



Westminster Presbyterian Church

On Course Newsletter

Welcome to June!

As we embrace the month of June, we anticipate sunshine and blooming flowers all around us—or at least we hope so! After all, this is Michigan!

The unpredictable weather is part of its charm, where a day might start with a gentle drizzle and end with a spectacular sunset.

June in Michigan is a time when communities come alive with festivals and outdoor activities. Farmers' markets overflow with vibrant fruits and vegetables, freshly picked and full of flavor. It's the perfect season for hiking in the lush forests or enjoying a leisurely stroll along the Great Lakes' beaches.

Families gather for picnics, and laughter fills the air as children chase fireflies at dusk. Gardens burst into color, with peonies and irises painting landscapes in hues of pink, purple, and white. The scent of lilacs lingers, a fragrant reminder of nature's beauty.

As the days grow longer, there's a palpable sense of excitement and renewal. Whether you're exploring a scenic trail, savoring a scoop of ice cream, or simply relaxing in a hammock with a good book, June offers endless opportunities for joy and connection.

Here's to making the most of this vibrant month! ----M.K.

Pastors Message

Greetings in Christ!

Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!! The first Sunday in June is also the seventh (and final) Sunday of Easter, so the ancient greeting is still appropriate as we begin a new month. As we write this message, it's bright and sunny outside, but still a bit on the cool side; now that we're past Memorial Day, the unofficial start of summer, here's hoping and praying that Mother Nature will catch up the calendar and we'll be able to swap our flannel shirts for T-shirts and shorts!

The Season of Easter is ending, but the gift of Easter remains forever. Nothing we can do or say will strip away the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life in Paradise with our Lord and Savior. For some people, the gift is too much to bear, because they believe themselves to be so flawed as to be unworthy; the simple fact of the matter is that none of us are truly worthy, but all of us who believe have been saved. Our worth, our value, comes from the fact that we draw breath as children of God. If you sometimes find yourself amongst those who believe that they are irredeemably bad, rest assured that you are not; you are a child of the Most High God, you are loved, and you have already been redeemed.

Looking forward into June, we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost on June 8th, as we remember the Holy Spirit descending on the gathered crowds in Jerusalem. Then, on June 15th, we'll observe Trinity Sunday. From then on, we'll be in "Ordinary Time" on the church calendar until Christ the King Sunday in November. Around town, the Mural Festival begins on June 9th, and there's an Art Walk on June 13th – our Deacons will be sponsoring the sale of delicious ice cream sundaes to enhance your experience! We hope you'll be able to take in these community events; we live in a remarkable place here on the shores of Lake Huron, with remarkable people. It's such a joy to be here with you!

As a reminder, there are still wearable items commemorating our 100th Anniversary available for purchase, as are copies of Mark Thompson's book. And we can take special orders for wearables in different sizes/colors than we have on hand.

We are continuing to post our written worship service via email, to live-stream our services on Facebook at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Rogers City, and to send out our Midweek Update. Please let us know if you aren't receiving these so that we can correct our distribution list. If you aren't able to be with us in the sanctuary, please consider joining us online!

May God bless you and keep you, and all whom you love, and all whom you are called to love, safe and well.

Rev. Karen, Justice, Toby, and Dr. Greg

What's happening in June?

Let's take a look!

Reminder: Communion for June will be the second Sunday, June 8th.

Worship- 11 a.m. on Sundays. **Communion**, the first Sunday of the month.

Choir Practice- Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Deacon's- June 3rd at 5:30 p.m. in the library.

Worship & Music Committee- Tuesday, June 10th at 10 a.m.

Session's- June 17th at 5:15 p.m. in the library.

Sunrise Side Drive Up Pantry- June 21st from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The Golden Grocery Senior Food Box Giveaway- June 24th at 11 a.m. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church at 989-734-3929.

Pounds A Weigh Group – (Formally Tops) Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

AA meetings- Mondays and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Westminster Sings!!- Tuesdays at 2 p.m. at The Brook.

Westminster will sell ice cream sundaes as part of the Mural Fest and Art Walk on Friday June 13th from 5:00-8:00 or until sold out. The Church will also be open for tours at this time. A few volunteers for serving and help are needed. Please see or contact Cliff Fisher (314-753-5806) if you'd like to help.

Mural Festival Downtown Rogers City- June 9th through June 15th.

Art Walk Downtown Rogers City- June 13th, 4-8 p.m.

Carl D. Bradley, His Stone Church, and the Golden Days of Rogers City Books for sale for \$20. (Profits are being donated to the church.) **Church wearables** are also available for sale.

Seeking Liturgists, counters, greeters, and coffee hour hosts. Also looking for people to lead the children's moment. Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. Training provided.

Happy Father's Day!!



From the Desk of
TOBY THE CHURCH DOG
June 2025

Hello dear friends!

I'm SO happy! The sunshine finally has broken through those grey skies making them blue again! Now I can linger in the rays of sunlight right on my back steps and survey my kingdom without becoming chilled. From there, I let the birdies and bunnies and squirrels know that they mustn't get too wild when they are in my presence. Life is good in the sunshine!

