



Being An Easter People



*My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.
John 15:8*

As we go through life, we often ask ourselves, “Who am I?” The answer to this question often informs how we act.

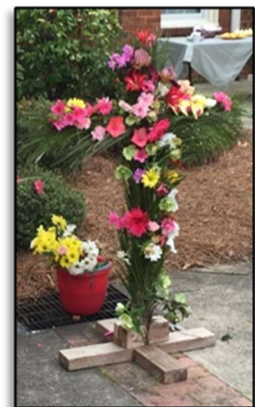
When we are gathered into groups like families, or schools, or social groups, businesses, or churches, we ask ourselves, “Who are we?” How we answer this question informs how our group acts.

In the days after Christ’s crucifixion, the people who had been following him had an existential crisis. They didn’t know who they were or how to act. No longer were they students of Jesus of Nazareth. No longer were they potential revolutionaries. No longer were they a curious crowd waiting to see what would happen next. They were a grieving people. A lost people. A frightened people. They hid. They scattered. They resumed their former occupations.

But then the stories began to circulate. “We have seen him!” “He is alive!” And he appeared among them. Making his way through locked doors. Eating with them. Letting them touch his wounds. Commissioning them. Inspiring them.

And now, they had a new identity. Now they were Easter People, followers of the Crucified and Risen Christ. The Book of Acts is their story. It is the account of the acts of a Spirit empowered Easter people:

- Studying and teaching God’s word
- Praying
- Breaking bread together
- Tending to the needs of the least among them
- Contributing wholeheartedly to the community
- Sharing the good news with those outside their circle
- Being attentive to the nudges of the Spirit
- Bringing healing to the sick
- Worshipping God (even in prison!)



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Oh, they weren't perfect people. They also disagreed and disobeyed, argued, and complained. But they bore good fruit that we are harvesting still today.

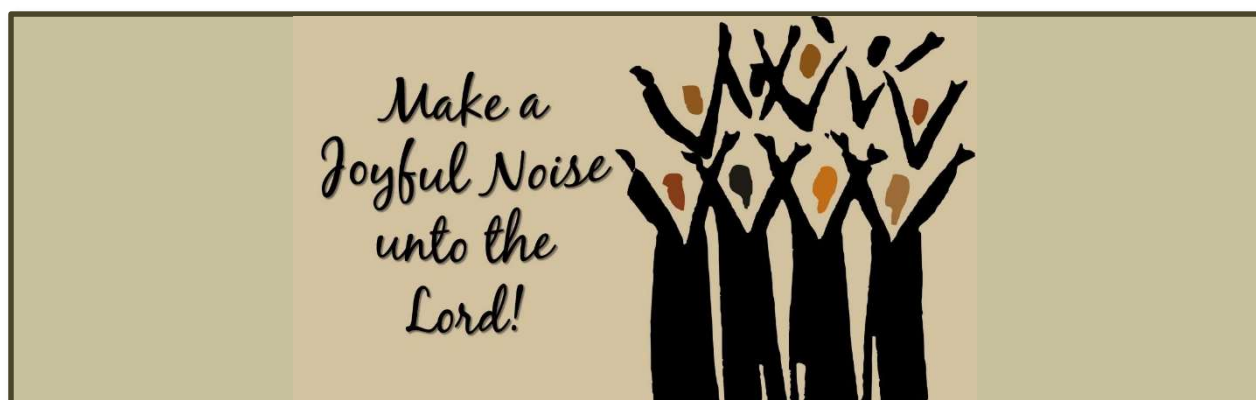
We are the ones who have inherited the story, and the Spirit, and the way of life.

According to the Gospel of John, before Jesus was arrested, he spent some time with his closest friends, those who would continue his ministry. He gave them some extensive instructions that are also part of our inheritance from these first disciples. Jesus gave them this metaphor. He said, "I am the vine... and you are the branches. Stay connected to me. Abide in me... that you might bear much fruit."

I know we want to be a fruit-bearing Easter people. So, now that Easter Day has come and gone, let us not scatter and hide. Let us not return to our former occupations. Let us become a community of disciples. Let us abide in Christ. Always attentive to the Spirit's flow among us, let us study and teach, pray and care, worship and share.

