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Directions

Westminster Presbyterian Church

From the Lodge Freeway North or South, take the 7 Mile Rd. exit. Turn WEST onto 7 Mile Rd. Drive to the first stoplight, which is Hubbell Street. TURN LEFT (south) onto Hubbell. Travel 5 blocks and look for Westminster Church on your right. Park in the north or west parking lots.

From the Southfield Freeway North, take the Southfield Freeway to the McNichols Rd. exit. TURN RIGHT (east) and travel 5 stoplights (including the 6 Mile-Southfield freeway intersection). TURN LEFT (north) onto Hubbell Street, drive past the church and TURN LEFT into the church parking lot.

From the Southfield Freeway South, take the 7 Mile Rd. exit. TURN LEFT across the freeway onto 7 Mile Rd. Travel to Hubbell Street. TURN RIGHT (south), and travel 5 blocks until you see the church on the right.

Next Gathering

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

**Place: Westminster Presbyterian
17575 Hubbell
Detroit, MI 48235**

Schedule: 9:45 AM – Lunch

Program:

**Panel Discussion Addressing Justice
and Peace Concerns:
Hunger and Homelessness
Domestic and Gun Violence**

Lunch: Provided by Spirit Café for \$8.00

Reservations Deadline: August 31

Call or Send to Pam Frucci -

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

Welcome back to the fall season. I hope you had a wonderful summer. It sure was hot and humid most of the time. I want to thank all of you for the honor of being your Moderator again. I look forward to working with all of you.

A lot has happened this summer. My first Great Granddaughter was born on May 8th, her name is Raya Louise. I have never heard that name before, but it is a beautiful name.

In June I went to the Synod PW Gathering in Battle Creek. It was wonderful and the first time I had been at First Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek. On July 15th was the Synod Health Fair at The Second Mile Center. Guess what, 10 to 20 people came from First Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek to help. They have been coming for many years.

I am really looking forward to Wednesday, September 6th, when we will be meeting at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Detroit. We will be able to fellowship together after the hot and humid summer.

On Saturday, November 4th, we will meet at The Second Mile Center for a day of mission. We will be bringing food to help fill Thanksgiving baskets for the neighborhood, work on children projects, prayer walk in the community, etc. We even invited the PW Men to come and help with outdoor cleanup and fix up.

Wednesday, December 6th, we will meet at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington for a Christmas program.

On Saturday, March 10, 2018 we will have our Women's Retreat, the place and theme to be determined later,

Our last gathering for the season is Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at St John's Presbyterian Church Detroit. We will have the Bible Study Overview, Installation of Officers and maybe surprises.

I hope all of you put these dates on your calendar so that you don't miss anything. I encourage you to invite a friend or two to the next gathering. We need your support.

Grace and Peace, Janet Morton, Moderator

PWPD MISSION INGATHERING 2017
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DETROIT

The 2017 Ingathering will be held on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 16, 17 and 18**. The hours for delivery to Westminster Church will be **Monday 9 am - 2 pm**. On Tuesday, we will be sorting, counting, and repacking the donations for delivery. We will especially need volunteers on Tuesday. On Wednesday, we will be loading cars for delivery to 33 local agencies all over metro Detroit. Please give Sherry Brown a call if you are able to deliver items on Wednesday. It is such a rewarding feeling to visit an agency we support and see how our donations are being used.

The Ingathering will be held at **Westminster Presbyterian Church**, 17575 Hubbell Ave., Detroit. The 2017 assignment for your church was mailed in early May. Even if your church does not send items to the Ingathering, we welcome you to come and help us unpack, sort, count, repack and deliver all our donations. We look forward to having you join us in October!

Your PWPD Ingathering Coordinators,

Emily Nietering 313-278-9269

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WILL VIOLENCE ALWAYS BE PART OF OUR HISTORY IN DETROIT?

Recent articles in the newspapers and news on TV refer to the so-called riots of 1967, 50 years ago. There are mixed feelings if things have gotten better in the last 50 years or not. Both white and black flight from the city that erupted in violence in July 1967 left the city with large pockets of poverty and blight. Much of that has changed in downtown and midtown Detroit with new investments in businesses and sports arenas that bring more life to the city.

I was struck by a paragraph in the July 30 Detroit Free Press in their segment called Detroit '67:

“Violence surged in Detroit after 1967 and paranoia took hold across the tri-county region. The city buzzed with rumors. Heroin use was growing. Gun sales tripled in the city in the first several months after July 1967---Mayor Cavanagh called it ‘an arms’ race’. Gun clubs flourished in the suburbs, crime jumped in Detroit. Homicides----which were 281 in 1967, even with the 43 riot deaths---hit 389 in 1968 and 439 in 1969. Since 1967 more than 24,000 people have been homicide victims in Detroit.”

Those above shocking statistics make the work of our Justice & Peace Committee even more important to help make Detroit a city where all races can live in peace and harmony; where violence will no longer be part of our history!

Pamela A. Frucci, Vice -Chairperson
Justice & Peace Committee

Greetings from the Second Mile Center,

We are in full swing with the summer day camp, Monday-Friday. Missionaries came from all over for the Synod Mobile Health Fair held July 15th. Our fearless Moderator, Janet Morton and husband Bob Morton worked all shifts. The largest church group that volunteered once again goes to 1st Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek-22 of them. Glory be to God.

Missionaries from the Colorado, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Chicago, Illinois and Grand Haven, Michigan have been helping us with repairs, cleaning, playing, loving and listening to our beloved community. They are such a blessing to us in so many ways. We pray, enlarge our territory indeed and God sends mission groups from afar. Praising God for the help.

Our first golf outing is Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. We are looking for golfers, sponsors of holes, etc. We are looking for each church in the Presbytery to have a foursome. Trophies will be given for the most attended and the best golfers. . If you do not golf, please support us by joining us for dinner. Find a person to promote the golf outing at your church and contact Ruth Azar 313-303-4906 so we can have a successful fund raising event to celebrate our 10th year. Make your reservations by calling Kathy Bauhof 248-515-5307.

We will start to get ready for the after school program for those of you who would like to organize bag to school backpacks with or without supplies. We will need them at the September meeting.

For ten years now, we have been joining Jesus in his ministry at The Second Mile Center of Detroit. God bless,

Ruth Azar

Executive Director

Study/ Spiritual Development

Motoko Huthwaite is the new Vice-chairperson and is organizing the committee. Since they are in the process of organization we have not received an article for this newsletter. Please look for news in September's Prism.

Note from the Prism Editor:

For the 2017/2018 Prisms, please send all articles to Joan Lockard at dnjlockard@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you, Dorothy Harrington, Editor

Save the Date for the Churchwide Gathering

Please check out Presbyterian Church USA website to get upcoming information on the Gathering to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, on August 2-5, 2018.