

THE ABBEY NEWS



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FROM THE PASTOR

"In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father." Acts 1:1-2, 4

This summer, we are going to work our way through the book of Acts! Acts is volume 2 of Luke's 2 volume book, written to Theophilus, who was most likely a Roman official who had been initiated into the church's teachings, and for whom Luke set out to give a full account. His name means "Friend of God," so really, Luke's Gospel as well as the book of Acts is written to anyone and everyone who considers themselves a friend of God! How much of a God-wink is it that we are going to look at this book, written to "friends of God," while at the same time kicking off our summer with VBS, the theme of which is "You've Got a Friend in Me!"

What does it mean to be a friend? This is a question our young ones will explore this week, and I think it's worth us keeping in the forefront of our mind as we make our way through the book of Acts. For me, friendship is one of the most valuable gifts we receive in this life. We are not meant to travel the road alone; we are meant to do this thing called life in community, and what better community than the community of God?

To be a "friend of God" can also mean that we devote our hearts and our minds to that relationship. This starts with prayer. Some come into the faith unsure of how to pray. Even those who consider themselves lifelong Christians may at times wonder, "What do I pray for? How do I pray?" To me, prayer is very simple. It's literally talking to God as you would a friend.

In May, we emphasized prayer in the life of the church. We are going to continue that focus as we move through summer together. My encouragement for you is to pray! Talk to God, tell God what's on your heart, give thanks for the ways being a friend of God helps you, lift up the ways you fall short, and give God what's on your heart. The best way to cultivate a friendship is through talking. So, let's talk to God!

Grace and peace,

Rev. Audrey



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!



We will Celebrate Holy Communion on June 25th During worship.



JUNE SERMONS

4: Acts 1:15-26

"Pray, then Act"

11: Nath Bailey Preaching

18: Acts 6:1-15

"Anoint and Send Out"

25: Acts 9:1-19

"Blinded by the Light"



Acts 2:1-4 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all ^[a]with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them ^[b]divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.





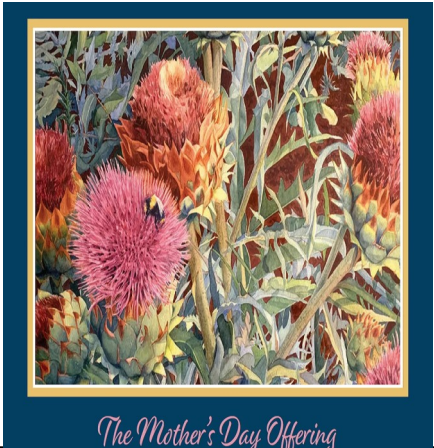
TREASURER'S REPORT

April receipts: \$13,752.15
expenses 12,977.03
+ 775.12
YTD receipts: \$ 54,172.81
expenses 51,373.22
+ 2,799.59

God Bless You all for your generous giving!

Let's Honor The Lord With Our Giving

"Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.
And whoever sows generously will also reap generously."
2 Corinthians 9:6



The Mother's Day Offering
We raised \$195.00!
Thank you!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

