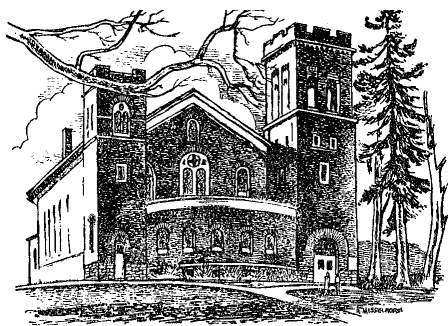




Westminster Window

Knowing Christ Building Believers Serving All

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TAKE NOTE!

- Rainforest Falls VBS will be June 1-5 from 9 am-noon
- Summer worship hours will be from 10:00-10:45 in June and July (June 7-July 26).

Laura Schulte, Editor

June 2026

The following is an excerpt from "Making Time for God: Daily Devotions for Children and Families to Share."

It was the first year of the rule of Cyrus. He was king of Persia. The Lord stirred him up to send a message all through his kingdom. It happened so that what the Lord had spoken through Jeremiah would come true. The message was written down. It said, "Cyrus, the king of Persia, says, 'The Lord is the God of heaven. He has given me all of the kingdoms on earth. He has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah. Any one of his people among you can go up to Jerusalem. And may your God be with you. You can build the Lord's temple. He is the God of Israel. He is the God who is in Jerusalem. Ezra 1:1-3 NIRV

Cooks stir soups and sauces to get all the ingredients moving. God stirs up people to get them moving! God stirred up Cyrus to help the people of Israel rebuild the temple and start worshipping the Lord in Jerusalem again. Cyrus was the king of Persia. He was an outsider—he did not belong to the people of Israel. But Cyrus was kinder and more faithful than many of the kings of Israel.



Be on the lookout for people who are doing God's work in the world. God stirs up all kinds of people. They may not go to

church; they may not even believe in God! When you see non-Christians being kind to Christians, give thanks that God has stirred them up. When you see people helping the poor, cleaning up the earth, or working for justice, praise God for them.

Whenever you see God's will being done, give thanks to God. It doesn't matter where it happens or who is doing it, God is busy stirring up goodness all over the world!

Prayer: You've got the whole world in Your hands, Lord. We praise You that You are at work in many places and in many people. Stir us up to do Your will in the world. Amen.

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Shout to the Lord!



This month we are sending a “shout out” to the people who help Westminster connect with our community. We share God’s love in many ways—through the Food pantry and through church and community sponsored events. Thank you to all who assisted in any way. “Well done, good and faithful servant...” Mathew 25: 23

Youth Sunday was May 10. The 5-8 and High School classes assisted with the service and the nursery and k-4 classes sang. On Youth Sunday, the following graduates were recognized: 8th grade: Alana Ethington, Parker Klausing, Breckon Lauer, Hayden Montroy, Henry Montroy, Gavin Peck, Paige Smith; high school: Callie Peck; college: Mason Ethington

Faith Formation classes will resume in the fall.



At rainforest Falls (June 1-5), Kids explore the nature of God! Rainforest Falls is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Hands-on science experiments, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Kids will discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Many volunteers will be needed. If interested, please contact Laura, Kay or Anne.

Treasurer's Report



For the Month Ending April 30, 2026

	<u>Actual</u>
<u>Total General Fund Receipts</u>	\$66,035.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$59,714.00
<u>Net Income Gain/(Loss)</u>	\$6,321.00

