

Coming & Going—Learning to Give

Where did you first learn about giving?

One author tells about her pastor father who, before he left on Sunday morning, would leave a check on the kitchen table for the family to bring to church as their offering. When I was little, my mother would press a dime into my hand before we left for church. I'd put it in my pocket, or my purse, until the collection was taken in Sunday school.

Later, when I had my own income from babysitting, my Dad offered me lessons about budgeting for savings, spending, and giving. His advice, "Set aside your giving and your savings first, then you can make your spending plans from what is left." These are good lessons, to be sure—the weekly discipline of offering our first fruits shapes us as a people who remember the gifts of God, joyfully sharing in the work of God.



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Through these lessons of my childhood, by the time I was confirmed, I had developed a good practice of regular giving at church. But I was a young adult before I *really* learned about giving.

My little sister, Anna, is 15 years younger than I am, so she was a preschooler when I left for college. On visits home, I would notice that whenever Anna received something, like a bag of M&Ms, she would share them with whoever was around, even if it meant that she got only one M&M.

She had as much (or more) fun sharing the candy as she had eating the candy. Anna didn't share the candy because she had been told to. She shared the candy because that was part of who she was. She delighted in giving what she had to others.

We give for many reasons. Because we have been taught to. Because it is a worthy cause. Because we need to do our fair share. But most of all, and best of all, we give because it is who we are. We are children of a faithful and generous God, who delights in giving to us.

My hope for us? That in this season of Thanksgiving, we might give thanks for all that we have to share, and find delight in the sharing.

Yours in gratitude,

Caroline

Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

Westminster Happenings

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| Monday
Oct 21 | Called Session Meeting
6:30 P.M. in the parlor
Conduct the business of the church—all members welcome to sit in. |
| Wednesday
Oct 23 | Missions & Outreach Committee Meeting
7:00 P.M. in the parlor
Review M&O plans for remainder of 2019.

Quest: Youth Fellowship for All God's Children
6:30 P.M. in the senior high classroom
Meet for fellowship, snack supper, and confirmation class. |
| Sunday
Oct 27 | Congregational Meeting
10:50 A.M. in WPC sanctuary
Elect 2020's new Session members.

Nurture & Christian Education Committee Meeting
5:00 P.M. in the parlor
Lay groundwork for 2020 programming. |
| Tuesday
Oct 29 | Worship & Music Committee Meeting
2:30 p.m. in the choir room
Finalize plans for Thanksgiving and Advent. |
| Wednesday
Oct 30 | Quest: Youth Fellowship for All God's Children
6:30 P.M. in the senior high classroom
Wear your favorite costume and participate in a service project. |
| Thursday
Oct 31 | Greenwood Place Fall Carnival
Noon to 2:30 P.M. in The Clubhouse
Join our partners for an afternoon of Bingo and seasonal snacks.
(RSVP requested—contact Fred at fm.greenwoodplace2016@gmail.com) |
| Sunday
Nov 3 | All Saints Sunday
10:00 A.M. in the WPC sanctuary
Celebrate the stories of the saints in worship and music.

Thornwell Thanksgiving Special Offering
During offertory
Support Thornwell's foster care, residential, and family & education programs. |
| Wednesday
Nov 6 | Quest: Youth Fellowship for All God's Children
6:30 P.M. in the senior high classroom
Meet for fellowship, snack supper, and confirmation class. |

