



Westwind

Westminster Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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It's all Grace

Grace is more than a word to say before dinner. It means “unmerited favor.” God’s grace includes all the gifts we receive that we did not earn.

Sunday, October 22, is our Stewardship Celebration.

Like last year, we will voluntarily present our pledge cards for the coming year’s giving to WPC’s budget, followed by a catered lunch in the West Center. At that lunch we will announce the results of our shared stewardship pledges.

When we look at the fruit of our own hard work and perseverance, our ego’s battle cry is, “I earned it. It’s all mine!” But when we shift our attention to the Giver of all good things—including our talents, energy, and income—all we can say is “Thank you.”

Every Sunday of October, a different WPC member will share a testimony of how giving has shaped his/her faith. As spiritual practices, giving and gratitude humble the heart, smoothing out the rough spots of pride. They remind us that everything is a gift of God’s grace. Giving grows inner faith and financial peace as we notice how God provides.

Mark your calendar for October 22, and plan to join us! Meanwhile, read through Psalm 145 and highlight all the occurrences of the word “all.” The Psalmist inventories God’s gifts and reminds us that it’s all grace.

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Welcome, Kirsten Lund, as Children's Director

Westminster joyfully welcomes Kirsten Lund as our new director of children's ministries. Kirsten brings years of experience teaching in the public schools, over three decades' volunteering in Sunday Schools and Vacation Bible Schools, and a passion for nurturing faith in children. Kirsten earned her teaching certificate at Seattle Pacific University and holds a Master of Education degree from Concordia University in Portland, Oregon. "Applying for this position wasn't in my plans," she says, "but the more I prayed the more I felt drawn to it. The people of WPC care about children, and I'm so grateful for the strong response I've already had in terms of volunteers." We look forward to nurturing children together!

Philippians: The Epistle of Joy

The church in Philippi had reason to despair. Their beloved founder, the Apostle Paul, was in prison in Rome. Two of their congregation's leaders were locked in a bitter feud. Then, news came that one of their brothers in Rome was deathly ill. If all that were not enough, some leaders were telling the Gentile Christians that unless they adopted all the Jewish laws (including circumcision), they did not measure up in God's eyes.

A letter arrives from Paul. What kind of letter would you expect from someone imprisoned far from home? The people gather, and the letter is read aloud. All are stunned. The letter is brimming full of hope and joy. Philippians is a concentrated dose of encouragement.

During October, our Wednesday Bible study will drink deeply from this Letter of Joy. Plan to join us. In the mean time, here is a challenge. You can read through the entire letter in around 20 minutes, in one sitting. That's less time than most TV shows. Give it a try, and then talk to God about what you hear.

See you in the joy place.

Greg

SESSION FAMILY PRAYER LIST FOR OCTOBER 2017

During the month of October, the Elders will be praying for the following individuals and their families: Rick & Joni Nelson, Dean & Carole Newton, Phillip & Amy Nolen, Susan Paul, Ann Peery, Marie Ponder, Ken & Betty Reed, Anne Reilly, Carolyn Richardson, Tom & Ashlyn Ritch, Corey & Taylor Ritchie, and Mary Ryan.



SALT & PEPPER SOCIETY
Thursday, October 12th
FIELD TRIP!



Make plans now to join friends for a visit to the Cedartown Museum of Coca-Cola on Thursday, October 12. **We will plan to meet in the West Center parking lot at 10AM to carpool to our destination.** We'll spend an hour or so at the Museum then adjourn to a Dutch-treat lunch at a neighboring restaurant, arriving back at Westminster in early afternoon. Invite a friend, bring \$\$ for the Museum entrance fee (\$5 per person) and for lunch. Sign up on the appropriate Connect Card or phone the church office to make reservations and to indicate your willingness to be a carpool driver.

Budget and Stewardship Committee Update

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

August 2017 Financial Operations

	<u>Current Month</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	25,160	34,328	259,983	297,606
Expenses	30,609	35,153	273,678	291,521

New Children's Menu

To Parents of Young Children:

Instead of Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwiches for the children, Johnny and Marissa Johnson have agreed to prepare a more child-friendly meal on Wednesday nights when the meals are more in tune with the adult pallet. For example, if we are having a casserole, which children seldom eat, we will have chicken fingers and French fries or chips with a fruit (banana or apple). PLEASE let us know how you feel about this as the weeks go on. The weeks of Meat Loaf or hot dogs will be served to everyone. **The children's meals will be only for young children and will be designated in brackets on the Westwind calendar.**



Session Highlights



The Session met on Thursday, September 14, 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.)