Acolyte Schedule

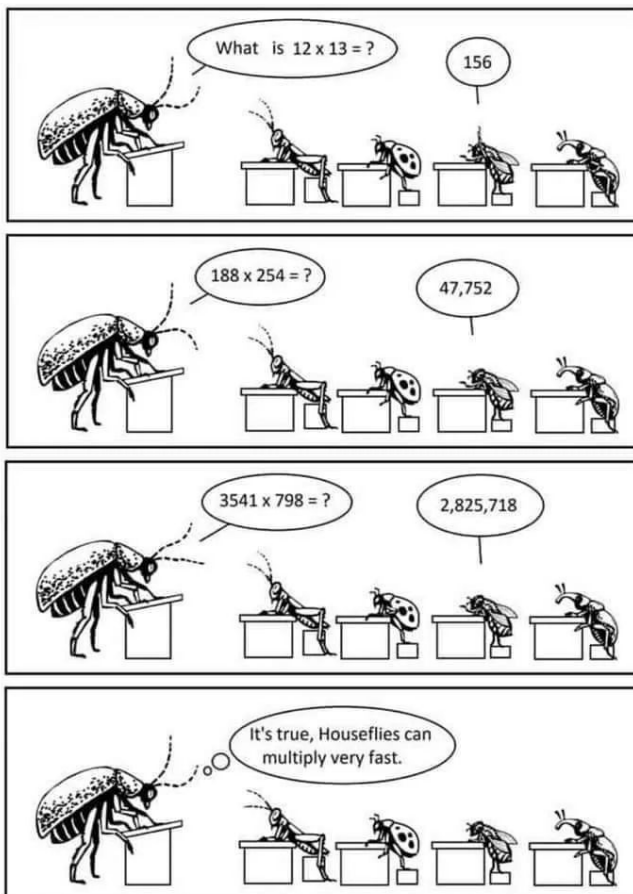
June 7 (Summer hrs 10-10:45)—Addie & Breckon Lauer	July 5—Jeremiah & Caleb Spirk
June 14—Saylor & Wade Watson	July 12—Hadley & Lennon McMaster
June 21—Ryker Adams & Maddux Steely	July 19—Jackson Hanna & Maddux Steely
June 28—Emersyn McDougal & Hadley Hanna	July 26—Alana Ethington & Parker Klausing



June Birthdays

June 1—Brandy Steely
 June 6—Caleb Spirk, Josiah Sauget
 June 7—Lorna Hawley
 June 9—Sue Hooper
 June 10—Deronda Boyster, Erin Foster
 June 15—Taylor Coleman
 June 16—Bruce Dahlem
 June 19—Steve Gasser
 June 23—Bailey McMurtry
 June 29—Katie Lauer
 June 30—Sheryl Boyd, Mike Hayer

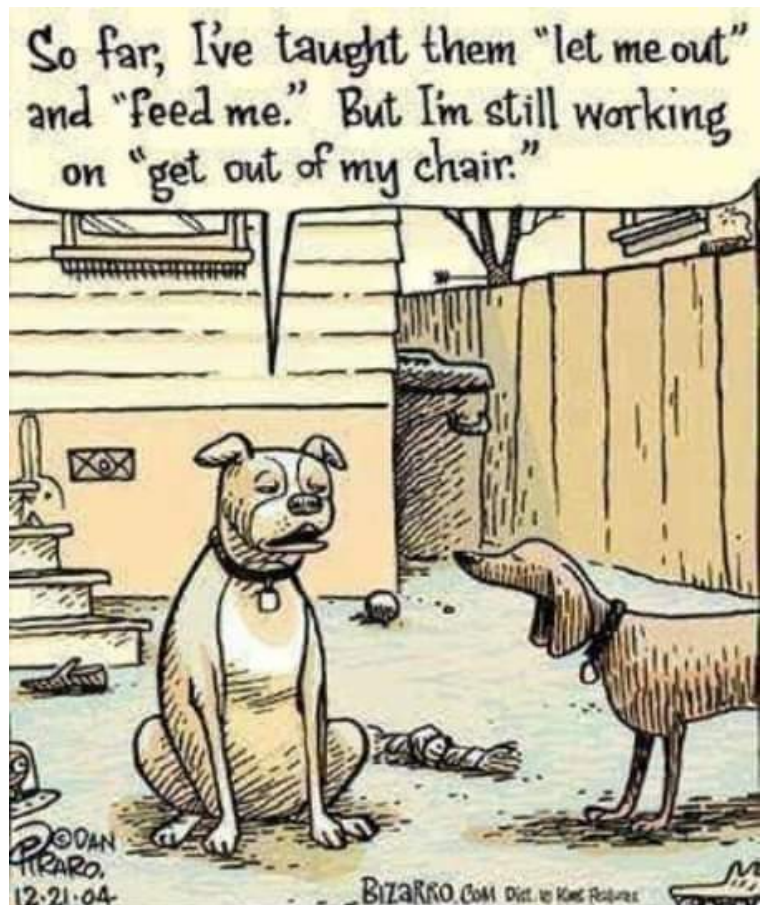
Comedy Corner



**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY
WISHES**

June Anniversaries

June 7—Kevin & Tricia Funston
 June 9—Mike & Mary Sternberg
 June 10—Tom & Megan McDougal
 June 17—Bob & Rogene Boyd
 June 19—Bruce & Kelly Ethington
 June 20—Steve & Susie Gasser
 June 24—Konnie & Carol Pirtle
 June 29—Rob & Marcie Soderlund



Thank You...

