



## “We were Praying for You”

I grew up in a Presbyterian Church just north of Atlanta, GA. I have fond memories of being a child, teen, and young adult in that church. I was baptized, confirmed, and married there. I am sure that over the years, many people prayed for me... when they prayed for the children, the youth heading out on a retreat, the young adults heading off to college. And certainly, their prayers often resulted in actions that blessed me.

*Remember “ora et labora,” the Latin phrase that means “prayer and work,” that we have been learning and practicing as we study the Lord’s Prayer together? Their prayers turned into commitments to teach my Sunday School class, underwrite expenses for mission trips, and mail care packages to my college dorm. When I was a newly-wed, their prayers for me and others like me, led them to invite Phillip and me to start a young adult Sunday School class. These prayers and the resulting action helped me to grow as a disciple.*

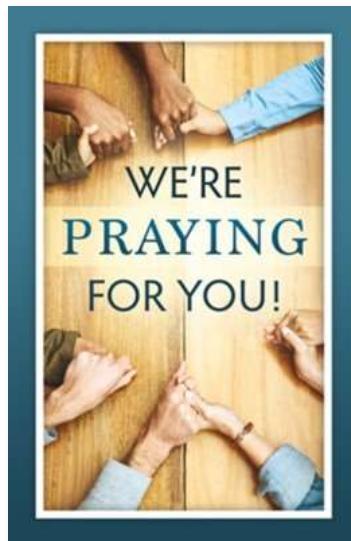
In my early thirties, I was invited to attend a three-day retreat. It promised to be life-changing. And it was. There were many epiphanies that weekend. One that stuck with me is the power of knowing that you have been prayed for by name.

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For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.

~~Colossians 1:9-10

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Throughout the weekend, we learned more and more about the large team of people who had been planning for us for months. Some served on the kitchen team making delicious meals. Others served on a team called “agape,” which surprised us with small signs of love throughout the weekend. Others served as speakers for our weekend, and others as table hosts. But it was the job of the whole team to pray for us.

Before they knew our names, they prayed for us to be open to this opportunity. Once we registered, they prayed for us by name. When I learned that this team of strangers had been praying for me by name for months, I was overwhelmed by the grace of it. They had prayed that they would be able to

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share God's message with me. They prayed that I would be open to receiving the gifts the weekend had to offer. When the weekend was over, they continued to pray for me.

I find it hard to put into words why this remains poignant for me more than 25 years later and why I think this is an important lesson for the church. But I think I tell you this story to say this: **praying for one another is essential work of the church.** In so doing, we open ourselves to be conduits for the movement of the Spirit to encourage, nurture, and bless one another as we grow together into the full stature of Christ.

I invite us at Westminster to be intentional to pray for one another. To pray for those whose names we do not yet know. To pray for our children, our youth, our young families, and senior adults. To pray for our officers and staff. To pray for our neighbors. To pray for those who enter our building and those who are served by our ministries.



And while Jesus says we should go into a closet and pray in secret, I would suggest that from time to time, you should let someone know you have been praying for them by name. They will be overwhelmed by the grace of it as they reflect about the ways your prayers have been answered in their lives.

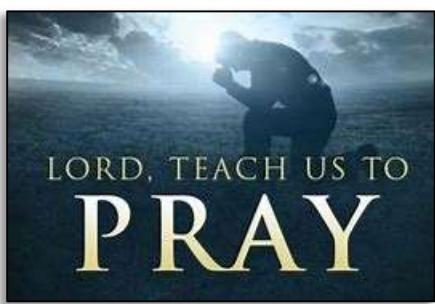
With your name on my lips, I am your pastor and friend,

*Caroline*

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### ***Worship in September, Part I: The Lord's Prayer (continued)***

We continue to learn how this prayer Jesus taught us has the power to shape our lives, our church, our community, and our world.



#### **September 4: Take My Lead**

*"Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil"*

*Communion*

† Luke 14:25-33

#### **September 11: Doxology**

*"Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
the glory, forever. Amen."*

† Luke 15:1-10

### ***Worship in September, Part II: Jesus Teaches an Advanced Course in Economics***

In these weeks, Jesus gets "all up in our business," teaching us a whole new way to manage our affairs for long-term success.

