



# Westwind

## Westminster Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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### Presenting our New Logo

Westminster Presbyterian has a new logo! Expect to see it in our bulletins, our *Westwind* Newsletter, our signs, T-shirts, maybe on car magnets and more. Yes, we still have the seal of our denomination to show our connection to other congregations in the PC(USA). That seal still can be seen in the entrances to our offices and West Center. The new WPC logo is a visual reminder of what makes this congregation unique: who Westminster is, and who we're becoming.



Getting to a final design was not easy! Many thanks to Anita Errickson and her team for the hours of careful deliberation. We asked local graphic designer Ellie Borromeo to connect the ideas of growth, life, and our Christ-centered roots. She brought many different ideas. A range of members joined the discussion, young and old, trendy and traditional. Here's what this new logo tells us about who we are:

**Centered in Christ.** Notice that WPC's oldest symbol, the Celtic Cross, is the logo's foundation. The center of who we are is Jesus Christ. The circle represents the world Christ died to redeem and reclaim.

**Reaching in Mission.** Did you see the leaves reaching out in every direction? Those represent all the ways God uses Westminster to bless others through mission. The leaf image came from the logo of Westminster Christian Academy, one of our missions. But the leaves also stand for every way we stretch ourselves to show and express God's love.

**Open to New Life.** The four ends of the cross are open, not closed. That expresses our open hospitality to all people. It also reminds us that our future is open-ended. The gospel does not change, but the possibilities for living good news of Christ are limitless.

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*We are delighted to welcome our newest member, June Montgomery, to the Westminster family. June joined WPC on May 7, 2017 by transfer of her church letter from First Presbyterian Church in Lake City, Florida. Welcome!*

## Pentecost Offering

June 4, 2017

Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised more than \$8 million for important ministries that help younger members of God's family through the Pentecost Offering which provides a tangible way to bring God's transforming love to children at risk, guide and nurture the faith of young people, and call forth a new generation of church leadership through the PC (USA) Young Adult Volunteer program.

Forty percent of our offering receipts will be used by Westminster to help children at risk in our own community. So, please give generously on Sunday, June 4, 2017.

### Kristi's Korner

Our Wednesday night activities are over and I would like to say a special thank you to everyone who made it possible. The table pals and sandwich makers helped things run smoothly when 13 hungry kids came down for supper. Thank you, Heather Davis and Amy Neal, for your musical skills to lead the children in singing and your helping hands during lessons and crafts. We had an average of 15 children every week. I hope to see all of them for the summer lunch program and Vacation Bible School this summer.

**Don't forget to turn in registration forms for Vacation Bible School. Please have them in my mailbox by Wednesday June 14th.** I hope to see you there. I can always find places for volunteers if you haven't signed up but would like to.

*-Kristi Elkins*

### Vacation Bible School

June 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

11:00am – 1:30pm

In the West Center



## SESSION FAMILY PRAYER LIST FOR JUNE 2017

During the month of June, the Elders will be praying for the following individuals and their families: Austin & Hannah Freeman, Bob Frevert, Jean Fricks, John Furr, John & Barbara Gaines, John & Julianne Garner, Austin & Shanna Gattenby, Curtis & Mary Jane Gibbons, Jeff Glover, Neill Goff, Brad & Mary Gooch, and Leslie & Kaye Gordon.

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**SALT & PEPPER SOCIETY**  
**Thursday, June 8th**  
**PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE**  
**AUSTELL, GA**



Make plans now to join Westminster friends as we travel to the Presbyterian Village in Austell. We will gather in the church back parking lot at 9AM to carpool to the facility. We will be given an overview of "Village Living," then be treated to lunch. Our own Barbara Elliott, President of the Presbyterian Village Auxiliary, is helping facilitate this event.

Lunch is complimentary but reservations are requested so please sign up on the appropriate Connect Card or phone the church office by **June 4th**.

**Mission Updates**

**SCRIP CARDS:** The next date to order Scrip cards will be Sunday, June 4th. Pick up a blank order form on the chest in the Narthex. Fill it out, include a check made payable to WPC, earmarked "Scrips" and put it in Susan Henley's mailbox. The cards will be in by Wednesday, June 7th.

**4TH FRIDAY COMMUNITY SUPPER:** Please join us on Friday, May 26th and Friday, June 23rd for our 4th Friday Dinner at 6PM in the West Center. All are welcome to attend and support the care of our neighbors. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering, earmarked "Friday Feast."

**MISSION COMMUNITY DINNER:** The Mission committee is sponsoring a community dinner on Saturday, June 3rd at 3PM in the West Center. This dinner is open to the congregation and the community.