I want to thank everyone for your kindness during my recovery. The meals and pretty basket of flowers that were delivered are much appreciated! Thank you also for the cards, phone calls, and visits. Clint—thank you for the hospital visits and really good donuts! Sincerely, Connie Ruppert

Dear friends of Westminster, Thank you for the beautiful yellow flower bouquet. It was a pleasant surprise which made me feel better. The several cards which have followed are uplifting also. I enjoy greeting and talking to you individually always. Thank you also for your prayers and moral support. You often make my day! Blessings! Judy Gerlach

The 250 birthday cake looks great! Special thanks to Anne Bourner, Doris and Charlie Lehman, and Terry Waldron for taking on this project. It is good to see Westminster participating in a community activity.

Dear Westminster Presbyterian Church, Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Theological Education Fund! Your church has been a faithful donor to the fund for 27 years! Thank you for your support and investment in our church's future leaders. Zoe Garry

Because of your generous donation, we were able to serve 2,910 meals in February. Thank you! Herrin House of Hope

Our family time focus this year is on memorizing scripture. This month's memory verse is...

June Memory Verse:
“The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.”

Psalms 23:1

Notes from Session

- Clint and Vallerie will receive reimbursement for mileage and meals to do pastoral care for our members. Vallerie will be going to be with Debbie and family on May 21st and Clint will go on May 22nd.
- June and July services will be from 10-10:45 a.m.
- May 7th was the National Day of Prayer. Our church bell was rung at 12 noon in coordination with other churches to act as a call for communities to pause, unite, and pray for the nation. Thank you Bruce for doing this.
- June schedule for preachers is Rev. King June 14, and Clint Borcky June 7, 21 & 28.
- Laura will be on vacation from July 8-21. If you would like to volunteer to be a substitute secretary on one of these days, please let Doris or Laura know.
- VBS will be June 1-5.
- The city is having a celebration of the 250th birthday of the USA. Terry Waldron and Anne Bourner will decorate a sheet of plywood to commemorate this event. It will be placed in front of the church.
- Communion was taken to the shut-ins in May.

If you are chairperson of any committee, please remember to submit minutes by the second Tuesday of the month to Doris Lehman or the office. Thank you!

Doris Lehman—Clerk of Session

Out and About at Westminster



Above Left: Congratulations to our Graduates! From left to right: Mason Ethington, Alana Ethington, Parker Klausung, Callie Peck. Not shown: Henry & Hayden Montroy, Gavin Peck, Paige Smith & Breckon Lauer

Above: A HUGE "Thank you!" to the group who made the 250th birthday cake possible! If you see Anne Bourner, Charlie or Doris Lehman, or Terry Waldron, be sure to tell them they did a great job!

Left & Below: Thank you to the kids for the beautiful music they provided for us on Mother's Day!



June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9-12 VBS	2 10-12 Food Pantry 9-12 VBS	3 9-12 VBS 5 pm Benevolence	4 10-12 Food Pantry 9-12 VBS 6 pm Deacons	5 9-12 VBS 5 pm Wedding Rehearsal	6 Wedding in Sanctuary
7 Clint Borcky preaching Communion	8 9 am Prayer Circle	9 10-12 Food Pantry	10 7 pm Trustees	11 10-12 Food Pantry 5 pm Session	12	13
14 Vallerie King preaching	15 9 am Prayer Circle	16 10-12 Food Pantry	17	18 10-12 Food Pantry	19	20
21 Clint Borcky preaching	22 9 am Prayer Circle	23 10-12 Food Pantry	24	25 10-12 Food Pantry	26	27
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