Can you believe that I was sleeping in my blankie over Memorial Day weekend?!? That never happens! I even asked my parents to turn on the warming mattress pad on the bed I let them share with me! Brrr... But, if I can't heat my bed, I have another favorite trick that I use on the chilliest of days that keeps me toasty warm. I want to share my special technique with you, so you can always be toasty warm too! This is what you do; when it's cool in your house just watch for splotches of brightness on the floor; that is sunlight, and it's warm! When you spot one of these delightful glowing places, just throw your body down right in the middle of it! It doesn't matter if folks like to walk where you are; they will go around. Then, moan as you slowly and deliberately stretch out your arms and legs and settle into the bliss. You will discover the most glorious feeling as your fur begins to soak up the warmth and your eyelids get heavy.



You know, soaking up the sunlight always reminds me of the wonderful light of Jesus Christ that surrounds and fills me. This is a light that not only fills, but changes me. My heart grows more loving, and with God's guidance I am more confident in my actions. My faith even strengthens as my soul is warmed. I hope you are enjoying this kind of warmth in your life too.

With love from Your Church Dog,

TObY

“Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light and there is nothing in them to make them stumble.” 1 John 2:10



June Birthdays



Jessie Hicka	6/01	Thomas Morrill	6/01
Reese Brege	6/02	Skylar Ryan	6/04
Sara Hincka	6/05	David Miller	6/06
Barb Stone	6/07	Lila Brege	6/13
Carol Lyberg	6/13	Ken Beebe	6/17
Myles Carrier	6/21	Sharon Rocker	6/21
Beth Getzinger	6/22	Debra Greene	6/22
Shirley Kreft	6/27	David Storms	6/27
Gwen Harrington	6/28		

Those Serving

June 1st

Greeters:
Preservice Music: Beth Getzinger
Liturgist: Beth Getzinger
Coffee Hour:
Flowers:
Counters: Dusty & Ed Knaebe

June 8th

Greeters:
Preservice Music: Beth Getzinger
Liturgist: Beach Hall
Coffee Hour:
Flowers: Myriam Goodwin
Counters: Richard & Jeanette Long
Sadie Lucas

June 15th

Greeters:
Preservice Music: Beth Getzinger
Liturgist:
Coffee Hour:
Flowers: Dr. Greg
Counters: Cliff & Judy Fisher
Lois Allum

June 22nd

Greeters:
Preservice Music: Beth Getzinger
Liturgist: Beth Getzinger
Coffee Hour:
Flowers:
Counters: George & Joan Smart
Beach Hall

June 29th

Greeters:
Preservice Music: Beth Getzinger
Liturgist:
Coffee Hour:
Flowers:
Counters: Barb Rasche, Pat Erfurdt

**“Volunteers don’t just work; they make it work.”
Carol Pettit**

Use this in your prayer time for our Westminster family and loved ones. To include someone in the prayer list. Please make a note on the "Attendance Registration" pad or email us at rcwestminster@gmail.com. We normally print names for one month. If you want the prayer changed, added or removed, please let the church office know at 989-734-3929.

Westminster prays for:

Gus, 3-year-old grandson of the Smarts, who is being treated for grand mal seizures.

Geri Andrzejewski, for healing.

Owen Lamb, for God's presence and comfort for both he and his wife **Marion** as they adjust to life in Traverse City.

Barb Harris, for continued healing during her rehab following a broken leg.

Renee and Roger Faust; it is difficult for him to be alone without Renee's care.

Nicole Wilson, daughter of Molly and Emil Zielaskowski, would like continued prayers as she undergoes maintenance chemotherapy.

Diane, Beth Getzinger's stepdaughter, has severe dementia and has had part of her foot removed because of diabetes.

Maggie Hilla, toddler great granddaughter of Dave Storms for continued strength, improved health and growth.

Taylor, granddaughter of the Knaebe's, for God's perfect healing.

Elaine Mayer, who is in Hospice care.

Maggie Morley, for continued strength and healing as she rehabs from surgery.

Joan Chappa, Annette Maynard's sister, who has Parkinson's.

Beth Getzinger, for healing.

John Gauthier, for healing following surgery.

We celebrate and thank God for

Lori Storms Hilla, Dave Storms' daughter, for healing following surgery.

We thank and praise God for a surgical outcome that was beyond expectation, and for every reason to hope for a very bright future!

We pray for those who mourn

The family and friends of Laura Seitz, cousin of Greg Zurakowski, who has joined the Church Triumphant.

For Wendy and Dan Persinger and family as Wendy's mom, Charlotte, has joined the Church Triumphant.

For the family and friends of Pauline Cousins who joined the Church Triumphant on March 4th.

The family and friends of Paul Mamp, and especially his mother, Ardis. Paul passed away on May 14th.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY.

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DEACONS

Deacon Class of 2025	Deacon Class of 2026	Deacons Class of 2027
George Smart	Gail Stoutenburg	Shelby Carrier
Joan Smart	Lois Allum	Cliff Fisher
	Kerry Viegelahn	