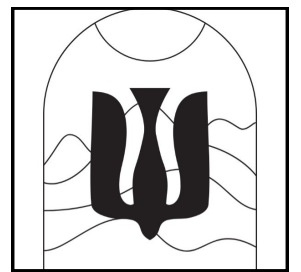


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From the Pastor

"For you were called to freedom; only, do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole Law is summed up in a single commandment: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care not to be consumed by one another." ~ Galatians 5:13-15

Early on Sunday morning, I woke up with a strong desire to include some additional verses in my sermon. Now, if I weren't internalizing the Scriptures, this would be no big deal. I'd simply copy and paste the omitted verses into my script and move on. In fact, earlier in the week, I had planned on simply referencing the above verses at the beginning of said Sunday morning. But around 5 am that Sunday, God woke me up with a strong pull to internalize these verses as well.

Doing so meant leaving my phone unattended. It meant getting the dogs settled prior to sitting down with my Bible. It meant *lots* of extra rehearsing of the Scripture. And yet, as I was doing these things, I felt like this is a thing which I could literally not do without. These verses put the rest of the verses for the day in a completely different context.

So, we proclaimed, and we responded, and we went out. And I wonder, even as I type this on that very same Sunday morning, did it make any difference? Do my words matter? Will hearts be strangely warmed and transformed to the freedom that we find in Christ?

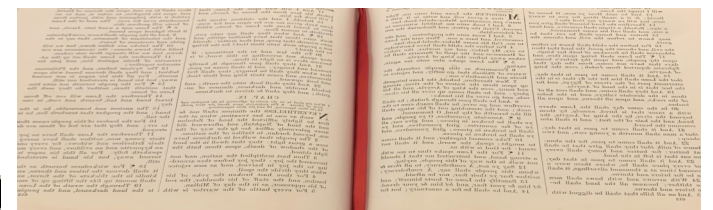
We make a big deal about freedom in America, as we should. This month, we will celebrate the freedom that we enjoy with fireworks, lake days, festivals, and cookouts. It will be a time to look around and thank God that we live in the land of the free and the home of the brave. But what do freedom and God's call on our lives actually have to do with one another.

For Paul, the very notion of freedom comes from Christ. The very idea that liberation exists stems from the one who was crucified and rose from the dead so that we might have life, and life abundant. Freedom, then, is a call. It's a call to live according to the fruit of the Spirit. It's a call to mutual forbearance, to love of neighbor as ourselves. It's a call to proclaim the Word in thought, word, and deed. And, Paul says, when we desire the fruit of the Spirit, there is no law that can take those away.

So, I pray that as you reflect on the freedoms we enjoy, you also come to a new understanding of the freedom that comes only from Christ.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Audrey



JULY SERMONS

7/6: 2 Kings 5:1-14 and Galatians 6:9-10,
"For the Good of All"

7/13: Deuteronomy 30:11-14 and
Colossians 1:1-14,
"Near to You"

7/20: Colossians 1:15-28:
"Held Together by Christ"

7/27: Luke 11:1-13:
"Teach Us to 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. There is one for YOU!

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to our Joey Roeder who works tirelessly each year in securing Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army during the Christmas Season! We are so blessed to have a loving church family to support this most worthy mission!



We will Celebrate Holy Communion on **July 6th.**



JUNE WORSHIP AND PENTECOST LUNCHEON



OUR FAITHFUL SERVANTS AT DOT'S KITCHEN



WE ARE SO BLESSED WITH A LOVING CHURCH FAMILY



TREASURER’S REPORT

May receipts: \$ 12,104.52
expenses 11,884.09
+ 220.43

YTD receipts: \$ 81,715.27
expenses 61,934.41
+ 19,780.86

We give thanks to God for the abundance of generosity displayed through the people of Westminster Presbyterian Church!

God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7



As our mission project during VBS, we held a pillow and bedding drive for our friends at Sleep in Heavenly Peace right here in Westminster! We also opened this mission project up for our church family to donate as well. We are overwhelmed by your love and generosity to this most worthy mission. Thank you so very much and may God continue to bless our “Small but Mighty” church!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025!