#### **September 18: Honest Accounting**

† Luke 16:1-13

#### **September 25: Long-Term Investments**

† Luke 16:19-31

† 1 Timothy 6:6-19



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# Westminster Happenings

	<b>Sunday School</b> Meet at 9:00 A.M. upstairs in the youth room. Continue delving into the Lord's Prayer; led by Caroline Dennis.
<b>Sunday September 4</b>	<b>Take My Lead</b> <i>"Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil"</i> <b>Communion</b> Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming. Listen for God's guidance on how to pray and seek deliverance.
<b>Wednesday September 7</b>	<b>REZoom Sunday Study Recap</b> Tune in at 7:30 P.M. for a repeat of the Sunday Study lesson. Facilitated by Caroline Pennis
<b>Monday September 5</b>	<b>Labor Day Holiday</b> <i>Church office closed for the holiday.</i>
<b>Sunday September 11</b>	<b>Sunday School</b> Gather at 9:00 A.M. upstairs in the youth room. Join Pastor Dennis and the group for the conclusion of our study. <b>Doxology</b> Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming. Celebrate all that God is: our powerful king, reigning in glory. <b>Congregational Meeting</b> Remain after worship to conduct vital business of the church. See page 4 for more information.
<b>Monday September 12</b>	<b>Women's Dessert &amp; Bible Study Kick-Off</b> Join the women of Westminster at 6:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a time for fellowship, study, and sweet treats (see page 5).
<b>Wednesday September 14</b>	<b>REZoom Sunday Study Recap</b> Tune in at 7:30 P.M. for a repeat of the Sunday Study lesson. Facilitated by Caroline Pennis
<b>Sunday September 18</b>	<b>Sunday School</b> Jump back into <i>The Mighty Acts of God</i> at 9:00 A.M. in the choir room. Resume our study of how God has wielded His infinite power.

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## Westminster Happenings, *continued*

**Sunday  
September 18,  
continued**

### **Honest Accounting**

Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.  
Consider the parable of the dishonest manager.

### **Sunday Sustenance**

Feast in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.  
Find out what surprises Chef Rob...and others...have in store!

### **Session Meeting**

Meet in the parlor at 12:30 A.M.

**Sunday  
September 25**

### **Sunday School**

Gather in the choir room at 9:00 A.M.  
Explore how God used Moses to perform His mighty acts (page 5).

### **Long-Term Investments**

Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.  
Tune in to a parable about who receives heavenly rewards.

### **Communion Education Lunch 'n' Learn for Kids**

Come to the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.  
Bring your elementary-age children to the Lord's table (see page 6).

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## September 11 Congregational Meeting: Election of Elders

Westminster is blessed with many people who willingly serve God and this church as Elders. In preparation for the coming year, you are urged to participate in a **congregational meeting** immediately following worship on **Sunday, September 11** to consider the following nominations from the Nominating Committee:



#### **Ruling Elders:**

Class of 2023 Richard Wilson  
Class of 2025 Rob Graves  
Tina Corley

#### **Nominating Committee:**

Class of 2023 Claire Kuhl, chair  
David Bell  
Elizabeth Watkins

To ensure that our members worshipping remotely can participate fully, a Zoom link will be provided. Nominations can be made from the floor during the meeting; however, those nominated must have already confirmed their willingness and ability to serve if elected.

Thanks to the 2022 Nominating Committee for their efforts: Kathy Gillespie, David Bell, and Theresa Jacobs.

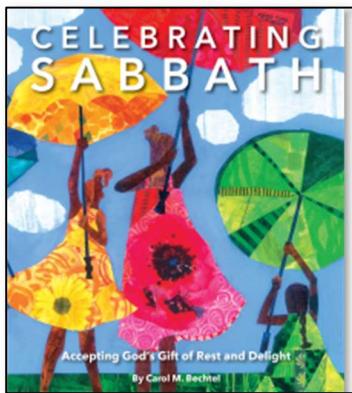
Please plan to participate—**mark your calendar** so that you don't forget!