Your sibling in Christ,

 *Caroline*



Sacred Silences, Joyful Noises

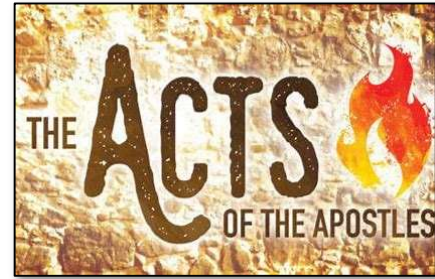
Silence during worship can be profound. An opportunity to "be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). A time for personal confession. A space for prayerful contemplation. A pause in the action for breathing and gathering energy. A moment to listen for God's word to you.

Joyful noises during worship are also profound. Sing boldly, even if you don't yet know the tune. Join in speaking aloud the **highlighted** texts of the liturgy provided in the bulletin. Pray along with the children at the end of their special time during the service. Laugh when the sermon is humorous. Shout out an "amen!!" when the spirit moves you.

Also be aware that when babies cry or some of our special-needs worshipers vocalize during worship, those, too, are joyful noises, welcome to us and precious to God. We've learned that those unexpected sounds often indicate that someone is happy, feels safe, and is comfortable worshipping with their family and friends. God is present in *all* silences and sounds.

April Sermon Series: Easter People, Risen Lord

Easter is not just one day, it is a season, from Easter Sunday (March 31) to Pentecost (May 19). And, it is not just a season—it is a way of life.



The lectionary offers us no Old Testament texts during this season, replacing them with texts from the Acts of the Apostles, or as some call it the Acts of the Holy Spirit! During the Season of Easter, we will be focusing on the lectionary texts from the book of Acts and from the

Gospels of Luke and John. We will see how a people on the far side of the cross empowered by the Spirit continue the mission of the Risen Christ and we will imagine how that might be our way of life as a community of Easter People following our Risen Lord.

As a personal spiritual practice, we commend the reading of all the lectionary texts in the week prior to Sunday. You will find your Sunday worship experience enhanced by your engagement with these texts during the week. Find lectionary verses online by visiting <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/>.

April 7: This is the Life!

Second Sunday of Easter

Communion/Food Bank Collection

- † **First Reading** Acts 4:32-35
- † **Psalm** 133:1-3
- † **Second Reading** 1 John 1:1-2:2
- † **Gospel** John 20:19-31

April 21: Following in His Footsteps

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Camp Fellowship Special Offering

- † **First Reading** Acts 4:5-12
- † **Psalm** 23:1-6
- † **Second Reading** 1 John 3:16-24
- † **Gospel** John 10:11-18

April 14: Rev. Dr. Brad Christie, Guest Preacher

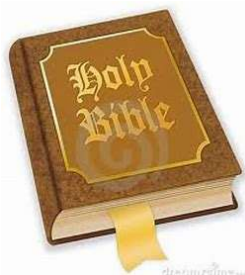
Third Sunday of Easter

- † **First Reading** Acts 3:12-19
- † **Psalm** 4:1-8
- † **Second Reading** 1 John 3:1-7
- † **Gospel** Luke 24:36b-48

April 28: Grapes Gone Wild!

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- † **First Reading** Acts 8:26-40
- † **Psalm** 22:25-31
- † **Second Reading** 1 John 4:7-21
- † **Gospel** John 15:1-8



Spring into Sunday School!

During the spring, our children's Sunday School class continues their journey through the Old Testament. They have learned that the very first Judge was a woman named Deborah. Next, they will learn about Gideon, and then Samson. (Both were also Judges.) The kids will read and study about Ruth, as well as Hannah and Samuel. In addition to reading and discussing stories about people and events of the Old Testament, students learn about connections to Jesus and the New Testament. Games, puzzles, crafts, and music help to reinforce the learning.

The adult Bible study focuses on Acts, staying in step with the lectionary readings. Enjoy the variety of perspectives offered by our outstanding team of volunteer facilitators!

