

# The Good News

*“Striving to share Christ’s love with all of  
God’s people”*

June/July 2026



*Westminster  
Presbyterian Church*

*3819 Central Avenue  
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71913*



## To My Westminster Friends

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your interim minister for nine months. In this short time I have enjoyed getting to know you, to hear your stories, learn about your families, and frankly, to fall in love with you. But as they say, “All good things must come to an end.”

At the last stated meeting with Session I announced that, effective August 31, 2026, I will not renew the interim minister contract.

No, this doesn't have anything to do with you; I have no problems with the church or the staff; I'm not mad at anyone. I just need to retire – again.

But I'm not gone yet, AND we're not done. There is still a lot of work to do, and the session and I will be very busy for the next 90 days. As for you? Keep the church and the pastor nominating committee in your daily prayers, and be prepared to roll up your sleeves and help-out when called upon. Just remember, God is not through with this church by a long shot.

So, keep up the good work, keep praying, and I'll be looking for you this Sunday...

Blessings,  
Pastor Carl



*June Milestones  
Happy Birthday To:*

- 02 Jay Olson
- 03 Nadean Cannon
- 05 Linda Hasstedt
- 09 Anju Jose
- 11 Michele Rubeor
- 12 Billie Wetzler
- 14 Joyce Esole
- 14 Tracy Esole
- 21 Mary Cole
- 26 Payne "Chief" Kipp
- 28 Katrinia Taylor
- 29 Melinda Hatcher
- 30 Malachi Tackett

*Happy Anniversary  
To:*

*Bruce & Margo Garnett  
6/14/1975*

*Mike & Robin Morrison  
6/15/1995*



*July Milestones  
Happy Birthday To:*

- 03 Golden Puckett
- 06 Lucas Segal
- 06 Jack Davis
- 07 Debbie Grubb
- 07 Tommy Waddell
- 09 Gary Puls
- 17 Adam Howell
- 21 Larry Stallmann
- 23 Claude Mahend
- 25 Terry Young
- 27 Sebastian Segal

*Happy Anniversary  
To:*

*David & Mary Cole  
7/1/2000*

*Jack & Karen Wacaster  
7/25/1998*

*David & Charlotte Howell  
7/29/1989*

*Curtis & Susie Wright  
7/30/1971*

## *Breakfast*

*Men of the Church*

*Wednesdays*

*June 3 & July 1*

*8:15 a.m.*

*Higdon Square Café*

## *Dinner with Friends*

All are invited to join with friends for dinner on Thursday, June 18, at 6:00 pm at Ward's pm Crystal Hill Road. If you wish to attend, please call the church office by 4 pm on Tuesday, June 16, so that we will have a count as to how many are attending.

## *Christian Education*

June and July are full of opportunities for learning, growing, and having fun with the church family. Adult Sunday School class continues to meet in the Community Room at 9:30 a.m., and verse-by-verse Bible Study meets from noon to 1:00 p.m. each Wednesday as we continue the study of the Gospel of Mark.

On Thursday, June 4, Summer Book Club meets to discuss the novel, "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus from noon to 1:15 p.m. with snacks provided. Young adults will have lunch out at I-Hop and a prayer walk with Pastor Carl after worship, Sunday, June 4. Church league softball games will start mid-June with Westminster's team schedule of games in bulletin announcements. Dinner with Friends will gather on Thursday, June 18, at 6:00 p.m. and on Thursday, July 16, at 6:00 p.m. at Ward's Catfish Hole, 768 Crystal Hill Road..

A special treat is planned at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, when participants are invited to bring photos of a favorite, current, or former pet to Pet Appreciation Family Fun Night in Fellowship Hall, followed by pizza and games of Bingo, including prizes. On July 21, another Family Fun Night is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. for Bingo and pizza.

Please watch the bulletin announcements and Thursday e-mails for further details on July Book Club, Young Adults' activities and teacher and leader changes.

Save the Date of Sunday, August 9, for the annual Blessing of the Backpacks during worship for teachers, school staff and all students from preschool through all studies.

## *Presbyterian Women*

At the May 12 meeting of Catherine Circle of Presbyterian Women, the ladies agreed to plan outreach to other women's groups in nearby PC (USA) congregations and to participate in the July/August mission project of Prince of Peace. Both groups will collect personal care items and staple groceries to add to Blessing Boxes around town.

To reflect the diversity and inclusion of the current women's group, the name was changed to *Women of Faith, Catherine Circle*. A few copies of the new study book, *God's Promise: I Am With You*, are available for purchase for \$10 from Treasurer Robin Morrison.

