



Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

June 2022



NEWS

MISSION STATEMENT

*Our calling as believers in Jesus Christ is to love and live by His example,
to share God's Word and to find new ways to serve.*

VISION

Worship Prayer Community

From Our Minister-in-Training:

In one of the hit country songs of 2016, Maren Morris sings about the sense of spiritual exhilaration each of us can experience in the sacred solace of our car. Morris says that when she rolls down the windows and turns up the volume, "Hank brings the sermon / And Cash leads the choir," and asks her audience, in that down-home preacherly way: "Can I get a hallelujah? / Can I get an amen? / Feels like the Holy Ghost runnin' through ya / When I play the highway FM."

I know exactly what Ms. Morris is talking about, and I even happen to share some of her musical taste. (I'm sure many of the good Texans of Westminster can relate!) So I mean no disrespect when I say this, but where I start to take issue with this phenomenally catchy song is at the end of the chorus, where Morris says of joy and freedom she feels belting out songs in her car: "Yeah, I guess that's my church."

Singing along with Waylon and Willie as you breeze down the highway is great. In fact, I highly recommend it. But it ain't church. It may be genuinely joyful. It may be a great blessing from God, a place where someone truly worships God and experiences God's presence. But that doesn't make it church.

Because church isn't just wherever we happen to feel joyful or thankful, wherever we happen to feel close to God. Church isn't a place at all, but rather a *people* called by God. It's bigger than any private spiritual experience because it's where the risen Christ meets us in the eyes of our neighbor, where the hands and feet of Christ are always active in service of others. I love the sound of the mandolin and the steel guitar as much as the next guy, but it's not going to bring me a casserole when my wife and I are welcoming a new child into our family. It's not going to spot me on my rent when I'm down-and-out and have nowhere else to turn. It's not going to sit with me in the ICU when all hope seems lost.

John Calvin famously said that "Where the Word of God is preached and the Sacraments duly administered, there, we may have no doubt, we find the Church of God." Nobody can preach the Word to herself. And of course, we don't baptize ourselves. These are things that only the Church can do. We are each part of Christ's Body, but any one of us would be foolish to think we're the whole thing. And even though God can meet us in many places (yes, even on the highway with the windows down and the volume up), the first place we should look for God is where God has *promised* to be: where the Word is preached, where the Sacraments are administered, where two or more are gathered in Christ's name.

The first Sunday of June this year, the Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost. On this day, we commemorate the birthday of the Church, the day when the Holy Spirit descended on Christ's apostles, empowering them to spread the good news of Christ to the ends of the earth. It will also be the first Sunday in nine months that I will not be worshipping at Westminster, but at my home parish of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Fort Worth. By the time you read this, I'll have traded my black Reformed preaching robe for a cassock and an alb. I have learned so much from each person at Westminster I have served with, laughed with, prayed with, sung with, and ended sentences with prepositions with. And I can truly

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say I will miss this congregation, its distinct customs and traditions, its unique way of following in the way of Christ, but most of all the warmth and kindness of its *people*. (I've learned that Presbyterians are not God's "frozen chosen"--just as you've now learned there are Episcopalians who like country music.)

I take comfort, however, in knowing that our two churches are, if we could only see it, one *Church*. The 2009 ecumenical agreement between the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Episcopal Church states in no uncertain terms: "We acknowledge one another's churches as churches belonging to the one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church" and "We acknowledge that in our churches the Word of God is authentically preached and the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist are duly administered." Different churches. One Church. The same Spirit that descended on the apostles all those centuries ago, who is leading me in my next steps, will be right here guiding the way for Westminster too. We are both in good hands, because we are both in the *same* hands. I find that far more comforting than anything I've heard through my car stereo lately. Can I get a hallelujah and an amen to that?

Vance

Dr. Hogg will be on vacation beginning Sunday, June 19 but will be back in the pulpit on Sunday, July 10.



