

Westmore Community Church

P. R. A. Y.
Praise Repent Ask Yield

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27 Hinton Hill Rd
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Newsletters are published to keep members and friends of the church informed about our work in the church and in our community. We accept contributions. Please contact Carol Davis at the church to submit news for publication.

Has your prayer life become more of a monologue than a dialogue? You aren't alone, it happens to all of us. Don't lose sight that prayer is a part of our conversational relationship with God and as we stay in the UCC, "God is still speaking."

Prayers can be whatever you make them, there is no "right" or "wrong" way. But ask yourself if you are coming to God with a laundry list of wants and needs or are you coming with an open heart and listening ears.

Take time to hear that still small voice. A healthy prayer practice gives you proper time and focus to get shut in with God and shut out with all distractions. Allow time for silence, listening and reflection.

When in doubt or when you can't find the words Jesus has taught us the Lord's Prayer that can be used for all occasions. (Matthew 6:9-13)

P. (Praise) R. (Repent.) A. (Ask). Y. (Yield).

Praise: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.

Repent: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us

Ask: Give us this day our daily bread; Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil

Yield: Thy kingdom Come, Thy will be done (on earth as it is in heaven)

Sending my love and prayers to all of you as welcome the splendor of spring.

Blessings,

Mary Hoadley, lay minister

CHURCH NOTICE –

Our annual meeting will be held August 7th at 7:00 pm. Please attend.



BELL TOWER RESTORATION PROJECT

HONORING MILDRED AND ALFRED DAVIS' CONTRIBUTION TO WESTMORE COMMUNITY CHURCH AND THE WESTMORE COMMUNITY

In the summer of 2017, Darryl Davis approached Mark Stevens, Trustee, about a project to open up the bell tower, removing the louvres hiding the bell and replace them with plexiglass. With his crew of Davis Creative Building and Design, Darryl began the work. We believe in the late 1970's or early 1980's, the arches (semi-circle openings) were installed to perhaps protect the interior of the bell tower from the weather. As it progressed, a louvre at the base of the plexiglass was installed to let the music flow from the carillon speakers throughout the Town of Westmore.

As the project was developing, the Church was designated as a State Historic Building and is now on the State Historical register. Repairs of rotten wood on the interior of the tower, the exterior siding and the exterior trim was also completed. The building is a Queen Anne Style and the builders who worked on the church can be linked to the town Westmore. The Bell Tower is now open in all directions and the bell can be seen in the foreground of the lake and mountains. The photos on Page 1 show the before and after changes.

Some interesting history was discovered during the renovation. We know when the church was built but lots of other questions were unanswered. A signed board was discovered in the bell tower. On it two dates were written and the names of the people who worked on the building were listed. They wrote it as follows:

Carpenters and builders of this Church 1894 signed

Welch
Webster
Rash
Standish

Painters – 1919

E. S. Rose
O. E. Goss
one other name not legible

In 1954 Alfred and Mildred Davis purchased the Calkins farm. The Calkins insisted that only a family interested in being active in the Westmore Church were to purchase this farm. As history shows, they did buy the farm, raised their 4 children and precious Jersey cows there. Mildred still lives at the farm and her son, Darryl, occupies the barn with his building equipment. Both Alfred and Mildred were dedicated citizens of Westmore and have been members of the church since that date. They worked tirelessly on so many projects in the church and the community, preserving the church, fund raising for it and being a big part of the fellowship in the town.

The Davis Family supported this effort to recognize their parents, Alfred and Mildred Davis contributions to the Westmore Community Church and the Westmore community.

The restoration of the bell tower honors the parents of Darryl, Brenda, JoAnn and Patricia.

The Family wishes to invite everyone to a special worship service on August 19 at 9:00 a.m. and join them in the Fellowship Hour afterwards to help them honor Alfred and Mildred. Contributions to the continued restoration of the church is welcomed in their name.

**AUGUST 19, 2018 SUNDAY, COME CELEBRATE AND
HONOR MILLIE DAVIS AT THE CHURCH AT 9:00 a.m.**

Fellowship time to follow.

