



Go!!!!

Go therefore into all the world, making disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them all that I have commanded you. And remember! I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

It started in a small town with just 12 men from various walks of life. In 2010, the Pew Research Center reported 2.4 billion Christians worldwide. Jesus spent three years with them showing them his way and then he turned his ministry over to them, promising that he would send them a Helper as they continued his work.



Fifty days after his resurrection. Ten days after his ascension, on the day of Pentecost, the promised Helper came. Like people carrying light from a single candle, the disciples dispersed, each bearing this gift, which they then offered to others. Soon, the world began to light up like a backyard in June lit with the light of 1000 fireflies.

As June begins, our little band, like that little band of disciples, is being sent out into the world. I can't count the places we will go! From grocery store to neighborhood pool. From backyard garden to mountain peak. From camp to internship to beach vacation to library. I do know that a few of us will be at Worship on the Water, WOW! And a few of us will be in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings—something I like to call WIT (Worship in Town). And a few of us will be gathering on Sunday evenings to throw frisbees, create crafts, and share Jesus stories campfire style at Joy in June. I pray that wherever we go, our joyful spirit will spread.

During his ministry, when Jesus sent his disciples out for a test run (Luke 9), they returned with stories to tell of all that they, empowered by Jesus' spirit and teaching, had been able to do. I look forward to hearing your reports from the Westminster diaspora. Don't wait until we have all returned to tell them. Send us letters from the road in the form of pictures, Facebook posts, actual letters and post cards, emails and texts. Your stories will encourage and inspire the rest of us. In short, they will increase our joy and help us to stay connected while we are away from one another.

May God bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you. May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

Your pastor & friend,

Caroline &

**You shall go out with joy
and be led forth in peace.**

Isaiah 55:12

Worship in June: Joy Hunt

Our Sunday evening worship service, Joy in June, has me looking for JOY. It turns out, when you start looking for it, it shows up everywhere. My friend Traci Smith has published a *Joy in June* Calendar. The New York Times recently offered an eight-minute Joy Workout based on eight movements proven to increase joy. When I walked into one of your houses recently, the word (JOY) was posted in 18-inch letters on the wall. It turns out that JOY is everywhere, if only we're brave enough to *see* it, if only we're brave enough to *be* it, to slightly modify Amanda Gorman's remarkable poem, "The Hill We Climb."



It turns out we're not the only ones looking for joy. God is too! So on Sunday mornings in June, we're going to go on a joy hunt. I'm certain that we will find it. The word itself shows up in the Bible more than 250 times! We'll remember the true source of our joy and remember how we can bring joy to God. I pray that as we earnestly seek it, that God's joy and ours will increase. Like tomatoes ripening on a summer vine, I pray that we come home bearing a full harvest of this sweet fruit of the Spirit.

June 5: Recreating Spirit

Pentecost Sunday

Communion

† Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

June 12: God's Joy and Ours

† Psalm 41

June 19: Freedom!

Juneteenth

† Galatians 3:23-29

June 24: Complete Joy

† Philippians 2:1-4, 12-18

Juneteenth—Free at Last!

From pcusa.org

Juneteenth Day (June 19th of every year) marks Major General Gordon Granger's announcement of the abolition of slavery in Galveston, Texas on June 19th, 1865. His arrival came two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation, but was big news to those still enslaved in the state. However, freedom has never been a straightforward process. For many, proclamations and amendments were simply words.



It has taken many years of social and intellectual activism by major figures like Octavius V. Catto, James W.C. Pennington (both ordained Presbyterian ministers), W.E.B. Du Bois, and so many more to further the evolution of what it means to be free in the United States. Juneteenth is a way to celebrate, not just emancipation, but the many battles that have been won, while also reminding us that there are yet many to fight.

During its November 2020 meeting, the Presbyterian Foundation Board of Trustees voted to make Juneteenth an official holy day of remembrance. For those who wish to study Juneteenth further, you can find resources about Juneteenth from the Presbyterian Historical Society at pcusa.org.