Nominations for Ruling Elders

It is great to see folks starting to gain confidence in getting out and participating in church activities once again. This is quite an adjustment from the last few years and there are many ways that the church can start to return to, or even go beyond prior levels of passion and success in our mission. WPC church leadership is an important part of making that happen.

Each year, as five members of the 15-member session complete their term, five new members are elected. In this regard, the Nominating Committee is beginning the process of identifying candidates to be presented to the congregation later this year for election as ruling elders of Westminster for the three-year term beginning January 1, 2023 (Class of 2025). As we prayerfully consider members for nomination, if you are feeling a conviction to serve in this important capacity, or if you would like to recommend someone for consideration, please reach out to any Nominating Committee member (shown below). If recommending someone for the nomination, make sure you discuss this with the individual prior to your recommendation. Thank you for your help with this process.

The Nominating Committee

Mark Judice, Sharon Wilson, James Werner, Hal Leeds, Sandra Sullivan

2022 SESSION MEMBERS

Donna Christian	Barry Miller
Becky Earley	Chris Sullivan (T)
Susan Green	Debbie Bunch (T)
Alex Seleny (T)	Peggy Claus
Barbara Wheeler (T)	Teddy Claus (T)
Rick Bargas	Kathryn McClain
Gordon Couch (T)	Sharon Wilson
Mark Judice	

2022 TEAMS and LEADERS

Building & Grounds	Gordon Couch
Christian Education	Kathryn McClain
Finance	Barbara Wheeler
Membership	Mark Judice
Outreach & Mission	Susan Green
Personnel	Alex Seleny
Worship	Peggy Claus



Bus N Boots for Father's Day Collection June 5 & 12

With Father's Day coming, Mission and Outreach would like to continue the tradition of honoring our fathers with the Bus N Boots program benefitting Christian Community Assistance.

Many CCA clients are in need of boots for work and bus passes. For clients without transportation, the bus is the only way they can pick up food or get to jobs or appointments. This year for the Bus N Boots program we **will have a table in the Narthex for two Sundays prior to Fathers Day (June 5 and 12).**

You will be able to put cash or a check in a drop box, sign an "honor or memory" sheet with your name and your father's name, and pick up a Father's Day card if you wish. Checks should be made to **Westminster** with CCA Bus N Boots on the memo line. You can also mail your check directly to the church or [donate online](#). \$35 buys a pair of boots or 7 bus passes. Of course, any amount is appreciated. CCA greatly appreciates Westminster's support.



Treasurer's Corner May 2022

As your treasurer, let me express my deep gratitude for the wonderful support you have continued to give this congregation through a difficult and trying time.

Total income (donations + other revenue) for April was \$31,957.10, slightly below budget (94%). Total income for the year is at 99% of budget. Total expenses for April were \$29,335.67, about 13% below budget. As a result, the general fund increased \$2,622.03. The church had \$158,991.67 in the bank. Of this \$55,494.17 is available in the general fund operating account. The balance is in the various dedicated funds (Celebration, Memorials, etc.).

The mortgage balance is \$113,061.01. Excluding any further additional principal payments, the mortgage should pay off in the last quarter of 2024.

As your treasurer, it's my job to talk about money. Rest assured, however, that your relationship with the church is about so much more.

Larry Bartlett

Please Note: this is a 2-month issue

**Wednesday,
June 22
is the
Deadline**



**for the
July/August
Newsletter
and
Calendar**

Contact Information Changes



Brad and Joyce Estes

*(Please contact church office
for updated information)*



June Birthdays

06/01 Aiden Casebier
06/01 Mark Judice

06/01 Jennifer Winn
06/02 Kaitlin Snyder
06/03 Frank Mansfield
06/05 Adam Mahan
06/06 Susan Green
06/06 Kathy Rowe
06/07 Lisa Francis
06/08 Paula Di Nicola
06/09 Herman Wardlaw
06/09 Patricia Chin
06/11 Greg Williams
06/12 Annelise Seleny
06/15 Carolyn Gregory

06/16 Larry Bartlett
06/17 Kimberly Adams
06/18 Valerie Holland
06/19 Shirley Wells
06/19 Kathy Nance
06/20 Elaina Riedel
06/20 Tyler Green
06/26 Curtis Van Geem
06/26 Ian Logsdon
06/28 Patricia Hoover
06/28 Roxann Ringnald
06/29 Patricia Bellingham
06/30 Alice Carter



Thank You, Thank You!

