



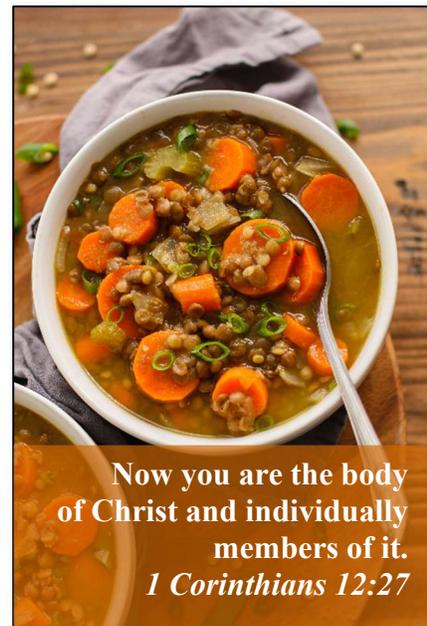
Soup Season

Without a doubt, Fall is my favorite season. What's yours?

I love the cadences of the drumline at the football games, the steam rising out of the hot beverage I hold in my hands while I swing on my now cool front porch, the turning of the leaves, and the thermometer's permission to make and enjoy soup. Last Sunday at our house, we made our first pot of vegetable soup and pan of cornbread. There was no recipe for the soup. Just a little of this and a little of that. Never again will there be a soup just like that one.

Like a salad, each ingredient added something of its particularity to the mix, but unlike salad, because of extended time spent together in the pot over a low heat, the combination was something greater, richer, more complex than the sum of the parts. The flavors mixed and mingled and were no longer just corn, carrots, beans, peas, beef, tomatoes... they were *soup*.

You see where I'm going here. Church is a bit like that pot of soup, each of us is adding something particular to the mix. The resulting community that emerges from the blending of our varied personalities, abilities, histories, quirks, preferences, knowledge... is something more than the sum of the parts.



Now you are the body
of Christ and individually
members of it.
1 Corinthians 12:27



Like my vegetable soup, there's no recipe for a church community either... no specified ingredients or quantities. No two church communities are ever alike. No two days at church are ever the same. Each person adds something that makes the fellowship better. The extended time we spend worshipping, studying, playing, and working alongside our fellow church members is that slow cooking that makes a church something different something richer than a diverse group of folks that show up at Walmart on any given day.

It's soup season! Come and become a part of what God is making at Westminster as we worship, play, learn, and serve together. You are a valuable ingredient! Together, we are souper!

Your pastor and friend,

Caroline

Worship in October: Christians in Action

In the busy-ness of the Fall season, we must remember to be people of faith in *action*: passing bread, packing for our journey, welcoming Jesus into our heart.

October 2: Pass the Bread, Please

World Communion Sunday

Communion

† 2 Timothy 1:1-14

October 9: Packing Lightly for the Adventure of Faith

Presbyterian College Sunday

The Rev. Dr. Buz Wilcoxon, Guest Preacher

(see page 6)