Westminster Happenings

Sunday June 5	<p>Sunday School Gather at 9:00 A.M. in the choir room. Join an informal exploration of scripture, facilitated by Phillip Dennis.</p> <p>Recreating Spirit <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> <i>Communion</i> Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming. Celebrate the magnitude of God's creativity.</p> <p>Worship on the Water: Doug Kauffmann preaching Worship at 10:00 A.M. at Camp Fellowship. Come in a boat, come in a car, come as you are!</p> <p>Joy in June Jump into intergenerational fun at 5:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Get fired up about Pentecost and the birthday of the church</p>
Sunday June 12	<p>Sunday School Gather at 9:00 A.M. in the choir room. Savor coffee and conversation led by Phillip Dennis.</p> <p>God's Joy and Ours Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming. Discover how our lives can bring joy to God, and vice versa.</p> <p>Worship on the Water: Jim Caprell preaching Worship at 10:00 A.M. at Camp Fellowship.</p> <p>Session Meeting Meet in the parlor at 11:30 P.M. Conduct the business of the church with prayers and thanksgiving.</p> <p>Joy in June Jump into intergenerational fun at 5:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Get your feet wet by exploring what baptism is all about.</p>
Sunday June 19	<p>Sunday School Gather at 9:00 A.M. in the choir room. Discuss what the scriptures are saying to us, with Phillip Dennis.</p> <p>Freedom! <i>Juneteenth</i> Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming. Embrace the freedom that Christ delivers to His people.</p> <p>Sunday Sustenance Lunch in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 A.M.</p>

Westminster Happenings, *continued*

**Sunday
June 19,
*continued***

Worship on the Water: Brad Christie preaching

Worship at 10:00 A.M. at Camp Fellowship.

Joy in June

Jump into intergenerational fun at 5:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.
Prepare to be blown away by the wind of the Holy Spirit!

**Sunday
June 26**

Sunday School

Gather in the choir room at 9:00 A.M.
Consider what God has done and is doing, led by Claire Kuhl.

Complete Joy

Worship at 10:00 A.M. in person or via live streaming.
Consider Paul's guidance on finding joy.

Worship on the Water: Phillip Dennis preaching

Worship at 10:00 A.M. at Camp Fellowship.

Joy in June

Jump into intergenerational fun at 5:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.
Consider how little seeds grow in God's garden of love.



Worship on the Water— *WOW!!*

10:00 A.M. at Camp Fellowship

**“Come on a boat, come in your car,
come as you are!”**

And remember to bring a friend!

Sunday Morning Study: Coffee & Conversation

Summertime is a great time to kick back and take it easy—to indulge in thoughtful conversation and relaxed reflection. In that spirit, our Sunday morning study for June will be simply coffee and conversation.

The Rev. Phillip Dennis has offered to be our guide as we go where the Spirit leads us, seeking to answer burning questions, shift wheat from chaff, and find the love, humor, and wisdom that God's Word always offers us.

So grab a cup of coffee and a Bible, and join us in the Choir Room at 9:00 A.M. every Sunday morning. Be sure to bring a friend!



Behold! God is Doing a New Thing!

Stepping out in faith, we at Westminster are following God's call to do a new thing. Every Sunday evening in June, we are hosting an intergenerational, interactive worship event intended to spark joy and kindle kinship.

Why? Because!

Because we can all use a little extra joy these days. Because we are surrounded by unchurched children of God to whom we need to offer *new* ways to find faith. And because after years of isolation and fear, we all need to forge sturdy connections, embracing our kinship with each other and with God.



Each Sunday centers on sharing campfire stories about Jesus:



Sunday, June 5

Fire: Pentecost

Acts 2:1-4

Cupcakes for the Birthday of the Church



Sunday, June 12

Water: Jesus' Baptism

Mark 1:1-11

Water Play at Fellowship Time



Sunday, June 19

Wind: Jesus Calms the Storm

Mark 4:35-41

Kites/Wind Socks



Sunday, June 26

Earth: Mustard Seed/Parable of the Sower

Mark 4:3-32, Mark 4:1-9

Holy Ghost Weiner Roast

Activities will be held outside and in the Fellowship Hall, using the following format:

5:30 P.M.—Fellowship, recreation, crafts, and more

6:00 P.M.—Music, worship (Bible story/lesson), table-talk, snack

7:00 P.M.—More fellowship

This invigorating addition to Westminster's worship schedule is being developed and delivered by Kathy Gillespie, Rob Graves, Laine Horowitz, Sally Kauffmann, Di Litwer, Elizabeth Watkins, Kathleen Watkins, and of course, Caroline Dennis. Emily Hughes designed the logo. Many thanks to this dedicated and dynamic team!