After a devotional and prayer by Sue Tarpley, the Session welcomed Rev. Bill Owen from the Center for Healthy Churches to present our mission emphasis for the month. Our custom, as a Session, is to spend a few minutes discussing the mission of our church and our accountability regarding that mission before conducting the business of the church. Rev. Owen presented to us a plan for identifying our strengths as well as areas in need of improvement which included a process for discovering the general health of our congregation. In recent weeks our church has been in prayer for God's direction as we move toward a period of spiritual renewal. The Session hopes that through this process, we will affirm our love for God and God's love for us and identify a clear path forward for us to share that love with our community. You will hear more about this process as plans are developed.

Committee Reports

Budget and Stewardship – Dan Sweitzer reported that August was not a strong month for receipts, however, expenses were down, as well. Dan shared a schedule of the budgeting process which will begin as soon as all committee budget requests are received.

Christian Education – Anita Errickson shared that Michal Bramblett, our nursery worker, is having some major health issues now and is unable to perform her duties. The Christian Education committee will be looking for a new nursery worker. Jennifer Jones will be serving as Nursery Volunteer Coordinator until a replacement can be found.

Fellowship – Gail Wilkes stated that there will be **no 2nd Sunday Fellowship dinner in October**. Instead, the committee will be helping with the Stewardship Celebration Luncheon on October 22, 2017. There was a great turn out for the Pot Luck in the Park on September 10. A special thanks was extended to the Westminster band for the entertainment.

Membership – Stephen Williams – A date for young families to get together is being planned at Greg and Kirsti's house on September 30, 2017.

Mission – Danny Eason – A large number of hygiene kits were prepared and sent to victims of the recent hurricanes. Additional Days for Girls kits were prepared and are ready for shipment. Upcoming projects were discussed in the Mission committee meeting.

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Presbyterian Women



Day Circle: *Date:* Tuesday, October 10th
 Time/Location: 2:00PM, Conference Room
 Bible Moderator: Nancy Collins

Night Circle: *Date:* Thursday, October 12th
 Time/Location: 6:30PM, Conference Room
 Bible Moderator: Joni Nelson

Bible Study for October - Horizons Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews

Lesson Two - In Community with the Living God

Key Bible Verses: Hebrews 1:1-4; Exodus 3:1-7; Exodus 19:16-25;
Hebrews 12:18-24; 8:10; Jeremiah 31:31-34

In last month's lesson, the discussion was about how the writer of Hebrews put Jesus Christ at the center of this letter/sermon. In this month's lesson the author makes a full connection between Christ and the living God, and we will learn how that connection supports the life of the faith community.

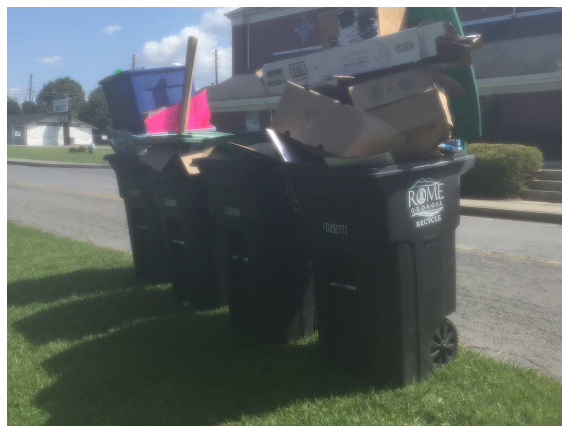
EVEN IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND EVERY MONTH, PLEASE CONSIDER DROPPING IN WHENEVER YOU CAN TO BE PART OF THE FELLOWSHIP and BIBLE STUDY DISCUSSION! WE NEED YOU!

SPA BASKET FOR PW MISSION

Presbyterian Women are creating a BASKET with SPA items for the Silent Auction at Presbyterian Homes of GA's Golf Tournament. This event is held on Monday, October 23rd at the Atlanta Country Club to benefit the CARING HANDS FUND, that fund that provides vital services to elderly residents at five PHGA facilities who have depleted their personal resources. A sign-up sheet with a list of suggested items will be at PW Circle meetings or on the PW Bulletin Board in the Commons. Please choose one item to purchase and place it on the mission table by October 8th.

