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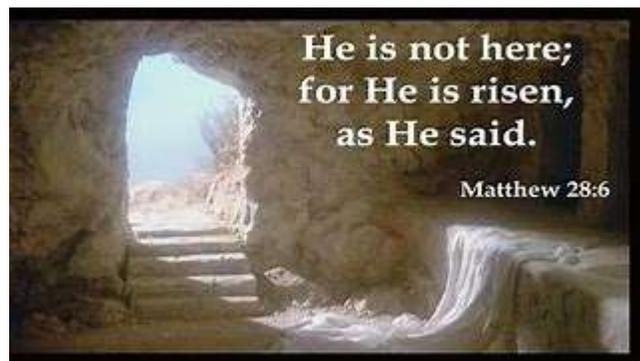
*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be
exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
Philippians 2:5-7*

Mostly, empty is hard. Empty cupboard. Empty place at the table. Empty hands. Empty page waiting for words that won't come.

I can imagine how empty the disciples must have felt on that Holy Saturday. Feet once washed now dirty again. Bread once shared now gone. Creating Word now silent.

Sometimes though, empty is a gift. Time to rest. Space to choose. A calendar date emptied and offered to help a friend. An available seat at a crowded table.

Paul says that Jesus emptied himself of all the heavenly privileges and became obedient, even to death. His emptiness was a gift offered. His will set aside to make space for God's will to move in... for our sake. It's hard to imagine emptying myself so completely. But Paul says I should have a mind to.



Once, emptiness was the most luminous surprise. Mary came expecting to find the tomb sealed by a stone and full of death. But when she arrived, the stone was rolled away. At first the emptiness looked like dismay. All she had left, Jesus' body, was gone. But then the emptiness was filled with light and his voice calling her name and telling her that he had sent death empty away.

This luminous emptiness, the empty tomb of Easter morning, is why we can empty ourselves like Jesus did, laying down our privilege and making space for his Spirit to live in us to direct and guide us. This luminous emptiness of the tomb is the hope that brings us through the times when empty is hard. For it is his resurrected voice that speaks our name and renews our life.

So often, empty is hard. Sometimes it is a gift. And once it was a luminous surprise.

Easter is coming when all of us will sing together of the luminous emptiness of the tomb.

"Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia!"

Caroline &

Worship in April: From Agony to Alleluia

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!”

April 3: Seeded Sorrow

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Communion

† John 12:1-8

We light a candle for beauty

April 10: What’s in a Name? Part I

Palm Sunday

† Philippians 2:5-11

We light a candle for praise

April 14: Maundy Thursday

Communion

† John 13:1-17; 31b-35

We reflect on Jesus’ self-giving love



April 17: What’s in a Name? Part II

Easter

We rejoice!

Christ is risen—He is risen, indeed!

April 24: You Had to Be There

Second Sunday in Easter

† John 20:19-31

What it means to be a witness

Welcome, Happy Morning—Easter at Westminster

9:00 A.M.—Flowering and Fellowship

Gather in the courtyard for refreshments and a time of festive fellowship. David Bell will serenade us with favorite hymns of the season. Bring flowers from your yard, or use those provided to cover the plain wooden cross with symbols of hope and new life.

10:00 A.M.—Worship and Praise

Join together in the sanctuary or via live-streaming to sing Alleluias and give praise to our risen Lord! Special music will be provided by the Voices of Westminster and trumpeter Andre Hernandez Diaz, a student at Emerald High School.

11:30 A.M.—Covered Dish Luncheon

Continue the shared festivities by breaking bread together...along with lots of *other* tasty goodies. Our own Chef Rob will provide the main course. You are invited to bring your favorite side dish or dessert to round out the feast. And if you don’t have a dish, no worries. There will be plenty for all who come to the table of love!



“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.”

Isaiah 60:1

Westminster Happenings

**Saturday
April 2** | **Westminster Work Day**
Groom the grounds starting at 9:00 A.M. on the front steps.
Bring your own work gloves, trimmers, and garden sprayers.

Sunday School
Gather at 9:00 A.M. in the choir room.
Continue exploring *Forgiveness*, by Marjorie J. Thompson.

**Sunday
April 3** | **Seeded Sorrow**
Communion
Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.
Ponder Mary's great gift as she anoints Christ's feet.