**Budget and Stewardship Committee Update**

Thanks to all of our wonderful members who are so faithful in their financial giving to Westminster. Our April Operating Fund results are as follows:

**April 2017 Financial Operations**

	<u>Current Month</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	38,983	41,908	133,457	152,593
Expenses	36,586	35,114	140,855	143,591



## Session Bits and Pieces



The Session met on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7PM in the Conference Room.

*(A complete copy of the Session minutes can be found on the Session bulletin board in the Office Wing. Below are a few highlights from that meeting.)*

### **Committee Reports:**

**Budget and Stewardship** – Dan Sweitzer reported that April was a positive month. Revenues are still a concern but the Budget and Stewardship committee is keeping a close watch. Session members were asked to continue watching expenses. Dan suggested that clarification of expenditures from the anonymous gift fund was in order. Funds requested from the anonymous gift fund must be approved by the Session. If the approved expense is less than the amount requested, the remaining funds will be returned to the anonymous gift fund. Excess funds should not become a part of a committee's budget.

**Christian Education** – Anita Errickson – The CE committee brought the motion that WCA be allowed to use Room 205 in the educational building for the purpose of creating a second WCA classroom for 4 year olds. Teacher Appreciation Breakfast is May 21, 2017. Youth Sunday will be May 14, 2017. The committee has begun work on hiring a Children's Ministry Coordinator. Kristi Elkins has accepted a full-time position with Westminster Christian Academy, but will continue as our Children's Ministry Coordinator through Vacation Bible School.

**Fellowship** – Gail Wilkes – There was no meeting this month. The final Wednesday night dinner before summer break will be May 24th. June 11th covered dish dinner will be followed by Trivia. We will celebrate with Johnny and Marissa on their last Wednesday night 17th.

**Membership** – Stephen Williams expressed gratitude for June Montgomery who joined Westminster on May 7.

**Mission** – Danny Eason – The recent Saturday meal went well. This community meal will continue on the first Saturday of each month. Everyone was invited to attend. The Friday night meal went well with several attendees joining us at the Rome Braves game. Rome Action Ministries is hoping to develop an after school program to help at risk students and their parents. Danny will share additional information as it becomes available. The summer lunch program is being planned and scheduled to begin on May 30 and continue through July 26, 2017. Readers and other volunteers are needed for the summer program.

**Personnel** – Dr. Lund reported in Sandie's absence that work is continuing on preparing to hire someone for the Children's ministries position and the Cook position. Personnel guidelines are being reviewed.

**Property** – Sue Tarpley - Smart thermostats are being installed. Sue attended a staff meeting to discuss energy use policies. Ken Davis is the administrator of the smart thermostats. A workday is scheduled for May 20.

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**Worship** – John Hendrickson – Members were asked to volunteer for communion service on June 4th. Youth Sunday scheduled for May 14, 2107. The committee discussed possible Holy Week activities for next year. Creative ideas are being sought for Pentecost Sunday.

**A Motion to approve Rev. Sid Gunter to fill the pulpit on July 30 and August 6, 2017 during Dr. Lund’s vacation period was unanimously approved.** Greg conducted a worship experience with the youth during a recent Sunday School period.

**Nominating Committee** – The committee has a meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 11th.

**WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**



At the beginning of summer, some of our wonderful families leave WCA for the world of “big school”. These families hold special places in the hearts of the staff and leave a lasting effect on our lives. Our preschool offers the parents loving, safe care for their children, but many times we, as a staff, are impacted by them forever.

One family in particular comes to mind as I reflect on the many people I have met during my time here. (Names used with permission.) The Nicholson family came to us years ago with an adorable little boy. The young parents, like so many, were hard-working, “paycheck to paycheck”. The mom waited tables at a local restaurant and the dad was a chef. (Dad proved to be *quite* a talented chef and participated in an international cooking competition in Italy!) Soon, a baby girl was born to the family. WCA was able to offer the Nicholsons a scholarship to help with tuition costs. The kids (who were as close to perfect as they come) graduated from our care to elementary school.

One morning, mom came by the office to see me. She wanted to let me know how much the scholarship meant to their family and offered to pay back what we had given them! Of course, I would not take the money from her. I think God used this family to show ME what true integrity looks like. The Nicholsons will always be very special to the WCA family for many reasons, but to have them minister to us is a bonus!

And their story continues to get better. Dad works for Redmond Regional Medical Center, first as an executive chef and now as the catering coordinator. Mom worked hard to get a degree in nursing and is now working for Floyd Medical Center. She just completed her first year as a nurse, and was nominated for Nurse of the Year. I am so proud of them, as if they were my own family. (Well, they are, in a way.)

The ministry of Westminster Christian Academy is a two-way street. Many times, the families minister to us.