Come and be part of this exciting new venture, whatever your age and stage. And invite your neighbors, friends, kids, grandkids, and especially anyone who's been feeling lonely, left out, or disconnected. There's room around our campfire for everyone! And remember—great bonfires start with small bits of kindling, and so do great relationships.

Go to page 19 for a fun activity to kickstart your Joy in June!

Before You Go...

Excerpted from Pray First! The Power of Prayer in Sharing the Gospel, by James Banks

Jesus's instruction to ask God for help before they took one step on their journey shows the strategic role prayer plays in sharing the Christian faith. That day, Jesus sent His followers without money or a travel bag or even an extra pair of sandals (see Luke 10:4), but He made certain they were praying. They were "lambs among wolves"—inexperienced, vulnerable, and in need of all the help they could get. Yet, as Jesus sent them, He didn't



equip them with materials or methods for reaching others. He only told them to pray.

He is also calling us to follow Him into a world which desperately needs the salvation only He can give. Pray and go! The "Lord of the harvest" (Luke 10:2) is waiting. He has promised, "We will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9).

Community Initiatives Toddler Learning Academy Seeks Home at Westminster

Several years ago, Westminster members expressed a desire to engage in mission that impacted the lives of children. Soon, we may be able to do that right here in our own church home.

The Session has been in prayerful conversation with Community Initiatives (CI), discerning the possibility that their Toddler Learning Center might find a home at Westminster. CI is a community-based nonprofit agency working to deliver culturally appropriate social, economic, educational, and health services for individuals and families in Greenwood and surrounding counties. In addition to focusing on health and wellness at their free clinic, Community Initiatives focuses on literacy and child well-being through Safe Haven, their summer and aftercare program, for elementary children.



COMMUNITY INITIATIVES, INC.
Working with the community, for the community

Community Initiatives sought and received a generous grant from the Self Family Foundation to open a Toddler Learning Center and were only lacking appropriate space. That's where Westminster comes in. We have space and no weekday programming. As you can imagine, our beautiful child-sized classrooms and outdoor play space were for Teresa Goodman, Community Initiatives Executive Director, an answer to prayer. Stay tuned for more information as our conversations continue.

Invitation to a Summer of Joyful Prayer: Philippians 02:02 Challenge

Over the next few months, the Westminster band of believers will be doing God’s work in a variety of places—by the lake (WOW!), in the mountains, in the churchyard (Joy in June), at the park, at the beach, on the road, and even in the sanctuary!



So how do we remain one, unified church when we are scattered across so many different locales? Through shared prayer.

The Westminster Session invites you to join with them in a summer of joyful shared prayer by taking on our Philippians 02:02 challenge. Starting on June 1, at **02:02** every day, Westminster family and friends will pause to pray **wherever they are**. To unify our prayers at that time, we will focus on Paul’s guidance to the Philippians in Chapter **2**, Verse **2**:

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

On page 13, you’ll find a suggested structure for your 02:02 prayer time, along with daily themes that reflect the Great Ends of the Church, as defined in the Book of Order. Of course, you may also choose to simply speak to God about whatever is on your heart at that moment. As with every prayer, also listen for the response of the Holy Spirit.

As you think about the significance of targeting **02:02 in 2022**, remember that Jesus Christ did not meet his Disciples in only one place on only one day and time. Indeed, he promised that “**wherever two** or three are gathered together in my name, I will be with you” (Matthew 18:20). He did not require that they do his work only as a large group. In fact, he often sent them out **two-by-two** to share the good news of his gospel (Mark 6:7). We are one church in many places, and God is with us in each and every one of them. May your summer and our church be blessed by this discipline of daily shared prayer.



PC(USA) Convenes Hybrid General Assembly

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will make history in the summer of 2022 with the denomination’s first hybrid General Assembly. This will be a time for worship, innovation, and a new vision for the PC(USA). Regardless of who and where you are, every voice must be heard in this time of transition in the life of the church.

The conference begins on June 18th and runs through July 9th. The theme of the event is “from Lament to Hope.” The scripture focus is Hebrews 11:1, “Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen.”

