

### **From the Pastor's Study:**

It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter article that I will be writing for the Westminster Newsletter. It is even harder to believe that soon I will not be here in this office, or preaching and singing here on Sundays, or visiting with you all in the hospital and recovery situations, or be available to counsel with you, or be spending time just catching up with good friends. But it is time for Melinda and me to move into the next phase of our lives and ministry and for Westminster to do the same.

As I look back over the past 27 years I am amazed at all that God has done with us as a church and as individuals. We have healed old rifts and pulled together to see God's work done. We have bravely done new things to make worshiping and serving God something that we and others are excited to accomplish. We started a second service that was contemporary in style, a little less formal while continuing to be fueled by the same understanding of the centrality of scripture and faithful preaching and singing that was the center of our traditional service. When the need for two services no longer served us well we listened to God and combined the two, preserving the integrity of both services as we made them one. We realized that reaching out to those unable to attend worship in person was and still is important to God's Kingdom, for both our members and others around the world who joined us for worship via live streamed services. We are a teaching church and have trained numerous ministerial students who have gone on to serve in churches, in chaplaincy positions and in positions of teaching and increasing the body of knowledge that helps others better understand scripture and Christian Life.

I have loved you all, prayed for and over you and that will never stop. It is with sadness and excitement that we close this chapter of our lives. The sadness is that we will not be serving with you into the future. The excitement for us is focused on time together with family and an opportunity to do some of the things that have been on our "to do list" for a long time. The excitement for the church is learning all of the things that God has planned for Westminster. We will be watching with great anticipation. God calls leaders to guide God's people and I know, like Moses to Egypt and the Disciples to the newly forming churches, God is already calling the next pastoral leader to Westminster. In the

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meantime, God's call went out to the men and women who serve on Westminster's session to lead you all through this time of change. Have faith in God because God has a plan for Westminster that will take you into the future; we just have to wait for God's timing.

For now, pray for your session members as they step into roles that are new for many of them as they lead you through this transition time. Also, keep us in your prayers as we look for the places God will lead us in retirement. We love this church and we love this congregation and that will never change.

Peace and Love,

*Don*

September 21, 2024

**Choir**  
*Workshop & Concert*

hosted by Westminster Presbyterian Church Fort Worth

**Workshop 9:30am - 4:30pm**

**Free workshop**

Registration will be available online at the end of July 2024

*Dinner break 4:30pm-5:30pm*

**Concert 6:30pm**



Coming Fall 2024, the WPCFW Music Department with the Teams of Westminster present the **Choir Workshop & Concert!** Come spend the day with us as we work on vocal exercises, anthems, and team building.

Everyone is welcome to join us, and we look forward to reaching out to other congregations through this event.

The day kicks off at 9:30am with warm-ups and ends at 6:30pm with a concert for the community of the anthems worked that day.

Registration for the event will open at the end of July. Keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks!



# Happy Birthday (May through September)!

## May

05/01 Donna Rauer  
05/03 Marcy Head  
05/05 David Bernardez  
05/05 Lincoln Chin  
05/06 Carol Edley  
05/08 Sam Ecton  
05/10 Michele Nelson  
05/10 Dominic Casebier  
05/12 Scott D'Amico  
05/12 Barbara Stephenson  
05/15 Colleen Foster  
05/16 John Thorsen  
05/17 Geraldine Parish  
05/18 Dorothy Rouse  
05/20 Marci Schuman  
05/20 Jane Post  
05/20 Drew Southworth  
05/21 Bob Craig  
05/21 John Seleny  
05/22 Kily Jones  
05/26 Katie Parker  
05/26 Carter de Carion  
05/28 Logan Winn

## June

06/01 Aiden Casebier  
06/01 Mark Judice  
06/01 Jennifer Winn  
06/02 Kaitlin Snyder  
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  
06/20 Elaina Riedel  
06/20 Tyler Green  
06/26 Curtis Van Geem  
06/26 Ian Logsdon  
06/26 Evie Green  
06/28 Patricia Hoover  
06/28 Roxann Ringnald  
06/29 Patricia Bellingham  
06/30 Alice Carter

## July

07/02 Paul Brunn  
07/04 Barbara Wheeler  
07/07 Patricia Rigney  
07/08 Stephen Cartrette  
07/14 Sarah Totten  
07/16 Barry Miller  
07/18 Chuck Bosworth  
07/20 Fred Doelling  
07/22 Kim Judice  
07/23 Kirsten Adams  
07/24 Carol Lindsay  
07/25 Hazel Lyon  
07/26 Kyle Klovstad  
07/26 Kathryn McClain  
07/27 Sarah Russo  
07/29 Amy Leger  
07/31 Cody Parker