Westminster Happenings

Monday
April 1 | *Note: Church office closed for Easter Holiday.*

Wednesday
April 3 | *Note: no Books & Brown Bags meeting this week.*

Thursday
April 4 | **Rainbow Fellowship**
Connect with friends in the Youth Room upstairs at 6:00 P.M.
Make a difference by making sandwiches for the Soup Kitchen.
Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting
Come together in the Choir Room at 6:00 P.M.
Lend your thoughts and skills to Westminster's outreach planning.

**Friday/
Saturday**
April 5-6 | **Trinity Presbytery Adult Retreat** (*see page 7*).
Register on the Camp Fellowship website Events-Programs page.
Renew and reunite with fellow Christians during this inspiring retreat.

Sunday
April 7 | **Sunday School**
Adults: Gather at 9:00 A.M. in the Choir Room.
Children and Youth: Meet at 9:00 A.M. in lower-level education wing.
This is the Life!
Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.
Delight in life lived basking in the light of our loving God.

Tuesday
April 9 | **Presbyterian Women**
Come together in the Choir Room at 11:30 A.M.
Enjoy fellowship and encounter Lydia in Lesson 8.
Business Affairs Committee Meeting
Come to the Parlor at 6:00 P.M.
Contribute your energy and ideas to the "back office" work of the church.
Congregational Care & Fellowship Committee
Congregate in the Choir Room at 7:00 P.M.
Bring your ideas and enthusiasm for building WPC family relationships.

Wednesday
April 10 | **Books & Brown Bags Study**
Bring a sack supper to the Joe Gettys Room at 6:00 P.M.
Discuss Mitch Albom's book, *Have a Little Faith* (*see page 6*).

Westminster Happenings, *continued*

**Sunday
April 14**

Sunday School

Adults: Gather at 9:00 A.M. in the Choir Room.

Children and Youth: Meet at 9:00 A.M. in lower-level education wing.

The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie, Guest Preacher *(see page 7).*

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

Savor the knowledge that you are a beloved child of God.

**Wednesday
April 17**

Books & Brown Bags Study

Bring a sack supper to the Joe Gettys Room at 6:00 P.M.

Compare the very different faith journeys of a rabbi and a pastor.

**Thursday
April 18**

Rainbow Fellowship

Connect with friends in the Youth Room upstairs at 6:00 P.M.

Enjoy lively Bible discussion and creative crafts.

**Sunday
April 21**

Sunday School

Adults: Gather at 9:00 A.M. in the Choir Room.

Children and Youth: Meet at 9:00 A.M. in lower-level education wing.

Following in His Footsteps

Camp Fellowship Special Offering

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

Strive to love in deed and in truth as Jesus loves.

Sunday Sustenance with Chef Rob & Friends

Feast in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

**Wednesday
April 24**

Books & Brown Bags Study

Bring a sack supper to the Joe Gettys Room at 6:00 P.M.

Embrace the profound comfort of having a strong faith in God.

**Friday
April 26**

Friday Foray to Pathway House *(see page 9)*

Meet at Pathway House on Panola Avenue at 10:00 A.M.

Discover just how much good work is going on to help our homeless.

**Sunday
April 28**

Sunday School

Adults: Gather at 9:00 A.M. in the Choir Room.

Children and Youth: Meet at 9:00 A.M. in lower-level education wing.

Westminster Happenings, *continued*

**Sunday
April 28,
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Grapes Gone Wild!

Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.
Cultivate your connection with the True Vine and bear good fruit.

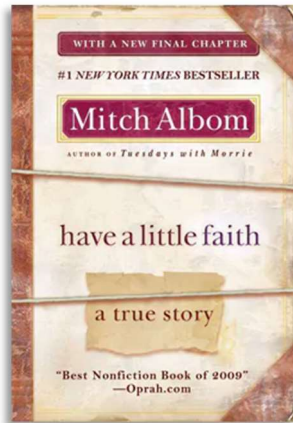
Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Meet in the Choir Room at 11:15 A.M.
Share your thoughts and hopes for how we worship at Westminster.

