



Westwind

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A Call to Prayer

I believe God is calling us to a season of prayer. Between now and Advent, Westminster will come together to ask God for spiritual renewal and guidance as we enter the next chapter of our church life.

Prayer has long been the soil for renewal. The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost occurred during a prayer meeting. Jesus had already left them, and now they were waiting for His Spirit to guide them to the next adventure. We, too, are seeking new staff, and new ways to connect with the people God wants to reach through us.

Here are some of the ways you can pray:

- Session will meet each Sunday at 10:30AM in the Conference Room to pray.
- You are invited to pray every Wednesday at Noon, wherever you are. If you are free, come pray during that hour in the sanctuary, starting August 16. We meet every week until Advent.
- If you would like to start a group for prayer at another time or place, let me know and we can get the word out.

We serve a God who answers prayer and who has great things in store.

Yours in Hope,

Greg

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Introducing Dr. Stefanie Cash, Choir Director

Westminster joyfully welcomes Dr. Stefanie Cash as our new Choir Director! Stefanie is the Director of Music Education at Berry College. She is responsible for teaching methods and techniques classes, and directs the Berry Women's Choir. She has conducted multiple collegiate choirs and also taught classes in conducting, choral techniques, choral pedagogy and choral methods.

Stefanie and her husband Courtney have a special connection to Westminster through the Westminster Christian Academy. Their daughter Caroline is one of WCA's "graduates." She begins August 2nd at the chancel choir's first rehearsal at 7:15PM. Welcome Stefanie! We look forward to worshipping God together.

We are so excited to welcome Linda & Mark Easterwood to the Westminster family. The Easterwoods joined Westminster on July 16, 2017 by Reaffirmation of their faith. Welcome!

Wonderful Wednesdays: A Feast for Body and Soul

Wednesday night suppers start August 16th. Dinner is served at 5:30PM in the West Center. Bring a friend; newcomers get a meal on the house, and others pay only \$5 per adult, \$3 per child (12 and under) with a maximum family amount of \$15. Westminster also provides free dinners each week for several low-income children.

To feed the mind and soul, here are the learning options. At 5PM, children meet on the second floor of the education building for Bible stories, crafts and more. They join us for dinner at 5:45PM. At 6:30PM, there are two options this Fall. In the Conference Room is the "Seeking Shalom" course, led by Dr. Greg Lund. This video course explores a Biblical model for charity; helping the homeless and poor to find wholeness and blessing. There is a fee of \$25 dollars for this course. Contact Dr. Lund to find out more. In Westminster Hall, our own Adult Sunday School Teachers will host Bible studies. Watch the bulletin for updates on teachers and topics. Also at 6:30PM, the Handbell choir will meet in the Handbell room, the youth will meet in the youth room, and then at 7:15PM, the Chancel Choir will rehearse in the Choir Room. Mark your calendar and pull up a chair as we grow together.

SESSION FAMILY PRAYER LIST FOR AUGUST 2017

During the month of August, the Elders will be praying for the following individuals and their families: Jim Jackson, Marshall Jenkins, Emmy Lou Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Ted & Deborah Johnston, Evelyn Jones, Nancy Jones, Sam & Jennifer Jones, Juanita King, Joel & Vicki Lee, Donna Lindsey, and Katharine Lovvorn.



SALT & PEPPER SOCIETY
Thursday, August 10th
Noon in the West Center



We're ba-a-a-ck!! In the West Center, that is. Hope everyone enjoyed our little respite and ready now to get "back in the swing," literally. Our special guests will be **G I Jive**, a local trio performing music from the 40's and 50's in the style of the Andrews Sisters. G I Jive is gaining popularity all over Rome at various events, including the Rome Symphony's "Swing's the Thing" summer concert. These gals put on a great show, so make your plans now to attend and bring a friend. Lunch is \$5 per person. Sign up on the appropriate Connect Card or phone the church office at 706-235-8561 to make reservations.



News from the Head Ding-a-ling!



Did we have a summer break? I think I missed it. There were some warm days and thunderstorms, and then it was over. It is now time to begin rehearsals! The WPC band will begin rehearsals for the August Second Sunday Fellowship dinner on Sunday, July 30 at 5:30PM. Another rehearsal will be the next Sunday, August 6. If you would like to play or sing with the band, please let me know. I have already had a few people to volunteer and more are welcome. This would give the musicians a chance to rotate and widen our base of music.

The Handbell choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, August 16, the same evening all other programs and dinner begin. Again, if you are a former ringer or would like to learn to ring and join the choir, let me know. It can be done!

Elizabeth Busby

Budget and Stewardship Committee Update

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

June 2017 Financial Operations

	<u>Current Month</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	30,960	34,451	195,804	221,370
Expenses	36,578	40,277	209,267	220,126

Attention Committee Chairpersons!

Please have your 2018 budget proposals to Susan Henley by Monday, September 11th. If you any questions, please see Susan. Thanks!

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive will be on Wednesday, **August 16th** at 3PM in Westminster Hall.



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Presbyterian Women



The PW year starts off this year on August 27th, with Officer Installation during our Sunday Worship and a cookie reception in Westminster Hall to introduce the new Horizon's Bible Study, to share past mission work and our focus for the year ahead. The PWCT is very willing to explore new opportunities but need ideas that come with new participants! Please consider getting involved in a circle or creating your own small study group in 2017-2018! We will have Horizon Study books available to purchase on the 27th if you would like to pick one up and prepare early for our circle start up in September!