## Women's Bible Study

On Monday, September 12, at 6:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall, all women of Westminster are invited to be part of a new Bible study: *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*, facilitated by Pastor Dennis.

In the nine lessons of this Bible study, we'll consider Sabbath:

- as a celebration, not a day of dreary formality,
- as God's intent for all of creation that includes busy women too,
- as one day of the week, perhaps a Sunday,
- as a time to surrender unhealthy striving and frantic busyness, and instead trust that God will provide,
- as a reminder that life is precious and working too much is against God's plans for our precious lives, and
- as a day devoted to community and justice and not exclusively to self-care.



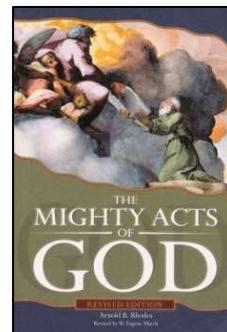
Ultimately, Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives. The study incorporates passages from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke, and Acts.

Plans for the kick-off event include dessert and discussion. Dessert will be provided, so no need for anyone to worry about bringing anything other than a sweet tooth! Discussion, on the other hand, will require input from everyone—where do we go from here?!?

Will you study with a friend? Form a small group? Meet weekly? Monthly? Over warm or cold beverages? Over Zoom? Over lunch? One Bible study. Many options. Your voice matters, so be sure to come!

## Back by Popular Demand: *The Mighty Acts of God* Sunday Morning Study

Dust off your copy of *The Mighty Acts of God*, or pick one up from the church library—it's time to jump back into our continuing study of how God uses his infinite power and wisdom for the benefit of His people. The text for our study, written by Arnold B. Rhodes, has been characterized as "an essential tool for learning more about the Bible." Discussions will be facilitated by the Bill Jacobs/Doug Kauffmann/Claire Kuhl tag-team trio. You do not have to be a Biblical scholar to participate, but you may feel like one when you're done.



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## Calling All Kids: Communion Education Workshop



"This is the joyful feast of the people of God!" Who wouldn't want to come?

In Sunday School, our children have been learning with us about the Lord's Prayer. After that series is over, they will begin a series on the Lord's Supper in preparation for joining us at the Lord's Table on Sunday, October 2, World Communion Sunday.

If you grew up in the Presbyterian Church or perhaps in another tradition, you may have had to wait until confirmation to begin receiving the Lord's Supper, but in

the 1980s, Presbyterians changed our practice in response to a growing understanding that "the opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age and understanding." (*Presbyterian Book of Order W-3.0409*).

Our Nurture & Education Team wants to walk alongside our children and their families as they grow in their understanding this sacrament. In Sunday School on the first two Sundays of the Lord's Supper Series (September 18 and 25), our children will learn stories of God and Jesus feeding people. After church on September 25, families with elementary-age children are invited to remain after worship for a "Lunch 'n' Learn Communion Education Workshop" in the Fellowship Hall from 11:15 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.

We are excited to welcome our children to share in the joyful feast of the people of God.

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## Poetry Corner

### ***Seasons***

*By Joyce Alexander*

Seasons come, seasons go,  
Each bringing an offering  
Of her own uniqueness.  
Welcomed upon arrival,  
Relinquished upon departure,  
Awaiting the fruition  
Of the next,  
To be recognized  
To allow inspiration,  
To complete the cycle.



## September Celebrations!

Best wishes and sincere prayers for these members and friends celebrating **birthdays** this month:

- ❖ 15<sup>th</sup> – Josh Wicker
- ❖ 15<sup>th</sup> – Willow Wicker
- ❖ 19<sup>th</sup> – John Sholar
- ❖ 24<sup>th</sup> – Margaret Brothers
- ❖ 27<sup>th</sup> – Larry Dozier  
Hampton Watkins



## Every Penny a Prayer



Look closely at the pennies in your pocket. You'll find that each one is inscribed "In God We Trust."

So as you make tough decisions about how to use your pennies wisely, remember to trust in God to guide you, and rely on the fact that He always provides "more abundantly than we could ask or imagine."

