

2024-2025

GET *connected!*



 **LIVING OUT THE WORD**
LOVE • RECONCILE • SHINE • TRANSFORM

As we look to Westminster's future, we are truly hopeful for "God-Sized Dreams" to become realities.

In these efforts, we seek to let our light shine before others (Matthew 5:16), to become ministers of reconciliation loving all compassionately (because God loved us first), and to transform and renew our community and world. As unique individuals, as a collective congregation and recognizing we are all children of God.

We hope you find opportunities to join us at Westminster where everyone has a mission and everyone belongs. All have gifts to share that are valued and needed, for we "are the body of Christ and individually members of it."

I Corinthians 12:27

Love



We love because God first loved us.

I John 4:19

Reconcile

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation...

II Corinthians 5:17-18



For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

II Corinthians 4:6

Shine

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2



Transform



Our mission is to invite all members and friends of Westminster to grow in Christian discipleship through worship and active involvement in fellowship, study, service, and mission to the glory of God.



GETconnected

We have created this booklet to show where we have opportunities for you to get involved in Westminster and when special events are planned. If you have any further questions, please contact Beth Felch or Heidi Hudnut-Beumler.

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LIVING Out *the* WORD



Living Out *the* Word is something we do together. We are in a relationship. Jesus tells us, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them." At Westminster, we want you to GETconnected in ministry. As you page through this booklet, we hope you will hear a call to mission and ministry. A call that will move you into communion with your neighbors and God.

Donovan Drake
Senior Pastor

Worship



Worship Ministries

We gather to worship God on the Lord's Day (Sunday) at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM. Prayer is at the heart of worship, and our prayer includes the singing of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

Our worship is enhanced by the gifts of many in these areas:

- Worship greeters
- Worship ushers
- Lay liturgists
- Communion preparers
- Flower Guild
- Music Ministries

And, for Services of Witness to the Resurrection and weddings:

- Funeral Guild
- Wedding Guild

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Love



This reflection, as well as the others throughout this book, are part of a series of videos related to our Vision for the church and how these members experience their faith. Watch for these reflections in upcoming emails and on our website.

To whom much is given, much is required. I realize it is my responsibility to show the joy and love of God with others. I think about the times God's love has been shared with me. When our children were little, our church in NC had a Wednesday night dinner and service. At the time, my husband's job required him to travel a good bit. So, the kids and I went to church every Wednesday night. I knew when we walked into the Fellowship Hall, that Miss Lisa would scoop up one or two of my kids and Miss Ann would scoop up the other.

I would have a moment to gather my thoughts and take a breath. Often after dinner, I would skip the service and go hide in a classroom for 30 minutes. I could read a book. I could check my email. I could take a deep breath and just relax.

Those minutes for a busy mom of three young kids were a Godsend and it was a little thing that Miss Lisa and Miss Ann gave to me. A simple gift of time that made a difference in a busy week.

I often wonder how I am showing the love of God to others. I hope it is through my hospitality and grace. And scooping up someone else's kids when another parent needs a break.

**Joanna Hall, Elder
Class of 2026**

Music



Opportunities in the Music Ministry

Adults

Westminster Choir

This choir rehearses 7:00-9:00 PM on Wednesdays and generally sings for 11:00 AM worship every Sunday. The choir also presents other musical services and concerts throughout the year. John Semingson, Director

Harvard Handbells

This 5-octave handbell choir rehearses 9:00-10:15 AM on Tuesdays and rings for worship every four to six weeks during the academic year. John Semingson, Director

Westminster Bells

This musical group is for 'senior' adults and rehearses on Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 AM. They offer two musical programs each year. Sally Mae Arnn leads this group.

Youth

Laudate Choir

For all in 7th-12th grades. The Laudate serves as the choir for 8:30 AM worship every week during the academic year. This choir rehearses 5:00-6:00 PM on Sundays. John Semingson, Director

Tintinnabulation

An intergenerational handbell group. All seventh graders - adults are welcome to join. This 3-5 octave handbell choir rehearses on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 PM and is directed by Keith Cole.

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Children

Alleluia Choir

is for children in kindergarten. Music Education specialist, Susan Ramsay, leads this group to discover musical skills in a creative, fun, nurturing environment. They rehearse 4:00-4:50 PM.

Gloria Choir is for children in 1st and 2nd grades and is led by Dale Nickell. Children continue to develop their God-given, musical skills by learning hymns and anthems for the Christian year. They rehearse 4:00-4:50 PM.

Jubilate Choir is for children in 3rd- 6th grades, continuing to develop music reading and aural skills that allow them to sing in worship every 4-6 weeks. They rehearse 4:00-4:50 PM. Led by Ally Hard.

Chiming Children is for all 4th- 6th grade children who wish to learn to play handbells. This group is led by Ally Hard. Rehearsals are from 5:00 - 5:50 PM. Children already participating in singing choirs are encouraged

to also join Chiming Children Handbell Choir. They enjoy the opportunity to play for worship on Children's Sabbath and Christmas Eve and develop music reading skills in rehearsals.

Summer Music Camp

For all rising first graders through rising seventh graders. Children participate in a week-long camp with a staged musical performance on Sunday morning. Music Camp 2025 will be June 2-8, from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM.



Sunday Morning Classes:

Classes begin at 9:45 AM

Back to Basics: Bible

Westminster is launching a new series of Sunday School classes to help us get back to the basics!

This fall, we'll start with an introduction to the Bible. This is a great class for parents of teens and folks who were in Coffee and Conversation class.