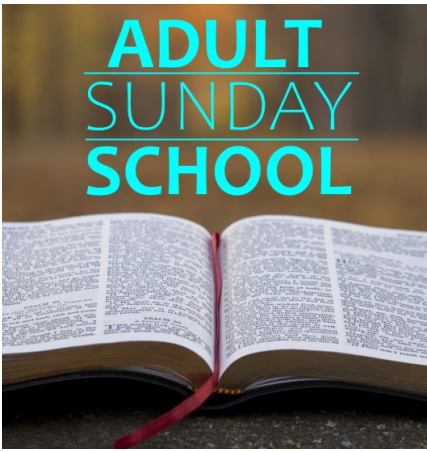
Join us for Waves of Wonder VBS 2025! July 13-17, 5:30pm - 7:00pm. Children need to be dropped off and picked up at Gossett Hall. Supper served each night. We are planning a cookout at Anderson Park following the closing ceremony! Please come out and join us as we celebrate our children. See Debbie Therriault for more information and sign ups!

Thank You!

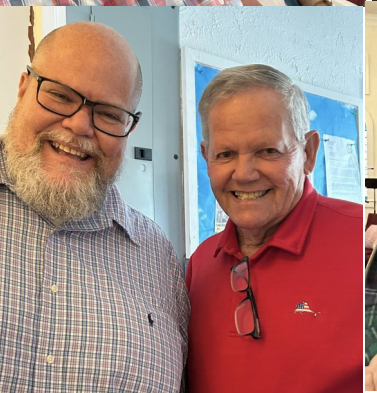


Many thanks to Rev. Mary Morrison for bringing us a wonderful message while Rev. Audrey was away last month. We look forward to having her back soon! Thanks to Steve Moore for welcoming everyone and reminding us all of the upcoming events in the life of our church!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



We were blessed with another morning of great Christian fellowship and sharing God’s Word! We will continue to meet the **third Sunday of each month in Gossett Hall at 9:30am.** Come join us! You will be blessed!



July Flowers



If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, or if you would like to make a donation to our church, please see Shepherd Chuites.

Coming in August

Our Church Homecoming will be held on **August 24th** with lunch immediately following worship!



Get Into God’s Word!

The Bible is the only book
whose Author is always present
when one reads it.

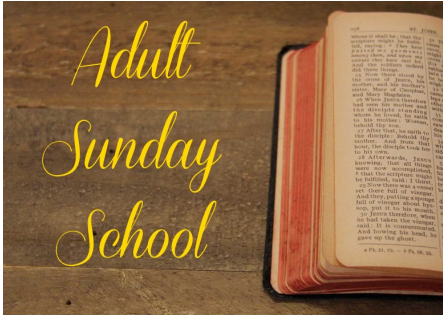


When we think about sharing the gospel, we have to remember that we are called to be the witnesses of Jesus. The Bible makes it clear that we have a role to play in spreading His love and message. Each of us has a unique story of how God has worked in our lives, and we can share that with others. It is a call that’s not only for the chosen few but for everyone who believes. As we embody the words of Scripture, we can ignite hope and spark curiosity in others about who Jesus is and what He has done for us.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.” – **Matthew 5:14**



Our next **Men’s Bible study** will be **July 6th**. All men will meet at Gossett Hall beginning at 10 am. God continues to bless us with Spirit-filled discussions and fellowship. 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!



This month our Adult Sunday School class will meet on **July 20th**. We will have a time for prayer requests, fellowship, Bible Study and share how God is working in our lives. Come be a part of this awesome offering for us all to grow in Christ!



SAVE THE DATE! We will be having our VBS this year on **July 13-17** from 5:30pm-7:00 pm. There are SO many ways you can help with this wonderful time of fun, fellowship and sharing God’s Word with our children! A cookout at Anderson Park will follow the closing ceremony. Please see Debbie Therriault



After the conclusion of our VBS commencement program, we will all meet at Anderson Park for a **FUN** cookout to celebrate our great week together in God’s Word!

Meat and Drinks will be provided! Bring your favorite side for burgers and dogs and/or a dessert to share!