† Acts 4:32-37

October 16: Belonging to God

Children's Sabbath

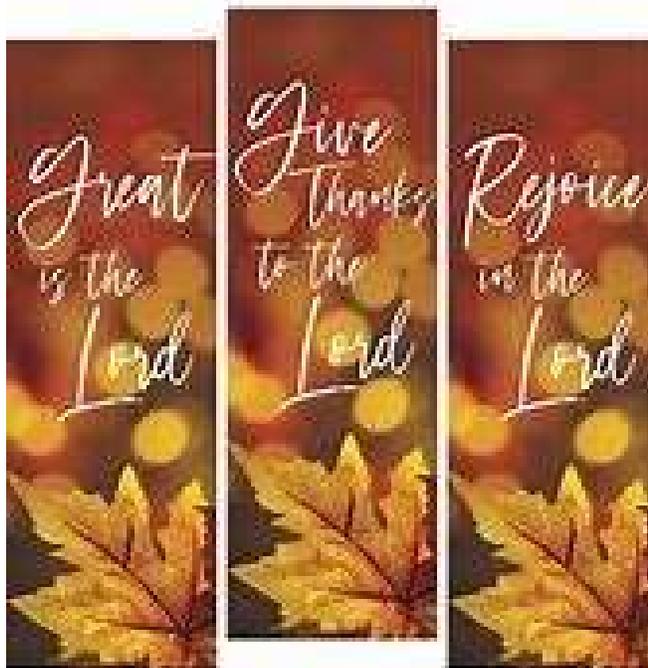
† Luke 18:15-17

October 23: Standing Before the Lord

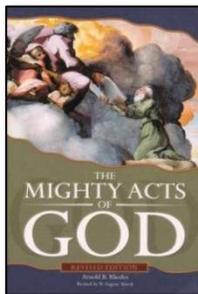
† Luke 18:9-14

October 30: Jesus Invites Himself Over

† Luke 19:1-10



***The Mighty Acts of God* Sunday Morning Study Continues**



If you think Sunday School has to be dull and boring, you haven't experienced the teaching tag team of Jacobs, Kauffmann, and Kuhl! On any given Sunday morning, you may find your serious scripture study spiced up with dramatic readings, historical context, bad dad jokes, linguistic parsing, *lots* of maps, and heartfelt personal testimonies.

Dust off your copy of *The Mighty Acts of God*, written by Arnold B. Rhodes, or pick one up from the church library. From now through November, we join the Israelites as they escape from Egypt—surely one of the most significant Mighty Acts as God calls out His chosen people and leads them through the wilderness, trekking toward the Promised Land. See you Sundays at 9:00 A.M.!

What in Creation?!?

In recent weeks, our children have completed a deep dive into The Lord's Prayer and their first venture into communion participation. You might wonder, "What in creation comes *next*?" Well, that's easy—they will spend the next seven weeks learning about the creation story in Genesis. Kathy Gillespie notes that the kids will spend one Sunday focused on each day described in the creation story. Bring your children, grandchildren, and young neighbors for this fun learning experience.



Westminster Happenings

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| Sunday
October 2 | <p>Sunday School
Meet at 9:00 A.M. in the choir room.
Explore more of <i>The Mighty Acts of God</i> with Bill Jacobs.</p> <p>Pass the Bread, Please
<i>World Communion Sunday</i>
<i>Communion</i>
Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.
Join Christians across the globe in coming to God's table of love.</p> |
| Sunday
October 9 | <p>Sunday School
Gather at 9:00 A.M. in the choir room.
Join Claire Kuhl and the group for more <i>Mighty Acts of God</i>.</p> <p>Packing Lightly for the Adventure of Faith
<i>Presbyterian College Sunday</i>
Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.
Welcome guest preacher the Rev. Dr. Buz Wilcoxon to our pulpit.</p> <p>Session Meeting
Meet in the parlor at 11:30 A.M.
Conduct the work of the church with the Holy Spirit's guidance.</p> |
| Monday
October 10 | <p><i>The church office is closed for the Columbus Day holiday.</i></p> <p>Presbyterian Women
Connect with the women of Westminster at 10:00 A.M. in the parlor.
Spend good sabbath time in Bible study, led by Tina Corley .</p> |
| Saturday
October 15 | <p>Deadline for Music & Worship Conference Registration
Contact Pastor Dennis ASAP if you are interested in attending.
<i>See page 9 for more information about conference and scholarships.</i></p> |
| Sunday
October 16 | <p>Sunday School
Join the conversation at 9:00 A.M. in the choir room.
Doug Kauffmann leads us through another of the <i>Mighty Acts of God</i>.</p> <p>Belonging to God
<i>Children's Sabbath</i>
Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.
Consider how Jesus welcomes <i>all</i> of His children.</p> <p>Sunday Sustenance
Feast in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.
Please your palate with another delicious dinner from Chef Rob.
Bring little ones up for a Sunday sing-along, led by Sally and Denise.</p> |

Westminster Happenings, *continued*

Sunday
October 16
continued

Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children® Training

Learn how to prevent child abuse—1:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall.

Note: required for Session and all volunteers working with children.

Open to all interested parties. See page 16 for more information.

**Wednesday &
Thursday**
October 19-20

Empty Bowls Fundraising Event for Greenwood Soup Kitchen

Buy a beautiful, handcrafted bowl and eat your fill to fill up others.

See page 9 for details.

Sunday
October 23

Sunday School

Gather in the choir room at 9:00 A.M.

Delve deeply into more of the *Mighty Acts of God*.

Standing Before the Lord

Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.