Worship Host Training
Meet in the narthex immediately following worship.
Learn (or review) all the skills you need to serve as a Worship Host.

NO Mid-day Dance Party
Note: on hiatus until Fall.

**Wednesday
April 6** | **Greenwood Community Lenten Pilgrimage**
Worship at First Presbyterian on Cambridge Avenue at 12:30 P.M.

Wednesday Evening Study Group
Facilitated discussion at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom.
Gaze on Van Gogh's art as we explore more of The Beauty of Lent.

**Saturday
April 9** | **Rain Date for Westminster Work Day**
(In case of inclement weather on April 2)

Sunday School
Gather in the choir room at 9:00 A.M.
Conclude our Lenten discussions of the power of forgiveness.

**Sunday
April 10** | **Palm Sunday: What's in a Name? Part I**
Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.
Shout "Hosanna" as Holy Week begins.

Session Meeting
Meet in the parlor at 11:30 A.M.
Conduct the business of the church with prayers and thanksgiving.

Westminster Happenings, *continued*

Monday
April 11 | **Presbyterian Women: Circle Meeting**
Participate in the Sanctuary at 10:00 A.M.
Meeting lesson and agenda available on page 8.
Note: deadline for ordering Easter lilies

Tuesday
April 12 | **Men's Bible Study**
Meet at 6:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.
Dig into a pizza and the history of Israel *between* the Testaments.

Wednesday
April 13 | **Wednesday Evening Study Group**
Facilitated discussion at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom.
Conclude our Lenten study of Vincent van Gogh's art and faith.

Thursday
April 14 | **Maundy Thursday**
Communion
Worship at 7:00 P.M. in person or via live streaming (see page 10).
Experience again the power of the original Lord's Supper.

Friday
April 15 | **Good Friday**
Remember Christ's agony and sacrifice for *your* sin.
Note: the church office is closed.

Saturday
April 16 | **Holy Saturday**
Share the shock and sorrow of the disciples after the crucifixion.

Flowering of the Cross
Gather at 9:00 A.M. in the court yard.
Celebrate Christ's resurrection with flowers, fellowship, and music.

Easter
Sunday
April 17 | **What's in a Name? Part II**
Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.
Sing alleluia and rejoice—the Lord is risen; He is risen indeed!!

Easter Family Cover-Dish Dinner
Lunch in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 A.M.
Bring a side dish or dessert to enjoy with Chef Rob's entree.

Monday
April 18 | *Note: the church office is closed.*

Westminster Happenings, *continued*

Wednesday
April 20

Note: *Wednesday Evening Study Group is on hiatus through April.*

Sunday
April 24

Sunday School

Gather in the choir room at 9:00 A.M.
Spring into Spring with a new study—details coming soon.

You Had to Be There

Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.
Join Thomas in confronting doubt.

Friday-Saturday
April 29 & 30

Re-Creation: A Spring Adult Retreat

Experience God's creation at Camp Fellowship
Participate with others from around Trinity Presbytery in this two-day blend of worship and fellowship. See page 9 for details.
Facilitated by The Rev. Dr. Clifford Cain.

Maundy Thursday: Remembering the New Commandment

Excerpted from pcusa.org

Maundy Thursday begins the Three Days (or *Triduum*), remembering the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another, washing our feet as a servant. We also celebrate the Lord's Supper, remembering the meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death.

The name is taken from the first words sung at the ceremony of the washing of the feet, "I give you a new commandment" (John 13:34); also from the commandment of Christ that we should imitate his loving humility in the washing of the feet (John 13:14-17).

The service of the Triduum is not inherently mournful. The penitential acts of Maundy Thursday have celebratory aspects as well: restoration through the bold declaration of pardon; the act of footwashing connoting humility and intimacy; the celebration of the Lord's Supper embodying the mystery of Christ's enduring redemptive presence. Maundy Thursday's acts provide the paradox of a celebratively somber and solemnly celebrative service.

The final act of this service is the evocative stripping of the worship space. This is most effectively done in absolute silence, and in an unhurried, orderly fashion. The stark, bare, unadorned church now reflects Jesus' abandonment during the night in Gethsemane. Refer to page 10 to get suggestions for bringing this service to life if you are live-streaming it.