A Note from the Fellowship Committee

Just a reminder...we will **NOT** have covered-dish dinner in October but please support the Stewardship Luncheon that our committee will sponsor on October 22nd at noon in the West Center. We encourage you all to attend and show your support of Westminster.



Thank you to everyone for your ongoing efforts in recycling... we had SO much on this particular day, it would not all fit in the bins! Way to go, Westminster!
Sunny

To Those Who Use either of WPC's Kitchens:

1. If you leave something in the refrigerator, please label the item with your name and date.
2. If you use it, wash it, dry it, AND put it back where you got it.
3. If you borrow it, bring it back and put it where it belongs, including table cloths.
4. All countertops and table tops need to be wiped clean.
5. Take the trash out after your event.
6. Break down any boxes that need to be recycled.
7. Make sure ALL doors are locked before leaving.

You are Invited to a Parents' Dessert

Parents and guardians are invited to the home of Pastor Greg and Kirsti Lund for dessert and fellowship. Childcare will be provided at the church nursery.

Date: Saturday, Sept. 30
Where: 110 Treeside Drive NW, Rome
Who: Parents of infants through 5th grade
When: 2:30 – 4:00 PM
Childcare: Drop children at church at 2:15PM
RSVP: Call (706) 237-7223, Greg and Kirsti Lund

Take a break from it all, meet other parents, and welcome our new Director of Children's Ministry, Kirsti Lund. She will share her plans for building lasting faith in children, and field your ideas and questions.

Hope to see you there!

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MUSIC MATTERS

What a wonderful month and half at Westminster. Courtney, Caroline and I are so grateful for your kindness and warm welcome.

It has also been a joy to work with the choir. They have been so gracious in trying different tips and techniques. From talking like Julia Child to buzzing while singing, all with a smile... well as much of a smile as you can make while buzzing lips 😊

We are also doing something different to commemorate 500 years since Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses in October of 1517. We will be singing in German! Only one verse though in case you're not fluent in German! We will sing Bach's Chorale from his Ein Feste Burg ist unser Gott (A Mighty Fortress is our God) cantata.

I know there are others in the congregation who love to sing! Please come and join us on Wednesdays at 7:15PM!!

Thank you again for a wonderful welcome and I look forward to what the rest of the year has in store!

Dr. Stefanie Cash

Youth Supper Schedule for October

Oct. 1 No Youth-Fall Break
Oct. 8 Pizzas Night
Oct. 15 Ken & Sandie Davis
Oct. 22 Martha & Joe Holder
Oct. 29 Danny & Cynthia Eason

Youth Chaperone Schedule for October

Oct. 1 No Youth-Fall Break
Oct. 8 Gail Wilkes
Oct. 15 Ken & Sandie Davis
Oct. 22 Martha & Joe Holder
Oct. 29 Danny & Cynthia Eason

***Youth supper begins at 6:30PM and will be in Fellowship Hall.
Youth Chaperones are needed from 5:30PM-8:15PM
Please contact Joseph Cleveland at 843-452-2626 for more info.***

Youth News

When our youth begin asking what future lesson topics will be and subsequently ask the lesson to go longer, you know you're on the right track. With so many new members this year, we have discussed the basics of Christianity on Sunday nights which have reinforced some, enlightened others, and cleared up confusion and misconceptions for all. In addition, Wednesday nights have also been interesting. We are going over all the Bible stories in chronological order, and I haven't gone this much into detail since teaching adults. While you would expect interest in hearing stories for the first time, the more in depth look and open communication style has really energized the youth. I love seeing their newfound understanding and connection of their faith. For example, we had sung "How Great is Our God" and during a subsequent lesson we discussed old testament sacrifices of lambs and how much of the Old Testament is full of types of foreshadows of Christ. One of the youth said, "Wait, is that why the song said He was the 'lion and the lamb'?" Each lesson brings realizations like this; a sheer pleasure.