Please lift up in prayer the General Assembly and everyone participating in it. For more information and to register, go to the PC(USA) website: <https://ga-pcusa.org/>.

Seeking Worship Hosts

We at Westminsterites rightly take pride in our reputation for being a warm and welcoming church. You can help us maintain that tradition by volunteering to be a worship host on Sunday mornings.



The job isn't hard—come a little early to turn on lights and fountain, welcome all who come in, and stay a few moments after worship to tidy up and turn things off.

If you are willing and able to help, especially during June and July, contact the church office (wpcgwd1@gmail.com).

Seeking Worship Ideas

Your Worship & Music Committee wants to hear your voice. Our query for June:

- ❖ What makes worship meaningful for you?

Take a moment to complete a comment sheet and pop it into the Suggestion Box in the narthex window.



Remember to include your hymn requests—on Mission Sunday, two of the hymns were familiar favorites included by request!

June Birthday Blessings!

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

- ❖ 1st – Ody Sholar
- ❖ 4th – Louise Taber
- ❖ 5th – Nancy Hogan
- ❖ 11th – Richard Wilson

And sincere **anniversary** wishes to:

- ❖ Rick & Flora Hobson
- ❖ John & Margaret Funke



The Fall kickoff celebration (and first regular meeting) of the Mustard Seedlings will be Sunday, August 28th at 4:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

The first Mustard Seedlings mission project, revitalizing the Prayer Garden, is already off to a great start. Master Gardener Clair Harmon evaluated the existing garden area, made a list of its strengths and needs, and drew a beautiful plan of what the garden will look like when the revitalization is completed. We'll have garden work days between now and the end of August to get the garden ready for August 28th.

The second mission project will be to collect gently used suitcases for children in foster care in the Greenwood area. We'll also be gathering items to go into care bags to give to foster children when they arrive at a new foster home. A list of needed items is still being developed.

We'll be "doing small things with great love!" Contact Di Litwer for more information (dlitwer@earthlink.com).



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.



April 2022

	April Actual	Monthly Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
Total Income	\$11,857	\$16,074	\$53,880	\$63,297
Total Expenses	\$16,729	\$18,645	\$63,532	\$73,080
Net Gain/Loss	-\$4,871		-\$9,652	

Much like March, Committee expenditures are under excellent control. Member pledge contributions are again about \$4,800 below budget and this basically equals the total net income-to-budget shortfall for the month. Going into summer months, this trend could be a concern.

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

Summer Stewardship Tip

Westminster is blessed to have many faithful, cheerful givers! Your *continued* support is essential to sustain WPC, especially as we enter the summer months when many members are enjoying vacation travels and weekend trips.

Bills arrive relentlessly every month, so even when you are on the road, please remember to fulfill your pledge and make other offerings as you are able to do so.



You can send your tithes and offerings anytime from anywhere using the Tithely app on our website (wpcgnwd.org). Go to the Giving page and click the Give Now button. Or mail your check to:

Westminster Presbyterian Church
2330 Cokesbury Road
Greenwood, SC 29649

Poetry Corner

Submitted by Claire F. Kuhl

Prayer for the Faith-Full

Gracious, Glorious God,
When we step out in faith,
You equip us for Your work.
When we step out in faith,
You ensure a sound roof over our head.
When we step out in faith,
You send light into every dark place.
When we step out in faith,
You fill our rooms with joyful worship.
When we step out in faith,
You shelter us from weather and worry.
When we step out in faith,
You help us take Your Word to the world.
Holy God, grant us strength and courage to
step out in faith, so that we are fully
equipped to do Your work. *AMEN*



Special Families Learn to STAND Together

STAND—*Strength Through Advocacy and Determination*—is a parent education and advocacy group for parents, grandparents, and guardians of children with disabilities and special needs.

STAND meets the second Wednesday of each month, from 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. in the Parlor. Programs begin with a short presentation on topics such as understanding your child's IEP, high stakes state tests, and advocating for your child at school. The rest of the session is devoted to group discussion and fellowship.



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

Celebrate Camp Fellowship

On June 12, from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., you are invited to get a taste of what Camp Fellowship is all about.



You can tour the grounds, swim, canoe, and meet the staff. Plan to stick around for dinner and evening vespers by the lake.

Reserve your place by going to CampFellowship.org, and be sure to use the incentive code: TRINITY25.