## August

08/01 Joanne McClendon  
08/01 Lucas Lyon  
08/04 Adam Riedel  
08/05 Linda Tallman  
08/08 Red Lindsay  
08/08 Matthew Bailey  
08/09 Seleta Rizzo  
08/09 Maya Chauhan  
08/09 Elizabeth Dyer  
08/10 Lisa Winn

08/12 Tara Jones  
08/14 Robert Nance  
08/14 Dub Godby  
08/15 Margaret Auwaerter  
08/15 Sandra Sullivan  
08/15 Jamie Bittle  
08/16 Wesley Head  
08/17 Nathan Logsdon  
08/18 Donna Christian  
08/18 Linda Moore  
08/20 Kara Beth Boyd Cocek  
08/20 Harold Sawyer  
08/24 Rip McClendon  
08/25 Lucile Wise  
08/26 Tyler Foster  
08/27 Vicki Timberlake  
08/28 Greg Foster  
08/29 Teddy Claus

## September

09/01 Rosie Vela  
09/04 Eric Bunch  
09/05 Caitlyn Jones  
09/05 Noah Seleny  
09/06 Tony Di Nicola  
09/09 Jerry Shineman  
09/10 Ken Post  
09/13 Karen Crawford  
09/13 Kathryn White  
09/13 Julie Riedel  
09/16 Beverly Daniel  
09/17 Matthew Bernardez  
09/19 Shelly Jones  
09/21 Joyce Estes  
09/19 Kima Miyatake  
09/21 Kathryn Pooler  
09/22 Kevin Jones  
09/24 Mary Farmer  
09/27 Susan Bennett  
09/27 Lincoln Hurd  
09/28 Ramon Zepeda

## Annual Wiener Roast



The annual Memorial Day wiener roast for all church members will take place Friday, May, 24, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Atkinsons' home, in Fort Worth.

Hot dogs, fixins', and drinks will be furnished. We do not live by hot dogs alone and you are asked to bring a salad, side, or dessert for all to share that is appropriate for the main course.

There are several chairs available, however, you might bring a lawn chair for backup since we will be outside. Please make a reservation with the hosts in order to assure that plenty of hot dogs will be available.

You may contact Delight and Larry by e-mail, text, or by calling the home phone, to let us know that you will attend.

Hope to see you there!!

## Treasurer's Corner April 2024

At the end of March, the church had \$170,318.44 in the primary checking account. Of this, \$78,066.38 is available in the general fund operating account. This represents 2.3 months of 2024's budgeted operating expenses.

Year to date income is \$99,668.42 (104% of budget) while expenses, at \$103,226.39, are 103% of budget. Building & Grounds had a number of large expenses in January (almost \$9,000). We have an ageing building that is expensive to maintain.

The big news this quarter is that the mortgage is paid off thanks to a generous donation from Dub & Shirley Godby's daughter!

As always, my thanks for the wonderful support of our members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Bartlett



## Remaining 2024 Newsletter Deadline:

- **Wednesday, September 18**  
*October through January (2025) issue*



# UPCOMING OUTREACH & MISSION EVENTS



Individual signups for build dates available online

*WPCFW is providing sandwiches to the workers on May 18*

We are partnering with other Presbyterian churches in the area to help build a house for a deserving family in May. Individuals who would like to sign up to participate in the build can go to the following link:

<http://vhub.at/preschurches>

to sign up for one day or several days. The specific dates are listed in the link. The house is located in east Fort Worth and the time will be from 7:45am - 3pm each day.

O&M will be getting together on Saturday, May 18 at 8:30 in the Fellowship Hall to fix lunches for all of those working on the build that day. We would love to have you join us. The more the merrier and the quicker the work.

Thank you from Outreach and Mission for sharing the love with a well deserving family.

## Teacher Appreciation **May 6-10**

The best thing about being a teacher is they make a difference every day. The hardest thing about being a teacher is they make a difference every day. A teacher is a special person who touches the lives of our future leaders on a daily basis.

Teacher appreciation is the week of May 6-10. Each year we support Bruce Shulkey and ELP by providing lunch or a gift card during this week to show how much we love and support our teachers.

Please be sure to thank those teachers in your life for making such a difference in the lives of so many.

## National Night Out **October 1**

It will be here before you know it. Our annual National Night Out celebration will be on Tuesday, October 1, 2024. Be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss this fun event. It's a great time to visit with friends and make some new ones.

