

# Westminster Window

Knowing Christ Building Believers Serving All

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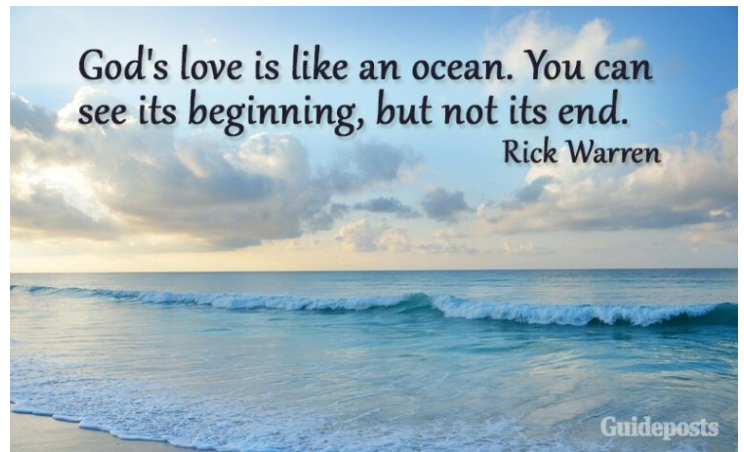
## TAKE NOTE!

- Calvin's Kids will start September 18
- DQ Night to benefit the Food Pantry is September 19 from 4-11 p.m.
- Benefit dinner for Food Pantry is September 29 following worship

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

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor. Hate your enemy.' But here is what I tell you. Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you. Then you will be children of your Father who is in heaven. He causes his sun to shine on evil people and good people. He sends rain on those who do right and those who don't...So be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." Matthew 5:45-45, 48

"No one is perfect." Maybe you've heard people say that before. And yet, Jesus told his followers to "be perfect," just like God in heaven. God gives sunlight and rain—the means of life—even to those who do wrong. God loves everyone, even those who are different from us, or who hurt us. God's love is too great for us to understand.



But it is one of the things that makes God perfect.

You might think it seems just too hard to *love* your enemies,. But you could *pray* for them, couldn't you? That is what Ruby Bridges did. Ruby was the first African-American child to go to an elementary school in New Orleans, Louisiana, where only white children had gone before. Many white grown-ups did not want her to go there. They stood outside and shouted angry words at her when she walked into the school each morning. But instead of shouting back, Ruby prayed for those people.

We can pray for those who are mean to us, and we can also pray for ourselves. We can ask God to make the love in our hearts to grow. Then we too can love one another with "perfect" love.

**Prayer:** God, your love is so amazing! All people are your children, and you love each one. Let me feel your perfect love, and teach me to love others as you do. Amen.

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## Shout to the Lord!

This month we are sending a “shout out” to Faith Formation and Calvin’s Kids teachers and staff. These dedicated individuals give of their time and talents to work with our youngest disciples. These amazing people are always ready to step in when needed. There would be no program without them.



“Well done, good and faithful servant...” Matthew 25: 23

Faith Formation: Classes resumed on August 18 at 9:15. The fabulous breakfast from 9:45-10:15 was enjoyed by all. Thank you cooks. Worship returned to the usual time of 10:30-11:30. Blessing of the Backpack was held during worship. As previously, the Nursery and K through grade 4 Faith Formation classes were held during a part of Worship. There is a class for everybody. Please come join.

Calvin’s Kids (age 4-grade 6) will resume on Wednesday, September 18 from 5-6:30 p.m. Watch for registration forms. If you are willing to volunteer to teach, cook or assist in any way contact the CE Office. A dessert sign-up sheet is available in the Education wing on the k-grade 4 classroom door.

Family Time: Show your approval of a good thing your child did for someone by recalling it at mealtime or bedtime. Thank God for a specific thing he/she did that day. Tell her/him how happy you feel because of the good behavior.



### Treasurer’s Report

For the Month Ending July 31, 2024

	<u>Actual</u>
<u>Total General Fund Receipts</u>	\$132,982.72
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$126,642.69
<u>Net Income Gain/(Loss)</u>	\$6,340.03

### Acolyte Schedule

September 1(Labor Day) —The Hanna Family	October 6—Maddux Steely & Jackson Hanna
September 8—Jeremiah Spirk & Gavin Peck	October 13—Jeremiah & Caleb Spirk
September 15—Lydia Sullivan & Alana Ethington	October 20—Mollie Soderlund & Hadley Hanna
September 22—Breckon & Addie Lauer	October 27—Logan Sternberg & Parker Klausing
September 29—Tommy Soderlund & Logan Sternberg	

## September Anniversaries

September 2—Dave & Charleen Heuman  
September 5—Taylor & Tyler Coleman  
September 7—Rob & Ellie Kirk  
September 15—Daniel & Tracy Spirk  
September 18—Clyde & Sheryl Boyd  
September 19—Joe & Robin McMurtry  
September 25—Kenny & Kathy McConachie,  
Bill & Jaime Smith  
September 28—Robert & Tammy Gielow  
Larry & Stephanie Bernardoni



### Can you help?

The Deacons are looking for people to help with our “Back Pack” ministry. If you can help, please let Randy Bertetto know, or contact the office.