Nurture & Education Committee Meeting

Come to the Parlor at 3:00 P.M.
Weigh in on adult and child study curricula and scheduling.

The B&BB Faithful Discuss Mitch Albom Book



Wednesdays

6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Joe Gettys Room

Have a Little Faith, Albom's first nonfiction book since *Tuesdays with Morrie*, begins with an unusual request: an eighty-two-year-old rabbi from Albom's old hometown asks him to deliver his eulogy.

Feeling unworthy, Albom insists on understanding the man better, which throws him back into a world of faith he'd left years ago. Meanwhile, closer to his current home, Albom becomes involved with a Detroit pastor—a reformed drug dealer and convict—who preaches to the poor and homeless in a decaying church with a hole in its roof.

Have a Little Faith is a book about a life's purpose; about losing belief and finding it again; about the divine spark inside us all. It is one man's journey, but it is everyone's story. Get a copy from your preferred bookseller, and bring it, along with a snack supper, to enjoy a lively discussion of the insights and challenges offered by this delightful and readable book.

Missions Update

Westminster continues its strong tradition of support for missions. Our Palm Sunday special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing brought in a whopping \$630! That money goes to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) projects, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People efforts toward social justice.

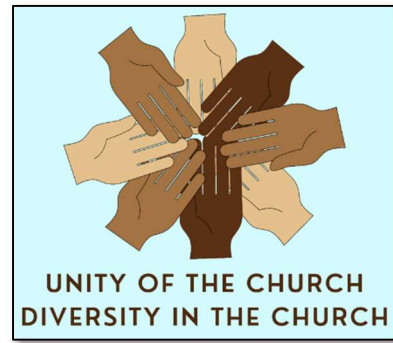
The Westminster Cluster project to collect materials for PDA crisis kits was also a big success! Check the picture and story on page 14.



Trinity Presbytery & Camp Fellowship Offer 2024 Adult Retreat

**Friday, April 5 – 11:00 A.M. through
Saturday, April 6 – 2:00 P.M.
Overnight housing available**

All Westminster adults are urged to participate in this year's spiritual retreat at Camp Fellowship. Keynote speaker, Dr. Dianna Wright, will speak about "Unity of the Church; Diversity in the Church." In addition to worship and learning opportunities, the retreat includes a picnic by the lake, game night, and lots of fellowship! To register, go to Camp Fellowship's website: <https://www.campfellowship.org/events-programs/sar2024>.



Keynote Speaker, Dianna Wright

Director of Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations for PC (U.S.A.)

Dr. Wright's experiences have taken her all over the world, walking with our ecumenical and interreligious partners in ways that are faithful to our collective ministries. Her work focuses on building connections and relationships with God's people so that we may discern ways to can be the community of God's people together.

A graduate of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond Va. and Columba Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga. She is passionate about her work in education, ecumenism, and interreligious relations. She has served the church as an educator and has been involved in the ecumenical and interreligious work of the church for more than twenty years. She loves using the liturgical arts, including dance, storytelling, music, and drama, to glorify God. She enjoys walking, sewing, crafts, reading, and traveling.

A Musical Treat!

Laura Margaret Fennell, our beloved friend and vocalist, invites her Westminster family to attend her Senior Recital on April 14 at 6:00 P.M. The recital will be held at First Presbyterian, Greenwood, with reception to follow.

After graduation, Laura Margaret is pursuing a degree in Vocal Performance and Musical Theatre at Oklahoma City University in Oklahoma.



Welcome Back, Brad!

Our guest preacher on April 14th is an old friend to this church. The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie was our stated supply pastor in 2018-2019. He provided dynamic sermons and warm pastoral care during that time.

Brad was and is a professor at Erskine College (English, theology, and theatre), and currently serves as the Director of Adult Education at First Presbyterian. He also coordinates their Stephen Ministry.

Beyond these resume basics, Brad is well-known in Abbeville and Greenwood counties for his outstanding work as an actor and director in local theater groups.

Why Support Camp Fellowship?

By Laine Horowitz and Chase Gear

“Since 1948, Camp Fellowship has provided unique summer programs for children & youth of all ages. The entire team at Camp Fellowship strongly believes that camp is for everybody and works diligently to create exceptional programs that engage campers and guests in faith formation, community building, personal growth and development, and fun!”