TWIG Returns at Last!

Way back in 2020, our friends at First Presbyterian-Greenwood prepared to host the TWIG mission event—**T**ogether, **W**e **I**mpact Greenwood. And then...COVID.

Happily, TWIG is finally going to be a reality! Individuals and youth from around the country will spend one week in our community (starting June 19th) performing hands-on home-repair projects for elderly, low-income, and disabled families.

The work at each home will be done by five young people and at least one adult leader representing many Christian denominations. Both labor and materials are free to qualifying households.

Please keep these dedicated volunteers in your prayers as we welcome them.



“Love in Bloom”

Greenwood Festival Choral
Festival of Flowers concert

June 12  **4:00 P.M.**

First Presbyterian Church, Greenwood

*Tickets available from
Lucia Horowitz*

Mental Well-Being Tips from GP

Part of a series on mental health issues



May was Mental Health Awareness month. During May, the Clubhouse highlighted tips and activities to help individuals with mental health issues cope with their illness. They offer to us this list of 10 things to do to help improve your mental well-being:

1. Prioritize social connections—especially face-to-face.
2. Stay active.
3. Talk to someone.
4. Appeal to your senses.
5. Take up a relaxation practice.
6. Prioritize leisure and contemplation.
7. Eat a brain-healthy diet to support strong mental health.
8. Don't skimp on sleep.
9. Find purpose and meaning.
10. Get help if you need it.

If you or someone you know would benefit from mental health counseling and support, the Hands on Health: South Carolina website can help you find local resources:

http://www.handsonhealth-sc.org/golocal/golocal.php?nid=35&county_id=24&filter=L24.

*“Long life to you! Good health to you and your household!
And good health to all that is yours!”*

1 Samuel 25:6

Greenwood Place Update

Submitted by Fred Murphy, Executive Director

The most recent Clubhouse stats show that the average daily attendance for April was 10. For the month of April, Members spent 811 hours at the Clubhouse. We served 183 meals and for the month picked up 171. members. We currently have 8 Members who are working part-time. No members were hospitalized during the month for mental health issues.



Our April Social was pizza and movie. We were able to host this Social at the Clubhouse, which allowed more members to participate and reduced the cost that our members had to pay to participate. We saw Spiderman and had pizza, popcorn, drinks, and trail mix for our meal and snacks.

Our May Social will be a trip to Greenwood Museum to view two new exhibits, A look back at medical services at Self Regional Healthcare, and a new exhibit on Dinosaurs that is coming from the University of Virginia. We will follow that up with a trip to Chick-fil-a for lunch.

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

Let Us Pray...



For Those in Our Church

We share one another's joys and concerns:

- The Bacot family
- Len Bornemann
- The Hubbard family
- Neveah Sholar
- Kelli Lott & daughters
Savanah and Gabby
- Julie Dowd, Tina
Corley's sister
- Ed Watkins
- Macie Hale Watkins
- Gail & Glen Yonce,
and Georgianna

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:

- Leona Anderson
- Betsey Blimline
- Chris Brown
- Laura Clark
- Family of Deana Coker
- Nancy Cooper
- Charlotte Gero
- Jim Greene Lois Grice
- Beverly Grier
- Joan Herin
- Michael Knight
- John Lake
- Corrie Manis
- Dave Watson
- Geri
- Abigail
- Jeff
- Candy



For the World

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

- For WOW, Joy in June, and Westminster's Session and staff
- For those dealing with the trauma of mass shootings
- For all those suffering from war, natural disaster, and the COVID-19 pandemic
- For those living in fear and danger, especially Ukrainians and Russians
- For all who experience exclusion
- For unity among Christians in every congregation, country, and corner of the world
- For those living with mental, emotional, and/or physical illnesses
- For those in our community who struggle to meet basic needs
- For peace and wisdom in our community, country, & among world and local leaders
- For those serving in the American armed services, especially those in harm's way
- For our enemies, that their hearts may be transformed by your love and truth

*"Hear my cry for help, my King
and my God, for to you I pray."
Psalm 5:2*



Philippians 02:02 Prayer Challenge

*Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my **joy** complete by being **like-minded**, having the same **love**, being one in **spirit** and of one **mind**.*

Set your phone, your watch, and your alarm clock to go off at **2:02 P.M.** every day. When you hear the alert, pause to pray **wherever you are**, focusing on Paul's guidance to the Philippians in Chapter **2**, Verse **2**.

