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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!



FROM THE PASTOR
“While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.” ~Acts 10:44

A little known pet peeve is mine is being interrupted. I’m a verbal processor, so it’s fairly easy to interrupt me, but when it happens, I lose my train of thought and get frustrated because my brain is trying to catch up with what my mouth was saying, or my ears were hearing, or my eyes were seeing. You get it. In conversation, I try to practice the art of listening to listen, rather than listening to respond, which often leads to us interrupting someone speaking. And I like to think my conversation partner is doing the same thing. But, the fact is, that’s just not always the case.

So when I decided to do a sermon series on the ways in which God shows up in the world and in others, imagine my surprise when the second sermon in the series demonstrates God interrupting Peter. So, you may think, “Well, surely Rev. Audrey doesn’t get upset with *God* interrupting her.” I’d like to say you’d be right, but then I would not be an honest person.

If we are really honest with ourselves, God’s interruptions don’t always come at welcome times. Sometimes they happen and mean we need to be elsewhere when we really want to be where we think we should be. Often, God’s interruptions occur when life is going really well, thank you very much, and God popping up is the last thing we think we want and the very least thing we expect to happen.

And yet, God’s interruptions in our lives can open the door for amazing self and communal discoveries. The book of Acts is the second volume in Luke’s narrative of the events of the early church. Acts picks up after Jesus has ascended to Heaven, and follows Peter at the beginning of his ministry as the leader of the Jerusalem headquarters of the new Jewish sect known as Christians. In chapter 10, we find Peter in the middle of a sentence, being interrupted by the Holy Spirit. This interruption leads Peter to the home of a Roman centurion. More on that in a couple of weeks. But suffice it to say, God interrupts, and the kingdom of God is expanded once again.

How can you find ways to be open to God’s action in the world? Where can you see how holy interruptions changed the course of your life? Where might you be blocking the Spirit’s direction? May these questions guide you as we explore how God is at work in our lives, and the lives of others, this month.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Audrey

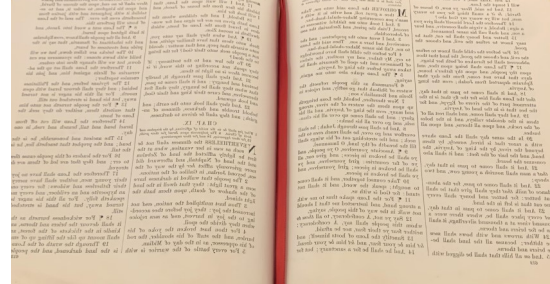
MAY SERMONS

5: “Beyond the Walls”
Acts 8:26-40

12: “When Jesus Interrupts”
Acts 10:44-48

19: “When God Surprises”
Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Acts 2:1-21

26: “When God Dances”
Isaiah 6:1-8 and
Romans 8:12-17



We will Celebrate Holy Communion on May 5th during worship!





“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.”
—Psalm 122:1



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PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
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"I am coming to you."
—JOHN 14:18

*Lord, Help me not think of just myself,
but of those you have put in my life for me
to serve.*



PENTECOST! THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Isaiah 58:11: (a portion of our lesson scripture)
 “The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.”



We Love our Church Family!



When you come to Westminster Presbyterian, you will be greeted with smiles, hugs, and friendly conversation! We strive to be a friendly church, working together to demonstrate God's kingdom on earth. Worship offers an opportunity to draw near to God, then go out singing the Good News to our neighbors.

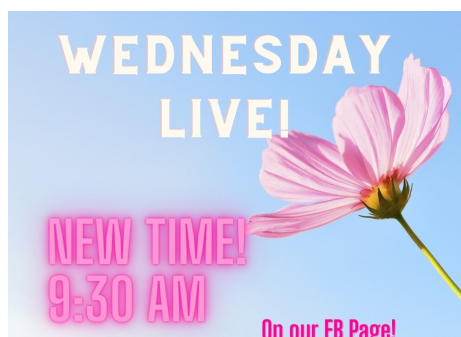
If you haven't been in person to worship in awhile, we miss you! If you are able, we would love to see you again!