As the church, "in God we trust" for the resources we need to do His work and will. And your offerings—of time, of prayer, of money—are a key part of *how* God provides for Westminster. Thank you for your prayers and your gifts of every size. And if you are struggling financially, let Pastor Dennis know about your needs.

## Great Hymns of Our Faith: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

*Excerpted from The One Year Book of Hymns, compiled and edited by Robert K. Brown and Mark R. Norton*

As we conclude our study of The Lord's Prayer, it is a particularly good time to consider the beloved hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." According to one account, the author of this hymn was a blind preacher and curio shop owner in Coleshill, England. He carved ornaments out of ivory or wood and sold them in his small store. He also wrote poetry. One day, when a local minister stopped at the store, William Walford, the blind shop owner, mentioned that he had composed a poem in his head. He asked the minister to write it down for him. Three years later, that minister visited the United States and gave the poem to a newspaper editor. But no one knows what happened to William Walford, nor whether he ever knew that his powerful poem had been set to music. Regardless of who wrote the song, it reminds us that God hears and answers our prayers. What relief to "believe His Word and trust His grace"!



Sweet hour of prayer!  
Sweet hour of prayer!  
That calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known.  
In season of distress and grief,  
My soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the temper's snare,  
By they return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer!  
Sweet hour of prayer!  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To Him whose trust and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless;  
And since He bids me seek His face,  
Believe His Word and trust His grace,  
I'll cast on Him my every care,  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

## DIY WPC Devotional for Advent



Authors, artists, poets, and photographers of all ages, here's your chance to share your gifts with your Westminster family! We are

creating our own WPC Daily Devotional for use throughout the 2022 Advent season. Be on the lookout for a sign-up chart in the narthex, so you can claim your dates.

The theme of our devotionals is "Advent through the eyes of \_\_\_\_," and *you* get to fill in the blank. Advent through your eyes, a child's eyes, a stable animal's eyes, the eyes of fear, the eyes of hope...you get the idea.

Devotionals should include the following:

- Title
- Suggested scripture reading
- Body of the meditation
- Prayer
- Prayer Focus—suggesting a theme for today's prayers

The meditation could be a story, a picture, a painting, a poem. It could be your own thoughts and creation, your child's/ grandchild's contribution, or even a favorite message from an existing source. Whatever communicates the message in your heart! Stay tuned for more details.

## Many Hands Make Light Work...

...at least, that's what my mother always told me at chore time. So where can you lend a hand to support Westminster and our work in the world?

Here are some easy ideas—no special skills or financial investment required:

- Help Chef Rob with meal prep for our third Sunday Sustenance events
  - Stick around after the meal to help with kitchen clean-up
  - Check in with David Hammond for indoor and outdoor maintenance tasks you might handle
  - Spend an hour volunteering in the church office
  - Refresh the sanctuary by polishing furniture, cleaning cushions, making sure the pew materials are present
  - Reach out with a call, text, or email to congregation members you haven't seen in church lately or who might need a word of hope and cheer
  - And always, *always*, "Rejoice, pray without ceasing, [and] give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
- (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

## We're Always Open to Suggestions

Your Session and Pastor always want to hear your voice. Our topic for September is all about identifying mid-week fellowship and faith-formation opportunities. Take a moment to complete a comment sheet and pop it into the Suggestion Box in the narthex window with your thoughts on the following:

- What programming would you like to see for a Wednesday night gathering that would be of interest to church members *and* our community? Our goal is to offer monthly events.



Please indicate if you would be willing and able to coordinate the program.

## 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.



**July 2022**

	<b>May Actual</b>	<b>Monthly Budget</b>	<b>Year-to-Date Actual</b>	<b>Year-to-Date Budget</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	\$7,415	\$15,574	\$99,215	\$110,519
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$20,880	\$18,645	\$118,055	\$128,014
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>-\$13,466</b>		<b>-\$18,840</b>	

The profit and loss statement reflects an operating loss of \$13,466 for the month. Revenues for the month were down, and a number expenses came due, including funds for the new WOW sound equipment, our Vimeo internet streaming license, a legally required elevator weight test, and honoraria for visiting pastors. Monies from our investment account have been moved into our checking account to cover immediate cash flow needs.