(OK, so I raided the Camp Fellowship website for that one. The rest of this piece is 100% original, just like my source!)



I sat down with Westminster’s resident video game character developer, Chase Gear, to hear about his experience from last summer at Camp Fellowship. His overall reaction was very positive!

Chase loved swimming and the arts & crafts activities, He had fun with good friends making a fort on a bed. His talent for the talent show? Telling bad jokes! Priceless!

Chase reported that “the food was good.” He had a little bit of convincing to go there, because I’ve been to several camps before. The food was always terrible. It seems, however, that Camp Fellowship has bucked that trend. Bravo! Chase said the camp counselors were funny and nice. (More on that later.)



Always asking questions, I got him to tell me three things he’d like for them to add this year: night lights in the cabins, more snacks, and a little more free time. I asked Chase for the one thing he would say to his counselors if he had the chance. “You were the best camp counselors I’ve ever had, because you’re the first camp counselors I’ve ever had!” 😊 Man, am I sorry I missed that talent show!

Westminster Regularly supports Camp Fellowship. We will be taking up our yearly special collection for Camp Fellowship on April 21st. I hope you will keep Chase’s fun adventures in your heart while you prayerfully consider your giving for that day.

Celebrate Good Times!

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

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



Additionally, let’s rejoice with this fine couple celebrating their wedding anniversary this month: April 12th – Richard & Mary Ann Wilson

Fourth Friday Foray for April: Pathway House

Submitted by Laine Horowitz

This fourth Friday, April 26th, we will be visiting Pathway House. We have been a partner with this excellent organization for several years. Beth Hammond has led multiple very successful flip-flop drives so the people at Pathway can have something to put on their feet while taking showers.



The idea of Pathway House came together in 2009 when concerned citizens, just like you and me, noticed a missing resource in the community. In the winter of 2010-2011, St. Mark's United Methodist Church opened a cold shelter for any nights that dropped below 40 degrees.



In 2013, Pathway purchased part of the Abney Memorial Baptist campus and renovated it for a men's shelter. The Pathway House we know now really came into existence in 2016, when the new men's dormitories were completed, and construction began on the Shelter for Women and Mothers with Children. That shelter was finished six months later.

Our foray begins at Pathway House (208 Panola Avenue, Greenwood) at 10:00 A.M. We will be given a 30-minute in-depth presentation about the happenings at PH. There is so much going on there than we know—programs we haven't even heard about. After the presentation, we will be taken on a tour of the whole facility, including the tiny house community.

Questions are encouraged, so come prepared! This is a perfect time for us to learn together as a Matthew 25 Church! Example question: What are some things we could do to help a person be able to move out of Pathway and into their own housing?

This promises to be an informative event! Location for lunch afterward is to be decided. Please contact Laine Horowitz at lainewpc@gmail.com if you would like to attend.



Have a Whale of a Good Time at VBS—Save the Date!

Children of Promise Come...Into the Waters! This year we are excited to partner with Immanuel Lutheran for a week of diving into the Bible with children ages 4 through rising sixth grade. For more information, see (and share!) the flyer on page 16.

Mark your calendars now for VBS 2024!

Being a Matthew 25 Church: Congregational Vitality

PC(USA) is building a denomination-wide initiative for a network of committed Matthew 25 Churches. The denomination's aim is to help multiply this loving commitment to radical and fearless discipleship by partnering with mid councils and congregations to help them embrace three focus areas. This article is part of a series to help educate us about this opportunity, now that Westminster has officially become a Matthew 25 Church.