Avoid praying like the hypocrites—stand humbly before the Lord.

Wednesday
October 26

Wednesday Night Supper: Food for Thought Part II

Come to the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 P.M. for this important event.

Hear Olanda Carr describe our Project Regeneration adventure plan.

See page 8 for more information

Saturday
October 29

Connecting During Times of Crisis

Travel to Gilbert, SC for this seminar on emergency preparedness.

See page 10 for more information.

Sunday
October 30

Sunday School

Gather in the choir room at 9:00 A.M.

Look on in awe as God performs His many mighty acts.

Jesus Invites Himself Over

Stewardship Kickoff

Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.

Be prepared to welcome Jesus to your table and into your heart.

Western Cluster Musical Event: Lift Up Your Voice!

Join other music-makers at Hodges Presbyterian Church at 6:30 P.M.

Enjoy an informal evening of song and praise—no audition required!

2022 Evangelism Conference

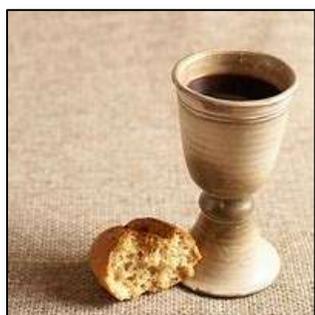
Go ye to Montreat Conference Center October 30-November 1.

Wrestle with how and how *not* to fulfill the Great Commission.

World Communion Sunday

Excerpted from pcusa.org

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us (I Cor. 11:21) that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! This is scandalous behavior opposed to the Way of Christ.



Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global

Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need. [Visit pcusa.org to make a contribution.]

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday began in 1933, and was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread.

Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a broken world.

Children's Sabbath Celebration

Excerpted from pcusa.org

The National Observance of Children's Sabbath, sponsored and resourced by the Children's Defense Fund, is a time for people of all faiths to unite in shared concern for children and common commitment to improving children's lives and working for justice on their behalf. Children's Sabbath is typically observed sometime in October.

Observance of Children's Sabbath weekend unites faith communities of every religious tradition across the nation to:

- Raise awareness of problems facing children and families in our nation (such as poverty, gun violence, and lack of health care)
- Explore the texts and teachings in religious traditions that call us to nurture and protect children with love and justice
- Engage people of faith in immediate and long-term action to nurture, protect, and seek justice for children

By participating in this multi-faith, nationwide celebration, people of faith gain the inspiration of participating in a larger movement for children and help amplify the voice of our faith communities calling for justice, especially justice for the youngest and the “least of these.”



A Warm Westminster Welcome to Our New Neighbor!

On October 9, we are blessed to have as our guest pastor The Rev. Dr. Searcy Allen “Buz” Wilcoxon IV. This July, he began serving in a new role as the inaugural Marianne & E.G. Lassiter Chaplain & Dean of Spiritual Life at Presbyterian College in Clinton.



Wilcoxon is a former member of PC’s Board of Church Advisors and a current member of the Columbia Theological Seminary Board of Trustees. He has been a stalwart servant in the larger church, having served on numerous committees in the Presbytery of South Alabama, the Synod of Living Waters, and the PC (USA).



Buz grew up in Fairhope, AL. He attended Presbyterian College (BA) and Columbia Theological Seminary (MDiv & DMin). Over the past 14 years, he has served as associate pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC, and senior pastor of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church in Mobile, AL. Buz serves on the board of trustees for Columbia Theological Seminary and has written a number of

hymns that have been published in Presbyterian resources. He and his wife, Ryann, are the proud parents of two children: Lohi (12) and Wilson (10).

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.



August 2022

	August Actual	Monthly Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
Total Income	\$10,226	\$15,574	\$109,451	\$126,093
Total Expenses	\$16,571	\$18,645	\$132,683	\$129,492
Net Gain/Loss	-\$6,344		-\$25,177	

There was a \$6,344 operating loss, primarily due to shortfall in member revenue. Collections received at Worship on the Water services were contributed to Greenwood United Ministries (\$665) and Camp Fellowship (\$665). Once again, 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.



