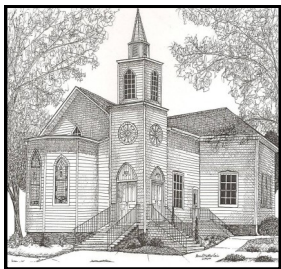


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We are so blessed to have a loving and caring church family here at WPC! If you would like to be a part of this family, we would LOVE to have you! You are only a visitor once at WPC! There are so many offerings of service through our church. There is one for YOU!



POINTS TO PONDER

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,’ and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?” ~James 2:14-16

For the month of September, we will be looking at the Letter of James and the Gospel of Mark to explore what authentic faith in Jesus Christ looks like. At the beginning of chapter 2, James asks his audience “My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?” (2:1). It’s a toe-stepping question. Later on in the chapter we have the verses quoted above. What James is calling us to is a higher level of living out our faith. Faith without works is dead, he writes. And it is.

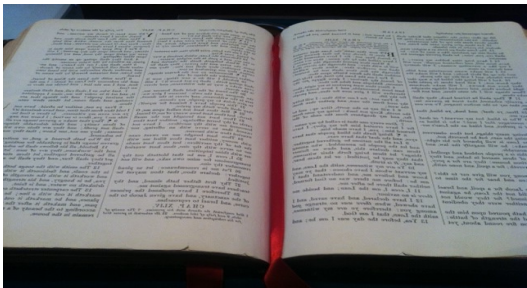
What good is our faith if all we do is show up on Sundays and maybe say our prayers morning and night, and maybe open the Bible and read a little Scripture? We may get some spiritual nourishment out of that, which is a good thing. But authentically living out our faith calls us to put the needs of others before ourselves. James points out that if we see someone in need and encourage them to “go in peace” without meeting their basic needs, then we haven’t done much good at all. They will still be hungry, they will still be cold, they will still not have their basic needs met. We are meant to be doers of the Word, which means our faith must have action.

So I challenge you this month to think and pray about what God is calling you to *do*. As long as we are able, we should be in a state of discernment. How can we live out the Gospel in a way that serves others? How can we practice what we hear and what we preach? Think what a better community we would live in if we put our faith in action in our little corner of the world! Imagine the needs we could meet!

As you think and pray on these verses, and others that we will read from James, feel free to share with me how you are feeling called to be doers of the Word! I’d love to hear your stories! Together, we really can shine a bright light of hope and healing in our world!

Grace and peace,

Rev. Audrey



SEPTEMBER SERMONS

5: “Faith in Action” James 2:1, 14-18 and Mark 7:24-37

12: “Out of Our Mouths” James 3:1-12 and Mark 8:27-38

19: “The Harvest of Righteousness” James 3:13-18, 4:7-8 and Mark 9:30-37

26: “The Prayer of Faith” James 5:13-18 and Mark 9:38-50



We will
Celebrate
Holy
Communion
On the 26th
during morning
Worship!



We are so very blessed here at Westminster Presbyterian! We have a wonderful family of friends and servants of Christ to worship and praise God for all of His many, many blessings! We are so thankful that we are able to meet face-to-face as well as virtually. God is so very good!



TREASURER’S REPORT

July receipts: \$ 11,375.26
expenses 11,176.13
+ 199.13

YTD receipts \$ 86,737.28
expenses 82,998.45
+ 3,738.83

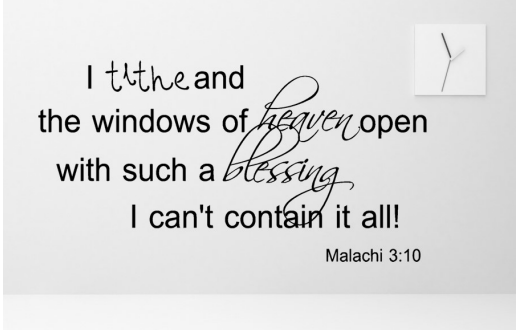
Community First Money Market:
\$ 12,434.42 for Gossett renovations.



August Flowers



Shepherd Chuites will
Contact you when it is your time for
flowers or donation. Thank You!



HOMEcoming 2021

Our Homecoming weekend may not have looked exactly how we had planned, BUT....God blessed us with an awesome morning of worship in His house! It was so wonderful to hear the stories of our church family and how we have grown over the years. There have been more changes than we could count, but one thing has never changed about our church and that is the way we continue to show God’s Love!

Thank you to everyone that shared their story with us in worship. It was so very special.

We also had a bagpiper play “Amazing Grace” for our prelude!



2021 APPLE FESTIVAL TIME!!!



All God’s people can find a way to help with this most worthy mission! All monies raised will be donated to Dot’s Kitchen and Oconee United Ministries. Whether you would like to come and work at Dot’s frying pies, sit at our booth, make pie filling at home, label storage bags for pies, make a cash donation to our mission or anything in between, we love you and need your help! Debbie Therriault has taken on the monumental task of organizing this effort. Please, please if you are asked to help, please find a way to help out. It is so wonderful to have our church out in the community! If you would like more information on how you can help, please contact Debbie for more information.

Dates and times for needed help:

Sept. 9th—Meet at Dot’s Kitchen at 1:30 pm to assemble pies.

Sept. 10th—Put up booth at 9 am

Sept. 10th—Sit at booth 9 am till 7 pm

Sept. 11th—Sit at booth 10 am till we sell out of pies!

When we have a little from everyone, it is so much easier to accomplish our goal!



2 Corinthians 12:9, ESV “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

Town Prayer Meeting

Join us for prayer every Tuesday morning at 9 am at the gazebo in downtown Westminster. There will be a guest minister each week.



Imogene Giles, Kathy Darnell, Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam’s brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen’s niece), Arthur Skillen (Kathy Skillen’s brother), and Joanne Mason.

Dates to Remember!

- 9-1 Dot’s Kitchen
- 9-14 Dot’s Kitchen
- 9-26 Holy Communion



Sharing God’s Love

Are you looking for opportunities to share the love of Christ in our community? See Linda White or Joey Roeder for Dot’s and De French about Oconee United Ministries.



Please reach out to your Session with any concerns or needs.
Clerk: Brad Stancil
Kim Burden: Stewardship/Finance
Mission/Outreach: Trish McCoy
Worship: Virginia Gordon
Christian Education: Lou Haynes
Property: John Merritt
John Johnston: Congregational Care

Presbyterian Women Afternoon Circle



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

We are so happy to report that our circles have combined into one happy family! We meet each month at 4:30 pm in Gossett Hall. Our first meeting was a tremendous success. We had thirteen sisters join us as we planned our circle year. Many thanks to Nancy Johnston for all her paperwork/detail skills! Thank you to Linda White for an awesome meditation before our meeting.

Typically, we meet the first Monday after the first Sunday of each month August—May. However, this month we will not meet since we had 2 meetings in August to plan for the upcoming Apple Festival. Please make your plans now to join us on October 4th!



Ladies, Hope to see you this afternoon for Circle! ❤️
4:30pm at Gossett Hall

