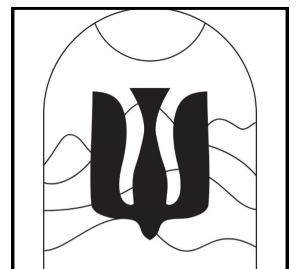


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We are so blessed to have a loving and caring church family here at WPC! If you would like to be a part of this family, we would LOVE to have you! You are only a visitor once at WPC! There are so many offerings of service through our church. There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



From the Pastor

"Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." ~ Luke 14:27

"Every moment and every situation challenges us to action and to obedience. We have literally no time to sit down and ask ourselves whether so-and-so is our neighbor or not. We must get into action and obey—we must behave like a neighbor to him."

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship

Friends,

Can you believe September is already here? A week or so ago, Nita and I were discussing the church's next big milestone, and it's hard to believe we are within the decade of this church's 150th anniversary! This past month's Homecoming celebration was just a foretaste of what's to come!

As we transition into the Fall months, the Revised Common Lectionary beckons us to some challenging, costly words from Jesus. The temptation is to do one of two things: Avoid them for the "sweet" Jesus that makes us comfortable, or use them in a way that points the finger outward, rather than toward ourselves. The challenge this month is going to be to allow these texts not to direct our thoughts and judgments beyond ourselves, but to have the courage to hold the mirror up and see how Jesus' tough words might speak directly to our hearts. The sermons to follow are sure to step on all of our toes—thank goodness for the women that "closed toe shoe season" comes to an end. ;)

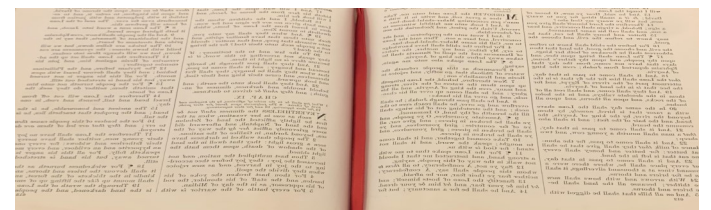
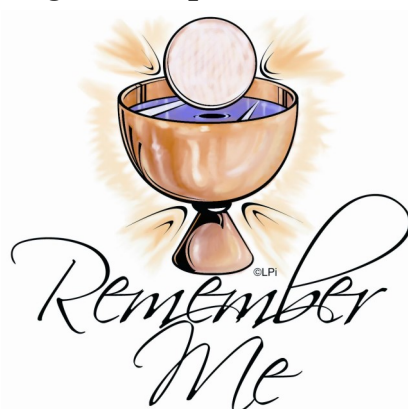
When I told my mom I felt called into the ministry, she gave me a book that she said transformed her way of thinking about discipleship. It was a copy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's classic, *The Cost of Discipleship*. It's a challenging read, but one that I think will speak well to the words we will reflect on from the Bible this month. My prayer is that our services will offer sort of a conversation between The Word of God, Bonhoeffer's words, and our hearts. May we all walk away with a sense of challenge and a call to be better disciples of Jesus in our world.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Audrey



We will Celebrate Holy Communion on **September 7th** during Worship.



SEPTEMBER SERMONS

9/7: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 & Luke 14:25-33
"Measure the Cost"

9/14: Exodus 32:7-14 & Luke 15:1-10 "Lost & Found"

9/21: Amos 8:4-7 & Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 "A Tale of Two Prophets"

9/28: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 & Luke 16:19-31
"Blind to the Beggar, Deaf to the Prophets"



AUGUST WORSHIP AND HOMECOMING!