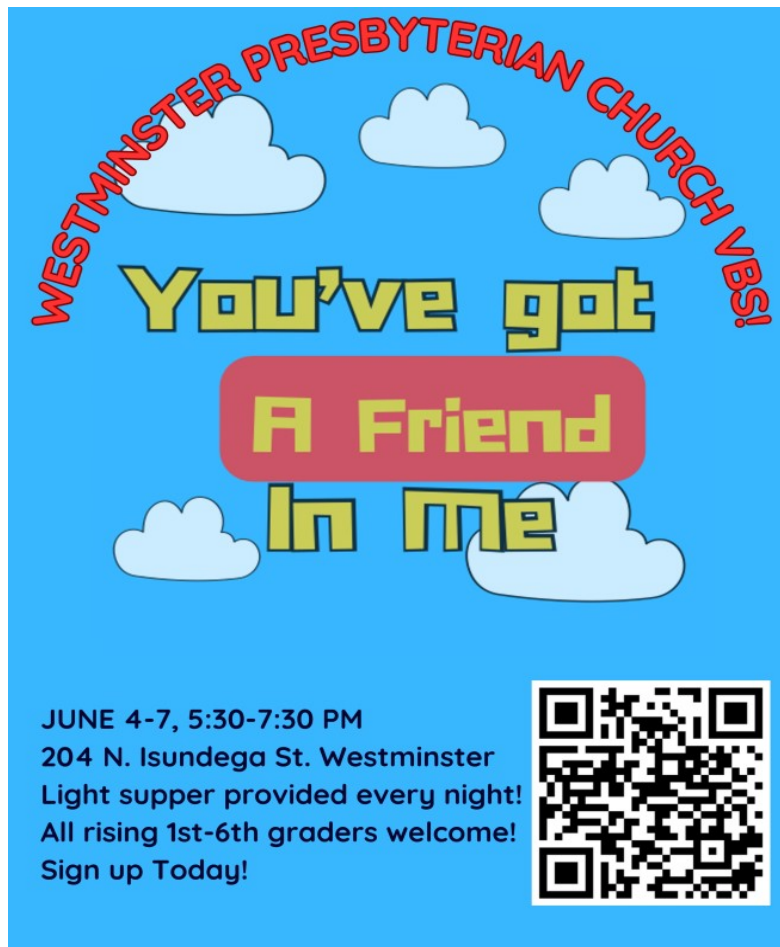


We were blessed with another wonderful afternoon of sister fellowship, awesome Bible study and tasty treats at our May Circle meeting! Thank you so much to all the ladies for the tasty goodies! Thanks to Linda White for preparing our last Bible study of the PW year. We were blessed with the story of the life of our Savior's Mother, Mary. It was such a blessing to help our Sister Paula Meades with her Rock Steady group at the YMCA! We were so humbled to recap our year of service and remember all of the lives we have touched in our giving and service to Christ. **Please continue to PRAY for our church, our community and our world!** Our next meeting will be **August 7th at 4:30 pm**.





VBS is Making a Comeback!!



All Hands on Deck! We are so excited to offer a Vacation Bible School for our children and the children in our community! It's not too late! Please see Debbie Therriault for information on how you can serve during this most special time!

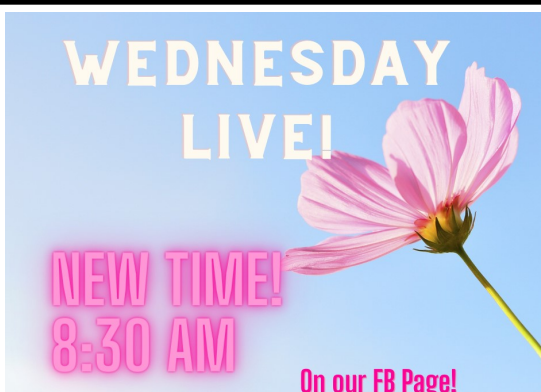
Our VBS will be held June 4-7 from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the church and Gossett Hall.

There will be Bible Study, Crafts, Music and fun games for the children!

We will also host a cookout at the closing of VBS.

Come join the fun and share the love of Christ in our community!

Weekly Devotionals via FB Live



Rev. Audrey will be offering a **morning** (8:30 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!

We LOVE our Dot's Kitchen Teams!



Come join the FUN! Nothing warms your heart more than helping others and Dot's Kitchen is one way to share the Love of Christ with many in our community!

If you would like to be a part of this awesome mission project, please contact Linda White or Joey Roeder and they will hook you up! There's always opportunities to serve at Dot's!



SCENES FROM PENTECOST WORSHIP AND LUNCHEON





Dates to Remember!

- 6-7 Dot’s Kitchen
- 6-13 Dot’s Kitchen
- 6/4-6/7 VBS!
- 6/7 Community Cookout!