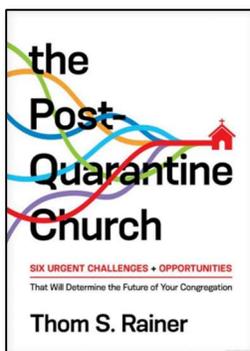
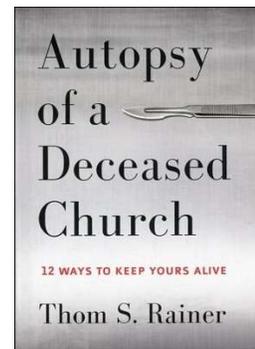
Reaching the Unchurched Task Force: *Go! Love! Grow!*

At the September 28, 2022 “Food for Thought” family supper, your Session introduced the newly approved evangelism and growth initiative known as the Reaching the Unchurched Task Force. The goal of this initiative is to equip Westminster for pursuing a more strategic approach to obeying Christ’s instructions to us:

- “Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature”—the Great Commission (Mark 16:15)
- “ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”—the Two Greatest Commandments (Mark 12:30-31)

The central engine of this initiative is the acknowledgement that as we are obedient to God’s call to **Go!** and to **Love!**, He will give us the resources we need to **Grow!** His kingdom “on earth as it is in heaven.”

Participation at the evening event was strong, with more than 30 people present. A tasty Chick-fil-a dinner was provided at no cost, thanks to an anonymous donor. The presentation by the Session started with looking at some disturbing statistical trends showing the gradual erosion of faith and religious participation in our country.



Next, key messages from two thought-provoking books were shared: *Autopsy of a Deceased Church*, and *The Post-Quarantine Church*, both by Thom S. Rainer. Kathy Felder, Kathy Gillespie, Emily Hughes and Steve Kuhl shared their thoughts and reactions in a panel discussion, with great additional comments from the floor. It was particularly gratifying to have strong positive statements and valuable insights from several of our newest and youngest members of the Westminster family.

The program concluded with a brief overview of the Reaching the Unchurched proposal, including announcement that our next Wednesday Night Supper will be the kickoff for Project Regeneration—a self-reflection and visioning process. A professional facilitator and consultant will be provided to us at no cost by the Presbyterian Foundation. More information about this exciting opportunity is provided on page 8 of this newsletter and on the Foundation’s website:

<https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/project-regeneration/>.

For a complete copy of the proposal, presentation notes, and other handouts, check the narthex or contact the church office. If you feel called to volunteer for the task force, contact Pastor Dennis or any member of the Session. And remember to keep this initiative in your prayers!

“Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel!”

Project Regeneration: Writing Westminster's Next Chapter

To lay a sturdy foundation for the outward-focused work of Reaching the Unchurched, we first need to invest time and energy in looking inward. Project Regeneration, designed and facilitated by the Presbyterian Foundation, will help us clarify who we are today, and what our vision is for the coming months and years. Here's what the Presbyterian Foundation website has to say about this no-cost consulting service:

The COVID-19 pandemic prompted many churches to innovate in new and inspiring ways. It also brought to the surface larger questions for congregations.

Project Regeneration



You may be wondering if your church is being called to new ministries, or if the ministry you were doing prior to the pandemic is still sustainable.

At the Presbyterian Foundation, we've worked with hundreds of congregations just like yours with similar questions—prior to the pandemic, and have continued to do so during and after.

Some are grappling with property questions, and need to find a new property that better suits their needs.

Others wanted to better serve their community and wanted help thinking through what that might mean.

And yes, some decided to close their doors—but make a lasting impact through creating an endowment to support ministries and causes their church loves.

Whatever your congregation's next chapter, we're here to walk with you, and discern where God may be calling you next. Our expert Ministry Relations Officers can lead your congregation through a discernment process to help you decide what is next for you.



October 26—Save the Date!

Mark your calendar *now* for "Food for Thought Part II" on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

The after-dinner presentation will be made by Olanda Carr, Senior Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation's East Region. He will be Westminster's Project Regeneration facilitator and consultant. He'll be providing us with a detailed introduction to Project Regeneration and all that it entails.

This is the official kick-off for our Reaching the Unchurched initiative. You don't want to miss out on this vital conversation—your voice matters!



As well-fed as most of us are, it's easy to lose sight (literally) of the many people in Greenwood living with food-insecurity. The Greenwood Soup Kitchen served almost 30,000 meals last year. And the current tough times mean that even more of our neighbors are in danger of going hungry.