*Please direct any questions about church financial matters to our treasurer, Len Bornemann, or any member of the Business Affairs Committee.*



### September 8<sup>th</sup> is National Ampersand Day!

On September 8<sup>th</sup>—and every day—give thanks to our gracious, loving God for all of the “yes, **and**” blessing that enrich your life.

### A Very Visible Means of Support—Cheering On Our Kids!

WPC is a church *family*. Our WPC children and youth are encouraged when we show up at their events to support them. **Parents and grandparents, please let us know** when the special kids in your life have a sporting, arts, or other event that we can attend. We will publish the opportunities in the *Westminster Times*, E-News and Bulletin Board.



- **Willow Wicker** will be performing in the Penguin Project production of “The Aristocats” at the Greenwood Community Theatre. Contact Nancy Hart Wicker (nhwicker@gmail.com) if you would like to join the WPC group attending on Sunday, September 18 at 2:00 P.M. Tickets are \$15.
- Follow the Emerald High School football schedule for the chance to see our own **Jacob Dennis** in the marching band during his senior season. Details are available online at emeraldalhletics.com.

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# Greenwood Place Update

Submitted by Fred Murphy, Executive Director

The most recent Clubhouse stats show that the average daily attendance for July was 9. For the month of July, the number of hours Members were at the Clubhouse fell to 341 hours, because the Clubhouse was closed for two weeks to allow Fred to recover from surgery. The Clubhouse reopened on August 1<sup>st</sup> and is once again operational. No members were hospitalized during the month for mental health issues.



One of the functions of the Clubhouse is to provide a safe and welcoming environment for our members, especially for celebrating holidays. Many of our members do not have a place to go to share holiday festivities with other people. By being open during this time, the Clubhouse helps members feel welcome and helps alleviate stress and depression during the holiday seasons. **The Clubhouse will be open for a cookout this Labor Day.** Let us know if you would like to participate in this fun event.

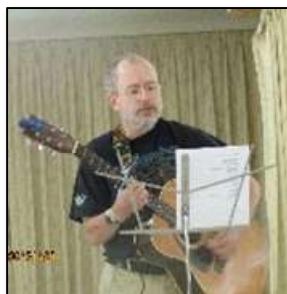
## Status of Greenwood Place

There are three factors that seriously affect the future operation of Greenwood Place:

- First and most significant is continued **funding** for Greenwood Place. To return Greenwood Place to full pre-COVID operational status, we need to achieve a funding level of at least \$150,000. This would allow for additional staff hires and for expansion of our services.
- Secondly, Greenwood Place has begun search for a **new Executive Director**. Fred is looking to retire by the end of 2022.
- The third factor that Greenwood Place is facing at this time is the need for **additional Board Members**. Greenwood Place needs a strong and active Board to lead in the management and governance of the Clubhouse, and to assist in the fundraising needed to sustain the Clubhouse.



Thanks to Westminster Presbyterian for their continued support and prayers.



## September is Suicide Prevention Month

The statistical and developmental information was excerpted from an article from the UCLAHealth.org website.

Suicide is the second-leading cause of death among people age 15 to 24 in the U.S. Nearly 20% of high school students report serious thoughts of suicide and 9% have made an attempt to take their lives, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

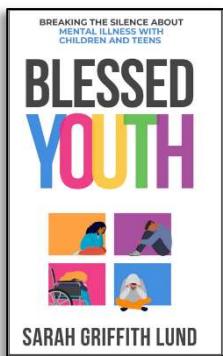


"This is not an issue reserved for the far and away," wrote Miller. "It is in our homes. It is in our conversations. It is in the people we love."

Young people are particularly vulnerable to suicide, says Carl Fleisher, MD, who specializes in adolescent and child psychiatry at UCLA Health.

"Teenagers and young adults have the highest rates of suicide compared to other ages," Dr. Fleisher says. "The things that make them vulnerable are where they stand socially and where they stand developmentally."

Developmentally, their judgment and decision-making abilities are still coming online, he says. The prefrontal cortex — the brain's executive control center — doesn't fully develop until one's mid-20s. That makes young people more impulsive, Dr. Fleisher says: "They're not going to weigh risks and consequences or values in quite the same way that older folks will."