We can’t wait to celebrate our kids and always to celebrate our church family and friends!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our own Barry Burden on his retirement! May God Bless you with many days of fun and relaxation as you settle in to never having to set that alarm again every morning! **AND**, you will finally be able to enjoy the holidays again!



READ GOD’S WORD EVERYDAY!



It’s never too late to start reading God’s Word Everyday! We offer you two great resources! Pick one up today!



Dates to Remember!

- 6

Men’s Bible Study 10 am-Gossett
Holy Communion
- 2 & 8

Dot’s Kitchen
- 13–17

Vacation Bible School 5:30-7 pm

Cookout following closing on 17th
- 20

Adult Sunday School Class Gossett
Hall 9:30 am



July Birthdays

- 2

Steve Moore
- 4

Jane Thomas
- 5

Sam Dillard
- 6

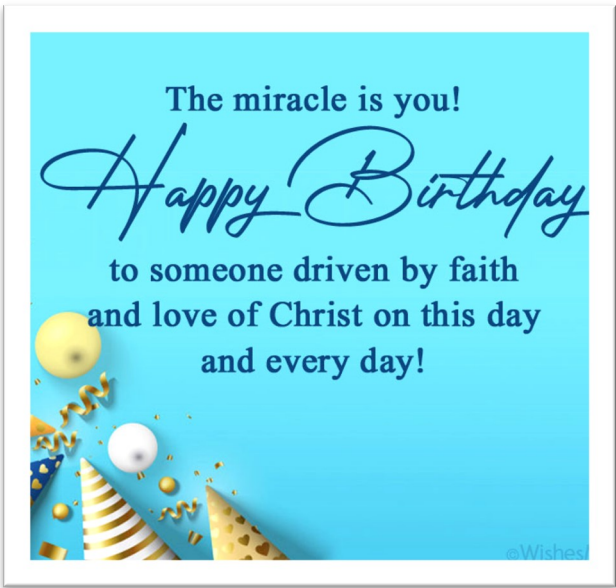
Marie Dunnam
- 10

Clayton Haynes
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Jim McMillan
- 21

Sandra Powell
- 27

Anna Marie Moore



Yoga with Kate

Grab your yoga mat and come on to Gossett Hall for “Yoga with Kate!” We meet every Tuesday evening at 5 pm.in Gossett Hall. We would love to have you!

CHURCH HOMECOMING!

SAVE THE DATE! We will celebrate and fellowship together on August 24th for our Church Homecoming! We will have a lunch at the newly renovated Anderson Park!



JULY WEEKLY BIBLE IN A YEAR SCRIPTURES

1.