OUR FAITHFUL SERVANTS AT DOT'S KITCHEN



TREASURER’S REPORT

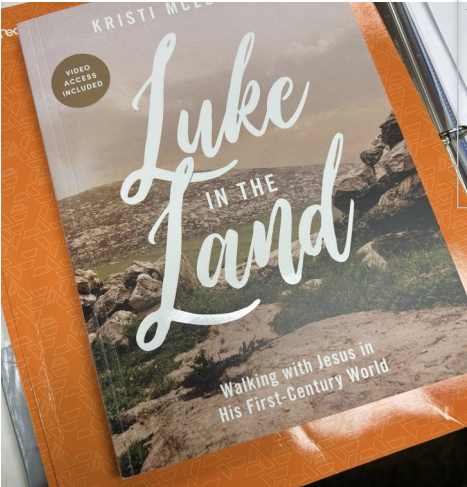
July receipts: \$ 8,512.43
expenses 13,366.68
- 4,854.25

YTD receipts: \$ 105,490.06
expenses 85,658.97
+ 19,831.09

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



This month we will be hard at working making delicious apple pies, jellies and apple butter to sell at the Apple Festival! All proceeds will benefit Dot’s Kitchen. God Bless you all for helping in this most worthy mission!



We were blessed with a wonderful kick-off to the beginning of another awesome PW year! Thank you to all the ladies who came out, brought delicious goodies to share, brainstormed some great ideas and shared God’s Word together. Many thanks to Nancy Johnston who updated our prayer chain and monthly lesson guide. If you missed us last month, it’s not too late to join us each month as we dive into God’s Word with our new Bible study, “Luke and the Land”. We will also discuss and prepare for all of our upcoming mission projects. We would LOVE to have you! We will meet in **Gossett Hall at 4:30 pm on September 8th.**

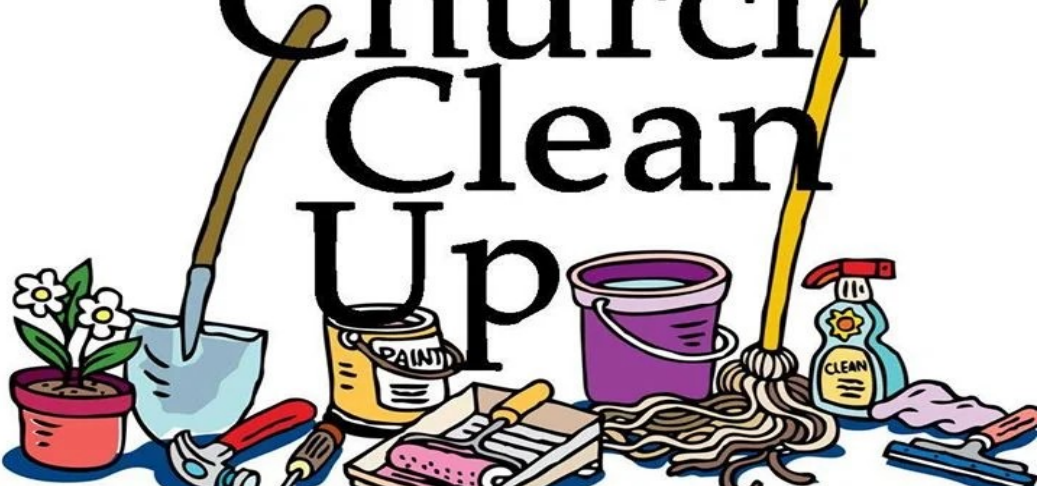


September Flowers



If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, or if you would like to make a donation to our church for memorials or honorariums, please see Nancy Johnston.

Church Clean Up

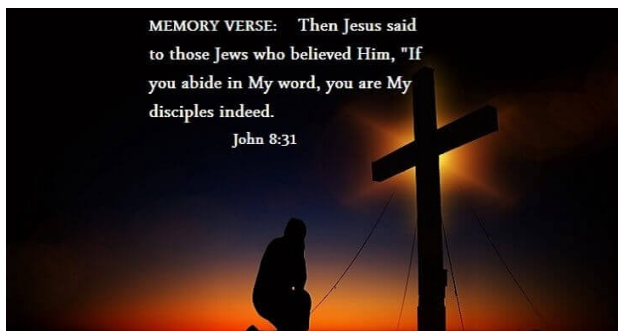


ALL HANDS ON DECK!! Come help us beautify our church buildings and grounds! We will meet at Gossett Hall on **November 8th** with a **rain date of November 22nd.**

I ♥ MY CHURCH

Get Into God's Word!