For everyone concerned about the mental health of the young people in their life, Sarah Griffith Lund has just published a new and valuable book, *Blessed Youth: Breaking the Silence about Mental Illness with Children and Teens*.

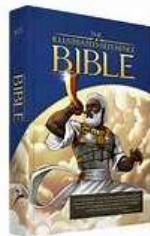
Lund is a personal friend of Pastor Dennis and graced Westminster with her virtual presence at the mental illness awareness event that we hosted in September of 2019. At that time, she gave personal testimony to the impact of mental health issues and the importance of stopping the stigma. She is also author of *Blessed are the Crazy* and *Blessed Union*, both addressing mental illness within covenant relationships. All of these titles are available in our church library

In her new book, Lund uses vivid and powerful storytelling to remove the barriers of stigma and shame associated with mental illness, especially in children and teens.

Readers will know they are not alone and be reminded of God's grace and loving presence in the midst of the heartache and struggle of mental illness. In addition to stories of children and youth experiencing mental health challenges, *Blessed Youth* includes practical resources such as prayers and a guide for having age-appropriate talks with children about warning signs and how to get help for themselves and friends. Ultimately, this important resource offers hope and help for everyone who loves a child or youth with mental health challenges.

## Area Men's Bible Study: You're Invited!

Abbeville County has a Men's Fellowship Group that meets the second Tuesday evening of each month at 6:30 P.M. Men from churches within the county, and some in Greenwood County, gather for an evening meal at the Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church.



The Presbyterian congregations with members participating are: Abbeville Presbyterian Church, Hodges Presbyterian Church, Little Mountain Presbyterian Church, and Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church. Westminster men are welcome to join in the fellowship!

Members of the group have taken on house repair projects for those in the surrounding community unable to pay the costs involved. In addition to the delicious meals, those present receive devotionals and spiritual food from various members.

## Interested in Volunteering?



Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont is seeking volunteers to fill many different roles, including one that might be just right for you.

Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont is your local non-profit, community hospice serving the needs of the terminally ill and their families in Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, and Saluda counties of South Carolina for over 30 years.

Our own Nancy Hart Wicker, MD can provide you with information about the organization and how you can get involved. Or visit the website: [hospicepiedmont.org](http://hospicepiedmont.org).

## Evangelism: *Addressing Harm, Embracing Hope*

### 2022 Evangelism Conference

**October 30-November 1, 2022**  
**Montreat Conference Center & Online**

*Sponsored by Montreat Conference Center in partnership with Theology, Formation & Evangelism in the Presbyterian Mission Agency.*

Evangelism is sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and that the reign of God is an encounter with peace, wholeness, salvation, and justice.

During the conference, you will experience worship, large-and small group educational offerings, and fellowship while enjoying the beauty of the North Carolina mountains.

For more information or to register for this event, please visit this website: [Montreat.org/evangelism](http://Montreat.org/evangelism).

## Lift Up Your Voice and Sing

Westminster's resident Sacred Harp singing specialists, Bill and Nancy Hogan, share this information about an upcoming opportunity to make a joyful noise:

Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Dinner on the Grounds at noon

Church of Greenville Fellowship Hall

228 Ladean Court

Simpsonville, South Carolina



The Hogans emphasize that enthusiasm is much more important than experience! You may borrow a book, and you'll be introduced to the basics of the style at the beginning of the event. See you there!

# Let Us Pray...



## For Those in Our Church

*We share one another's joys and concerns:*

- John & Mishie Bacot
- Betty Butler Gaither, Caroline's aunt
- Nancy Hogan
- Mac & Holly Hubbard
- Kelli Lott & daughters Savanah and Gabby
- Tracy Rainey
- Meg Templin Smith, niece of M. A. Wilson
- Ed Watkins
- Gail & Glen Yonce, and Georgianna
- Our pastor and her family, staff, elders, and elders-elect