- Sunday**
Nov 10 | **Stated Session Meeting**
5:00 P.M. in the parlor
Conduct the business of the church, including dissolution of the Administrative Council (with thanks for their years of support).
- Monday**
Nov 11 | **Presbyterian Women**
11:00 A.M. in the choir room.
Study the lesson, conduct business, and then go out to lunch (location TBD).
- Tuesday**
Nov 12 | **Trinity Presbytery Meeting**
9:30 A.M. at Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC
Conduct the business of the presbytery, including approval of dissolution of WPC's Administrative Council.
- Wednesday**
Nov 13 | **Family Night Supper: "Getting to Know You" Game Night**
6:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall
Enjoy a delightful dinner and an evening of interactive games and activities.
- | **Bible, Brews, & Pizza: Men's Bible Study**
6:30 P.M. @ Rick Hobson's home: 354 Plantation Drive in Creekside
Bring your Bible and favorite beverage; pizza will be provided
(RSVP requested—contact Rick at 864.229.3902).
- Wednesday**
Nov 20 | **Missions & Outreach Committee Meeting**
7:00 P.M. in the parlor
Note: meeting moved to 3rd Wednesday because of Thanksgiving.
- | **Quest: Youth Fellowship for All God's Children**
6:30 P.M. in the senior high classroom
Meet for fellowship, snack supper, and confirmation class.
- Thursday**
Nov 21 | **NAMI Caregiver Support Meeting**
6:30 P.M. in the church parlor
Contact Mary Linn Touchberry for details (mltouchberry1952@gmail.com).
- Sunday**
Nov 24 | **Dedication Sunday**
10:00 A.M. in the Westminster sanctuary
Dedicate stewardship pledges.
- | **Greening of the Nave**
2:00 P.M. in the Westminster sanctuary
Festoon the nave with evergreens and poinsettias for Advent & Christmas.
- Thursday** | **Thanksgiving with Greenwood Place**
Details to be announced

Member Spotlight: Larry Dozier

Mr. Larry Dozier is a *very* talented guy! When it comes to building houses and making repairs, he's the master of every tool and technique. And you already know what a great job he does leading worship from the organ.

What you may *not* know is that those beautiful preludes and offertories you hear are his own improvisations! Most musicians can play music that's written out, but only the truly gifted, like Larry, can take familiar hymns and weave unique arrangements on the spot. Amazing!



Larry and his equally talented wife, Nancy, joined Westminster in 1984. When asked what makes WPC special to the Doziers, he replied, "The close-knit relationship we have with each other—much like a family. People who sincerely care about each other and who are committed to living their lives as the scriptures dictate."

Larry took a brief break from installing a handrail at this beach house to answer our spotlight's traditional Five Essential Questions of Life:

Q1: What gives you joy?

A1: My family foremost. Nancy—even after 54 years together! And my three boys who have grown up and are very successful in their careers. And being a "Poppy" to four grand-daughters. I never had a sister and our children were all males, so having little girls to love is a real treat.

Q2: What drives you crazy?

A2: Politics; people who don't follow through on commitments; people who are not willing to pitch in and help with needs in the church and the community; and people who are untruthful.

Q3: What's your favorite piece of music?

A3: Anything from Bach (even if I can't play it) or Amy Grant, and most hymns sung by Presbyterians.

Q4: What's your favorite thing to do when you have spare time?

A4: Yard work and doing things with my hands, such as working for Habitat for Humanity, building houses for the less fortunate.

Q5: What's your favorite meal?

A5: Fried shrimp and also spaghetti. Nancy always does a great job in the kitchen, and the sauce she makes for spaghetti is second to none!

The next time you see Larry, take a moment to shake his talented hands and thank him for all he does for the betterment of our worship, our church, and our community.

Keep Your Eyes Peeled...

...for images of interest to your Westminster family, especially photos of congregation and friends in action. Email your pictures with a brief explanation to wpcgwd1@gmail.com for use in the newsletter, website, or on Facebook. Thanks!



Greenwood Community Calendar

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| Saturday
Oct 26 | Keep Greenwood County Beautiful Shred Day
9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. in Lowe’s parking lot
Dispose of sensitive documents securely at no charge. |
| Friday
Nov 1 | Greenwood Council of Church Women: Day of Prayer for the World
12:15 P.M. in Asbury Chapel at Wesley Commons
Theme: Suicide Prevention; worship and prayer (lunch is <i>not</i> provided).