More information will be coming as we get closer to the date.

## Bus and Boots **June 2 & 9**

For all of those hard-working dads out there, let's make their lives a little easier. We will be collecting money on Sunday, June 2nd and 9th to be donated to CCA to purchase bus passes and work boots for CCA clients. This will make a nice little Father's Day gift for those deserving dads.

Outreach and Mission would like to thank everyone for their generosity and kindness in helping our neighbors and friends.

## The Market **November 2**

The year is flying by and Christmas is just around the corner. We are planning to host our annual craft fair on Saturday, November 2, 2024. Be sure to save the date and plan to come get your Christmas shopping done. The money we raise goes to support several worthwhile charities and organizations.

Watch the e-news closer to the time for registration information and opportunities to volunteer on the day of the event.



# Before We Say Good-Bye

# LET'S CELEBRATE!

**There will be two opportunities to celebrate with Dr Hogg this May!**

- **May 19, 2024** a BBQ luncheon following worship in Fellowship Hall
- **May 26, 2024** a reception following Dr Hogg's final sermon at Westminster 😞

**We hope you will be able to join us as we thank Dr. Hogg for his leadership, his care and his many contributions to Westminster!**



- ELP graduation & celebration on Thursday, May 23 at 1 PM
- ELP's last day of classes will be Thursday, May 30
- ELP Meeting the Teacher on Thursday, August 22 (time TBD)
- ELP classes will resume on Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Any questions or comments?  
Call or email anytime.



# Looking Ahead

## Highlighted Opportunities

**May 18, 2024**

Assemble Lunches for Habitat for Humanity Build

**May 19, 2024**

Dr. Hogg's Retirement Celebration  
11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall

**May 26, 2024**

Dr. Hogg's Farewell Gathering  
In the Narthex following Worship

**June 2 & 9, 2024**

Outreach & Mission Bus-n-Boots Drive

**June 23 - 27, 2024**

Vacation Bible School, 6 - 8 PM

### Sundays

Christian Ed .....9:00 AM  
Worship ..... 10:00 AM  
Christian Ed ..... 11:30 AM  
Bells..... 11:30 AM  
Cub Scouts .....4:00 PM  
Al Anon .....4:30 PM

### Tuesdays

Gold Tones .....9:30 AM

### Wednesdays

Praise Team Rehearsal .....7:15 PM

### Thursdays

Al Anon .....6:30 PM  
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 PM

### Saturdays

Fort Worth Writers' Group.....9:30 AM

### Mondays through Thursdays

ELP Music Time (May & Sept)..... 10:00 AM

### Communion

May 5, August 4

**CE Meetings** ..... 7:15 PM

May 6, June 3, August 5, September 3

**Finance Meetings**..... 7:00 PM

May 14, June 11, July 9 August 13, September 10

**Membership Meetings** ..... 11:00 AM

May 7, June 4, August 6, September 3

**Men's Breakfast**.....Saturdays @ 9:00 AM

May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7  
(*Rise and Shine Restaurant*)

**O&M Meetings** ..... 7:00 PM

May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6,

### Presbyterian Women

Coordinating Team ..... Tuesday, May 7, 10:00 AM  
..... Tuesday, June 4, 10:00 AM  
Circle 3 ..... Monday, May 13, 7:00 PM  
Circle 1 ..... Tuesday, May 14, 10:00 AM  
Tuesday Together ..... Tuesday, May 21, 10:00 AM

**Project Linus**.....Thursdays @ 9:00 AM

May 9, June 13, July 11, Sep. 12

### Session Meetings

May 20, June 17, Aug. 19, Sep. 16 ..... 7:00 PM

### Staff Holidays

(Mon.) May 27, (Thu) July 4, (Mon) September 2

### Team Leader Meetings

May 6, June 3, August 5, September 9

### Other

Elections ..... May 4  
Run-off Election (tentative) ..... June 15  
Christmas in July ..... July 28  
Life Line Screening (outside group)..... August 2  
Gold Tones Rehearsal ..... September 6  
Gold Tones Concert..... September 7  
Newsletter Deadline (Oct.-Jan.) ..... September 18  
Choir Workshop & Concert..... September 21  
Sunday Lunch..... September 29

## Our 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.

## Our Vision

Worship \* Prayer \* Community

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
7001 Trail Lake Drive  
Fort Worth, TX 76133

Main: (817) 292-1155  
10:00am Worship Service  
9:00 & 11:30am Christian Education



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