## September Birthdays

Sept 4—Ellie Kirk  
Sept 5—Bud Joiner, Staci Schuessler  
Sept 7—Janice Wall  
Sept 9—Bert Byington, Ruthie Gilmour  
Sept 12—Herb Boyster, Halleck Kirk,  
Lincoln Coleman  
Sept 13—Bob Holloway  
Sept 14—Eli Bernardoni  
Sept 15—Ann Sullivan, Tracy Hooper  
Sept 19—C.O. Bannister, Bruce Ethington  
Sept 20—Ruth Spier  
Sept 23—Jayden Ethington  
Sept 26—Meredith Klausing, Bob Misselhorn  
Sept 27—Karen Steele  
Sept 28—Marleen Maybell  
Sept 29—Marcie Soderlund, Angie Stover  
Sept 30—Erin Jones

### Food Pantry Needs

The Food Pantry is in need of personal care items: large tubes of toothpaste, large shampoos, and bar soap. You can drop these items off at the church Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-noon or on Sunday mornings.

Let your faith  
*grow.*

*Faith never knows where  
it is being led, but it  
loves and knows the  
One Who is leading.*

*-Chambers-*



SPARTA AREA  
FOOD PANTRY  
SERVING OTHERS

Sparta Dairy Queen will be sponsoring  
a fund raising night for the  
Sparta Area Food Pantry  
Thursday , Sept. 19,  
from 4-11p.m.  
10% of sales will go to the Food Pantry

Please submit your  
college student's  
address to the  
Church Office as  
soon as possible.  
Thank you.

Snoopy and the Sparta Area Food Pantry would like to invite you to join us for a Free Will Offering Lunch on Sunday, September 29th at Westminster Presbyterian Church. We will be serving Bar-B-Q Pork , cheesy potatoes, sides and lots of great desserts. Lunch will be served right after church in the fellowship hall until 1:30. Carry out will be available. All donations will benefit the food pantry.



If you would like to help with the food pantry dinner or make a donation, call Mary Sternberg at 618-201-5653. We will need people a couple of mornings the week before and on that Sunday. Let's work together to help those in need.

## Notes from Session

A request has been made to make available some of what the Session has been doing. So every month there will be notes in the newsletter stating some of these things.

Solar Project update—A payment was made for the solar materials of \$67,125. Materials were delivered and the building permit was approved by the City Council. Thanks to the Trustees for their work on this project.

The Comwell cleaning group seems to be going well and this will be reevaluated in 6 months.

The pulpit supply list was approved through the end of October.

The Fellowship Hall has been rented for 2 different events—one on August 20<sup>th</sup> and another on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made and passed to make a donation to the Sunshine Ministry.

Every fundraiser needs to be approved by the Session.

Rev. Collins from Cobden has served as our moderator for the last 2 Session meetings. He is paid \$50 plus mileage.

If you are using the Fellowship Hall or any part of the church, please make sure you add it to the calendar that is in the office so that there are no conflicts. Thanks!

Our next Session meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Doris Lehman, Clerk of Session



# Out and About at Westminster



Thanks to everyone for helping to make this year's Rally Day such a memorable day! The breakfast was delicious and appreciated by all. A special thanks to Jane Russell for organizing it, all those who prepared food, and the youth for serving!

Below: We had a great turnout for the Blessing of the Backpacks this year! Please keep all of our youth and teachers in your prayers that they have a great school year!



Right: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." The church had a visitor on Aug. 27 when this pigeon stopped by for awhile to take a break. Food and water was put out, and eventually it found the energy to continue on its' journey.

# September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>  <i>Clint Borcky preaching</i>	<b>2</b>  <i>9 am Prayer Circle 1-3 Quilting</i>	<b>3</b> 10-12  <i>Food Pantry</i>	<b>4</b>  <i>6:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm Benevolence</i>	<b>5</b> 10-12  <i>Food Pantry 6:00 pm Deacons</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  <i>Tom Hobson preaching</i>	<b>9</b>  <i>9 am Prayer Circle 1-3 Quilting</i>	<b>10</b> 10-12  <i>Food Pantry 6:30 pm Session</i>	<b>11</b>  <i>6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Trustees</i>	<b>12</b> 10-12  <i>Food Pantry</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>  <i>Clint Borcky preaching</i>	<b>16</b>  <i>9 am Prayer Circle 1-3 Quilting 6 pm WOW</i>	<b>17</b> 10-12  <i>Food Pantry</i>	<b>18</b>  <i>5-6:30 pm Calvin's Kids 6:30 pm Choir</i>	<b>19</b> 10-12  <i>Food Pantry DQ Night for Food Pantry</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>  <i>Clint Borcky preaching</i>	<b>23</b>  <i>9 am Prayer Circle 1-3 Quilting</i>	<b>24</b> 10-12  <i>Food Pantry</i>	<b>25</b>  <i>5-6:30 pm Calvin's Kids 6:30 pm Choir</i>	<b>26</b> 10-12  <i>Food Pantry</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  <i>Tom Hobson preaching Dinner for Food Pantry</i>	<b>30</b>  <i>9 am Prayer Circle 1-3 Quilting</i>					