## *MISSION/EVANGELISM COMMITTEE*

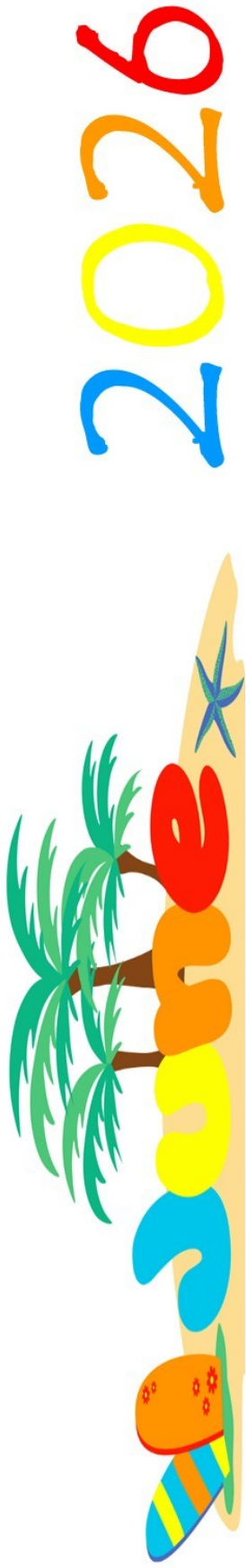
April's Dollar Giving designated for "All Created Equal (A. C. E.) Closet" for snacks and clothes at Lakeside School totaled \$348. In May and June your contributions to Dollar giving will fund the purchase of box fans for Jackson House to distribute. July's dollar giving is earmarked to use for the purchase of backpacks for counselors in local primary schools to give to needy students.



Please help us get the word out about Westminster by taking a bag of "Be Our Guest" invitation cards and WPC pens to leave out in the community. These can be found in the basket on the small square table in the narthex.

## **FINANCIAL/STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

<b>Expenses and Revenue</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	27,814	131,547
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	23,651	101,823
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT (-)</b>	<b>4,163</b>	<b>29,723</b>


I would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, cards, phone calls, and those who asked about my broken ankle. Your support encouraged and strengthened me, both before and after surgery. I'm very thankful for my Westminster family. May God bless you all. John Vaughan



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 8:15 Men's Breakfast 12 Noon Bible Study	4 Book Club 12 noon—1:15 Community Room	5	6
7 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship/ Communion	8	9	10 12 Noon Bible Study	11	12	13
14 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 	15 6:30 Session Community Room	16	17 12 Noon Bible Study	18 Dinner with Friends	19	20
21 Father's Day  9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 Fellowship Luncheon	22	23  5:30 rainy run Night & Pet Appreciation	24 12 Noon Bible Study	25	26	27
28 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	29	30				



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26 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	27	28 Mail August Newsletters	29 12 Noon Bible Study 4:30 Chancel Choir 5:45 Bell Choir re-hearsals resume	30	31	

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## Lectioary

**June 7**—Gen. 12:1-9 *and Ps. 33:1-12*; Hos. 5:15-6:6 *and Ps. 50:7-15*; Rom. 4:13-25; Matt. 9:9-13, 18-26

**June 14**—Gen. 18:1-15 (21:1-7) *and Ps. 116:1-2, 12-19*; Ex. 19:2-8a *and Ps. 100*; Rom. 5:1-8; Matt. 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

**June 21**—Gen. 21:8-21 *and Ps. 86:1-10, 16-17*; Jer. 20:7-13 *and Ps. 69:7-10 (11-15) 16-18*; Rom. 6:1b-11; Matt. 10:24-39

**June 28**—Gen. 22:1-14 *and Ps. 13*; Jer. 28:5-9 *and Ps. 89:1-4, 15-18*; Rom. 6:12-23; Matt. 10:40-42

**July 5**—Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 *and Ps. 45: 10-17 or Song 2:8-13*; Zech. 9:9-12 *and Ps. 145:8-14*; Rom. 7:15-25a; Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30

**July 12**—Gen. 25:19-34 *and Ps. 119:105-112*; Isa. 55:10-13 *and Ps. 65:(1-8) 9-13*; Rom. 8:1-11; Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23

**July 19**—Gen 28:10-19a *and Ps. 139:1-12, 23-24*; Isa. 44:6-8 *and Ps. 86:11-17*; Rom. 8:12-25; Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43

**July 26**—Gen. 29:15-28 *and Ps. 105:1-11, 45b or Ps. 128*; I Kings 3:5-12 *and Ps. 119:129-136*; Rom. 8:26-39; Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52