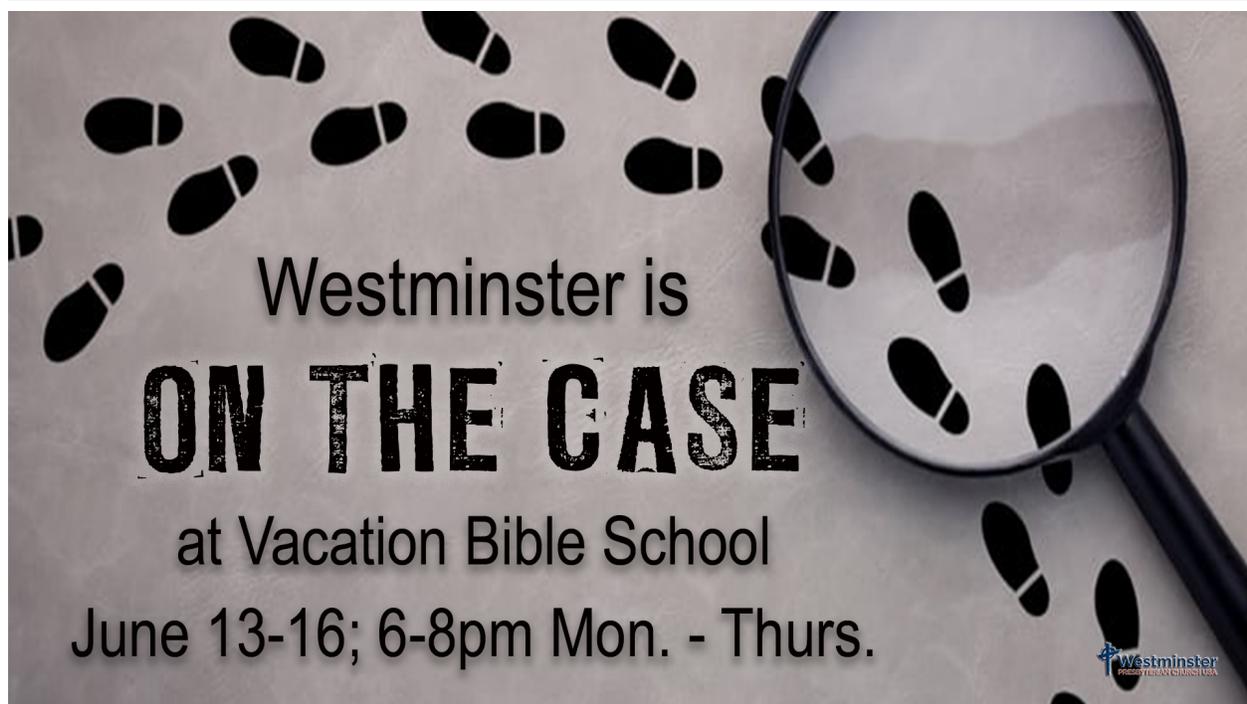
The feedback is in and by all accounts the "Celebration Connection" event sponsored by the Westminster Presbyterian Women (PW) on Saturday, May 14, 2022, was a resounding success! If that is true (and it really is 😊), the shared credit belongs not only to the PW ladies who planned it, but also to the enthusiastic love & support of Session, our administrative staff, and this congregation. The participants arrived with joyful anticipation and a wide variety of delicious salads fit for royalty. Equally evident was the number and variety of personal items on our gift table (towels, body wash, shampoo/conditioner, socks, deodorant, etc.) benefitting the Fort Worth Presbyterian Night Shelter, Women's Division. The highlight of our brief program included reverence and gratefulness to God, an icebreaker/ introduction game, a PW Birthday observance (with cake of course 😊), and an installation ceremony of our 2022-2023 officers. The majority of the two hour occasion was spent in conversation with one another; something the pandemic has minimized or diminished all together. Again, thank you Westminster and continue to be blessed.



