

The Good News

*"Striving to share Christ's love with all of
God's people"*

2026



*Westminster
Presbyterian Church*

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From Pastor Bill . .



World Communion Sunday takes place on the first Sunday of every October—October 4 this year. We will join with Christians from all over the world as we come to our Lord's table and celebrate our unity in Christ.

The tradition originated in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 1933. Shadyside was then under the pastoral leadership of Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr, who served from 1913 through the end of WWII. Since that humble beginning, the observance has been adopted by the National Council of Churches and has spread to churches throughout the world.

It is worth remembering what the world looked like in 1933. The Great Depression was in full swing. The storm clouds of National Socialism hovered in Germany and Fascism was on the rise in Italy and Spain. We sometimes look back with nostalgia and remember the "good old days" but, in fact, this was a time of hardship and great anxiety about the future.

As a response to these fears, Dr. Kerr and some courageous elders at Shadyside decided to do something both real and symbolic. They set aside the first Sunday in October to celebrate the providential care of God and our Lord's call to Christian unity. What if all Christians would gather on one day, around one table and proclaim our unity to the world? They decided to move forward and the rest, as they say, is history.

Now, 93 years later, Christians from all over the world will continue to gather around one table—the Lord's table—to be reminded that we are one in Christ. Whatever our differences, theological, political or otherwise, we all belong to one Lord and we must always seek to treat each other with dignity and respect. We will receive the World Communion (formerly Peacemaking) Offering on World Communion Sunday.

Let us strive to be faithful and remember what our Lord said: "You are light of the world. ..So let your light shine that others may see your good works and give glory to God." (Matthew 5:14-16)



October Milestones Happy Birthday To:

- 05 Mila Mahend (2022)
- 08 Carmen Lealie (2009)
- 08 Harvey Miller
- 09 Connie Segal
- 12 Jeff Miller
- 13 Bailey DeGrasse
- 14 Anusha Jose
- 15 Joyce Sabin
- 16 Jaden Elose (2023)
- 17 David Howell
- 17 Libby Willett
- 24 Terry Hogate
- 28 Mary Smith



Happy Anniversary To:

*Larry & Peggy Stanley
10/23/1976*

*Adam & Kathrin Howell
10/26/2014*



Breakfast

Men of the Church

Wednesday

October 7

8:15 a.m.

*Mueller's Bistro &
Bakery*

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Dinner with Friends



All are invited to join with friends for dinner on Thursday, October 15, at 6:00 pm at the home of Curtis and Susie Wright. If you wish to attend, please call the church office by 4 pm on Tuesday, October 13, so that we will have a count as to how many will be attending.

World Communion Sunday *October 4*

What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, . . . to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

The prophet Micah's charge to "love kindness" is uniquely embodied when people around the world join together around Christ's Table of grace. The prophet calls us to recognize the inherent worth of every person, to practice welcome, and to make room at the table for all God's children. This is expressed in action, often involving mercy, faithfulness, and steadfast commitment.

Experience the grace that comes from reconciling all peoples from all nations around the corner and around the globe through the ministry of the World Communion Offering. The World Communion Offering works to ensure all God's people flourish as God intends through ministries working for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations.

If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Reprinted from the
World Communion Offering materials

Mission/Evangelism Committee

August Dollar Giving for the Community Resource Center totaled \$569. On August 26 and at the committee meeting on September 13, two grants respectively were made to an autistic student at the University of the Ozarks and to a church member for emergency expenses from the Missions Funded by Bequests.

October and November Dollar Giving is designated to purchase twin-size blankets and throws to be divided among Jackson House, Potter's Clay, and Samaritan Ministries. Third quarter general missions from the church budget will go to the Disaster Assistance Center at Ferncliff where relief supplies are processed and shipped to major disasters.

Friday, October 30, is a "5th Friday" time for volunteers to prepare and serve lunch at Jackson House. The committee will meet again November 8.

Thank You. . .

Dear Westminster Presbyterian Church Family,

Claude and I want to sincerely thank you for your generous support of our education at the Clinton School of Public Service. Your investment in us means more than simply helping us pursue our degrees. This is an investment in the work we hope to continue doing in service to others in our community.