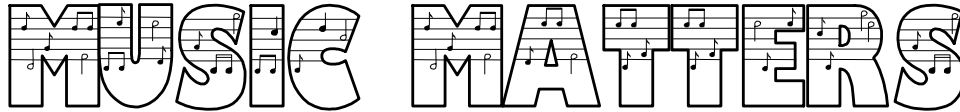
Heather Davis, Director  
Westminster Christian Academy

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Many thanks to all the musicians that have served Westminster this May. We are all so blessed to have so many people who contribute their talents throughout the seasons. I want to especially thank Amy Neal and Joe Holder for their keyboard skills that they share each and every week. Both of them add so much to our worship experience, with beautiful preludes and their accompanying skills for choir and solos. Many thanks also go to Elizabeth Busby and her leadership with the Adult Band and Handbells.

During the summer, the new hymnal committee will begin meeting. If you have any questions or comments, please let someone on our committee know. We want to know how you feel as we look towards a new hymnal to help us in our corporate worship.

Greg Lund, Pastor  
 Paul Neal, Director of Music  
 Ken Davis - Adult Band  
 Katharine Lovvorn - Chancel Choir  
 Kristin Davis/Victoria Merritt - Youth Music  
 Heather Davis - Children's Music  
 Joni Nelson - Congregation

Wishing you all a wonderful summer.  
 Dr. Paul Neal

## Youth News

The end of the school year is a busy, if not chaotic, time of joy, stress, and anticipation. The last month seemed full of exams, musicals, band and choir performances, and preparations in addition to the daily life of being a teen. Then my two seniors had a sermon to write!

The youth have once again shown their talent and abilities during our annual Youth Sunday. Our sermon, given by Kristen Davis and Taylor Settlemoir, included teaching on relationships that focused on who our church family is, how God expects us to pray and create opportunities for both friends who have wronged us and enemies, and to get out of our comfort zones. The other youth moved up a notch; how sweet it is to see each year bring more courage and strength. I was pleased with their ability to step up and make everything happen as if this were not their first time. In addition, there always seems to be beauty in how our congregation brightens up during this special Sunday each year. The only bittersweet thing to endure is seeing those who have been with the youth longest, graduate to the rest of their lives.

This summer will see several activities, ranging from a lock-in and lake trip in June, to a Six-flags and wall climbing trip still to be determined. There are at least two other trips being talked about, but we already will be having a more active summer than in recent years past. I look forward to working with the new leadership this summer to make next year our greatest yet!

Joseph



## Presbyterian Women



Circles are taking a break this summer and there will be no official scheduled meetings or Bible Study. However, the **Night Circle** was one lesson behind and will finish Lesson 9 on **Tuesday, June 13th at 5:30PM in the Conference Room**. Then, never a group to miss an opportunity to eat and fellowship, will go to eat at 6:45PM at Fuddrucker's. All women are invited to attend.

### **NEW Five Week Bible Study**

PW is pleased that Connie Barris will be moderating another short term Bible Study for our Westminster women. We tried to pick dates that will preclude summer vacations. It is not too late to sign up but you will need to purchase your own book. Please see below for more information:

**Book:** *Present Over Perfect*, Author Shauna Niequist

**Time and Dates:** Wednesdays 5:30-7pm / May 31-Jun 28 / Conference Room

**"Come to me, all you are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest..."**

**(Matthew 11:28-30)**

In our cluttered and frenzied lives and burdened with grueling emptiness on the inside, how do we live a rich, engaged, and loving life in the midst of what often feels terribly messy and imperfect. In a five week, grace-filled journey, join us as we find a more abundant and fruitful living. Find rest, peace and live in the present.

**Excerpt from the book:** "Present is living with your feet firmly grounded in reality, pale and uncertain as it may seem. Present is choosing to believe that your own life is worth investing deeply in, instead of waiting for some miracle or fairy tale. It means we understand that the here and now is sacred, sacramental, threaded through with divinity even in its plainness. Especially in its plainness. Present, I found--and am still finding--is rejecting all the climbing up and choosing to simply come down. To come down to the ground, and to God, to the soil, the vibrations of life. Present is settledness, stillness, rest, no to chaos, yes to calm. It is acceptance and contentment and ease."

We hope you will make plans now to attend this meaningful Bible Study.

### **JUNE MISSION**

Our mission focus for June will be **BINGO PRIZES** to be used during the Summer Lunch Program. We need small prizes such as Dollar Tree items, candy, small craft items, or birthday party favors. Please place your items in the green tub found in the Commons by the mailboxes.

We are still asking for **MEN'S TIES** for the young men who will be attending a Summer Youth Camp at Georgia Highlands in June. You may put the ties on the mission table by May

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### Worship for June

- June 4** "Flood Waters"  
Acts 2:1-13  
1 Corinthians 12:3-13  
John 7:37-39
- June 11** "Creation Part II"  
Genesis 1:1-5  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20
- June 18** "The Problem of Plenty"  
Genesis 18:1-15  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35-10:8
- June 25** "Counting Hairs"  
Jeremiah 20:7-13  
Romans 6:1-4  
Matthew 10:24-39



### BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive will be on Wednesday, **June 14<sup>th</sup>** at 3PM in Westminster Hall.