Get Into God's Word!



Join Debbie Therriault and friends each month at 4:30 pm as we dive into some questions and reflections of our daily Bible in a Year readings! Locations will be posted each month.



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!



Our next Men's Bible study will be May 5th. All men will meet at Gossett Hall beginning at 10 am. We will continue our study of the Book of Romans. Don't miss this awesome opportunity to share how God is working in your life, prayer requests and praise reports while diving into God's Holy Word!

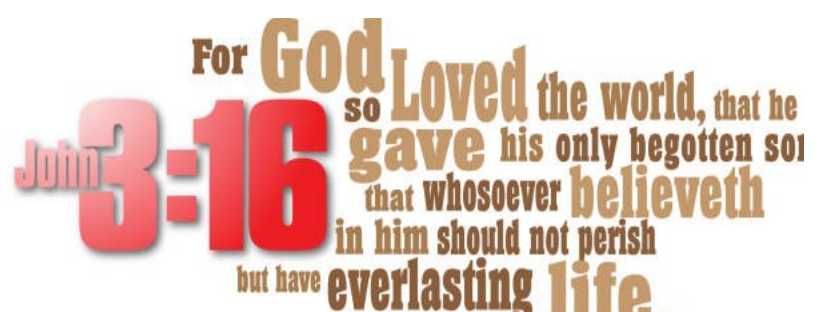
Start the Party VBS theme teaches kids about:

SAVE THE DATE!!

JUNE 2ND THROUGH JUNE 6TH 4-6:30 PM

Friendship
Belonging
Forgiveness
Abundant life

Luke 5:27-32
Matthew 22:1-14
Luke 15:11-32
John 4:1-26





Dates to Remember!

5/1	Dot's Kitchen Session reports due
5/5	Men's Bible Study 10 am Session 12:30
5/6	Presbyterian Women 4:30 Gossett
5/12	Mother's Day
5/14	Dot's Kitchen
5/19	Pentecost Dinner
5/31	VBS Decorating Day
6/2-6/6	VBS
6/6	VBS Closing Ceremony and Church cookout 6:30



Happy Birthday for the month of May



5-Trish McCoy	27-Chanda Morrison
8-Donna Stanley	28- Michael Orlowski
9-Henry Gordon	
11-Linda White	
13-Martha Reid	
23-Shepherd Chuites	