Greenwood Performing Arts Concert: Farewell Angelina
7:30 P.M. at Greenwood Little Theater
For information and tickets, visit http://www.greenwoodperformingarts.org/ . |
| Saturday
Nov 2 | Presbyterian Day Celebration
11:00 A.M. at Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church
Share fun, games, and food with brother and sister Presbyterians. |
| Saturday
Nov 16 | Presbyterian College Youth Day
9:15 A.M. at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC
Visit the PC campus, participate in worship, and wrap up with tailgating and a football game: Presbyterian College vs. Charleston Southern.
(Registration required—contact Caroline at wpcgwd1@gmail.com). |
| Tuesday
Nov 19 | aGAPe
11:30 A.M. at First Presbyterian in Alexander Hall
Hear Bill Davies talk about "The Lost Colony" of Beaufort, SC while enjoying a hot lunch (\$8.00; RSVP required—Melvyn Davis at 864.229.9282). |

Letters from the Lakeside

Camp Fellowship is always cooking up something new to promote health, both spiritual and physical. Check out these opportunities:



- **Adult Retreat.** The event begins the morning of Friday, October 25 and continues through lunch on Saturday, October 26. This year’s theme is “Say *What?! Reclaiming the Prophetic Voice: from 8th century prophets to the church of today.*”
- **Red Cross Training.** Join us at Camp Fellowship on Monday, October 29th from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. to learn life-saving skills and certification in First Aid and CPR.

This is a full-day professional continuing education event. The \$75 registration fee includes lunch, training course, and certification fees. ***Class size is limited – register today!***

For more details about these and other programs, and to register online, visit: <https://www.campfellowship.org>. Click on Events & Programs and select Programs & Event Dates.

Greenwood Place: News from our Upstairs Neighbors

By Fred Murphy



Greenwood Place entered September with a big dark cloud hanging over its funding. Funding from one of our primary providers in the past failed to come through for the 2019 year. This short-fall left the Clubhouse facing a possible reduction in services or a shut-down.

When word of our situation reached the community and the members of Westminster Presbyterian Church, we were amazed by the outpouring of prayers and gifts. Through the end of September, the Clubhouse had received donations in the amount of \$33,000. We are expecting to receive additional funding in October that would provide adequate funding through the middle of next year. This would provide time for Greenwood Place to be placed back into the State of South Carolina fiscal 2020-2021 budget.



The members, staff, and I cannot express enough thanks to Westminster Church and its members for not only the financial gifts that have been offered, but for the prayers and fellowship we have experienced. As we continue with our fundraising, we will keep Westminster apprised of our progress.

Some statistical numbers for the month of September:

- Members spent a total of 1,137 hours at the Clubhouse
- We served 476 meals during the month
- Greenwood Place now has 9 Members who are working part-time
- We transported 226 individuals to the Clubhouse to participate in our work-ordered day



You're Invited!

Greenwood Place invites you to come and join us for our October Social/Fall Festival, which we will be having on **October 31st from 12:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. at the Clubhouse.**

We are having a pizza lunch and then have games and crafts that afternoon. This will be a fun time for all so come out and join us that afternoon.

Presbyterian Women Connect with Greenwood Place

Submitted by Louise C. Taber



The October 14th circle meeting ended with a delicious lunch and social time with the Clubhouse members at Greenwood Place (*see photo below*). Those from circle attending, plus donations from those members not able to attend, gave Greenwood Place a very nice monetary gift. A BIG thanks to all who helped!

Circle's next meeting is **November 11 at 11:00 A.M.** in the Sunday school room for the lesson and business. Lucia Horowitz is the lesson leader, and Kathy Gillespie is the hostess.

When the lesson and business conclude, circle will go out together for lunch. I hope to see all of you on November 11. Until then, take care!



“They Say It’s Your Birthday—We’re Gonna Have a Good Time!”

Here are the known WPC family birthdays for October and November. Take a moment to lift up a prayer of thanks for these people and the gifts they bring to our world.

Oct 5 – Wendy Bruce

Oct 14 – Susan Pope

Oct 19 – Kevin Cartee

Oct 23 – Joseph Key

Oct 24 – Arthur Gillespie

Oct 28 – Rene Wilson

Oct 31 – Spears Alexander
Mishie Bacot

Nov 1 – Mac Hubbard

Nov 11 – Rick Hobson

Nov 12 – Joyce Alexander

Nov 23 – Holly Hubbard



To be on the good wishes list, send your family’s special dates to wpcgwd1@gmail.com.