Rev. Robert Leibold officiating the service.

DEACONS REPORT,

Gail Robitaille

The Deacons have the auspicious job of scheduling pastors/lay persons for each Sunday service. We now have built up an impressive group of passionate and dedicated persons for our continued spiritual life. We would like to recognize and thank each of the following:

- 1) Rev. Jay Sprout, ministering the 1st Sunday of each month which includes communion.
- 2) Mary Hoadley, MID, ministry student
- 3) Rev. Susan Lynn Johns
- 4) Rev. Joanne Giannino
- 5) Rev. Peter Chase, retired minister !
- 6) Rev. Joan Vincent, retired minister!
- 7) Rev. Paul Samuelson, retired minister !
- 8) Rev. Pam Lucas, UCC conference and retired minister
- 9) Rev. Jim Eby, retired minister !
- 10) Rev. Ken Vos, retired prof. of humanities from Lyndon State College now ordained minister
- 11) Brian Ford, retired private school teacher
- 12) Janet Wiseman, Newport UCC, supply pastor

Thank you each and every one of you for your inspirations and faith. We all enjoy the diversity. With the above mentioned, we will continue with this plan and postpone a search for a pt/ft minister at this time.

Fellowship hour following each church service continues to be full and vibrant...we finally got the coffee making under control!

Thank you to Sharon Strange and Michele Streeter, Deacons.

**Westmore Community Church Mission Statement
Compiled and approved August 19, 1996**

To Welcome all people into loving Christian fellowship and worship.
To provide maximum opportunity for spiritual growth by following the Work of God as revealed to us by Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
To reach out to those yearning for the Gospel, in personal trial, and those in material need in our community and in the world.

**SPEND THE MORNING IN
WESTMORE, SATURDAY,
JULY 7TH.**

**WESTMORE TOWN WIDE
YARD SALE – new event

**JULY 7 SATURDAY
9:00 a.m.. TO 1:00 a.m.

**ATTEND THE PANCAKE
BREAKFAST IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL AND
THEN TOUR THE TOWN
AND STOP IN AT
DESIGNATED LOCATIONS
TO SEE THEIR ITEMS FOR
SALE.**

**MAPS WILL BE LOCATED
THROUGHOUT THE
TOWN. CONTACT
MELISSA AT 525-3007
FOR INFO.**

TREASURES REPORT

Submitted by Lee Anderson

Roof and Painting Projects

Thanks to all who have generously donated to our roof project and supported our fund-raiser events! We now have funds and pledges in hand to do the roof project. Of course, there may be unforeseen issues which could increase the project cost. We pray there will be little or no additional costs.

Also, the church needs to be painted, which will include removing old paint and making incidental repairs. The painting project will likely cost several thousand dollars. The Trustees are busy getting quotes for this project.

We need your continued support so we can cover all the costs of these projects.

Please consider an additional donation to the building fund for the roof and painting projects.

2018 WESTMORE CALENDAR EVENTS AT WILLOUGHBY LAKE

July 1 - 5K Walk/Run to benefit the Scholarship fund that supports 4 local youth
 Starts at the Park at 11:00 a.m.

July 4th – Annual Boat Parade –3:00 pm sponsored by the Westmore Association.
 Begins on the west side of the lake and continue towards Trails End, weather dependent.

July 7 – Pancake Breakfast – sponsored by the Westmore Community Church.
 Doors open at 8:00 a.m. until all gone – near 11:00 a.m. Support the roof project.
 Everything homemade – Pancakes, Maple syrup, scrambled eggs, and ham.