Easter Special Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing

Part of our Easter morning celebration is to offer to God his tithes and our offerings in gratitude for all the abundant blessings he showers on us every day. This is also the time when we present to him the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering we have been gathering throughout Lent. Perhaps you've stashed your spare change into a fish bank, as our children have done. Or perhaps you prefer to contribute by check or online. However you give, here are some examples of what PC(USA) does with those offerings.



In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People—all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. According to pcusa.org, in 2020 OGHS sponsored projects such as:

- \$6.5 million granted by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) in 57 countries
- 131 grants given in 20 countries by Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP)
- More than 54,300 people in multiple countries trained about land rights, farming, social development, and how to address gender-based violence
- 51,000 trees planted around the world

A poster for a "FLIP FLOP DRIVE" at Greenwood Pathway House. The poster has a light blue background with a grid pattern. At the top, the words "FLIP FLOP DRIVE" are written in large, bold, blue letters. Below that, it says "Mission & Outreach is collecting for Greenwood Pathway House!". Then, it lists: "WHAT: NEW Men's flip flops (to be used as shower shoes) Sizes L and XL", "WHEN: April 3-24", and "WHERE: Donation box in Narthex". At the bottom, there is a row of colorful flip-flops (orange, teal, blue, purple) and the Greenwood Pathway House logo, which consists of a green leaf and the text "GREENWOOD PATHWAY HOUSE".

PC(USA) Supports Ukrainian Refugees

The Disaster Relief-International Refugee Program is a designated account supplement to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. It enables significant response for humanitarian efforts to assist international refugees and internally displaced persons.



You'll find a link for online donations to help Ukrainian refugees at the top of the pcusa.org home page.

Spring into Action: April 2nd is Our Annual Work Day

Is gardening your groove? Are you yearning for some fun in the sun? Then make sure you are on hand on Saturday, April 2nd from 9:00 A.M. to about 1:00 P.M. for Westminster's annual spring work day.

We will be trimming hedges, spreading pine straw, spraying sidewalks and parking lot, weeding the courtyard, and other fun activities. Bring your gloves, trimmers, and garden sprayers. If anyone has trimmers that are extendable for taller bushes, please bring them as well.



(Note: Saturday April 9th will be the rain date in case of inclement weather on the 2nd.)

Time for Celebration!

Best wishes and sincere prayers for these members and friends with **birthdays** in April:

- ❖ 4th – Mary Corley
- ❖ 11th – Margaret Funke
- ❖ 21st – Phillip Dennis
- ❖ 25th – Callie Rose Watkins
- ❖ 26th – Macie Hale Watkins
- ❖ 27th – Claire Kuhl

And a blessed **anniversary** wish to:

- ❖ Walter & Emily Hughes
- ❖ Richard & Mary Anne Wilson



Worship Host Orientation: April 3rd

Westminster is rightly known for being a warm and welcoming congregation. And our Worship Hosts are our front line for greeting all who arrive for worship. It's not a hard job, but there are a few tricks you need to know. And we need hosts *every* Sunday. So if you have hosted before, or **especially if you are willing to jump in**, please stay after church on April 3rd for a *brief* review of what needs doing and how to do it.



We're Listening!

W&M Question of the Month: What hymns would you like to sing more often...or less often?

Your Worship & Music Committee always welcomes your feedback! Use the Suggestion Box in the narthex, the Contact Us page on the Westminster website, or buttonhole any member of the Session to share your thoughts and ideas.

Let us know what you find most meaningful, what you'd like more of, what you'd like less of, and what ideas you have for broadening our worship experiences to better meet your needs and the needs of our community. Thank you—*your* voice matters!

News from Your PW



Calling all women of Westminster! The April Circle meeting will be held on the 11th in the sanctuary at 10:00 A.M. As always, you can expect an excellent lesson (see #8 in “What My Grandmothers Taught Me”).

Also on the agenda are two important items of business. First, we’ll be planning for the May meeting and luncheon at The Alcoves. Second, we’ll elect our new moderator. Prayerfully consider whether God might be calling you to this rewarding service.

Our Presbyterian Women’s group has a long history of good works for congregation and community, and this year is no exception:

- One wooden picnic table will be donated by PW to be placed under the pavilion on the playground. PW will add a plaque indicating that it is donated in memory of Lynn Bornemann.
- Checks of \$100 each are being sent to Meg’s House and Beyond Abuse.
- PW members agreed to provide cookies for the TWIG (“Together We Impact Greenwood”) Youth Mission hosted by First Presbyterian from June 19-25.

