love. Let us live as if we have nothing to hide—because, in the final assessment, we can't hide anything from God anyway!

Pastor Heidi

Worship Resources

You can click on this link to join the zoom meeting, for Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday meetings:

<https://zoom.us/j/5046768135>

You can join the meeting by opening the Zoom app and entering the **meeting ID 504-676-8135**.

To dial in, call 312-626-6799 (long-distance).

The meeting ID is 504-676-8135.

To watch previous worship recordings on our YouTube channel, go to

www.youtube.com/channel/UCvOa5jl8xld1VtI105h6ZRA/.

They are also on our website at

<https://www.peaceprez.com/worship-recordings/>.

We will continue to post Sunday bulletins ahead of the service on our website at

<https://www.peaceprez.com/news/publications/>

Calendar

If you would like to join these meetings but do not have internet access you can:

- Call 312-626-6799 (long-distance) at the meeting time, and enter **meeting ID 504-676-8135**
- Call the church beforehand at 952-545-2586 and leave a message, and we can set up a phone buddy for you

This Week:

Thursday, October 22

10:30 am – Bible Study, on Zoom:

Matthew 22:34-46

7:00 pm – Session Meeting

Sunday, October 25

10:30 am – Worship service, live on Zoom and Facebook

Penny Warren

Nov. 10

Drew Larson

Nov. 10

Greg Stauffer

Nov. 11

Next Week:

Tuesday, October 27

10:30 am – Morning conversation and prayer, on Zoom

Wednesday, October 28

7:00 pm – Calvin for Armchair Theologians on Zoom, Chapter 4 and Wrap-up

Thursday, October 29

10:30 am – Bible Study, on Zoom:
Matthew 23:1-12

Saturday, October 31

10:00 am – Book Club

Sunday, November 1

10:30 am – Worship service, live on Zoom and Facebook

If You Have Information that needs to be in the weekly update such as meeting dates and times, special events or prayer requests, please get this information to our office manager Beth by Wednesday morning. Please email or call peaceprezSLP@gmail.com or 952-545-2586.



Upcoming Birthdays

Jane Helsing	Oct. 24
Pat Wilson	Oct. 28
Mousa Carpenter	Nov. 2
McCall Fitzpatrick	Nov. 4
Bridger Fitzpatrick	Nov. 6
Betts Snyder	Nov. 9
Michele Gallick	Nov. 10