Our time at the Clinton School has challenged us to grow as leaders, think differently about how we can create meaningful change, and turn our passion for helping others into action. We are incredibly grateful to have a church family that believes in us and supports us along our journey.

Thank you for your generosity, encouragement, and continued prayers. We are truly blessed by your support and hope to honor your investment by using what we learn to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

With gratitude,
Claude & Tara Mahend

Christian Education Committee

Several books donated to the church library were offered to members on September 13. Because of limited library space and specific categories, please talk with Janie Russell or NiAnn Thompson before bringing book donations to the library.

At the August 30 meeting and following, several ideas for activities and involvement by Westminster children and teens were discussed in the absence of the "Moment with Young Disciples" in worship. Parents, youth, and another committee will continue conversations with CE.

Dinner with Friends is set for 6:00 pm on Thursday, October 15, at the home of Curtis and Susie Wright. The Young Adults' book study start was delayed until October 18. Large-print Advent devotionals will be ordered by Susie Wright and available by November 29.

Women of Faith, Catherine Circle

Peggy Kipp will lead the business report and Lesson 2 "Our Weakness, God's Strength" at the Tuesday, October 13, meeting of Catherine Circle. All women of Westminster and Prince of Peace and their guests are welcome to gather in the Community room at 1:30 pm. The annual national "Thank Offering" will be collected at this meeting.

FINANCIAL/STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Expenses and Revenue	August	YTD
TOTAL REVENUE	32,451	245,309
TOTAL EXPENSES	26,723	212,546
SURPLUS/DEFICIT (-)	5,727	32,762

Total Cash and Investment Assets are up \$5240 from the July report. Money has been moved from Morgan Stanley accounts to checking in the amounts of \$10,000 from Scholarship for autumn scholarship checks, \$10,000 from IPD for General Expenses, and \$8,827 from interest in Investment accounts.

August Expenses were \$5,727 less than Revenue. Missions are \$7,000 below budget and Building and Grounds are \$17,657 below budget. Both committees will have significantly more expenses in September. Year to Date Revenue is still \$32,762 more than Expenses because of Yearly Pledges paid early in the year and Transitional Pastor expenses being lower than Pastor Chip's.

Chili Cook-Off—October 18



Our Sunday, October 18, fellowship luncheon will feature the annual Chili Cook-Off. It is time to dig out your mother's or grandmother's or father's favorite recipe and try to improve on it. Or, you might look on the internet or in a new cookbook and find a recipe that will win the approval of the congregation.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship/ World Communion	5 	6	7 8:15 Breakfast Men of Church 12 Noon Bible Study 4:30 Chancel Choir 5:45 Bell Choir	8	9	10
11 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	12	13 1:30 Women of Faith, PW Community Room	14 12 Noon Bible Study 4:30 Chancel Choir 5:45 Bell Choir	15 Dinner with Friends 6:00 pm	16	17
18 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 Fellowship Lunch— Chili Cook-off 11:30 Young Adults	19 6:30 Session Community Room	20 Newsletter Items due	21 12 Noon Bible Study 4:30 Chancel Choir 5:45 Bell Choir	22	23	24
25 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	26 Newsletters to be mailed	27	28 12 Noon Bible Study 4:30 Chancel Choir 5:45 Bell Choir	29	30	31 

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Lectioary

October 4—Ex. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 *and Ps. 19*; Isa. 5:1-7 *and Ps. 80:7-15*; Phil. 3:-4b-14; Matt. 21:33-46

October 11—Ex. 32:1-14 *and Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23*; Isa. 25:1-9 *and Ps. 23*; Phil. 4:1-9; Matt. 22:1-14

October 18—Ex. 33:12-23 *and Ps. 99*; Isa. 45:1-7 *and Ps. 96:1-9 (10-13)*; I Thess. 1:1-10; Matt. 22:15-22

October 25—Deut. 34:1-12 *and Ps. 90:1-6, 13-17*; Lev. 19:1-12, 15-18 *and Ps. 1:2*; Thess. 2:1-8; Matt. 22:34-46