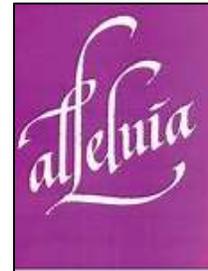


Finally, note that on Sunday, May 1, two PW members will be awarded Honorary Life Memberships (HLM). The HLM program was established in the Presbyterian Church to honor faithful service to the women’s organization and to the church. You’ll want to be present to congratulate this year’s recipients of this significant honor.

Sing Alleluia!

by Joyce Alexander

Vibrant and penetrating,
Alleluias float through the air,
A clarion call
Showing a new way.
The lilt of notes
Call to all who would
have ears
Come, join in, celebrate,
O dance and sing!
Alleluia! Alleluia!



Trinity Presbytery PW Gathering

The Annual Gathering of Trinity Presbyterian Women will be held on April 2, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.

The agenda for the meeting includes worship and communion, an overview of the 2022-2023 Horizons Bible Study, an update on the PW Synod of the South Atlantic Gathering, and other useful Presbyterian Women information. Contact the church office to get the Zoom link if you would like to participate.



WPC Needs *YOU!*

Being part of a small church ensures large opportunities for service. You don’t have to be an Elder or even an “official” member of a committee to keep us moving forward.

Consider becoming a worship host or Tech Team member. Perhaps you can help out in the nursery or the kitchen once in a while? Sharing your special gifts enriches everyone...especially you.

Deadline for Lily Orders is Monday, April 11th

Good news—you still have time to order Easter lilies for display in our sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone special. The cost is \$20.00 each. Place your order using the slip located in the narthex or by contacting the church office (wpcgwd1@gmail.com).



Sharing the Bread of Life with All Who Hunger

Your Congregational Care Committee is committed to making sure that *everyone* who desires to receive Communion can do so, wherever in Greenwood they are—at home, in hospital, in hospice. If you or someone you know would welcome having Communion brought to a special location, please contact Elder Kathy Felder at the church office to arrange a date and time (864.229.3595).

Treat Yourself to a Retreat

Spring is unfolding, and the summer stretches out before you. So now is a great time to plan for treating yourself to a retreat that will refresh your spirit, feed your soul, and bring new friends into your orbit. Here are some resources to kick-start your retreat research.



Trinity Presbytery Spring Adult Retreat At Camp Fellowship, April 29-30, 2022

Join fellow Trinity Presbyterians and facilitator Dr. Clifford Cain in exploring these difficult and relevant questions: Does our Christian faith itself have anything to do with environmental issues and their solutions? What does the Bible say about the

good creation that God has made and our responsibility for it? What does the history of our Christian tradition contribute to our understanding of ourselves as stewards? What is God imploring and luring us to do now in this dangerous ecological situation?

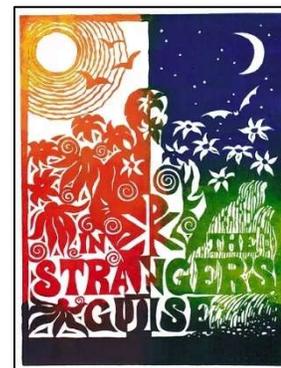
You can stay overnight (\$85 per double or \$125 single) at the conference center or come just during the day (\$55). Picnic lunch is available on Friday for \$10 per person. Register now at the Camp Fellowship website: <https://www.campfellowship.org/events-programs>.

Offerings at Montreat Conference Center In North Carolina—Spring through Fall

If you've ever experienced Montreat—and especially if you have *not*—now is the perfect time to check out their vast variety of offerings: <https://montreat.org/adult-events>.

Events include:

- Discovering Renewal – April 18-21, 2022
- Arts, Recreation, and Worship Conference – May 2-7, 2022
- Worship & Music Conference – June 19-25, 2022
- From Shakespeare to the Inklings – September 7-9, 2022



Tips for Enhancing Your At-Home Worship Experience

Worshipping remotely has benefits, but it also offers unique challenges. Activities that are deeply meaningful in the sanctuary setting may not translate well to worship mediated through a computer screen. Here are some tips excerpted from preachinghelp.org/5-tips-for-worshipping-at-home:



1. **Open your Bible and follow along.** In addition to your Bible, grab a pen and notebook to write down points derived from the sermon. This will help you stay engaged.
2. **Remove distractions.** Stay off of social media, ESPN, and news. In fact, I would encourage you to not even use your electronic devices to avoid the temptation. Silence your phones just as you would if you were at the church building.
3. **Don't neglect your giving.** The work of the church must continue, whether we are gathering at the meeting house or not. Many churches offer an online giving option.
4. **Remember we are still worshipping.** Though it may feel more informal, we are still approaching the throne of God and offering him our praise and adoration. Anything less is unacceptable, no matter where we gather. Prepare yourself and your family mentally to set the atmosphere.
5. **Remember you are a *participant* and not the audience.** Watching things on a screen may make it easier to feel like we are onlookers rather than participants. But we must remind ourselves that, whether at home or the meeting house, we are the participants and God is the audience, looking on with interest at our involvement.

Regarding Maundy Thursday

The upcoming Maundy Thursday service on April 14 offers special challenges for the remote worshipper. The latter portions of the liturgy move toward the darkness of the Passion; therefore, the order of worship incorporates relatively long periods of quiet contemplation culminating in the ritual stripping of the altar, covering of the cross, and the dramatic slamming shut of the Bible. The congregation exits in silence.

In preparation for the intensity of these moments, consider lowering the lights in your home worship space. During the service, seven candles will be extinguished. Even if you don't have that many, light your own Christ candle to focus on during times of prayer and meditation. And blow it out when the last sanctuary candle goes out.

Maundy Thursday recreates the original Last Supper. Be sure to have some sort of bread and juice or wine available, so you can participate fully in the sacrament.

As the sacred symbols in the sanctuary are stripped or draped, perhaps you have a cross or religious art that you can cover or put away until Easter morning. Close your eyes or turn off your computer screen to experience the darkness more fully and listen more acutely. At the appropriate moment, slam shut your own Bible. Then take a moment to sit in silence in your own sacred space, and ponder the magnitude of Christ's sacrifice before you return to the workaday world. May you find blessing in this worship wherever you are.

Remembering Tom Bryson

Westminster recently lost a much-beloved friend and brother in Christ. Thomas Jesse Bryson entered the church triumphant on March 22, 2022. He was 91 years old. And oh, how he made powerful use of those years among us! Here are a few memories of Tom that may spark a few of your own.

The Prison Ministry of Tom Bryson

Written by Arthur Gillespie

I have thought about what I want to say about Tom. His life was one of service to others, and it would be foolish for me to try and encompass it all. So I will speak to what I know him best for.

In the mid-1970's, Tom realized a need for, and started a ministry in the Greenwood County Detention Center. It met for one hour every Tuesday night in rotating cell blocks, as little like a church as you could imagine. Equipped with only a Bible and his faith in God, Tom brought the message of hope to hundreds of men he considered his brothers in Christ. As he pondered passing on his ministry, he first got Bill Mitchell to aid him. He asked me many times, but I remained steadfast in my refusal to join them. Mid 2012, even though it sounded terrible, I agreed to attend. Once.

Once and done? Nope. I kept going and never looked back. While leading others, Tom was leading me. I can't begin to tell you how big those shoes are. I can't fill them. I will leave you with this. The fruit of the seeds Tom planted will be a harvest without measure.

Farewell, my brother. I love you.

Loving the Little Ones

Shared by Kathy Gillespie

When Arthur and I were raising our young children, our parents lived too far away for frequent visits. Tom and Lucia Bryson embraced our little ones and became surrogate grandparents for them. Their love and pride were sincere, and a blessing both to the kids and to us as new parents.

A Man of Many Talents

Shared by Nancy Dozier



In January 1997, just as our live Christmas tree was stripped of its ornaments and ready for retirement, Lou Johnson (Westminster's Certified Christian Educator) was struck with an inspiration! What if we used the wood from the tree to make a cross to decorate in the courtyard on Easter morning? Lou approached ace wood-worker Tom Bryson with the idea. His response? "I love it! We can see the joy of Christmas and Christ's birth extended to the joy of Easter and Christ's resurrection!"

So this Easter morning, as we gather once again to flower our cross, remember the creativity of Lou, the talents of Tom, and the joy of Christmas eternally linked with the joy of Easter.