The Empty Bowls project raises much-needed funds to help the Greenwood Soup Kitchen address this critical issue.

So—what exactly is Empty Bowls?? It is an international grassroots movement that marries local artists with organizations that fight hunger in their own communities.

Artists create and donate unique pottery bowls. Those who buy tickets and attend the event select their favorite bowl and enjoy a meal of gourmet soup, accompanied by homemade rolls and desserts. They then get to take home the chosen bowl to serve as a reminder of all the “empty bowls” in their community and in the world.



Westminster family and friends are encouraged to purchase a ticket and become a part of solving hunger in Greenwood. Call Soup Kitchen Executive Director Norm Fawsett at 864.227.3421 to secure your tickets (adults \$25; children \$15) for this delicious and significant night in Greenwood. You may choose dine-in or carry-out service from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

For information and pictures, visit the Empty Bowls Greenwood Facebook page.



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.

For more information or to register for this event, please visit this website:
Montreat.org/evangelism.

2023 Worship & Music Conference



June 18-23, 2022
Montreat Conference Center & Online

Sponsored by Montreat Conference Center in partnership with the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.



The Western Cluster of Trinity Presbytery is gathering a group of interested musicians to participate in this stellar conference.

The Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) is making some scholarships available, especially for youth who are interested in music. Please contact Pastor Caroline **before October 15** if you would like to attend. She must arrange for transportation and lodging by the end of October.

October Celebrations!

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

- ❖ 5th – Wendy Bruce
- ❖ 6th – Hamp Watkins
- ❖ 9th – Tracy Rainey
- ❖ 10th – Rey Wicker
- ❖ 14th – Susan Pope
- ❖ 24th – Arthur Gillespie
- ❖ 31st – Spears Alexander
Mishie Bacot
Bill Hogan

And a very happy anniversary to:

- ❖ 15th – Joyce & Spears Alexander
- ❖ 16th – Bill & Nancy Hogan

Celebrate!

Emergency Preparedness Event on October 29th

Trinity and Foothills Presbyteries are hosting a joint event focused on preparing congregations for man-made or natural disasters that might affect our churches.



The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at Cherokee Presbyterian

Church, located in Gilbert, SC. The program is entitled “Connecting During Times of Crisis: Sharing Stories of Support.”

Cost of attendance is \$10 per participant. Register before October 15th at <https://foothillspresbytery.org/event/connecting-during-times-of-crisis-sharing-stories-of-support/>.

Poetry Corner

Tall Grasses

By Joyce Alexander

Circling the lonely pond
Like ever present sentinels
Protecting the quietude
Of this seemingly
Deserted place,
Tall reeds and grasses
Crowd the bank
Creating secret passages
For industrious beaver
Who venture forth
In relentless search
Of fresh boughs beyond;
Creating a safe haven
For visiting waterfowl
Who stop to rest
On homeward flights;
Creating thriving habitats
For spawning frogs and insects.
Tall grasses whispering,
Swaying gracefully.
An artist’s portrait
Of solitude
Amid teeming life.

Every Penny a Prayer

“In God We Trust.”

Stewardship season is almost upon us...although in truth, *every* season is stewardship season! In



Psalm 8, the author notes that God made us humans “rulers over the works of [His] hands.” We are called, therefore, to treat all of creation and everyone in it with love and care, as good stewards must.

Part of good stewardship is supporting the life of the church and the family of God by sharing your gifts, time, and talents. You don’t have to be a big donor to make a big difference! Any and every penny you put into the offering plate (real or virtual) celebrates your commitment to serving God, the very God in whom we all trust.

In the coming weeks, be on the lookout for messages from your Session members about how *your* gifts have been used to glorify God and do His work, spreading the Good News and caring for His children.

Great Hymns of Our Faith: “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Downloaded from <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-god-of-grace-and-god-of-glory>



“God of grace and God of glory” was written in 1930 by Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969) for the dedication of the famous Riverside Church in New York City.

As we sing this hymn, perhaps it is helpful to remind ourselves of the events that shaped the “hour” and the “days” that provide the context for this great hymn.

“God of Grace and God of Glory” was written while the United States was in the throes of the Great Depression between the two World Wars. Fosdick was a champion of the social gospel, a movement that recognized the plight of the poor, especially in the urban Northeast during the Industrial Revolution.