In lieu of a wedding shower, but a great way to share our love and support, PW will be collecting gift cards for Jordon Askew and his new bride, Tiffany, to celebrate their recent marriage which took place July 1, 2017. Any type of gift card will be most appreciated, but they would especially enjoy those from Belk or Walmart. Please place your gift cards in Laura Murray's box by August 13th. The Scrip orders will be taken up on August 6th and will be available by the 9th! What a great way to support camper scholarships and help the Askews

The family of David L. Jackson would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation for the thoughtfulness presented to us and the love we have been given during Dave's illness and our time of bereavement. Your kindness made all the difference in the world to us. Every one of you were the true embodiment of God's hands and feet. May God Bless You!

Sincerely,

The family of David L. Jackson

Thank you to all who helped with the memorial service for Dave Jackson and the lunch for the family on June 24th. The Bereavement Committee really appreciates all the loving hands of our church family. Once again, we came together as a family, helping out where needed in the many, many, areas in honor of Dave. We know that Shelia and the family appreciated all of your efforts as well. Thank you.



Congratulations to Jordan Askew and Tiffany Blanton who were married on July 1, 2017 and to Jeff Glover and Erin Kirby who were married on July 19, 2017. We wish you all much happiness!

Mission Updates

Summer Lunch Program: A BIG thank you to Danny Eason, Katharine Lovvorn, Joanne Campbell, the many volunteers, Victoria Merritt, and Caleb Weaver, all who helped make the Summer Lunch Program a success! We had 80 kids registered with an average of 24 kids per day who enjoyed lunch, crafts, games, reading, and music.

Scrip Cards: The next date to order Scrip cards will be Sunday, **August 6th**. 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 August 9th.

Backpack Buddies: If you would like to support this ministry you may donate individual packets of grits, oatmeal, hot chocolate, small jars of peanut butter, or breakfast bars. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Please make your check payable to Westminster, earmarked "Backpack Buddies."

Usher Schedule

(contact John Hendrickson at 232-6872)

- Aug. 6 Dave Henley, Steve Cox, and Rick & Sandra Gosnold
- Aug. 13 Youth
- Aug. 20 Frank & Pam Bibb and Lynn & Cathy Busby
- Aug. 27 Vicki Lee, Raymond Murray, Tom Sipp, And Stephen Williams

Flower Schedule

(contact Susan Henley at 235-8561)

- Aug. 6 Laurie Johnson
- Aug. 13 Sue Howel
- Aug. 20 Bill & Jane Byars
- Aug. 27 Mike & Barbara Elliott

Nursery

(contact the Church Office at 235-8561)

- Aug. 6 Jennifer Jones
- Aug. 13 Susan Paul
- Aug. 20 Linda Sipp
- Aug. 27 Nancy Jones

Acolytes

(contact Susan Henley at 235-8561)

- Aug. 6 Amiah Gattenby Pam Bibb
- Aug. 13 Victoria Merritt Rickey Dorman
- Aug. 20 Ashtin Keefe Kristi Elkins
- Aug. 27 Alex Eason Cynthia Eason

Leaders

Readers

(contact Susan Henley at 235-8561)

- Aug. 6 Paul Culotta
- Aug. 13 Dave Henley
- Aug. 20 Adrienne Askew
- Aug. 27 Kirsti Lund

Liturgists

(contact Sarah Whitley at 331-8003)

- Aug. 6 Martha Holder
- Aug. 13 Sue Tarpley
- Aug. 20 Adrienne Askew
- Aug. 27 Pam Bibb

Worship for August

Finding God in Unlikely Places

When do you feel close to God? Picture the scene. Do you sense God’s nearness in a sunset, in a symphony, in a hug, or in the quiet of prayer? We expect the One who blesses to be nearest in the blessings, and He is. But God is also near when you least expect it. Our August sermon series seeks God in times of fear, temptation, and change. Join us.

- Aug. 6 Rev. Sid Gunter, guest preacher**
“A Creed to Live By”
Mark 12:28-34
- Aug. 13 “Finding God in Fear”**
Matthew 14:22-33
1 Kings 19:9-18
- Aug. 20 “Finding God in Temptation”**
Matthew 15:10-20
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
- Aug. 27 “Finding God in Changes”**
Matthew 16:13-20
Exodus 1:8-2:10



WPC Grass Cutting Schedule for August

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

- July 31-Aug. 5 Gattenby
- Aug. 7-12 Bibbs & Henley
- Aug. 14-19 Eason Family
- Aug. 21-26 Turner & Byars
- Aug. 28-Sept. 2 Williams & Sweitzer



LOCK-UP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST
Frank Bibb

THE WESTWIND DEADLINE
for the **September Westwind** will be **Noon** on **Friday, August 18, 2017**. Please send your articles to shenleywpc@bellsouth.net.

The staff of Westminster Presbyterian Church

- Dr. Greg Lund Pastor
- Dr. Stefanie Cash Choir Director
- Elizabeth Busby Director of Handbells/Instrument Groups
- Joseph Cleveland Youth Director
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- Sunny Knauss Custodian
- John & Marissa Johnson Caterers
- Heather Davis Director of Westminster Christian Academy

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