'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4



As Christians, we should be sharing this Good News to EVERYONE we meet!

Romans 10:14 (NLT) "But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?" **Isaiah 52:7 (NLT)** "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'"



Our next **Men's Bible study** will be **September 7th**. 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 **September 21st**. 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!



All Ladies are invited to attend Circle meeting! We will meet in **Gossett Hall at 4:30 pm on September 8th**. We will get into our study of Luke in the Land by Kristie McLeland. Bring a goodie to share or just bring yourself. If you have never joined Circle, give it a try! You will be blessed.



Keep reading your Bible daily! It's a Life Instruction Manual and one we need to get into EVERYDAY!!!!

THY WORD IS A LAMP
TO MY FEET, AND A
LIGHT TO MY PATH.
[PSALM 119:105]



Rev. Audrey has kicked off a new mid-week devotion on Facebook on **Thursday mornings at 9:30 am**. Don't miss this most special time to worship together virtually! Rev. Audrey will preview the scripture readings for her sermon the following Sunday. We hope to see you on line!!

Dates to Remember!

- 4,5,6
- Appl Festival Activities
- Pie Making 4th, Booth 5th & 6th
- 3&9
- Dot's Kitchen
- 7
- Men's Bible Study 10 am-Gossett
- 7
- Holy Communion
- 8
- Presbyterian Women 4:30 pm
- 13
- Session Reports Due
- 21
- Adult Sunday School
- Gossett Hall 9:30 am
- 21
- Session 12:30 pm



Don't miss the fun!
Mark your calendars
TODAY!

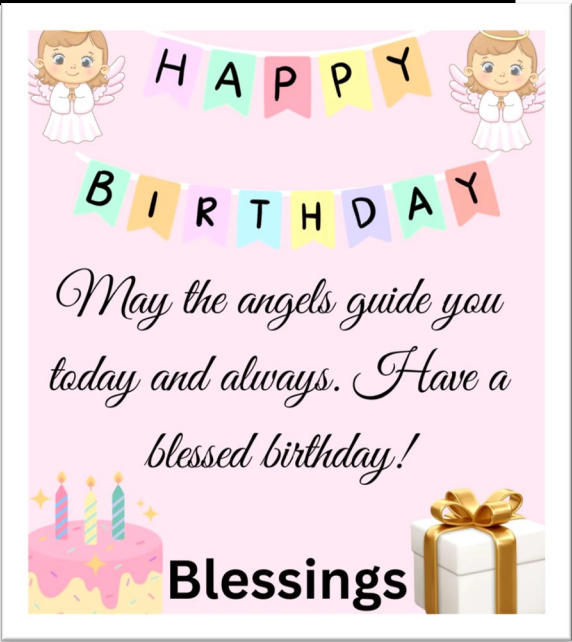


Yoga with Kate

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.

September Birthdays

- 5 -Ann Merritt
- 7 - Kathy Skillen
- 13 -James Lawson
- 14 -Dianne Hartness
- 21 -Pauline Roberts
- 30 -Becky Black



