



Westminster Presbyterian Church

On Course Newsletter

Why Attend Sunday Worship?

At Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rogers City, Michigan, we believe in creating a nurturing environment that fosters spiritual growth, community connection, and a sense of belonging for all.

We pride ourselves on being a friendly congregation that welcomes people from all walks of life. Whether you're new to the area or have lived here for years, you'll find a warm and supportive community ready to embrace you.

Our Sunday services are designed to uplift and inspire. With a blend of traditional and contemporary elements, our worship includes meaningful sermons, beautiful music, and moments of reflection. We strive to create a space where you can connect with God and deepen your faith.

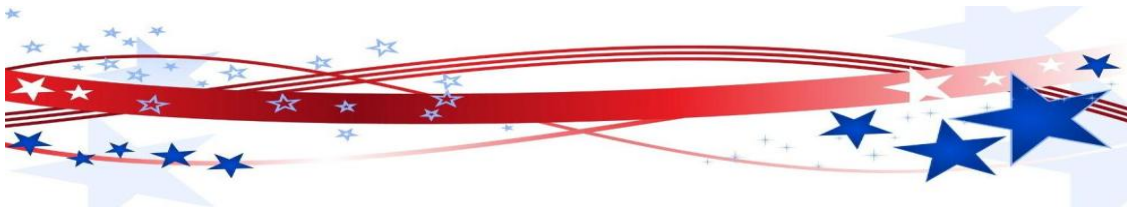
Our church is a family-friendly place, we provide a nurturing environment for children and youth to learn and grow in their faith.

Life is a journey that we can best travel together. At Westminster, you'll find supportive fellowship through shared experiences, whether it's during our weekly services, community events, or casual gatherings. Our members are here to support one another in times of joy and challenge.

See you Sunday at 11:00 a.m.-MK



Pastors Message



Greetings in Christ!

As hard as it might be to believe, we're halfway through the Year of Our Lord 2025. Based on the weather we've been experiencing lately, none of us can be blamed for thinking we missed summer, and have gone straight into autumn (the two days of extreme heat in late June notwithstanding). We can only hope that Almighty God will see fit to flip the thermostat to "summer" before we get too far into July! That being said, summertime Up North is hard to beat, even if it's a bit on the cool side (so far).

The big church festivals have come to an end for the time being, following the Day of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. For the next several months, it will seem a little quiet in worship, as the choir is taking a much-deserved hiatus and there are no special events on the liturgical calendar, but sometimes quiet is good. Quiet gives our hearts and souls time and space to absorb the Good News, quiet allows us to truly "be still and know that I am God" in the sanctuary and everywhere we go. Quiet allows us to study scripture and embrace daily devotions that are focused on everyday living. Quiet allows us to reconnect with our inner beings. Quiet is very good.

As quiet as things will be in the church world during July, the same can't be said for life in and around Rogers City! On the Fourth of July, we will celebrate 249 years since the founding of our nation; there will be fireworks in Onaway, a concert in Lakeside Park, and barbeques in backyards all across the city! For all the fun and festivities that the Fourth of July brings, we should all take a moment to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the brave men and women who chose to take a stand against the excesses of the British monarchy, and established a new nation on the principles of freedom and justice for all. The experiment in self-governance hasn't always gone smoothly, but the United States of America remains unique in the world; may God continue to bless America.

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 July?

Let's take a look!

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

Deacon's- July 1st at 5:30 p.m. in the library.

Worship & Music Committee- Tuesday, June 1st at 10 a.m. in the library.

Sessions- July 8th at 5:15 p.m. in the library.

Sunrise Side Drive Up Pantry- July 19th from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church at 989-734-3929.

The Golden Grocery Senior Food Box Giveaway- June 22nd 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.

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.

The strawberry shortcake sales will be during the Nautical Festival on August 2nd and 3rd from 11:30 - 2:30 or until sold out. This is a Church event, not just Deacons. A signup sheet for help with the event will come out later.

Please contact Dr. Greg or Rev. Karen, if you know of anyone interested in attending Presbytery Point Camp this summer. There are funds available for limited scholarships. Elementary (2nd through 5th grade) June 29th through July 2nd, high school July 6th through 12th and adult retreat July 25th through 27th.



From the Desk of TOBY THE CHURCH DOG

July 2025



Hello dear friends!