Under his leadership Riverside Church was interdenominational, interracial, without a creed, and, astonishingly for Baptists, required no specific mode of baptism. At the center of Fosdick’s ministry was urban social ministry.”

The hymn was written in the summer of 1930. It took shape as he reflected on the construction of a magnificent new church building, and was first sung as the processional hymn at the opening service on Oct. 5, 1930, and again at the dedication on Feb. 8, 1931.

The language of the hymn is ultimately that of petition. “Grant us wisdom, grant us courage” concludes each stanza with the effect of a refrain.

God of grace and God of glory
On your people pour your pow’r;
Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving you whom we adore,
Serving you whom we adore!

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways.
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure your children’s warring madness;
Bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss your kingdom’s goal,
Lest we miss your kingdom’s goal.

Grant us wisdom,
Grant us courage,
For the living of these days.

Do-It-Yourself Devotionals



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 beginning October 2, so you can claim your date(s).

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 that day's prayers

Your meditation could be a story, a picture, a painting, a poem. It could be your own thoughts and creation, a child of grandchild's contribution, or even a favorite message from an existing source. Whatever communicates the message of grateful anticipation in your heart!

October Treat for the Mustard Seedlings—What will it be???

Mission maven Di Litwer hints that a *huge* treat is being planned for the Mustard Seedlings' October gathering—something about a Mustard Seedlings Hootenanny Hoe-Down.

Hmmm! Sounds intriguing! Stay tuned for details. And in the meantime, color the pumpkin patch picture provided on the last page of this newsletter to get a treat when you meet.



What's on Your Mind? Let Us Know!

Your Session and Pastor always want to hear your voice. 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:

- Christmas and New Year's Day both fall on Sunday this year. What would make those worship services especially meaningful for you?



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 Greenwood and surrounding areas for over 30 years. Our own Nancy Hart Wicker, MD can provide you with information about the organization and how you can get involved.

Greenwood Place Update

Submitted by Fred Murphy, Executive Director

Greenwood Place leadership has met with the Director of Behavioral Health of DHHS in South Carolina to discuss future funding for the Greenwood clubhouse through Medicaid reimbursement.



Back in 2018, South Carolina imposed a moratorium on approving new providers of Rehabilitative Services for mental health. That moratorium is still in place. During our meeting with the Director, she agreed to look at providing a waiver for Greenwood Place. We have provided additional information to her, and she is currently reviewing that information. If we can obtain approval for Medicaid reimbursement, this will help establish a permanent funding source for the Clubhouse.

Greenwood Place is part of Clubhouse International. Clubhouse International is the governing body for Clubhouses throughout the world. Currently there are clubhouses in 34 different counties. In the USA, there are over 280 clubhouses in 30 states. South Carolina has 2 operational clubhouses, and 2 others that are in the process of organizing. All clubhouses operate under the guidance of 37 standards that are the foundation of each clubhouse. Below are a few of our key standards:

1. Membership is voluntary and without time limits.
2. The Clubhouse has control over its acceptance of new members. Membership is open to anyone with a history of mental illness, unless that person poses a significant and current threat to the general safety of the Clubhouse community.
3. Members choose the way they utilize the clubhouse, the staff with whom they work. There are no agreements, contracts, schedules, or rules intended to enforce participation of members.

Many thanks to our Westminster Presbyterian Church family for their continued prayers.

Message from the Missions & Outreach Committee

Our friends at Greenwood Place appreciate our prayers. They also welcome our *active* support for the Clubhouse and its members. How can you help? Here are some ideas:

- Come to the Clubhouse for lunch—there’s always something delicious bubbling on the kitchen stove. Call ahead to reserve a seat at the table.
- Serve on the Board of Directors—your wisdom, compassion, and good business sense would add value to their leadership team. Contact Executive Director Fred Murphy for details about the responsibilities of being on the Board.
- Provide financial support—especially until Medicaid becomes a reality, Greenwood Place survives on grants and donations.