1 Samuel 13:1-14:23,Daniel 5:1-31,Proverbs3:13-26
2.

1 Samuel 14:24-15:9,Daniel 6:1-28,Proverbs 3:27-35
3.

1 Samuel 15:10-16:13,Daniel 7:1-28,Proverbs 4:1-9
4.

1 Samuel 16:14-17:51a,Daniel 8:1-27,Proverbs 4:10-17
5.

1 Samuel17:51b-19:10,Daniel 9:1-27,Proverbs4:18-27
6.

1 Samuel 19:11-20:42,Daniel10:1-11:1,Psalm 34
7.

1 Samuel 21:1-22:23,Daniel 11:2:27,Psalm 52
8.

1 Samuel 23:1-24:22,Daniel 11:28-12:13,Psalms 53-54
9.

1 Samuel 25:1-44,Amos 1:1-2:3,Psalm 56
10.

1 Samuel 26:1-28:25,Amos 2:4-3:2,Psalm57
11.

1 Samuel 29:1-30:31,Amos 3:3-15,Psalm 58
12.

1 Samuel 31:1-2 Samuel 1:27, Amos 4:1-13, Psalm 59
13.

2 Samuel 2:1-3:5,Amos 5:1-17,Psalm 60
14.

2 Samuel 3:6-4:12,Amos 5:18-6:14,Psalm 61
15.

2 Samuel 5:1-6:23,Amos 7:1-17,Psalm 67
16.

2 Samuel 7:1-8:18,Amos 8:1-14,Psalm 64
17.

2 Samuel 9:1-11:13,Amos 9:1-15,Psalm 65
18.

2 Samuel 11:14-12:25,Zephaniah1:1-18,Psalm 51
19.

2 Samuel 12:26-13:39,Zephaniah 2:1-15,Psalm 62
20.

2 Samuel 14:1-15:12,Zephaniah 3:1-20,Psalm 66
21.

2 Samuel 15:13-17:4,Habakkuk 1:1-17,Psalm 63
22.

2 Samuel 17:5-18:16,Habakkuk2:1-20,Psalm 55:1-14
23.

2 Samuel 18:19-19:40,Habakkuk 3:1-19,Psalm 55:15-23
24.

2 Samuel19:41-21:22,Ezekiel 1:1-28,Psalm 89:1-18
25.

2 Samuel 22:1-23:7,Ezekiel 2:1-3:27,Psalm 89:19-37
26.

2 Samuel 23:8-24:25,Ezekiel 4:1-5:6,Psalm 89:38-52
27.

1 Kings 1;1-53,Ezekiel 5:7-6:14,Psalm 37:1-19
28.

1 Kings 2:1-46,Ezekiel 7:1-13,Psalm 37:20-40
29.

1 Kings 3:1-4:19,Ezekiel 7:14-8:18,Psalm 140
30.

1 Kings 4:20-6:13,Ezekiel 9:1-10:22,Psalm 77
31.

1 Kings 6:14-7:51,Ezekiel 11:1-25,Proverbs 10:1-10

Love the Lord your God
*with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind and with all your strength,*
• & •
Love your neighbour as yourself.
there is no commandment greater than these.
- Mark 12:30-31



We are blessed with a wonderful church family!
Invite your friend or friends to church! Share the Love of Christ with Everyone you know and Everyone you may not yet know!



“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and **pray for them** which despitefully use you, and persecute you;”

— Matthew 5:44



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!

In Our Prayers



Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam’s brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen’s niece), Arthur Skillen (Kathy Skillen’s brother) Bob and Debbie Hartness (Rev. Audrey’s parents), Clifton Mabry, Sam and Edna Dillard, Kathy Skillen, Marie Dunnam, Trey Bratcher (Clifton Mabry’s grandson), Otto Tysland, Nancy Dougherty, Martha Reid.



=Session will not meet during the summer months. However, your Session is always here for you! If there is a need that you need help in solving, please see a Session member.

SESSION

Clerk: Brad Stancil

Mission/Outreach: Nita McMillan

Christian Faith & Development: Debbie Therriault

Property: Shepherd Chuites

Stewardship/Finance: Michael Meades

Congregational Care: Joey Roeder



**PLEASE KEEP THESE MISSIONS IN YOUR
DAILY PRAYERS**



UPDATE FROM OUR MISSION HAVEN FRIENDS! PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mission Haven is one of the missions that our PW have contributed to in the past! See **Nancy Johnston** for more info!

COMPLETED RENOVATIONS: Apartment 2-E As with your own home, regular maintenance and occasional improvements are necessary. Except in the case of a broken appliance or other urgent need, we schedule repairs during vacancies. The sudden departure of one of our mission partners from 2-E provided an opportunity for us to “spiff up” this living space. Thanks to the generosity of Presbyterian Women, we had the funds to re-paint and re-carpet the apartment, renovate the kitchen (including a new stove, refrigerator, sink, microwave, and faucet), replace the bath vanity, install storage cabinets, mount new lighting fixtures, and more! Special thanks to Alice for overseeing this comprehensive activity.

Similarly, we are taking advantage of a brief vacancy in our other upstairs apartment. The walls and kitchen cabinets have been painted, a new fan was installed, and sink and countertops were replaced. We’ve purchased a new stove and microwave to be installed soon. In addition, supplies such as paper towels, trash liners, soap, and kitchen equipment will be included. Again, your contributions enable us to create a “PW worthy” living space for our guests.

Our big endeavor for the remainder of this calendar year will be the long-awaited renovation of “the big house.” The Dimmocks were long-term residents here, and now that they have moved on, we can address many deferred maintenance projects. Our regular contractor will perform needed tasks. The target completion date of December 2025 will enable us to host a missionary family of five beginning in January 2026.