July 7 – New Event – Westmore Town wide Yard Sale – Find signs of locations throughout
 Westmore. Join in the day by getting your items for sale and setting up at your home.
 Contact – elliemaj46@gmail.com Time – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

July 14 – Page family review - 7:00 pm - Music and book readings by the Page brothers,
 Ted and Nick. They will entertain you with Ted's new book about Willoughby and the
 Page family antics. Nick will provide us with enjoyable music and laughter. Fellowship Hall

July 26 – Westmore Association annual meeting – Fellowship Hall. 7:30 pm

August 1 – Wednesday at Westmore – Modern Times Theater – Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm

August 4 and 5 – 4th Annual Willoughby Lake Paint Out called – “Plein Air”.
 Join artists to paint the beautiful setting of Westmore. Also known as “Plein Air”.
 Judging will be done at the Willoughvale Inn for all to enjoy. Completed works will be judged
 and prizes will be awarded. Contact clerk@westmoreassociation.org

August 7 – Westmore Community church annual meeting – 7:00 pm.

August 12 – Outdoor church service held annually at 9:00 a.m. Mary Hoadley, Minister

August 15 – Wednesday at Westmore- Dance in the Park

August 22 – Local musical event with local musicians – 7:30 pm Fellowship Hall benefit the church

October 6 – Annual Ham and Bean Supper – held at the Fellowship Hall
 Seatings at 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Benefits the Ladies Scholarship Fund.

May 26 to August 25 – Treasure Shop open – benefits the Ladies Aid

June to September – Exercise class in Fellowship Hall 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Mon, Wed. Fri.
 Tuesday at 10 – July and August - YOGA

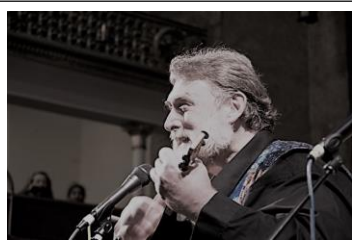
Sibling Rivals – with Nick and Ted Page

Sibling Rivals Nick and Ted Page will get us laughing with their original songs and stories including stories of summers spent at Willoughby Lake. Ted, who has worked with comedy giants like John Cleese from Monty Python, will share from his recently published **WILLOUGHBY CHRONICLES**. Nick will share his “Willoughby Song” with the words, “Quichee Gorge” isn’t all that gorgeous and Burlington, quite honestly, bores us. Woodstock is fancy, but doesn’t bake my cake. You know what I need? Willoughby Lake.”

Besides being the proud older brother of Ted Page, Nick is the founding director of the Boston’s Mystic Chorale. He has over a hundred published choral works and is the author of three books. Unlike his brother, he has conducted original works at Carnegie Hall and his children’s opera premiered at Lincoln Center. He tries not to rub this in his baby brother’s face. More info at www.nickmusic.com.

Ted is a writer and performer. He is the author of The Willoughby Chronicles, a book of non-fiction family stories published by 3 Swally’s Press of Boston. Nick, being Ted’s older brother, is in the book but doesn’t play a prominent role. Ted has written comedy for John Cleese of Monty Python, which Nick is very jealous of. Ted sings, although unlike his brother he usually doesn’t get paid to do it but that doesn’t necessarily mean he doesn’t sing as well, if not better, as Nick. More info at www.willoughbychronicles.com

**SEE US JULY 14, 2018 7:30 pm
At the FELLOWSHIP HALL**



TRUSTEES REPORT - Bruce Tanner

The church's grant application to the VT State Division of Historical Preservation for funds to replace the roof was denied in December, 2017. This was a very competitive cycle, with only 17 out of over 40 applications approved. Since then a very generous donor has stepped forward and the Dick Simpson scholarship fund has been released for unrestricted use, thus the planned roof replacement can go forward this June.

The ROW easement deed with Jim and Lisa Myers is nearing completion. As previously agreed with the Myers, we are preparing a quit claim deed on the current ROW deed and have engaged the services of lawyer Sarah Davies Coe for this purpose. Signing and recording of deeds should happen later this month, barring any unforeseen snags, after which negotiations with the Town will move forward on the ROW deed from the Town across the so-called Ministers Settlement Lot, otherwise known as the gravel pit. If all goes as planned, preparations for logging our woodlot should commence later this year with an eye to logging the lot this winter. The goal will be to improve the lot for purposes of sugaring.