Suicide Facts from the National Association for Mental Illness (NAMI)



Lesbian, gay and bisexual youth are
4x more likely
to attempt suicide than straight youth

4^x

2nd

Suicide is the
2nd leading cause of death
for people ages 10-34

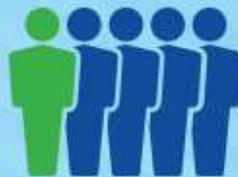
Serious thoughts of suicide have been reported by

11.3%

of young adults ages 18-25

18.8%

of high school students



1 in 5 young people report that the pandemic has had a
significant negative impact on their mental health



18% of adolescents
ages 12-17



23% of young adults
ages 18-25

Let Us Pray...



For Those in Our Church

We share one another's joys and concerns:

- John & Mishie Bacot
- Kerry Cooper, Autumn's uncle
- Betty Butler Gaither, Caroline's aunt
- Mac & Holly Hubbard
- Kelli Lott & daughters Savannah and Gabby
- 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

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

1 John 5:14

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
- Presbyterian College
- 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 living with mental, emotional, and/or physical illnesses
- For everyone negatively affected by Hurricane Ian
- 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



Guided by the vision of a world where children can grow up happy, healthy, and safe, Darkness to Light is committed to empowering people to prevent child sexual abuse. We believe that protecting children is an adult's responsibility, and that through education and training, adults will be empowered to act.

WHAT IS STEWARDS OF CHILDREN®?

Stewards of Children® is an evidence-informed, award-winning two-hour training that teaches adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. Through interviews with child sexual abuse survivors, experts, and treatment providers, *Stewards of Children*® teaches adults practical actions they can take to reduce instances of child sexual abuse in their organizations, families, and communities.

Training Features:

- Available in person and online
- Available in English and Spanish
- Approved nationally for two hours of continuing education for nurses, social workers, dentists, and dental hygienists

RESEARCH

Stewards of Children® is the only evidence-informed, adult-focused child sexual abuse prevention training in the United States proven to increase knowledge and change behavior. Numerous studies have shown that Darkness to Light's prevention education works and evidence-informed training can change child protective behaviors. Studies include:

- A Center for Disease Control funded study conducted by the National Crime Victims Research Center that found that Darkness to Light's training changes and strengthens adult child-protective behaviors.
- Data compiled in South Carolina by noted researcher Dr. Elizabeth Letourneau of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, suggesting citizens trained in the *Stewards of Children*® program report previously unrecognized abuse at a higher rate than in other communities
- A study conducted in Texas that found educators trained using the *Stewards of Children*® program increased their reporting of previously unrecognized abuse by 82% in the year following training.

GET INVOLVED

Visit www.D2L.org or email Stewards@D2L.org to learn more about *Stewards of Children*®, see where it is being offered in your state, or find out how you can offer training to your organization or community.

If you are a victim or survivor seeking resources or information, please call our nationwide helpline at 866-FOR-LIGHT or text LIGHT to 741741 to talk to a trained counselor 24/7.

And God Saw That It Was Good



Brian Purcell successfully completes his examination by Trinity Presbytery. Congrats!



Richard Wilson welcomes Katie Henderson, the new Assistant Director for Programs at Camp Fellowship.



Penguin Project curtain call—starring Rey and Willow!



Mary Corley and Laura Jeffcoat compare lanyards. One is Clemson, the other USC.



Jacob Dennis playing with the mighty Emerald High School Vikings Marching Band.

Bursting with Blooms!



Beth and David Hammond gave Sunday flowers in honor of their mothers. Caroline shared some with Maggie and Hunter Raborn. During their lunch together, Maggie saw a little girl who was having a bad day. Maggie got up from the table and took one of the sunflowers to the little girl. Flowers, like love, are best when shared!

Autumn and Tim were delighted by a blooming good latte while enjoying time with Caroline at Aromas Uptown.



During Joy in June, Arthur and the gang each planted a sunflower seed. As you can see, that small seed has become a gorgeous, giant sunflower, almost as tall as Arthur. Just another everyday miracle from our loving creator God!

