



Westminster Window

Knowing Christ Building Believers Serving All

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TAKE NOTE!

- Calvin's Kids will resume on January 11
- JBM Choir Rehearsal resumes January 4
- Committee reports for the Annual Report are due January 16.
- There will be a Congregational Meeting on January 29 following worship

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Not the Same Old Faith In a Brand New Year

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." -Lamentations

2023—We welcome this new year in our life together as Westminster Church, along with the new challenges, the uncertainty, the changes we know will come. Thanks be to God that we have been called to be here for one another and all those whom God calls us to love and serve in the future. We are not alone, ever. Immanuel is with us.

The whole of our life in Christ is about getting us ready for what is ahead of us—our true destination—eternal life in Christ. There are new opportunities and new beginnings if we turn our eyes to the Lord. Jesus calls us to focus on the love of God, to walk by faith and to share our life with others. When we do these forward-looking things, we are the church our community and family and friends need us to be.

I read a daily devotion that said: "Whether you've just walked through the greatest year of your

life, or are incredibly glad to see this one finally over, one truth still rings clear amidst it all. You are not alone. Not ever. Scripture is filled with prayers of men and women who reached out to God for a fresh start. Praying is the main source of connection to the one who created you and the one who wants you to experience blessings and promises in the future.

Our God is a "with us" God. On the heels of the celebration of the birth of our King, that reminder has the power to carry us right into a fresh, new start. He is Immanuel, God with us. And though things and people around us shift and change, our God never changes."

How many years have you now completed in your life as Jesus' follower and as part of his Church? What has that journey of faith looked

like? How has it shaped you? I hope this past year with Westminster Church has deepened and expanded your life in Christ's love and his way of living.

For 2023, we believe and have faith that new promises await us. As we wait, Christ is waiting for you too: for your "Yes" in this new year to being more committed to him, to his Church, and to one another. What is your prayer and answer to Jesus going to be?

Are you ready to see glimpses of the eternal as you love and serve the Lord this year? Thanks be to God we are together as Westminster Church and as Jesus' disciples as we welcome another new year in our lives! Trust in God's promises. "You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths drip with abundance." -Psalm 65:11

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Bonnie

Shout to the Lord!

This month we are sending a “shout out” to all who enhanced our Advent season. Thank you to the Advent families, choir members and musicians, those who assisted with-- decorating the church, Christmas baskets, Fish Wishes, hosting the Community Chorus Concert, the Children’s Christmas Program Night, the cookie exchange and the stocking tree. “What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good.” Aristotle

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Calvin’s Kids (5:00-6:45 pm) will resume on January 11, 2023. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please sign up to provide a dessert. A sign-up sheet is available on the Faith Formation Class door in the Christian Ed wing. Thank you for your help with this ministry.

The Children’s Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 14, was lovely. There were 57 in attendance. The evening began with a family meal followed by the program. The children did a choral reading, sang several Christmas songs and enjoyed a special story illustrated and read by Pastor Bonnie. The evening concluded with a cookie and punch reception, a fellowship time and gift bags for our youngest disciples. Thanks so much to all who made this event special—Laura, Pastor Bonnie, Debbie, Don, Linda, Robin, Josiah, Jeremiah, Tricia and all who donated cookies.

In January, our Faith Formation classes will begin with a lesson on Epiphany and then Jesus calling Disciples/Peer pressure. We are continuing to work on learning the books of the Bible.

As a spiritual practice for the new year, each month you will find in your newsletter daily readings. You are also encouraged to write a prayer or reflection.



Treasurer’s Report



For the Month Ending November 30, 2022

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Total General Fund Receipts</u>	\$176,413.44	\$186,076.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$194,219.66	\$186,076.00
<u>Net Income/(Loss)</u>	(\$17,806.22)	\$0.00

Acolyte Schedule

Jan. 1—The Spirk Family

Feb. 5—Lydia Sullivan & Alana Ethington

Jan. 8—Tommy & Mollie Soderlund

Feb. 12—The Spirk Family

Jan. 15—The Hanna Family

Feb. 19—The Hanna Family

Jan. 22—Thomas Foster & Logan Sternberg

Feb. 26—Mollie & Tommy Soderlund

Jan. 29—Annabelle F. & Madison S.