Happy Birthday for the month of June

- 2 Linda Ramey
- 3 Christy Todd
- 14 Jan Walsh
- 16 Tom Multer
- 28 Virginia Gordon



****Early birthdays in July: 2 Steve Moore,4 Jane Thomas,5 Sam Dillard,6 Marie Dunnam**

June 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	2 Samuel 18:1-19:10	John 20:1-31	119:153-176	16:14-15
2	2 Samuel 19:11-20:13	John 21:1-25	120:1-7	16:16-17
3	2 Samuel 20:14-22:20	Acts 1:1-26	121:1-8	16:18
4	2 Samuel 22:21-23:23	Acts 2:1-47	122:1-9	16:19-20
5	2 Samuel 23:24-24:25	Acts 3:1-26	123:1-4	16:21-23
6	1 Kings 1:1-53	Acts 4:1-37	124:1-8	16:24
7	1 Kings 2:1-3:3	Acts 5:1-42	125:1-5	16:25
8	1 Kings 3:-4:34	Acts 6:1-15	126:1-6	16:26-27
9	1 Kings 5:1-6:38	Acts7:1-29	127:1-5	16:28-30
10	1 Kings 7:1-51	Acts 7:30-50	128:1-6	16:31-33
11	1 Kings 8:1-66	Acts 7:51-8:13	129:1-8	17:01
12	1 Kings 9:1-10:29	Acts 8:14-40	130:1-8	17:2-3
13	1 Kings 11:1-12:19	Acts 9:1-25	131:1-3	17:4-5
14	1 Kings 12:20-13:34	Acts 9:26-43	132:1-18	17:06
15	1 Kings 14:1-15:24	Acts 10:-23a	133:1-3	17:7-8
16	1 Kings15:25-17:24	Acts 10:23b-48	134:1-3	17:9-11
17	1 Kings 18:1-46	Acts 11:1-30	135:1-21	17:12-13
18	1 Kings 19:1-21	Acts 12:1-23	136:1-26	17:14-15
19	1 Kings 20:1-21:29	Acts 12:24-13:15	137:1-9	17:16
20	1 Kings 22:1-53	Acts 13:16-41	138:1-8	17:17-18
21	2 Kings 1:1-2:25	Acts13:42-14:7	139:1-24	17:19-21
22	2 Kings 3:1-4:17	Acts 14:8-28	140:1-13	17:22
23	2 Kings 4:18-5:27	Acts 15:1-35	141:1-10	17:23
24	2 Kings 6:1-7:20	Acts 15:36-16:15	142:1-7	17:24-25
25	2 Kings 8:1-9:13	Acts 16:16-40	143:1-12	17:26
26	2 Kings 9:14-10:31	Acts 17:1-34	144:1-15	17:27-28
27	2 Kings 10:32-12:21	Acts 18:1-22	145:1-21	18:01
28	2 Kings 13:1-14:29	Acts 18:23-19:12	146:1-10	18:2-3
29	2 Kings 15:1-16:20	Acts 19:13-41	147:1-20	18:4-5
30	2 Kings 17:1-18:12	Acts 20:1-38	148:1-14	18:6-7



Many thanks to John and Nancy Johnston for putting together a wonderful seminar to help us all “Finish Well!” We were given an enormous amount of information from an attorney, Agape Foundation Services, Sandifer Funeral Home, real-life experiences and most-importantly, Rev. Audrey’s help and expertise in planning our own funeral service and that of our family’s. along with much needed spiritual guidance for that time of our lives.

PRAYER CHANGES EVERYTHING!



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), Cathy Mianardi (Debbie Therriault’s cousin), and Bently

Your Session has been having monthly devotionals on a wonderful study called “The Sailboat Church”. We have all felt that our church family, while certainly is a praying church, could be an even BETTER praying church! Scriptures tell us to “Pray without ceasing” and “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”



Debbie Therriault has placed the names of all church members in the narthex at church. Please take a name, or a few names, and pray earnestly for them! You don’t have to bring them back, Debbie will refill the bowl as needed. Also, there is a container for you to leave your spoken or unspoken prayer request.



Try this too! If you are just trying to find the words to pray, when those days have you so tired and you can’t even think...use the most beautiful prayer that was given to us by our Savior! Say it daily! Don’t wait until Sunday to recite these wonderful words freely given to us!

THIS MONTH, I PRAYED FOR.....



We continue to see God’s Hand moving in and through our WHC Mission.