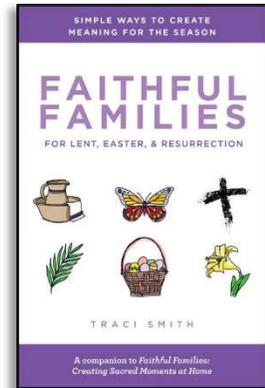
BRYSON, Tom & Lucia

*Photo from 2006
WPC Church Directory*

A New Way to Tell an Old Story

Submitted by Kathy Gillespie

How do you share the deep mysteries of Lent, Easter, and Resurrection with children? In her book *Faithful Families: Lent, Easter, and Resurrection*, author, mother and Presbyterian minister Traci Smith shares practices for faithful families to try.



One of the practices is an alternative to the Resurrection Eggs that have been around for decades. Resurrection Eggs can be a teaching tool for the story of Christ's death and resurrection.

If you're not familiar with them, Resurrection eggs tell the story of Christ's death and resurrection by using twelve small symbols, each hidden inside a plastic Easter egg. One at a time, each egg is opened, the symbol taken out, and part of the story is told. The symbols vary depending on which version of Resurrection eggs one uses, but most feature items such as a tiny crown of thorns representing the one placed on Jesus' head to mock and humiliate him, nails to remember Christ's being nailed to the cross, and a spear to remember how Jesus was pierced in the side.

No one could argue that the symbols used in the resurrection eggs aren't biblical. The crown of thorns, nails, and spear are all in the story—but are these details of Jesus' death so essential that they must be taught year after year, and lifted up over and against other symbols of Jesus' life, death, and ministry?

For me, the answer is no. Please don't misunderstand: I am not saying we should edit out the hard parts because they are hard. Children are very capable of understanding and

grappling with hard and painful realities. Christianity has rich symbology that extends beyond the symbols of torture and death. We can tell the story of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus using a more holistic group of symbols, also drawn from the Bible.



In her book, Traci Smith offers twelve symbols, each from the Bible: four symbols represent Jesus' life, four represent his death, and four represent his resurrection. You can use these symbols to create your own set of Resurrection eggs. The book includes short reflections individually to reflect on specific parts of Jesus' story.

However you use these symbols, I hope they will open your eyes to the possibilities for reimagining which symbols we lift up as we teach our children about Jesus.

You can download and print the symbols from Smith's Facebook page or her website. <https://tracismith.com/eggs/>

In our children's class at Westminster, we will use a set of these eggs during the first three Sundays in April. Each Sunday we will open four eggs and learn about the symbols inside. We will then hang the symbols on our "Lenten Tree." I hope you will join us!

Stewardship Snapshot

The Stewardship Snapshot is a regular report from the Session to the *Westminster Times* newsletter. Please note that because of the newsletter publication schedule vs. timing of month-end close, these reports will typically be about six weeks behind.



February 2022

	February Actual	Monthly Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
Total Income	\$11,354	\$15,576	\$32,454	\$31,648
Total Expenses	\$15,343	\$18,145	\$28,876	\$32,123
Net Gain/Loss	-\$3,990		\$3,578	

Please direct any questions about church financial matters to Len Bornemann, treasurer, or any member of the Administration, Personnel, & Finance Committee.

Lift Up Your Voice!

Submitted by Bill and Nancy Hogan

The Pumpkintown Shape Note Singing (formerly the Furman University Singing) will be held on May 7, from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. at the Oolenoy Community House in Pickens.



This will be the group's first year singing in this location, a two-room schoolhouse built in the late 19th century, now a site for traditional music performances.

The group will sing from the *Sacred Harp* (1991) and the *Christian Harmony* (2010) song books.

The Hogans assure us that **no experience is required**, and they will have books you can borrow. Contact the church office for more information.

STAND for Special Families

Retired special education teacher Di Litwer has formed a new education and advocacy group for parents of children with disability and special needs. The group, known as STAND (Strength Through Advocacy and Determination), will hold its meetings on our campus.

The mission of STAND is to educate parents and guardians of children with disabilities and special needs about: the special education process; how to advocate for themselves and their children in educational settings; and their children's medical conditions, and social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development.



Please share this information with everyone whose family might benefit from participation. Contact Di for details at dlitwer@earthlink.net.

Greenwood Place Update

Submitted by Fred Murphy, Executive Director



**GREENWOOD
PLACE**

The most recent Clubhouse stats show that the average daily attendance for February was 11. For the month of February, Members spent 395 hours at the Clubhouse. We served 89 meals and for the month picked up 79 members. We currently have 7 Members who are working part-time. No members were hospitalized during the month for mental health issues.