*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
- Community Initiatives



## For Those in Our Hearts

*We pray for these members of our wider community:*

- Betsey Blimline
- Chris Brown
- Lib Colough
- Nancy Cooper
- Dean & Albert Fadden
- David Gillespie
- Lois Grice
- Beverly Grier
- Stephanie & Eve Horton
- Joan Herin
- Michael Knight
- Corrie Manis
- Terence Reese
- Trae Steelmon
- Dave Watson
- Abigail
- Candy
- Diana
- Geri
- JK



## For the World

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

- For those who are traveling
- For those living with mental, emotional, and/or physical illnesses
- For all who experience exclusion, or who struggle to meet basic needs
- For justice and mercy to prevail throughout the world—*thy will be done*
- For those whose lives and well-being are at risk because of war or natural disasters
- For unity among Christians in every congregation, country, and corner of the world
- For peace and wisdom in our community, country, & among world and local leaders
- For those serving in the American armed services, especially those in harm's way
- For our enemies, that their hearts may be transformed by your love and truth

*"...if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."*

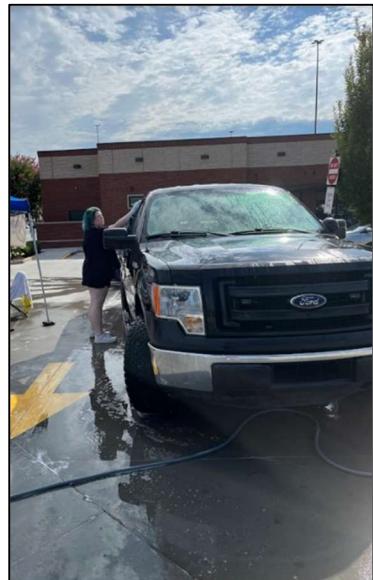
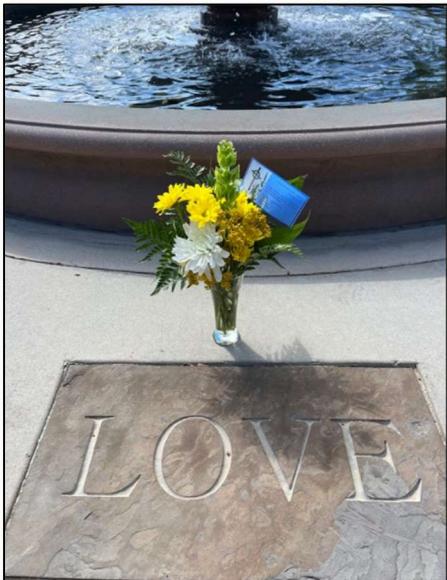
*1 John 5:14*

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## And God Saw That It Was Good



*Westminster welcomed new member Bill Kimler into the family on August 28*



*Pop-Up Posies*

*Chef Rob at work*

*Dashe volunteers*



*New picnic table donation*



*Greenwood Place members celebrate our new stove, provided by an anonymous donor. Thanks!*

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## If You Have Faith the Size of a Mustard Seed...

*The first Mustard Seedlings mission project, revitalizing Westminster's Prayer Garden, began with a lot of hard work from our hearty band of volunteers who cleared out years of debris that had piled up. Coordinator Di Litwer sends along these thanks and photos:*

"An ENORMOUSLY HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who devoted their Saturday mornings to making our prayer garden suitable for use by our young Mustard Seedlings, as well as anyone seeking a lovely natural setting conducive to peace, prayer, and meditation: David and Beth Hammond, Larry Dozier, Mitch Litwer, Laine Horowitz, Lucia Horowitz.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! YOU ARE ALL WORTH YOUR WEIGHT IN GOLD!"



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## ...You Can Move Mountains!

The Fall kickoff celebration (and first regular meeting) of the Mustard Seedlings was held on Sunday, August 28th at 4:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall and out in the Prayer Garden.



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## Walk to Fight Hunger: Greenwood Food Bank Fundraiser



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# How I Spent My Summer Vacation

## Getting Healthy

**From Len Bornemann:** "Pictured is my Infusion Nurse, Kimbrell Freeman and myself at the July 'Cancer-free Bell Ringing' that celebrated 12 weeks of chemo and a successful surgery that followed shortly thereafter."