I mentioned in September's *Westwind* that the youth will be going to members homes and other outings to promote unity with the youth and adults. We want to thank Ken & Sandie Davis for dinner at Johnny's Pizza, to thank Dave & Susan Henley for a great pool party, and to thank Bill & Marye Sweitzer and their family for a wonderful luau! This was a great success, and as we expected, this helped the youth to get to know some adults and the adults seem just as excited to get to know the youth. We look forward to our next outing. If you would be willing to open your home to the youth or would like to go out to dinner with the youth sometime, just let me know.

Grady Davis and Victoria Merritt (representing the youth), along with the Youth Leadership Subcommittee are now working on ways to make Sunday mornings more relevant to the youth. This will include the old ways of getting youth involved with activities, but also new ideas, such as writing questions on a sermon for Pastor Lund to look over, or giving opportunities to explain what words in certain songs mean. I look forward to more fruit coming out of these teams, and to seeing our church family grow together.

Joseph Cleveland



Mission Updates

Dear Friends,

God bless Westminster folks! Your generous spirit has made life more comfortable for many people in need. On August 27th, 36 Days for Girls kits were assembled for girls in Africa. Two weeks later we had made and delivered 118 Hygiene kits to the drop off site for Hurricane relief.

Your Mission Committee

Scrip Cards: Our next Scrip order will be on Sunday, October 1st. Remember that order forms are always available on the chest in the Narthex. Please complete the order form and attach a check made payable to Westminster and place it in Susan Henley's mailbox. The cards will be at the church by Wednesday, October 4th. Thank you for your continued support of this project.



Backpack Buddies Mission: Westminster provides Backpack Buddy sacks to 32 children at Alto Park Elementary School. We are able to purchase items from Rome Action Ministries at a greatly reduced price but we still need your help with items such as individual packets of grits, oatmeal, fruit cups, pudding cups, Ramen noodles, snack crackers, hot chocolate, small jars of peanut butter, or breakfast bars. These items can be placed on the table marked "Backpack Buddies" located in the Commons area. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Just make your check payable to Westminster, earmarked "Backpack Buddies."



FLOWERS NEEDED!

October 29

November 12

November 26

If you can provide flowers for any of these dates, please sign up on the flower chart in the Commons' hallway. Thank you!



Sardis Preservation Society will have a fall meeting on October 1st at the Sardis Presbyterian Church in Coosa. The worship service will begin at 11AM and Rev. Sid Gunter will be the guest minister. The service will be followed by dinner-on-the-ground. The Preservation Society will meet in the church after lunch to discuss several issues including the purchase of new sound equipment and items related to the church building and cemetery. Please stay and attend, if possible.

WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



Fall is here and with that comes the dreaded flu season. Westminster Christian Academy is fortunate to have parents who help us look out for the well-being of our children and staff. One parent is arranging for employees of Floyd Corporate Health to come to Westminster to offer flu vaccines to our students (3 and older) as well as the staff. The Floyd group would also like to extend this offer to the membership of Westminster.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 4th from 3pm until 5pm. Floyd Corporate Health will be here to give flu shots which are covered by most insurance at 100% or \$25.00 for those who do not have coverage. We will be set up in Westminster Hall.

Maybe we can scare away the flu virus!

Heather Davis, Director
Westminster Christian Academy

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: Hello Church Family, :
: I am sitting at my new (to me, anyway) desk at Westminster, preparing for Sunday :
: mornings and Wednesday evenings with WPC kids. Thank you for entrusting them to :
: me! I am pleased to join the staff as Children’s Ministry Coordinator for my favorite :
: church in Rome, GA. :
: Kids at WPC are learning to be **Welcoming** and wise, **Patient** and **Caring**. See how :
: that fits with our church’s abbreviation—**WPC**? On both Sundays and Wednesdays :
: children are busily memorizing Bible verses, praying together, and listening to Bible :
: stories using our curriculum: *The Gospel Project*. (www.gospelproject.com) Children :
: earn “Well done” slips for memorization and good behavior, and are working towards a :
: special reward: a shared party with the youth in the Youth Room. :
: One thing I am discovering is how much our elementary age kids value any :
: connection with other generations in the church! Their eyes light up when they think :
: adults are noticing them, many of them enjoy reaching out to littler kids, and they look :
: up to the youth. Nurturing these connections, and nurturing families is part of what I :
: hope to do here. :
: To this end, I have added each one of our children to my daily prayer list. Please let :
: me know if there is any way I can support you as we all help raise the next generation. :
: Blessings, :
: *Kirsti Lund* :
: Children’s Ministry Coordinator :
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500th Anniversary of the Reformation

This month we celebrate the birth of the Protestant movement, not because it split the Church, but because it brought us back to a renewed understanding of God’s amazing grace. Under Martin Luther and his followers, Protestants proclaimed basic understandings of Christ, grace, faith, and scripture. These are the foundations of any healthy church. And it all began when a monk nailed a list of 95 theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg. Come join us!