There has been some recent discussion about whether or not to host the Westmore Day event this summer and I inquired of the Westmore Association officers if the association would be interested in taking over management, and got a positive response. As of this writing nothing has been decided, but a decision has to happen soon for this to take place. The thought is that the church would still participate, perhaps by providing food and refreshments, while the association manages other aspects. Also, it has been decided to move the Pancake Breakfast from Wednesday, the Fourth, to Saturday, July 7, due primarily to lack of manpower on the Fourth.

Plans are in place to paint the church this summer after the roof job is completed and talking with potential contractors is underway. We will need to do some serious fundraising in the coming days to make this happen.

Plans are also underway for a dedication ceremony of our recently renovated bell tower. The tentative date for this is August 19, 2018, and the event will commemorate the generous donation of funds and labor by the Davis family with installation of a memorial plaque. It is hoped that this event can also serve as a fundraising event to replenish our building maintenance funds.

Millie's remembrances of Lois Gosnell.

Lois loved to sing and was in choir in early 50's when Winnie Bloom was choir director and Helen Beede organist. All local Westmore residents. She was treasurer for Ladies Aid until moving away to Butler, PA.. Lois had so many talents and made the beautiful wall hanging in the Emerson Room at WCC. Loving to cook, she always amazed everyone with her wonderful creations which we looked forward to at all of the LA functions. She so willingly worked and cooked for the fellowship time at all funerals. You could count on Lois working in kitchen for the Attic Auction, cooking for all food sales held as fund raisers. A hard act to follow. Her handiwork was always admired and we still have many items she made for the Church. Lois and I always worked well together. **-a wonderful example of a Christian woman.**

2018 Summer Quilt Raffle

This year's handmade quilt is a full Twin size that can overhang the sides of the bed. The beautiful blue colors will match most any bedroom. Wonderfully done by our friend, Eleanor who does this project out of the love for our Willoughby Lake and her faith in contributing to our Church. We will be selling tickets at all events and can be purchased from any Ladies Aid member or through the Church. Our goal this year is to raise \$ 700 to go towards the general fund for the Ladies Aid. With less fund raising activities to support their regular contributions to the Westmore Community, this quilt fundraiser will hopefully it will help make up some loss.

PRICE – One for \$ 5.00

Three (3) for \$10.00

DRAWING TO BE HELD AT
HAM AND BEAN SUPPER Oct. 6th
Westmore, Vermont.

Questions: Call Carol 802-525-3730

The Little Treasure Shop –

Our Treasure Shop will be open this year with a new supply of small household and gift items. We will be open starting May 26, Saturday of Memorial Day weekend 10 to 2:00 and will continue every Saturday and on Wednesday Bake Sale days. When local events at the Park are happening, we will also open our doors during their hours.

We will have glassware, books, craft supplies, jewelry, holiday decorations and small antiques.

We are also taking donations, but please stop in when we are open and not drop off items at the door.

The shop will be staffed by Ladies Aid members and any other person in the community who wants to volunteer. See Joan Woods for information.

**HOURS OF OPERATION –
Saturdays 9:00 – 1:00 PM**

Ladies Aid

The Westmore Ladies Aid has welcomed several new members to their organization who will help the group with fresh ideas for fundraising and connecting with the community. We especially are thankful for several couples who work to put on the Fall Ham and Bean Supper each year to support the Scholarship Fund that awards 4 \$500 scholarship each year. Along with that another large fund raiser is the 5K/Walk and Run started by the Robitaille's who are giving back to the fund because their son's were beneficiaries of a scholarship. We are so fortunate. Thank you to them and all the people who come to eat and support our efforts.

The Treasure Shop, Quilt Raffle, and Bake Sale continue to support the general fund of the Ladies Aid so we can support other charities and needs. Look for the opportunity to purchase tickets for the new twin quilt that has been given to us to raffle. What a special gift from a friend of Westmore and the Ladies Aid.

Our group is open to all and we welcome you to help our charity group to continue.

Meetings are held every month on the 2nd Thursday. Talk to some of the attendants at the Shop and find out more about us. Or call Evelina Busby, chair person of the group.

We look forward in seeing you this summer.