### WPC Grass Cutting Schedule for June

*If you can help cut the grass, weed-eat, use a grass blower, etc., please contact Sue Tarpley or Danny Eason.*

June 05-10	Eason Family
June 12-17	Turner, Byars
June 19-24	Williams, Sweitzer
June 26-July 01	Gattenby

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\* **FLOWERS NEEDED FOR:** \*  
\* **July 9 and July 16** \*  
\* If you can provide flowers for the \*  
\* Sanctuary on either of these dates, \*  
\* please sign up on the flower chart \*  
\* located on the Commons' bulletin board. \*  
\* Thank you. \*  
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### LOCK-UP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE Tom Sipp




**Mark your calendars**



**for June 11th at 6:30PM  
in the  
West Center for  
Covered-dish dinner  
and Trivia!**



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\*  WCA and the church \*  
\* office will be closed on \*  
\* Monday, May 29th in \*  
\* observance of \*  
\* Memorial Day. \*  
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**Usher Schedule**

(contact John Hendrickson at 232-6872)

- June 4 Vicki Lee, Raymond Murray,  
Tom Ritch, and Stephen Williams
- June 11 Juil Dandini, Juanita King,  
Rickey Dorman, and Nancy Jones
- June 18 Rick Nelson, Joe Tribble, and  
Mark & Belinda Settlemoir
- June 25 Dan Sweitzer, Jim Ivison,  
David Jackson, and Tom Sipp

**Flower Schedule**

(contact Susan Henley at 235-8561)

- June 4 Gloria Eberhart
- June 11 Sam Jones
- June 18 Michael & Elizabeth Busby
- June 25 Richard & Gail Stieglitz

**Nursery**

(contact Kristi Elkins at 235-8561)

- June 4 Nancy Jones
- June 11 Sandra Gosnold
- June 18 Susan Paul
- June 25 Jennifer Jones

**Acolytes**

(contact Susan Henley at 235-8561)

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| June 4 Alex Eason      | Cynthia Eason      |
| June 11 Grady Davis    | Kristi Elkins      |
| June 18 Cailey Askew   | Carolyn Richardson |
| June 25 Amiah Gattenby | Pam Bibb           |

**Leaders**

**Readers**

(contact Susan Henley at 235-8561)

- June 4 Al Davis
- June 11 Jane Tate
- June 18 Gloria Eberhart
- June 25 Juil Dandini

**Liturgists**

(contact Sarah Whitley at 331-8003)

- June 4 Al Davis
- June 11 Pam Bibb
- June 18 Gloria Eberhart
- June 25 John Hendrickson

**Office Volunteers**

(contact Kristi Elkins at 235-8561)

- Connie Barris, Elizabeth Busby, Joanne Campbell,  
Shirley Castor, Rickey Dorman, Gloria Eberhart,  
Janette Edwards, Jean Fricks, Mary Gooch,  
Marilyn Hendrickson, Bobbie Ivison, Jim Ivison,  
Ted Johnston, Juanita King, Katharine Lovvorn,  
Richard Merritt, Ann Peery, Carolyn Richardson,  
Joel Turner, Johnny Whitley, Sarah Whitley, and  
Gail Wilkes.



**RETHINKING CAMP  
CHEROKEE**

After prayerful work to identify leadership for Camp Cherokee 2017, Cherokee Presbytery's Community

Connections Team has determined the best plan for our camping ministry is to focus their energy on planning Camp Cherokee 2018. Unfortunately, that means that Cherokee Presbytery will NOT sponsor a camp this year.

**THE WESTWIND DEADLINE**

for the July *Westwind* will be  
**Noon** on Friday, **June 16, 2017.**

Please send your articles to  
**shenleywpc@bellsouth.net.**

**Have a safe  
and fun  
summer  
and don't forget  
your sunscreen!**



*Westwind* ..... *June 2017*

**The staff of Westminister Presbyterian Church**

Dr. Greg Lund ..... Pastor  
Dr. Paul Neal ..... Director of Music  
Elizabeth Busby ..... Director of Handbells/Instrument Groups  
Joseph Cleveland ..... Youth Director  
Susan Henley ..... Office Administrator/Treasurer  
Heather Davis ..... Dir. of Westminister Christian Academy/Children's Choirs  
Kristi Elkins ..... Director of Children's Activities/WCA Assistant  
Sunny Knauss ..... Custodian  
John & Marissa Johnson ..... Caterers

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