Nurture Notes

Sunday Studies for the remainder of the year continue our “Confirmation 2.0: A Journey with Jacob.” The content comes from PC(USA)’s new confirmation curriculum, *Big God Big Questions: Confirmation for a Growing Faith*. The program focuses on preparing participants to authentically answer the traditional membership questions:

- Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
- Who is your Lord and Savior?
- Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?
- Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

Big God Big Questions equips participants to use the study of Scripture, tradition, and church as the basis for telling their own story as Christian believers in the context of their local congregational experiences.

But Wait—There’s *More!*

The confirmation journey continues on Wednesday nights with our new youth fellowship for *all* God’s children, called **Quest**. Anyone and everyone—regardless of age—who is interested in wrestling more deeply with the Big Questions is invited to join Jacob and his friends at 6:30 P.M. in the senior high classroom. There’s time for fellowship (Foosball, anyone??), a snack supper, and lively, interactive lessons.

Come as you are, and bring seekers at all ages and stages to join us on this journey!

Focus on Mental Health

Provided by Mary Linn Touchberry, NAMI

In the United States, more than 7% of adults suffered from a depressive disorder episode last year. Depression, or depressive disorder, affects people across all ages, social groups, and economic levels. As with other mental illnesses, depression interferes with a person’s daily life and can have a serious effect on the entire family. Early detection and treatment of this disorder can help many sufferers lead more productive lives. Treatment may include medication, psychotherapy, as well as other therapies. Cognitive behavior therapy, brain stimulation therapy, and light therapy are just a few of the various methods available to meet the needs of patients.



Anyone can experience the blues. A divorce or the loss of a job are examples of traumatic events that may cause anyone to experience sadness. The difference between feeling down and having depression lies in the duration, as well as the intensity. A depressive episode is one that lasts more than two weeks. Left untreated, depression may last for many months.

The loss of pleasure, the sense of guilt, the terrible fatigue, and the difficulty concentrating that accompany depression render the directive “just pull yourself together” rather absurd and counterproductive. Expressions of support are needed. A supportive place to start is with the words, “You are important to me.”

If you or someone you know is considering suicide, please contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Or text “home” to Crisis Text Line at 741-741. For more information, go to: suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Prayer Power List

Keep these and other Westminster family and friends in your prayers.

For Health and Wholeness:

- Kiersty Duncan
- Lucia Bryson
- Bubba Fennell
- Margaret Rada
- Ashley Mahan
- Hoyt Jenkins
- Howard Thomas
- Michael McMillan
- Lois and Frank Grice
- Lynn Bornemann
- Charlotte Gero
- The Whitt Family
- Katherine Martin
- Betty Gossam
- Terrance Reece
- Debbie Dill
- Larry Dozier

For Strength, Guidance and Hope:

- The family of Andrea Cruz-Solano
- Hodges Presbyterian Church fire recovery
- Recovery for the Bahamas
- The Gartrells, our missionaries in Brazil
- Rain for our thirsty land
- Arthur Gillespie, Bill Mitchell, and the Greenwood County Detention Center Ministry

With Praise and Thanksgiving For:

- The birth of Sligh Culpepper Taber (*see below*)
- Our partner ministries:
 - Camp Fellowship
 - Greenwood Food Pantry
 - Greenwood Place

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:18

Welcome to the World, Sligh!



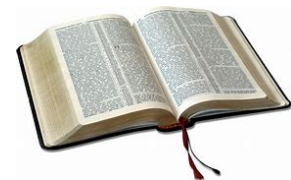
Meet Mr. Sligh Culpepper Taber, grandson of Fred and Louise Taber.

Speaking of babies...

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to assist with our nursery. We are seeking a few more helpers to complete our roster. Please contact Flora at fhobson@nctv.com for more information on how you can join in the fun!

Will You Be My Buddy?

Caroline needs you to be her Bible Buddy! One Buddy each week reads the scriptures for the coming Sunday with her, and helps her come to know our church and our community. It is absolutely *not* a requirement, but a hope, that the Bible Buddy for the week will also serve as liturgist during worship that week.



According to Caroline, "My sincerest hope is that, as we share this time together, talking about God's word and our lives, the Word of God will come alive for us!"

Interested? Email wpcgwd1@gmail.com.