One of the three focus areas for PC(USA)'s Matthew 25 vision is **building congregational vitality** by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith, and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world. To help churches assess this, PC(USA) defines "7 Marks of Congregational Vitality." The language of the labels may seem foreign, but the heart of each mark is familiar:

- **Lifelong Discipleship Formation:** always growing in Christ and shaping Christ-like thinking and behaviors by providing training, resources, and models for members of all ages to develop their daily spiritual disciplines for the purpose of living the way Jesus desires.
- **Intentional Authentic Evangelism:** Placing a high priority on reaching out to neighbors and those living in the neighborhoods and communities in the proximity of the church, inviting them to worship services and communicating the life-transforming truth of Jesus as commanded, not just acts of kindness.
- **Outward Incarnational Focus:** Placing high priority on serving the needs of people outside the walls of the church as Jesus, in the flesh, served outside the Temple in order to enhance the quality of the people's lives; not just mission across the seas, but also mission across the streets.

Challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith, and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world

- **Empowering Servant Leadership:** Following leadership practices in which the main goal of the leader is to serve by putting the needs of the people first; identifying and developing individuals whom God has called and given the gift of leadership; and challenging them to become servant-leaders, for the purpose of building a stronger, Christ-focused church, comprising prayerful leaders who are deployed for the transformation of the world.
- **Spirit-Inspired Worship:** Gathering regularly as the local expression of the body of Christ to worship God in ways that engage the heart, mind, soul, and strength of the people; creating weekly worship experiences that lead worshipers into an intimate and divine encounter with the Triune God that results in them leaving the service not simply feeling good, but feeling that they have been in the presence of God.

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- **Caring Relationships:** Building intentional, loving, caring relationships within families, between and among members, and within the community they serve; exhibiting a genuine, empathetic feeling and concern toward others; authentic interactions designed to connect the spirit of Christ to one another that creates a trusting relationship that allows for sharing stories and asking for help, if needed; ability to confront any conflict, work toward building consensus, and seek reconciliation by embracing diverse views.
- **Ecclesial Health:** Seeking the Holy Spirit's direction and empowerment for its daily life and ministry; teaches its members that they are stewards of their God-given resources and challenges them to sacrificial generosity in sharing with others; uses appropriate facilities, equipment, and systems to provide maximum support for the growth and development of its ministries; encourages believers to grow in their walk with God and with one another in the context of a non-toxic, safe, and affirming environment.



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Dr. Phyllis W. Sanders, Vital Congregations Coordinator*

To learn more about becoming a Matthew 25 church, visit:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>.

Building a Culture of Discipleship and Service

Way too early on Saturday morning, March 9, your Session and Pastor gathered for our annual planning retreat. The purpose of the day was to invest uninterrupted time deepening our understanding of what Westminster's identity and calling are today, and to envision what God is calling us to be and do in the coming year(s).

The event was designed and facilitated by Mark Tidsworth, founder of Pinnacle Leadership Associates, a church consulting group based in Columbia, SC. Kathleen Watkins of the Congregational Care & Fellowship team provided essential fuel in the form of delightful snacks and lunch.



Mark challenged the group to develop "eyes and ears to see and hear how the Holy Spirit is *already* at work among us." We took time to enumerate some of the many places and many ways in which Westminster's energy of is rising in response to God's call. We rejoiced that it took several pages of chart paper to capture Westminster's current strengths and contributions!

We also acknowledged the challenges of being church in today's increasingly secular world, and agreed that to thrive today, congregations must look far beyond the old traditional topics of "buildings, bodies, and budgets." We must embrace current realities as opportunities, recognize the quiet hunger in our community for real spiritual nourishment, and offer a transformational environment focused fully on trusting the Holy Spirit and being the body of Christ.

The concluding work of the day was to ponder the many possible priorities and potential possibilities we might pursue. The consensus? To keep our focus on continuing to build a culture of discipleship and service. Your Session and Pastor will be keeping this core concept front and center as we worship and work together throughout the year.

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 2024

	February Actual*	Monthly Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
Total Income	\$16,103	\$17,938	\$52,191	\$35,876
Total Expenses	\$17,014	\$18,662	\$32,538	\$37,324
Net Gain/Loss	-\$911		\$19,653	

* Note that monthly Actuals do not reflect income from prepaid annual pledges

The lower-than-expected expense figure is at least partly attributable to some payroll expenses being deferred because of continuing problems with the Board of Pensions' new software system.

