

THE ABBEY NEWS



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FROM THE PASTOR

See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:15-18

Many of you remember the late Rev. Dr. Charles Dougherty, affectionately known as "Dr. D." Dr. D. was the Interim pastor at WPC before Rev. Audrey was called as our pastor, and he remained very much a mentor and friend to her until the end of his earthly life.

While he was the interim, Dr. D. taught us a way to offer prayer 10 times a day--one for each finger on our hands! He told us that we always have five every day:

- When we wake up, offer a prayer of thanksgiving
- Offer a prayer or blessing at each meal (three times)
- When we go to bed, give thanks to God for our day.

This just leaves five more opportunities for us to say a quick prayer. Maybe you get the front parking spot at Ingles during rush hour--say a quick "Thank you, God!" Maybe you have a big task at work coming up. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance. Maybe you enjoyed a nice walk with your children. Give thanks for the opportunity to enjoy God's creation and spend quality time with your children. Whatever happens, as Paul encourages us, "give thanks in everything, pray without ceasing."

Each week through the month of May, you are encouraged to pray in simple but creative ways. Want to pray with your church family? Find someone in the Directory and call them! Maybe you can meet for coffee and prayer! Send someone you haven't seen in a while a card letting them know you're praying for them and you miss them. Start a prayer journal at the beginning of the month, and spend just a few extra moments with God in prayer after your daily Bible reading. The opportunities for a fruitful prayer life are endless!

Opportunities for communal prayer:

Every Tuesday at 9 am at the Westminster Depot, our community gathers for prayer, lead by local pastors. Join us!

Thursday, May 4, 12:00 at Retreat St. Park: The City of Westminster is hosting a service of prayer to honor the National Day of Prayer! Rev. Audrey and other local pastors will pray for the needs of our community, nation, and world, and then local pastors will be on hand to pray with anyone who needs individual prayer. Come out and pray!



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.



We will Celebrate Holy Communion on May 28th During worship.



MAY SERMONS

7: Ruth 1: "Your God, My God"

14: Ruth 2: "The Mothers in Our Lives"

21: John 7:1-29: "When the Whole World is Against You"

28: Acts 2:1-17: "What Does it All Mean?" (Pentecost)

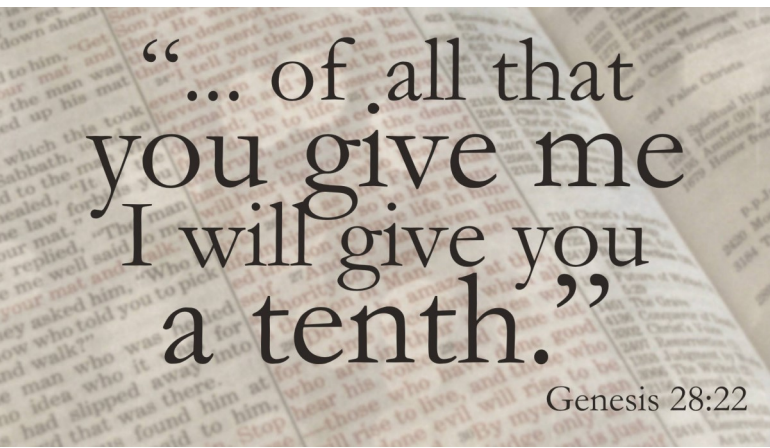


"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."
- Colossians 1:13-14



TREASURER’S REPORT

Mar. receipts:	\$ 11,686.18
expenses	12,006.81
	- 320.63
YTD receipts:	\$ 40,420.66
expenses	38,396.19
	+ 2,024.47



We raised \$ 589.87 for the One Great Hour mission project! God Bless You!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

We were blessed with another wonderful afternoon of sister fellowship, awesome Bible study and tasty treats at our April Circle meeting! Thank you so much **Trish McCoy** for preparing our Last Supper meal. Thanks to **Rev. Audrey** for preparing our script and scriptures to accompany our meal. Everything was so special and meaningful!

Our next meeting will be **May 8th at 4:30 pm** in Gossett Hall. Hope to see you all there! This will be our last meeting until August, so please make every effort to be there!





Easter Sunday Blessings!



Weekly Devotionals via FB Live



Rev. Audrey will be offering a **morning** (9:30 am) devotional once a week to introduce some of the topics she will cover in her sermons each week! This is a great time to get together and discuss topics on line and/or just hear a bit of encouragement to get you through the week!

Bible in a Year



We pray that you all are enjoying our Bible in a Year study! We have heard many positive comments as to how our study is uniting us in daily prayer and devotion and it is getting us all into God's Word each and every day! Keep reading, praying, learning and living into those beautiful words!

Easter Sunrise Service





PENTECOST-MAY 28TH



Join us for our annual Pentecost luncheon in Gossett Hall immediately following worship on May28th! The meat and drinks will be provided by the church. Bring your favorite dishes and/or dessert and let's fellowship and celebrate this most special time in the life of our church. Make plans to join us for YOUR blessing!



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. This was started by one person who felt the need for prayer in our town. It has grown and continues to be a light in our community!



Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam's brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen's niece), Arthur Skillen (Kathy Skillen's brother) Bob Hartness (Rev. Audrey's dad), Clifton Mabry, Sam and Edna Dillard, Kathy Skillen, Joel Thrift, Al Belauskus, Sue Costa, (Paula Meades and Shari Waldo's friend), Arlene Touart (Sherry Moats' aunt), Erin Wood (Wendy Linhart's daughter, who has been deployed to serve our country) Ed Black (cousin of De French), and Bently Carver (son of a friend of James Lawson).

Westminster Hope ComeUnity!



Our Westminster Hope ComeUnity continues to grow and sail on with the power of the Holy Spirit! We are so grateful for all of your prayers and continued support for this most worthy mission project. We have met with City Council twice now as a presentation and as a discussion item on their agenda. We are hopeful for good news ahead.

Anything and EVERYTHING is possible with our awesome GOD!

On Sunday, April 23rd, Session held a combined meeting for the months of April and May. We are working through *Sailboat Church*, a book to help us discern ways we might "sail on the winds of the Holy Spirit." One of the areas we lifted up as an emphasis is prayer! So, you'll have many more opportunities in the coming month to pray with and for your church family!

Christian formation is preparing Vacation Bible School June 4-7 with a cookout June 7th! More information is coming! EVERYONE is invited to help in some way! Contact Debbie Therriault for more information!





Dates to Remember!

Happy Birthday for the month of May

- 5/3 Dot’s Kitchen
- 5/4 Day of Prayer Service 12:00R
Retreat St. Park
- 5/6 Finishing Well Workshop
9:30-12:30 Gossett Hall
- 5/8 Presbyterian Women 4:30
- 5/9 Dot’s Kitchen
- 5/20 Foothills Presbytery Meeting,
Camp Fellowship
- 5/28 Pentecost Luncheon
- 6/4-6/7 VBS 5:30-7:00



- 5 Trish McCoy
- 9 Henry Gordon
- 11 Linda White
- 13 Martha Reid
- 23 Shepherd Chuites
- 27 Chanda Morrison



**Early birthdays in June: 2nd Linda Ramey and 3rd Christy Todd

May Flowers



Contact Shepherd Chuites if you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary

BIBLE IN A YEAR SCRIPTURES

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverbs
1	Judges 13:1-14:20	John 1:29-51	102:1-28	14:15-16
2	Judges 15:1-16:31	John 2:1-25	103:1-22	14:17-19
3	Judges 17:1-18:31	John 3:-21	104:1-23	14:20-21
4	Judges 19:1- 20:48	John 3:22-4:3	104:24-35	14:22-24
5	Judges 21:1-Ruth 1:22	John 4:4-42	105:1-15	14:25
6	Ruth 1:23-4:22	John 4:43-54	105:16-36	14:26-27
7	1 Samuel 1:-2:21	John 5:1-23	105:37-45	14:28-29
8	1 Samuel 2:22-4:22	John 5:24-47	106:1-12	14:30-31
9	1 Samuel 5:1-7:17	John 6:1-21	106:13-31	14:32-33
10	1 Samuel 8:1-9:27	John 6:22-42	106:32-48	14:34-35
11	1 Samuel 10:1-11:15	John 6:43-71	107:1-43	15:1-3
12	1 Samuel 12:1-13:22	John 7:1-29	108:1-13	15:04
13	1 Samuel 13:23-14:52	John 7:30-52	109:1-31	15:5-7
14	1 Samuel 15:1-16:23	John 7:53-8:20	110:1-7	15:8-10
15	1 Samuel 17:1-18:4	John 8:21-30	111:1-10	15:11
16	1 Samuel 18:5-19:24	John 8:31-59	112:1-10	15:12-14
17	1 Samuel 20:1-21:15	John 9:1-41	113:1-114:8	15:15-17
18	1 Samuel 22:1-23:29	John 10:1-21	115:1-18	15:18-19
19	1 Samuel 24:1-25:44	John 10:22-42	116:1-19	15:20-24
20	1 Samuel 26:1-28:25	John 11:1-53	117:1-2	15:22-23
21	1 Samuel 29:1-31-31:13	John 11:54-12:19	118:1-18	15:24-26
22	2 Samuel 1:1-2:11	John 12:20-50	118:19-20	15:27-28
23	2 Samuel 2:12-3:39	John 13:1-30	119:1-16	15:29-30
24	2 Samuel 4:1-6:23	John 13:31-4:14	119:17-32	15:31-32
25	2 Samuel 7:1-8:18	John 4:15-31	119:33-48	15:33
26	2 Samuel 9:1-11:27	John 15:1-27	119:49-64	16:1-3
27	2 Samuel 12:1-31	John 16:1-33	119:65-80	16:4-5
28	2 Samuel 13:1-39	John 17:1-26	119:81-96	16:6-7
29	2 Samuel 14:1-15:22	John 18:1-24	119:97-112	16:8-9
30	2 Samuel 15:23-16:23	John 18:25-19:22	119:113-128	16:10-11
31	2 Samuel 17:1-29	John 19:23-42	119:129-152	16:12-13



FINISHING WELL

An End-of-Life Planning Workshop



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