To God be the Glory



Wearing the Lord's Prayer

- Blue** Our Father, who art in *heaven*.
- White** *Hallowed* be Thy name.
- Purple** Thy *kingdom* come. Thy will be done.
- Green** On *earth* as it is in heaven.
- Yellow** Give us this day our daily *bread*.
- Red** And forgive us our *debts* as we forgive our debtors.
- Orange** Lead us, not into *temptation*, but deliver us from evil.
- Gold** For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the *glory*, forever. *Amen!*



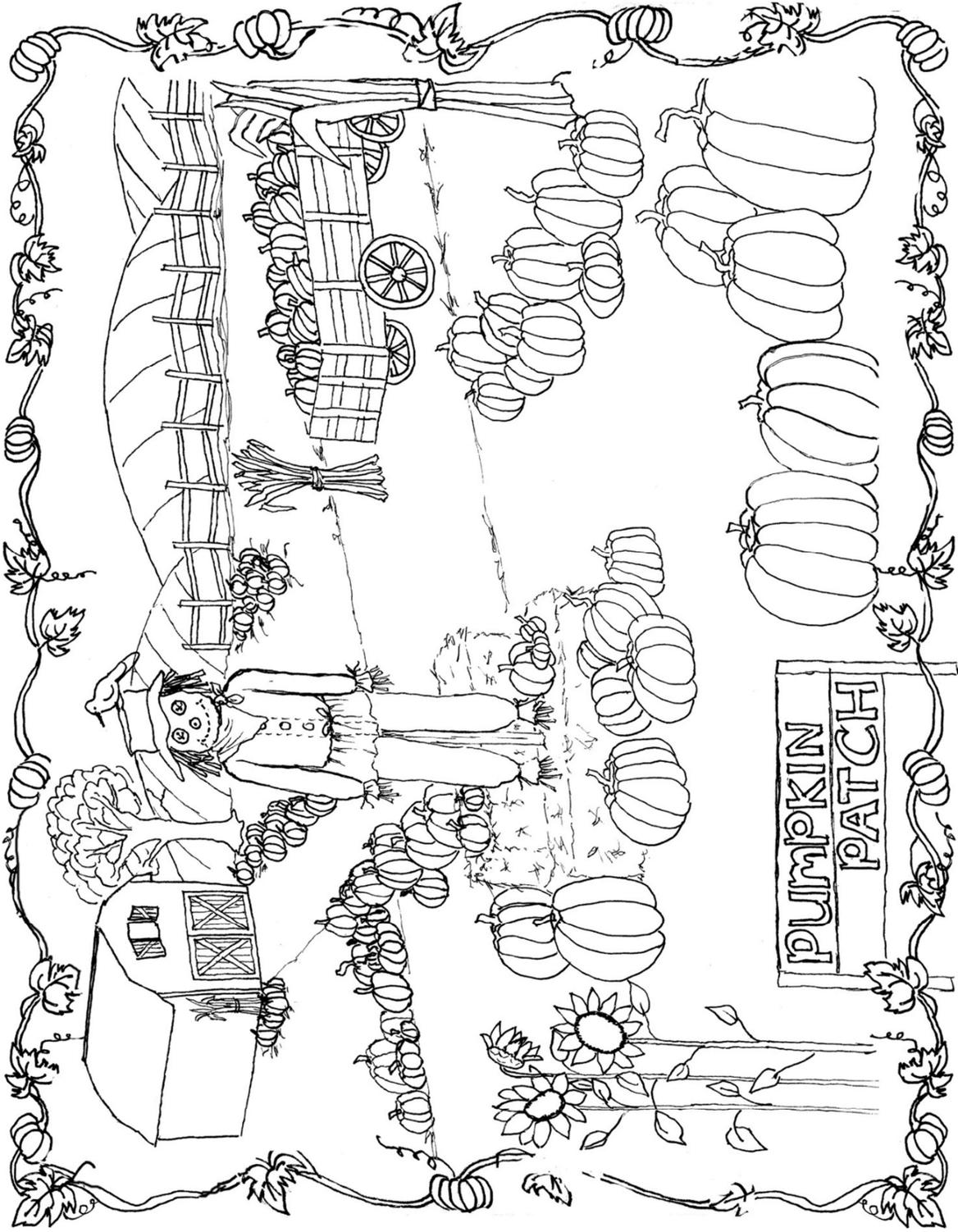
↑ Mustard Seedlings enjoy a scavenger hunt in the garden.

Congratulations to →
Kathleen Watkins and
Kathy West, our newest recipients
of PW Honorary Life Membership

← Your faithful stewardship made it possible for us to put a new roof on the south wing so that God's house is a safe and welcoming place.



Color my pumpkin patch,



... bring me to the Mustard Seedlings' Hootenanny Hoe-Down on October 25th for a yummy treat!