****Early birthdays in June****
2-Linda Ramey 3-Christy Todd
4-Jimmy Powell

MAY WEEKLY BIBLE IN A YEAR SCRIPTURES

5/1.	1 Samuel 4:1-5:12, Psalms 54:1-7, Proverbs15:12-13, Luke 21:1-19
5/2.	1 Samuel 6:1-7:17, Psalms 55:1-8, Proverbs 15:14, Luke 21:20-38
5/3.	1 Samuel 8:1-9:27, Psalms 55:9-15, Proverbs 15:15-17, Luke 22:1-23
5/4.	1 Samuel 10:1-11:15, Psalms 55:16-23, Proverbs 15:18-20, Luke 22:24-46
5/5.	1 Samuel 12:1-13:23, Psalms 56:1-13, Proverbs 15:21-23, Luke 22:47-71
Week of 5/6	
5/6.	1 Samuel 14:1-15:35, Psalms 57:1-3, Proverbs 15:24-25, Luke 23:1-25
5/7.	1 Samuel 16:1-17:58, Psalms 57:4-11, Proverbs 15:26, Luke 23:26-56
5/8.	1 Samuel 18:1-19:24, Psalms 58:1-11, Proverbs 15:27-30, Luke 24:1-35
5/9.	1 Samuel 20:1-21:15, Psalms 59:1-5, Proverbs 15:31-33, Luke 24:36-53
5/10.	1 Samuel 22:1-23:29, Psalms 59:6-17, Proverbs 16:1-2, John 1:1-28
5/11.	1 Samuel 24:1-25:44, Psalms 60:1-5, Proverbs 16:3, John 1:29-51
5/12.	1 Samuel 26:1-27:12, Psalms 60:6-12, Proverbs 16:4-5, John 2:1-25
Week of 5/13	
5/13.	1 Samuel 28:1-25, Psalms 61:1-4, Proverbs 16:6, John 3:1-17
5/14.	1 Samuel 29:1-31:13, Psalms 61:5-8, Proverbs 16:7-9, John 3:18-36
5/15.	2 Samuel 1:1-2:23, Psalms 62:1-4, Proverbs 16:10-12, John 4:1-30
5/16.	2 Samuel 3:1-4:12, Psalms 62:5-12, Proverbs 16:13-15, John 4:31-54
5/17.	2 Samuel 5:1-6:23, Psalms 63:1-11, Proverbs 16:16-17, John 5:1-23
5/18.	2 Samuel 7:1-8:18, Psalms 64:1-10, Proverbs 16:18-19, John 5:24-27
5/19.	2 Samuel 9:1-10:19, Psalms 65:1-8, Proverbs 16:20-21, John 6:1-21
Week of 5/20	
5/20.	2 Samuel 11:1-12:31, Psalms 65:9-13, Proverbs 16:22-24, John 6:22-51
5/21.	2 Samuel 13:1-14:33, Psalms 66:1-7, Proverbs 16:25-26, John 6:52-71
5/22.	2 Samuel 15:1-16:23, Psalms 66:8-15, Proverbs 16:27-30, John 7:1-27
5/23.	2 Samuel 17:1-18:23, Psalms 66:16-20, Proverbs 16:31-32, John 7:28-53
5/24.	2 Samuel 19:1-20:26, Psalms 67:1-7, Proverbs 16:33-17:1, John 8:1-27
5/25.	2 Samuel 21:1-22:51, Psalms 68:1-6, Proverbs 17:2-4, John 8:28-59
5/26.	2 Samuel 23:1-24:25, Psalms 68:7-10, Proverbs 17:5-6, John 9:1-23
Week of 5/27	
5/27.	1 Kings 1:1-2:46, Psalms 68:11-14, Proverbs 17:7-9, John 9:24-41
5/28.	1 Kings 3:1-4:34, Psalms 68:15-20, Proverbs 17:10-12, John 10:1-21
5/29.	1 Kings 5:1-6:38, Psalms 68:21-27, Proverbs 17:13-15, John 10:22-42
5/30.	1 Kings 7:1-8:66, Psalms 68:28-35, Proverbs 17:16-17, John 11:1-27

PRAYER CHANGES EVERYTHING!



Town Prayer Meeting! Join us for prayer every Tuesday morning at 9 am at the gazebo in downtown Westminster. Rev. Audrey has served as a guest minister! Come join us!

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, John Davis, Sam and Edna Dillard, Kathy Skillen, Joel Thrift, Al Belauskus, Sue Costa, (Paula Meades and Shari Waldo’s friend), Arlene Touart (Sherry Moats’ aunt), Ed Black (cousin of De French), and Bently Carver (son of a friend of James Lawson) Dr. George Harper, Jack Harper (Nita’s cousin)



Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-7
DailyVerses.net



Many thanks to Rev. Will Nickles for filling in for Rev. Audrey while she was away. We enjoyed having you and hope to see and hear you again soon!



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

May Flowers

Please contact Shepherd Chuites if you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary or make a donation in honor or memory of someone or your favorite charity.



Many great things are happening with WHC! Our wonderful servants are hard at work making this dream a reality There are so many parts moving at this time and we pray to have more to share in the near future. .Keep this mission in your prayers!



OUR AWESOME DOT'S KITCHEN TEAMS



There's always room for one more team member!! If you would like to help in this most worthy mission, just see Joey Roeder or Linda White and they will hook you up! There are many ways to help! To be able to help others, to be the Hands and Feet of Christ; It will change your life!