Here's a suggested structure for you to use in creating your personal prayer, or simply prayer for whatever is in your heart:

- **Joy:**
 - Offer adoration, praise, and thanksgiving to God for all that He is and all that He does
 - Ask Him to help you find joy in serving Him
- **Like-minded:**
 - Ask God to align your mind and heart to His guidance for how you should live
 - Ask God for strength and courage to live according to His will
- **Love:**
 - Express to God your love for Him
 - Lift up those you love for God's blessing, healing, comfort, and safety
 - Ask Him to open the hearts of our enemies and replace evil with love
- **Being in one spirit and of one mind:**
 - Acknowledge God's sovereignty over this world and all that is in it, now and forever
 - Pray for unity for all Christians and all people everywhere
 - Give the Holy Spirit control over our present and our future

AMEN!

Daily Prayer Focus Topics

from F-1.0304: The Great Ends of the Church

- Monday:** The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind
- Tuesday:** The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God
- Wednesday:** The maintenance of divine worship
- Thursday:** The preservation of the truth
- Friday:** The promotion of social righteousness
- Saturday:** The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world
- Sunday:** Sabbath rest and spiritual refreshment

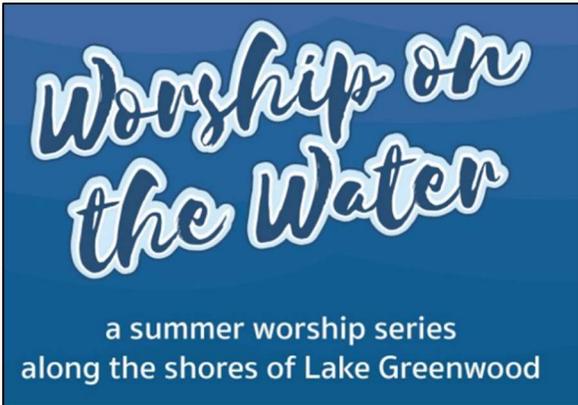
And God Saw That It Was Good...



Rey Wicker serving

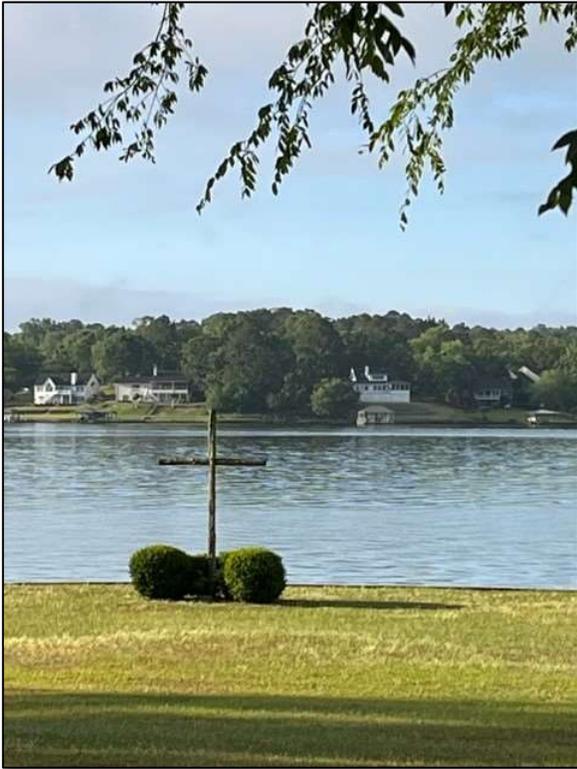


Getting Ready for WOW at Camp Fellowship



2022 SCHEDULE

May 29	July 3
June 5	July 10
June 12	July 17
June 19	July 24
June 26	July 31



Mission Sunday: Come, All Ye People!



Mission Sunday: Partner Presentations



Rosemary Bell, Executive Director
Greater Greenwood United Ministries



Dr. Nancy Hart Wicker, Medical Director
Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont



Teresa Goodman, Executive Director
Community Initiatives



Alice Hodges, Executive Director
Meg's House

The Parable of the Pencil

Shared by Teresa Goodman; Author Unknown

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside just before putting him into the box. "There are five things you need to know," he told the pencil, "before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be.