WEEKLY BIBLE IN A YEAR SCRIPTURES

1. Matthew 2:13-4:17,Micah 2:1-13,Proverbs 21:1-11
2. Matthew 4:18-5:37,Micah 3:1-12,Proverbs 21:12-21
3. Matthew 5:38-7:12,Micah 4:1-5:1,Proverbs 21:22-31
4. Matthew 7:13-8:27,Micah 5:2-15,Proverbs 22:1-8
5. Matthew 8:28-9:38,Micah 6:1-16,Proverbs 22:9-16
6. Matthew 10:1-11:19,Micah 7:1-20,Proverbs 25:1-10
7. Matthew 11:20-12:37,Hebrews 1:1-2:4,Proverbs 25:11-19
8. Matthew 12:38-13:32,Hebrews 2:5-3:19,Proverbs 25:20-28
9. Matthew 13:33-14:36,Hebrews 4:1-5:10,Proverbs 26:1-9
10. Matthew 15:1-16:12,Hebrews 5:11-6:20,Proverbs 26:10-19
11. Matthew 16:13-17:27,Hebrews 7:1-8:13,Psalm 110
12. Matthew 18:1-19:15,Hebrews 9:1-28,Psalm 32
13. Matthew 19:16-20:34,Hebrews 10:1-39,Psalm 33
14. Matthew 21:1-46,Hebrews 11:1-40,Psalm 35:1-16
15. Matthew 22:1-46,Hebrews 12:1-29,Psalm 35:17-28
16. Matthew 23:1-24:31,Hebrews 13:1-25,Psalm 36
17. Matthew 24:32-25:30,1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:16,Psalm 38
18. Matthew 25:31-26:46,1 Thessalonians 2:17-4:12,Psalm 39
19. Matthew 26:47-27:26,1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:28,Psalm 40
20. Matthew 27:27-28:20, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-3:18,Psalm 41
21. 1 Chronicles 1:1-2:8,Nahum 1:1-15, Proverbs 30:1-10
22. 1 Chronicles 2:9-3:9,Nahum 2:1-13, Proverbs 30:11-20
23. 1 Chronicles 3:10-4:43,Nahum 3:1-19, Proverbs 30:21-33
24. 1 Chronicles 5:1-6:30,Jeremiah 1:1-19, Proverbs31:1-9
25. 1 Chronicles 6:31-7:19,Jeremiah 2:1-22, Proverbs 31:10-31
26. 1 Chronicles 7:20-9:9, Jeremiah 2:23-3:5,Psalm 101
27. 1 Chronicles 9:10-10:14,Jeremiah 3:6-25,Psalm 102:1-11
28. 1 Chronicles 11:1-47,Jeremiah 4:1-18,Psalm 102:12-28
29. 1 Chronicles 12:1-40, Jeremiah 4:19-31,Psalm 103
30. 1 Chronicles 13:1-15:24,Jeremiah 5:1-13,Psalm 104:1-18



“The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth”. Psalm 145:18



**WE'RE
PRAYING
FOR YOU**

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), Bob and Debbie Hartness (Rev. Audrey's parents), Clifton Mabry, Sam and Edna Dillard, Kathy Skillen, Marie Dunnam, Trey Bratcher (Clifton Mabry's grandson), Nancy Dougherty, Martha Reid, Henrietta Wright (friend of WPC), Betsy Smith (AB Bohannon's daughter), Ed Black and Lou Haynes.



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



Your Session kicked off the new church year with a retreat in Gossett Hall on August 23rd. We caught up on many old business items and started gearing up for many new exciting offerings in the life of our church. All elders gave their reports recounting all the wonderful events of the summer months. Thank you to Joey Roeder and her Congregational Care team for meeting the many needs of our congregants! Thank you to Debbie Therriault for an awesome VBS and continuing to ensure that our church family has many opportunities for spiritual development in our Bible studies and literature. Thank you to Shepherd Chuites and her team that have worked tirelessly on our church properties. The maintenance on a church as old as ours is a huge task and Shepherd has risen to the occasion in so many ways. Roof repairs, steeple repairs, access to the attic, painting...the list goes on and on! Thank you to Michael Meades for his work on our insurance and finances to make sure your contributions are growing to enable us to continue to be the Hands and Feet of Christ. Thank you to Rev. Audrey for the many things she does to grow our spiritual understanding and love of Christ! Thank you to Nita McMillan for finding ways our congregation can support and grow missions that are dear to us all. Many thanks to Brad Stancil who keeps us all on task and records all of our meetings and reports to Presbytery. His work is invaluable!

We look forward to another year of service for you all. We are here for you if you have any concerns, questions or ideas you would like to share.

SESSION

Clerk: Brad Stancil

Mission/Outreach: Nita McMillan

Christian Faith & Development: Debbie Therriault

Property: Shepherd Chuites

Stewardship/Finance: Michael Meades

Congregational Care: Joey Roeder