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

Mental Health First Aid Course Opportunity

Part of a series on mental health issues; submitted by Laine Horowitz

Free, in-person Mental Health First Aid Training

Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 A.M.

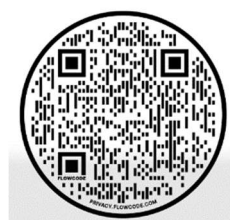
At United Way of the Lakelands



Why take Mental Health First Aid training? It teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. But there is so much more:

- On average, 130 people die by suicide every day.
- From 1999 to 2019, 841,000 people died from overdoses
- Nearly 1 in 5 people in the US lives with a mental illness.

Did those numbers shock you? Do you want to do something about it? Your chance to help is just around the corner—scan the QR code below and register now for the free, in-person training offered by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing on April 24th at United Way of the Lakelands.



As someone who has battled severe depression and anxiety (some of you may have been present when I told my whole story at Sunday School years ago), I am reaching out to you to come if you can. There were many times when I needed someone with this training, and instead got ignorance and “pull yourself up by your bootstraps” talk. So many of the members of this church are made for this! I, for one, will be there.

Let Us Pray...

"Pray without ceasing"
1 Thessalonians 5:17



For Those in Our Church

We share one another's joys and concerns:

- John Alexander, Ody Sholar's stepfather
- Mary Corley
- Tina Corley's daughter, Christina
- Kathy Felder
- Mac & Holly Hubbard
- Dave & Deb Jones
- Sally Kauffmann
- Kelli Lott and Gabby
- Kim Purcell
- Savannah, Dakota, and Briar Rose
- Ed Watkins
- Denise Waldrep
- Kelly West
- John White
- Gail & Glenn Yonce, and Georgiana
- Our pastor and her family

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
- NAMI
- Pathway House
- Food Bank
- Soup Kitchen
- Meg's House
- Beyond Abuse
- GG United Ministries
- Camp Fellowship
- Community Initiatives
- TLC staffers Carolyn Allen, Tiara Brown, Wanda Stewart, and Amelia Sheard



For Those in Our Hearts

We pray for these members of our wider community:

- Greg Bullard
- Ted Colcolough
- Asher & Sumir Din
- Nancy Dozer's Aunt Dietrick
- Dean & Albert Fadden
- Lib Grier
- Debbie Herrin
- Michael Knight
- Katherine Martin
- The Martin family
- The McClendon family
- Floyd Nicholson
- Terence Reese
- Trae Steelmon
- The Woods family
- Kathy & Mike



For the World

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

- For strength, comfort, and courage to victims of war and mass killings
- For those whose lives have been affected by natural disasters
- For justice and mercy to prevail throughout the world—*thy* will be done
- For wise leadership at every level in our community, country, and world
- For those living with mental, emotional, and/or physical illnesses
- For all who experience exclusion, or who struggle to meet basic needs
- For unity among Christians in every congregation, country, and corner of the world
- For those serving in the American armed services, especially those in harm's way
- For voters in democracies around the world to discern wisely how to use their vote
- For our enemies, that their hearts may be transformed by Your love and truth

And God Saw That It Was Good...



Walk Through Holy Week was a powerful exploration of Jesus' experiences between Palm Sunday and Easter. The walk concluded with participants making treat baskets to share with some of our church members and friends at home.



On February 25, representatives of the Northwestern Cluster of Trinity Presbytery pooled their resources to pack hygiene kits to be distributed by Presbyterian Disaster Relief. The 120 completed kits were shipped to Little Rock, Arkansas to await the next crisis. The event was held at New Faith Presbyterian Church. Each of the 12 churches in the cluster provided a specific item for the kits. Westminster supplied the band-aids. Thanks for contributing!

WPC at Work & Play



Mark your calendars now for VBS 2024!



Songs! Bible Stories! Games! Snacks! And Crafts!

June 10 through June 14 — 9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Open to all children ages 4 through rising sixth grade

Meet at Westminster Presbyterian Church
2330 Cokesbury Road
Greenwood, SC 29649

Westminster Presbyterian Church and Immanuel Lutheran Church have joined forces to offer this exciting week of diving into the Bible. Share this with the children in your life.