ONE: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in Someone's hand.

TWO: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil.

THREE: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make.

FOUR: The most important part of you will always be what's inside.

AND FIVE: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write."

The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

Now replacing the place of the pencil with you; always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best person you can be.

ONE: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand. And allow other human beings to access you for the many gifts you possess.

TWO: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems, but you'll need it to become a stronger person.

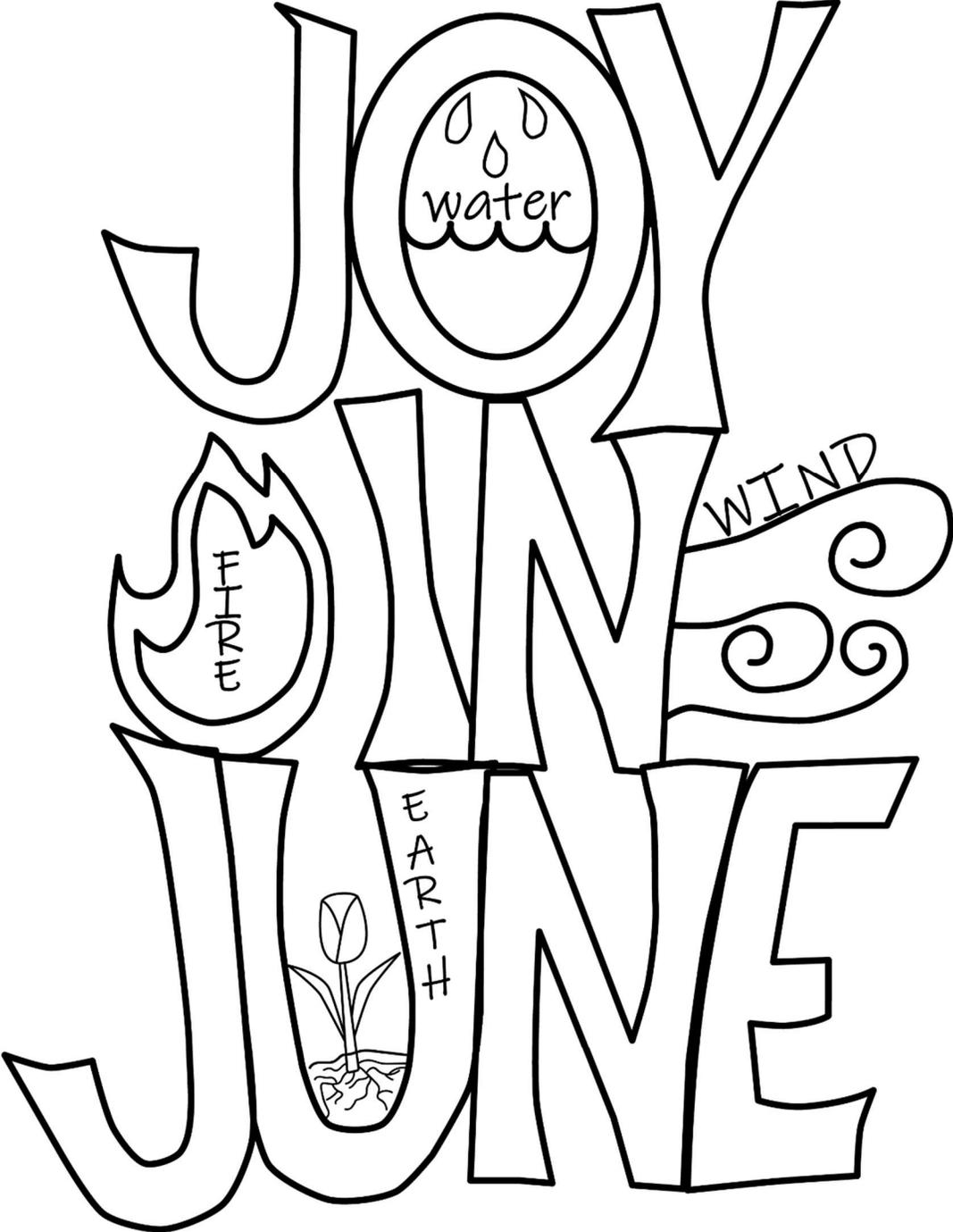
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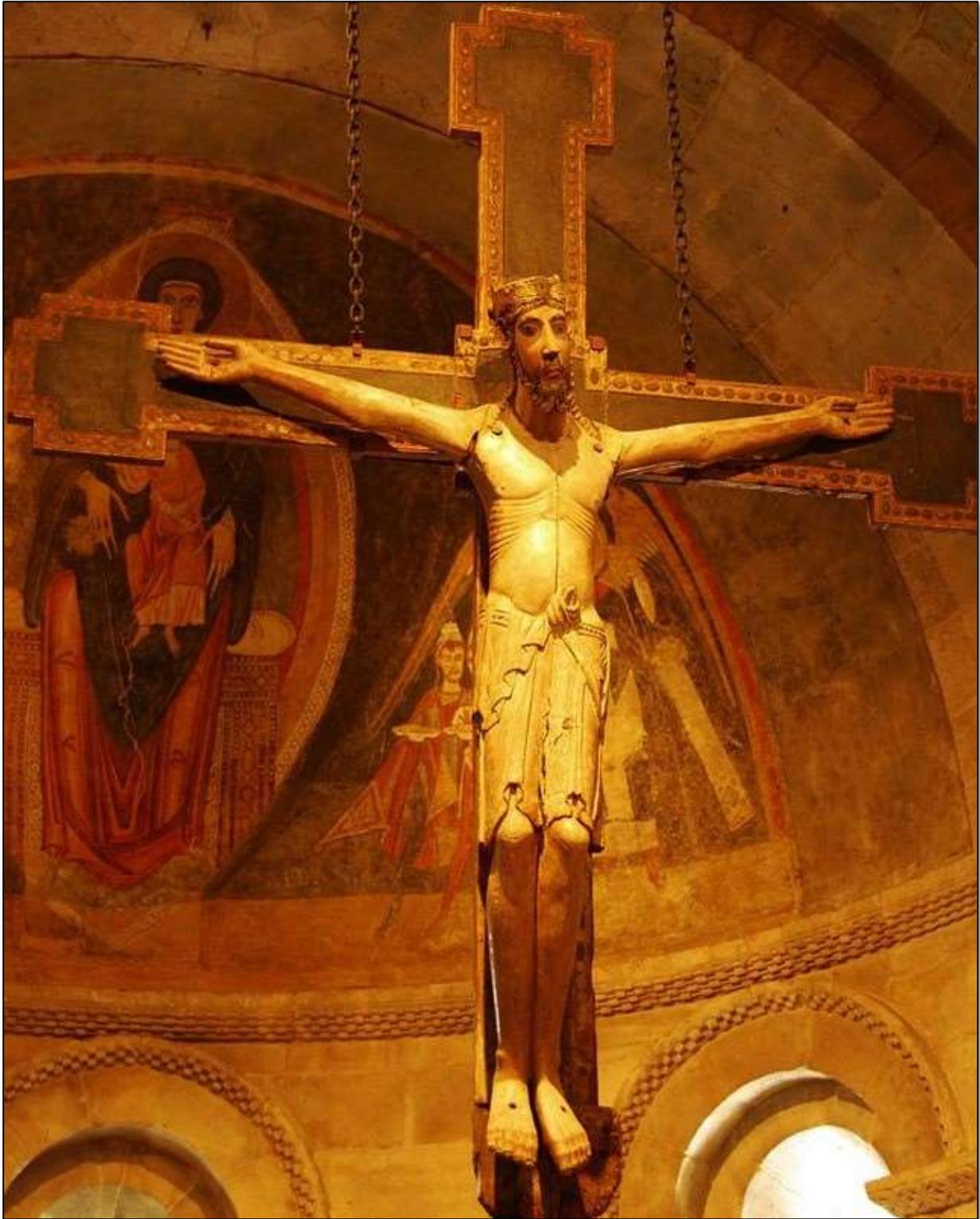
AND FIVE: On every surface you walk through, you must leave your mark. No matter what the situation, you must continue to do your duties. By understanding and remembering, let us proceed with our life on this earth having a meaningful purpose in our heart..



Joy in June Coloring Page
Designed by Kathy Gillespie



Christ on the Cross



Taken at The Cloisters in New York City
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