Worship Material for October

- Oct. 1 “Sola Fide:
Saved by Faith Alone”**
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32
- Oct. 8 “Sola Scriptura:
Authority in Scripture Alone”**
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46
- Oct. 15 “Sola Christus:
Saved in Christ Alone”**
Philippians 4:1-7
Matthew 22:1-14
- Oct. 22 “Sola Gratia:
Saved by Grace Alone”**
Exodus 33:12-23
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22
- Oct. 29 “Soli Deo Gloria:
Glory to God Alone”**
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

In Loving Memory of
Sam Doss
who died on
September 15, 2017

**Red Cross
Blood Drive**

Our next blood drive will
be on Wednesday,
October 18th at 3PM in
Westminster Hall.



William Davies Homeless Shelter
Volunteers for October 1:
Raymond & Laura Murray

Volunteers for October 15:
Rickey Dorman & Carolyn Richardson



**LOCK-UP SCHEDULE
FOR OCTOBER**
Stephen Williams

**Our next
Property Workday
is November 4th. Please
make plans to join us as
we work to keep God’s
house in good working
order.**



Usher Schedule

(contact John Hendrickson at 232-6872)

- Oct. 1 Jordan Askew, Drew & Jane Tate, and Ann Peery
- Oct. 8 Youth Co-captains: Grady Davis and Victoria Merritt
- Oct. 15 Dan Sweitzer, Jim Ivison, Jennifer Jones, and Bill Byars
- Oct. 22 John Hendrickson, Carolyn Richardson, Bill Sweitzer, and Mary Ellen Wimbish
- Oct. 29 Craig & Kim Duhamel and Danny, Cynthia & Alex Eason

Flower Schedule

(contact Susan Henley at 706-235-8561)

- Oct. 1 Brad & Connie Barris
- Oct. 8 Richard & Helen Ann Merritt
- Oct. 15 Stephen & Beth Williams
- Oct. 22 Ken & Sandie Davis
- Oct. 29

Nursery

(contact the church office at 706-235-8561)

- Oct. 1 Jennifer Jones
- Oct. 8 Susan Paul
- Oct. 15 Laurie Johnson
- Oct. 22 Sandra Gosnold
- Oct. 29 Linda Sipp

Acolytes

(contact Susan Henley at 235-8561)

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| Oct. 1 Ashtin Keefe | Carolyn Richardson |
| Oct. 8 Alex Eason | Cynthia Eason |
| Oct. 15 Grady Davis | Pam Bibb |
| Oct. 22 Cailey Askew | Rickey Dorman |
| Oct. 29 Amiah Gattenby | Kristi Elkins |

Readers

(contact Susan Henley at 235-8561)

- Oct. 1 Steve Cox
- Oct. 8 Youth
- Oct. 15 Dan Sweitzer
- Oct. 22 Joel Turner
- Oct. 29 Sue Tarpley

Liturgists

(contact Sarah Whitley at 331-8003)

- Oct. 1 Charlotte Martin
- Oct. 8 Anita Errickson
- Oct. 15 Dan Sweitzer
- Oct. 22 Joni Nelson
- Oct. 29 Sue Tarpley

Office Volunteers

(contact Susan Henley 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, Katharine Lovvorn, Richard Merritt, Ann Peery, Carolyn Richardson, Joel Turner, Johnny Whitley, Sarah Whitley, and Gail Wilkes.



WPC Grass Cutting Schedule for October

If you can help cut the grass, weed-eat, use a grass blower, etc., please see Sue Tarpley.

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| Oct. 02-07 | Williams & Sweitzer |
| Oct. 16-21 | Gattenby |

Thanks to all of your grass cutting volunteers this summer! You have done a wonderful job keeping the Westminster grounds looking great!

THE WESTWIND DEADLINE

for the **November Westwind** will be **Noon** on Friday, **October 20, 2017.**

Please send your articles to
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