Do you like adventures? I sure do! Just recently I took my family out on an exciting journey in my box on wheels; you know, the one we pull behind my truck. It seemed best to have my dad do the driving while I guided our pathway from the comfort and height of my special riding seat. It's hard for me to reach the pedals, and my daddy so enjoys driving! We were able to visit three national parks: Cuyahoga Valley, Shenandoah, and New River Gorge! We have beautiful lands in our country!

Do you like to read stories? I love a good story! I've watched my parents read with their eyes, and that confuses me, because my most enjoyable reading happens with both my eyes and my nose. At Cuyahoga Valley I read the accounts of deer and chipmunks and squirrels and even the mules that were used to pull the barges on the Ohio and Erie Canal back in the day! Traveling on the Sky Line Drive in Shenandoah National Park I learned how far my nose could sniff and my eyes could see from a mountain top! I scanned the tales of black bears, bobcats, skunks, and newts, and gazed in wonder at Peregrine Falcons as they soared high above! Unlike with the birdies in my yard at home, a cocker spaniel needs to maintain a healthy respect for a raptor of that size! The stories I enjoyed at the New River Gorge National Park included groundhogs, raccoons, beavers, minks, and an occasional river otter too. Copperhead snakes even play a part in the book I read there! I think they are kinda cool, but my mom says that they are definitely the story's antagonists!

A high honor was bestowed upon me at the visitor's center at New River Gorge; I became a B.A.R.K. Ranger! Taking on this responsibility comes with my pledge to protect and preserve all of our beautiful national park sites, and to encourage all my friends to do so too as well. This means, my friends, that you must always wear your leash and other protective gear; interact respectfully with the wildlife; travel only where you are allowed; and always, always, always bag up any accidents you have had within the park. Actually, this last one is a good rule to follow anywhere!

God sure has made a beautiful creation for us to enjoy! We see it every day right outside our doors, but I've learned that He has given us so much more to sniff and explore. I hope you have the opportunity to get out and enjoy what He has created for us.

With love from Your Church Dog,

TOBY

And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. Genesis 1:31a



July Birthdays



Kay Morrill	7/04	Curtis Hanson	7/17
Eileen Pines	7/05	Megan Grulke	7/19
Rebecca Mayer	7/07	Brody Nash	7/19
Hannah Viegelahn	7/08	William Hanson	7/23
Marci Schefke	7/10	Barbara Rasche	7/23
Marci Dehring	7/12	Jadyn Hanson	7/25
Geri Andrzejewski	7/13	Kim Margherio	7/27
Nancy Gross	7/16	Karl Heidemann	7/30



[*Presbytery Monthly Newsletter Link*](#)

Those Serving

July 6th

Greeters:
Preservice Music: Beth Getzinger
Liturgist: Beach Hall
Coffee Hour:
Flowers: Linda Knopf
Counters: Dusty & Ed Knaebe

July 13th


Greeters:
Preservice Music: Beth Getzinger
Liturgist: Veronica Frost
Coffee Hour: Nancy Gross
Flowers: Nancy Gross & Barb Harris
Counters: Richard & Jeanette Long
Sadie Lucas

July 20th

Greeters:
Preservice Music: Beth Getzinger
Liturgist: Mary Ann Heideman
Coffee Hour:
Flowers:
Counters: Cliff & Judy Fisher
Lois Allum

July 27th

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



Volunteers don't get paid, not
because they're worthless,
but because they're priceless.

Sherry Anderson

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:

Geri Andrzejewski, for healing.

Gary Orr, for healing following heart surgery.

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.

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.

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

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

Brother-in-law and sister of Jennifer Beery, as he is experiencing a decline in health and she is learning to navigate the challenges associated with caring for him.

Marion Lamb for the healing of her broken wrist.

Former President Biden who is very ill with cancer.

We pray for those who mourn

Marion Lamb, and family and friends, as her husband, Owen, has gone to be in the glorious presence of God.

Gwen Harrington and family as Bruce Harrington has joined the Church Triumphant.

We hold in prayer Don Schaedig and family upon the passing of his wife, Marilyn.

For the family and friends of Jeffrey Mertz, who has joined the Church Triumphant. Jeffery is Suzie Mertz's nephew.

For the family and friends of Jim Maher, Karen Maher's brother-in-law, who has joined the Church Triumphant.

The family and friends of Elaine Mayer who has joined the Church Triumphant.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY.

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	Christian Education
Mary Ann Heidemann	Building & Grounds
Molly Zielaskowski (Co-Chair)	Membership/Fellowship/Outreach
Beach Hall	Missions
Priscilla Jaeger	Stewardship/Finance

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	