As you may see from the above, numbers are less than our report for January. This is because the Clubhouse had to suspend its operation for 3 weeks as we had to deal with transportation issues. Our bus

broke down as we were enjoying our trip to China Garden. We had to have the bus taken to Greenville for repairs and did not get it back until March 13th. Everything is good now, and we are back to fulltime.

As noted last month we continue to seek funding for the continued operations of Greenwood Place. We continue to seek funding and have a number of grant requests pending for 2022. Greenwood Place will be seeking funding from the State of South Carolina and will request additional funding from Self Regional Hospital for 2022.



Greenwood Place is planning a trip to Greenville in March to visit Gateway House. It was through Gateway's efforts 6 years ago that Greenwood Place was established. Our members are excited about visiting Gateway and sharing time with them and seeing how their Clubhouse operates.

Greenwood Place would like to thank Westminster Presbyterian for their support of our program and members. Without your support, we would not be able to fulfill our mission to those in our community who truly need help and support as they face their mental health issues.



GCT Presents a Play about Living with Mental Illness

Part of a series on mental health issues

Our dear friend, the Rev. Dr. Brad Christie is directing "The Boys Next Door," a moving play about four intellectually challenged men sharing an apartment and just living their lives. The play is filled with humor, and also with moments of great poignancy when, with touching effectiveness, we are reminded that the challenged, like the rest of us, want only to love and laugh, and find some meaning and purpose in the brief time that they, like their more fortunate brothers, are allotted on this earth.



The performances run from April 22 through May 1. For more information and to reserve your seats, visit <https://www.greenwoodcommunitytheatre.com/>.

Let Us Pray...



For Those in Our Church

We share one another's joys and concerns:

- John Bacot
- Len Bornemann
- Family of Tom Bryson
- Mary Corley
- Mac & Holly Hubbard
- Kathy Cates, Caroline's sister
- Kelli Lott & daughters
- Julie Dowd, Tina Corley's sister
- Ann Lorraine Sander
- Akabana Siyunyi
- Faye Tillotson
- Ed Watkins
- Gail & Glen Yonce, and Georgianna

*"...we have not stopped praying for you."
Colossians 1:9*

We pray daily for our prayer partners and their special concerns. We pray for our sister churches: New Faith, Ware Shoals, First Presbyterian, Abbeville Presbyterian, and others.

We pray for the ministries of our church, especially:

- Presbyterian Communities of SC
- Prison Ministry
- Thornwell Home
- Greenwood Place
- NAMI
- Pathway House
- Gwd. Food Bank
- Beyond Abuse
- Meg's House
- Greater Greenwood United Ministries
- Camp Fellowship



For Those in Our Hearts

We pray for these members of our wider community:

- Charles Alexander
- Leona Anderson
- Chris Brown
- Laura Clark
- Nancy Cooper
- Charlotte Gero
- Jim Greene
- Lois Grice
- Beverly Grier
- Family of Edward Hamilton
- Joan Herin
- Michael Knight
- Corrie Manis
- Margaret Rada & son
- Kay Rentz
- Terrance Reece
- Dave Watson
- Geri
- Abigail



For the World

We pray for all our neighbors everywhere who we are called to love as we love ourselves:

- For those living in fear and danger, especially Ukrainians and Russians
- For our enemies, that their hearts may be opened to your love and truth
- For all who experience exclusion
- For unity among Christians in every country and corner of the world
- For congregations dealing with internal strife
- For those living with mental, emotional, and/or physical illnesses
- For all those suffering from war and natural disaster and the COVID-19 pandemic
- For those in our community who struggle to meet basic needs
- For peace and wisdom in our community, country, & among world and local leaders
- For those serving in the United States Armed Services, at home and around the world

Jesus Before Pilate



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And God Saw That It Was Good...



For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies.

For the love which from our
birth, over and around
us lies.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale and tree and
flower, sun and moon and
stars of night.

For yourself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given.

Agent of God's grand design:
peace on earth and joy
in heaven.

Lord of all, to thee we
raise this our hymn of
grateful praise!

At WPC, We *Love* to Eat!



There's More to the Back Hall than Just Bathrooms!



Thank you,
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and meaningful.

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