## Savoring Old Memories and Making New Ones

**From Bill Jacobs:** Theresa and I attended my Golden Tiger Reunion (50 years) at Clemson this summer. I wrote a poem to commemorate the event, but it is pretty specific to my class of chemical engineers. We had a good time renewing old friendships. We also fished at Pawley's Island and admired the statuary at Brookgreen Gardens.



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## How I Spent My Summer Vacation, *continued*

### Nurturing Nature

**From Arthur Gillespie:** "The only sunflower seed I got from Joy in June."



### Feeding the Family

**From Caroline Dennis:** "As a coda to our "Give us each day our essential bread" Sunday, I thought you might like to hear about these connections: Today, I delivered those tomatoes to the food bank, where they were received gladly by Whitney Nicholson. They came from the WPC raised garden built and planted by Joe Broadway. Not pictured is Joey, who is a member of Greenwood Place that I saw working today at the food pantry. I learned that he has worked there for 13 years. What a glorious supply chain of essential 'bread' we are a part of!"



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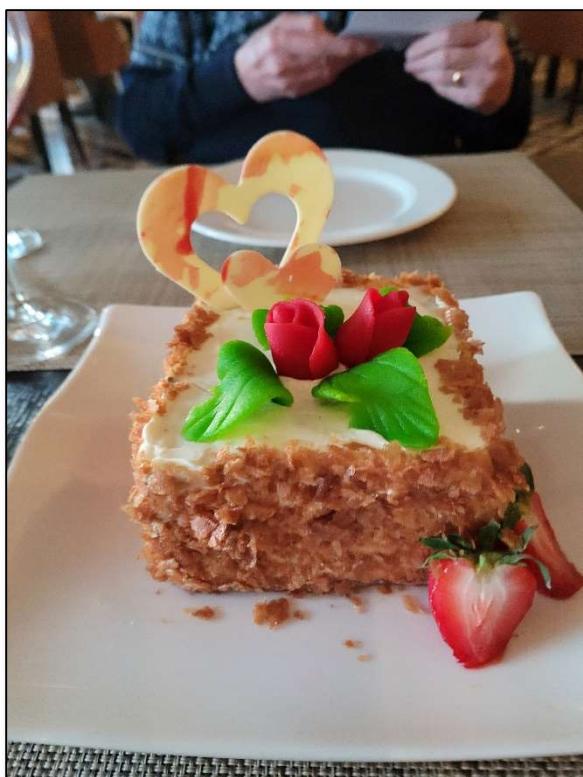
## How I Spent My Summer Vacation, *continued*

### Celebrating Anniversaries

**From Autumn Brown:** "Tim and I celebrated our one-year anniversary [as a couple] on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We went to Break on the Lake. Attached are a couple of pics from that evening! It feels like we've been together a lot longer! He's such a special man!"



**From Claire Kuhl:** "While Steve and I were on our long-delayed cruise, we celebrated our 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We dined on a very up-scale Italian feast, capped off by cake and a champagne toast. A new acquaintance at an adjoining table offered to take our picture. She turned out to be a retired photo editor at *National Geographic*!"



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## How I Spent My Summer Vacation, *continued*

### Frolicking with Family

**From the Dennises:** "Our vacation included time at the beach with almost every member of our extended family. Here are pictures of Jacob, Helen, and Hannah, plus a happy Dad."



**From the Wickers:** Rey won a laser tag game through the summer reading program at the library. We have been enjoying it. We spent a lot of time in Charleston in the month of June with grandparents and cousins. We caught fish, jumped off their dock, and had a generally grand ol' time.



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## How I Spent My Summer Vacation, *continued*

### Gadding About, Hither and Thither

**Caroline, the Wickers, and Dorothy Younce:** Basking in culture at Greenwood Community Theatre.



**From the Kuhls:** “in Edinburgh, Scotland, who should we run into but John Knox himself! He still hangs out at St. Giles Cathedral. The cathedral was hosting an art show that included an installation called “1,000 Leaves of Hope” in a side chapel. It featured 1,000 metal leaves, each inscribed with the word *hope*. Visitors were encouraged to submit a personal prayer request on a paper leaf, so we did.”

