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# WPC NEWS

## Upcoming

- **October 30 – Harvest Festival**
- **October 30 – Men's Football Get-together**
- **November 6 – Stewardship Sunday**
- **November 13 – Joint Worship with Korean Glory**
- **November 13 – Alternative Gift Fair**

Want more information? Pastor Ken can point you in the right direction. Contact him at [pastor@wallpc.org](mailto:pastor@wallpc.org)

## Birthdays!

- **November 5 – Linda Eckert**
- **November 7 – Judy Sloniker**
- **November 9 – Tristan Thurber-Smith**
- **November 11 – Mike Astion**
- **November 18 – Lynelle Yntema**
- **November 20 – Susan Coupe**
- **November 26 – Sadie Morriss**
- **November 28 – Zherwyn Toledo**
- **November 29 – Hugo Henrikson**

Please let Pastor Ken know if your birthday is on the wrong date or missing.



## Pastor's Corner

What a wonderful autumn it's been at WPC. The leaves have started to change colors, there's a crispness in the air, football is back on the schedule, and our church year is up and running after our summer break. As I look back over the past several months, I see that we have much to celebrate thanks to your generous gifts of time and energy, prayers and financial gifts, and we have much to look forward to in the last months of this year.

**Mission** - WPC continues to strongly support mission, as was evident in our participation in the Peacemaking Offering and the CROP Walk Against Hunger on Oct. 2. The Mission Committee is hard at work preparing to sponsor the Alternative Gift Fair on November 13 in conjunction with Korean Glory Presbyterian Church. We have also come together this fall to support our friend Martina Fombon in her efforts to provide education for her many family members in Cameroon.

**Fellowship** - A wonderful time was had by all at (Continued on page 2)



## CROP Walk

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Peacemaking offering on World Communion Sunday!

The WPC peacemaking offering collection was \$1,383.00.

Our 25% is thus \$345.75, with which we have chosen to support the

Pediatric Interim Care Center, as I have shared with you previously.

Many people participated in the CROP Walk (this year's weather was pretty perfect), and the total WPC dollar contribution was \$671.00.

Once again, our 'small but mighty' congregation demonstrated its commitment to mission to serve our fellow children of God locally, regionally, and worldwide.

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

Ben Sanders

P.S. This past weekend we were in Portland visiting Elijah, Kaia and I were in transit, and we passed some homeless people. I remarked how sad it was to see people without homes and without enough to eat, and why it was important to do what we can to help people in that situation. Without missing a beat, Kaia replied, "And that's why we go on the CROP Walk!" Yes!

## Pastor's Corner

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our church picnic at Wallingford Park on Sept. 11. Thanks again to Cay Shoemake for organizing the picnic. We're looking forward to enjoying the 3rd Annual Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 30 (many thanks to Gina Topp for organizing this fun event). There will be pumpkin carving, a candy scavenger hunt, imaginative costumes worn by both children and adults, and a raffle to support youth mission. The monthly Men's Breakfast has started meeting again this Fall - the next guys' event will be to gather at Gene Dodd's place on Oct. 30 after the Harvest Party to watch the Seahawks game. Finally, thanks to Kurt Swihart the "Pub Club" fellowship time was instituted on October 19.

**Program** - This year, we're using the sermon series called "Being the Church" as our Inquirers' Class. This series also serves as a reminder for long-time members of why it's important to be a part of the local church. The Nominating Committee has begun their work to fill openings on Session and Deacons. Finally, all of our programs are running at full-speed, led by our able staff: Ray Allan (music), Gina Topp (Children & Interim Youth Director), Michelle Lai (Nursery), and David Lang (Custodian). We are blessed to have such a talented staff.

One final note: WPC will be celebrating its centennial in 2013. WPC's Centennial Committee has already begun thinking of ways we can celebrate our past while discerning God's direction for us in the future. Anyone who would like to serve on this committee is welcome to do so.

We have a great deal to be thankful for as we look forward to celebrate Thanksgiving in the coming weeks, and then, before you know it, we'll be in the Advent & Christmas season. May God continue to bless the ministry we have here in Wallingford.

See you at church.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Ken

## Alternative Gift Fair – November 13

The Alternative Gift Fair will be held on Sunday, November 13, from 10 am to 12 pm. This is an opportunity for each of us to do purposeful purchasing and give holiday gifts that help those in need. Organizations represented at this year's Alternative Gift Fair will include Heifer International—full animals or shares of them can be purchased in honor of friends and family, Noel House—cards can be purchased and the proceeds will support homeless single women in Seattle, and other organizations serving needy people regionally. The WPC youth group will also be fundraising, selling baked goods and latte's. This year, Korean Glory Presbyterian Church will join us on Sunday morning from 10 am to 12 pm for the Fair, we'll break at noon, and then we will join Korean Glory for their worship service at 12:50 pm.

Following the combined worship service, WPC and Korean Glory will share a potluck meal, with Korean Glory providing the main dishes and WPC providing salads and desserts.

For more info, please talk with Ben Sanders or Cay Shoemake.

## Guys' Football Get-together – October 30

All men are invited to Gene Dodd's home on Sunday, October 30th after the Harvest Party to watch the Seahawks game in high definition. Gene will provide big batches of chili, one vegetarian and the other meat, plus beverages. Please let him know if you'll be able to attend so he can plan on the right amount of food.