Outreach & Mission Blood Drive on Sunday, June 12, 11 am - 3 pm

Sign up in person or [click here to sign-up online](#)

Vacation Bible School is Back!



It's been two long years but VBS is back! We will need numerous volunteers to make it happen.

[Click here to sign up to volunteer.](#) There are a variety of opportunities available!

[Online registration for Vacation Bible School is available by clicking here.](#)

Last day to sign-up is Monday, June 6th.



June 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				6 PM Pathways		9:30 AM Fort Worth Writers' Group
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<i>Pentecost</i> 9:15 AM CE 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM CE 4:30 PM Pathways	Last Day to Sign up for VBS 6:15 PM Team Leaders		6 PM Mid-Week Ministries	9 AM Project Linus 6 PM Pathways		9:30 AM Fort Worth Writers' Group
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:15 AM CE 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Blood Drive 11:15 AM CE 4:30 PM Pathways	11:30 AM Staff Meeting 6 PM Vacation Bible School	6 PM Vacation Bible School 7 PM Finance Meeting	6 PM Vacation Bible School 6 PM Mid-Week Ministries	6 PM Vacation Bible School 6 PM Pathways		9:30 AM Fort Worth Writers' Group
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<i>Bus-n-Boots</i> 9:15 AM CE 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM CE 4:30 PM Pathways			July AND August Newsletter and Calendar Deadline 6 PM Mid-Week Ministries	6 PM Pathways		9:30 AM Fort Worth Writers' Group
26	27	28	29	30		
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Congratulations to Delight A., Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership Recipient! (pictured with PW Moderator, Geraldine P.)

Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County is in need of volunteers in the South and Southwest area of Fort Worth.

Volunteers are the heartbeat of Meals on Wheels. Without them, we would not be able to help our homebound neighbors remain in their homes, have a daily well check and receive the proper nutrition.

It only takes 60-90 minutes, one day per week, Monday - Friday, during lunch time.

We will provide training, insulated delivery bags, AND a whole lot of gratitude!

Visit www.mealsonwheels.org to learn more.

Become a Meals on Wheels Volunteer Today!



Serving the Church

Sunday, June 5

Sermon: "The Promise of the Holy Spirit"
Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg
Liturgist: Kirsten Adams
Usher Team: Lincoln Chin, Mickey Rigney,
Rosie Vela
Greeters: Geraldine Parish, Susan Bennett
Counters:
Elder on Call: Susan Green

Sunday, June 12

Sermon: "The Christ and The Spirit from
The Beginning"
Scriptures: Proverbs 8:1-4
John 16:12-15
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg
Liturgist: Barry Miller
Usher Team: Eva Riggs, Jim & Linda Wynne
Greeters: Kim & Mark Judice
Counters:
Elder on Call: Alex Seleny

Sunday, June 19

Sermon:
Scriptures:
Preaching:
Liturgist: Eva Riggs
Usher Team: Gordon Couch, Linda Moore,
Susan Bennett, Tammy McCurdy
Linda Puckett, Rosie Vela
Greeters:
Counters:
Elder on Call: Barbara Wheeler

Sunday, June 26

Sermon:
Scriptures:
Preaching:
Liturgist: Susan Green
Usher Team: Chris Sullivan, Jimmy Cartrette,
Sandra Sullivan, Shar Werner
Jim & Linda Wynne
Greeters:
Counters:
Elder on Call: Debbie Bunch

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Main: (817) 292-1155
10:00 am Worship Service
9:00 & 11:15 am Christian Education

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