January Anniversary

January 30—John & Trisha Adams



January Birthdays

- Jan. 2—Clyde Boyd, Callie Peck
- Jan. 4—Valerie Nall, Thaddeus Wilkins
- Jan. 8—Carol Pirtle, Jordan Ruppert
- Jan. 9—Ann Beth Rheinecker, Terry Waldron
- Jan. 13—Matthew Steele
- Jan. 14—Connie Ruppert
- Jan. 15—Tara Byington, Paige Smith
- Jan. 16—Hunter Steely
- Jan. 17—Stacey Morgan
- Jan. 18—Jeanne Schmierbach
- Jan. 19—River Mahan
- Jan. 21—Carrie Grobb, Bobby Klausung
- Jan. 22—Jane Boyd
- Jan. 26—Donna Bannister, Judy Crain, Steve Jackson

- Jan. 28—Bonnie Cundiff
- Jan. 29—Linda Williams
- Jan. 31—Glenda Stephenson



Comedy Corner





Dedicated Deacons

With the cost of items increasing, the Food Pantry can always use donations of any of the following items or a monetary donation. These donations are greatly appreciated and may be dropped off during office hours: canned fruits and vegetables, non-sugary cereals, Hamburger Helper, noodles, packages of spaghetti noodles, macaroni and cheese, oats baking mix (like Bisquick), dish detergent, personal care items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.).

Thanks to all who contributed to our giving tree in Eva Beever Hall. The personal care items you provided were greatly appreciated.

The Deacons prepared and sent out Christmas Baskets on December 19.

The deacons are continuing to open the pantry on the third Saturday of each month.

To all at Westminster Presbyterian Church, We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and may the New Year be the best ever. Thank you all for what you have done, and thanks for the **good meals!!** God bless you all. John & Lori Feld

Thank you so much for my fish wish list, Thanksgiving basket and Christmas basket. I hope that someday I can pay you back for your generosity. Albert Montgomery

January Daily Readings

God speaks to us through His Word, so take some time each day to write down the following scripture. If you have time, you might want to also write a prayer that the scripture leads you to pray, or your reflections as you read.

Come back next month for a fresh scripture writing challenge!

Day 1 — 2 Corinthians 5:17

Day 2 — Jeremiah 29:11

Day 3 — Isaiah 43:18-19

Day 4 — Ephesians 4:22-24

Day 5 — Lamentations 3:22-24

Day 6 — Isaiah 40:31

Day 7 — 1 Peter 1:3

Day 8 — Ezekiel 36:26

Day 9 — Philippians 3:13-14

Day 10 — Ecclesiastes 3:11

Day 11 — Matthew 7:7-8

Day 12 — Acts 3:19-20

Day 13 — Isaiah 65:17

Day 14 — Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 15 — Malachi 4:2

Day 16 — 2 Chronicles 7:14

Day 17 — Colossians 3:9-10

Day 18 — Psalm 73:25-26

Day 19 — Psalm 23:1-3

Day 20 — Romans 12:2

Day 21 — Romans 6:3-4

Day 22 — John 10:10

Day 23 — Isaiah 41:13

Day 24 — Philippians 4:6-7

Day 25 — Proverbs 16:9

Day 26 — Isaiah 60:1-2

Day 27 — Psalm 40:1-3

Day 28 — Galatians 6:14-16

Day 29 — Psalm 98:1-3

Day 30 — John 3:16-17

Day 31 — Revelation 21:4-5

Out and About at Westminster



The kids did a great job with their Christmas program! Thank you to everyone who helped out in any way! You helped to make the evening memorable!



Thank you to the families who helped out with the Advent candle lighting:

The Mahans, the Jacksons, the Kirks and the Watsons. You brightened up our Advent season!



January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>No Sunday School</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9 a.m. Prayer Circle</p>	<p>3 10-12</p> <p>Food Pantry</p>	<p>4</p> <p>No Calvin's Kids</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p>5 10-12</p> <p>Food Pantry</p> <p>6:00 Deacons</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Fellowship Hall Reserved</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9 a.m. Prayer Circle</p> <p>5:00 Worship</p>	<p>10 10-12</p> <p>Food Pantry</p> <p>6:30 Session</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:00-6:30 Calvin's Kids</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p> <p>7:00 Trustees</p>	<p>12 10-12</p> <p>Food Pantry</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16 9 a.m.</p> <p>Prayer Circle</p> <p>Committee reports due for Annual Report</p>	<p>17 10-12</p> <p>Food Pantry</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:00-6:30 Calvin's Kids</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p>19 10-12</p> <p>Food Pantry</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 10-12</p> <p>Food Pantry</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9 a.m. Prayer Circle</p>	<p>24 10-12</p> <p>Food Pantry</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:00-6:30 Calvin's Kids</p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p>26 10-12</p> <p>Food Pantry</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Congregational meeting following worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9 a.m. Prayer Circle</p>	<p>31 10-12</p> <p>Food Pantry</p>				