Contact:

Will Wellman

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Conversations for a Polarized World

As we head toward another presidential election, many Americans are beyond fatigued with partisan politics and the division it's causing. This class will be a space for hard conversations, but ones grounded in our shared faith.

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Will Wellman

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Covenant Class

Open to all ages, lecture-based format, often with special speakers and themed series.

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Guy Griffith

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Faith and Fellowship

Fellowship, support, Bible study, and educational opportunities for people who are "empty nesters" to "early retirees".

Contact:

Donna Schwaber

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Murdoch MacLeod

Class for in-depth Bible study and fellowship.

Contact:

Paul DeWitt

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New Member and Inquirer Class

Held twice a year, this class series is for those interested in learning more about Westminster.

Contact:

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Young Families

Sunday school class for young families of all kinds, from newly married couples to parents of young children (up to middle school). Offerings include Bible-focused study, outside speakers, conversations led by church leaders, discussion topics pertinent to nurturing your children, and the rare opportunity for fellowship with other grown-ups. Good coffee and donut holes included!

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Adult Ed Intern

Weekday Classes:

Disciple Classes

Disciple I-IV are nine-month weekly studies of the Bible.

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Bible Studies

Many opportunities for weekly study of the Bible that are lectionary-based.

Men & Women

7:30 AM • Tuesday

Contact:

Alex Buchanan

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Men's Study

7:00 AM • W/F

Contact:

Donovan Drake

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Men's Study

10:00 AM • Wednesday

Contact:

Tom McDow

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Women's Study

9:30 AM • Thursday

Contact:

Guy Griffith

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Westminster Academy

Meets Wednesday evenings to dive deeper into a variety of topics, mostly "faith in fiction".

Contact:

Guy Griffith

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Daybreak Believers

7:00 AM • Tuesday

Contact:

Bill Christie

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Everyday Pilgrims

5:45 PM • Tuesday

Contact:

George Crawford, Jr.

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Photini's Well

8:15 AM • Wednesday

Contact:

Susan Isaacs

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Disciple XVII

9:30 AM • Wednesday

Contact:

Sharon Warfield

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Thursday Morning Theology Group

9:30 AM • Thursday

Contact:

Will Wellman

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Study Trips:

Reformation in the Lowlands

Holland & Belgium

April 22 - May 2

Led by Guy Griffith

Hosted by Keith Cole

Please contact Keith, keithc@wittetravel.com, if interested in this trip.



Young Families



**Book Study
Starts September 8
4:00 PM • Sundays
Led by Sophie
Maness**

Join us for a conversation around the book *Woven* by Meredith Miller. “Much like a spider’s web, in which anchor strands and internal threads combine to form a unique web, *Woven* can help children anchor to who God is and have faith practices that are rich and textured.”

We will meet while the children’s choir is rehearsing, all are welcome.

Contact:
Sophie Maness
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**Family Camping
Trip**

October 10-13
Join us for one, two, or three nights
Contact:
Grace Wagenman,
gracewagenman@gmail.com, for more information and registration details.

**Saturday Morning
Guy’s Group**

6:30 AM at Panera
(96 White Bridge Pk)
Open to everyone!
Contact:
Devin Childers
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**Andrew Peterson
Behold the Lamb
Concert**

Ryman Auditorium
December 9 • 7:00 PM
This concert brings the singing and playing of Peterson’s original folk-roots infused rendition of the Christmas story.

Tickets sell out fast.

Contact:
Ashley Higgins
for more information and to register.

Hi everyone! I’m Ashley, and I can’t wait to get to know you and your crews. I’m a mom of two (third grade and first grade) girls and have been working in ministry since 2007. I am a huge fan of supporting parents and caregivers, first and foremost as followers of Jesus. And then wondering creatively together why Jesus even matters for the ways we love and grow our families. I cannot wait to cheer you on and help make Westminster even more of a place that loves you and your people to life (both within the church walls and outside of them). Reach out and let’s grab coffee. This is going to be fun.
-Ashley

Ashley Higgins
Called Associate Pastor
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Theology on Tap

Discussions on theological topics every other Wednesday at M.L. Rose on Charlotte Ave.

Women's Book/Bible Study Group

This group focuses on various books and Bible study and meets regularly.

Other activities

Potlucks, community events and service.



Young Adults

The Young Adult Ministry at Westminster accompanies men and women in their late teens, twenties, and thirties as they seek to live out their faith in the world. Through community gatherings, scriptural study, and engagement in the social mission of the Gospel, we grow together as seekers in faith. Join us and get to know other young adults on a social and spiritual level.

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Youth



Sunday School

6th - 7th Grades, 8th Grade Confirmation, and Senior High (9th - 12th Grade)
Classes meet every Sunday in the Koinonia Youth Café at 9:45 AM.

Middle School Youth Group

Sunday gathering for 6th - 8th graders.

Senior High Youth Group

9th - 12th graders gather on Sundays for food, fellowship and reflection.

Confirmation

The Confirmation process is a commitment for 8th graders. Please contact T.J. for more information.

Youth Small Groups

Weekly small groups for faith exploration and fellowship.

Church Basketball

Play on a WPC “church ball” team.

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Hannah Norris
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Youth Council

9th - 12th grade leaders meet once a month to plan events and think creatively about faith, worship, community, outreach, benevolence, and fellowship.

Tuesday Lunch Bunch

Meets Tuesdays from 12:00 -1:30 PM in Koinonia Café. Bring your lunch. This is a weekly Bible and book study group for parents of youth and young adults.

Contact:

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Summer Service/ Learning Trips

Service and learning experiences for middle schoolers and high schoolers.

Montreat Youth Conference

Annual summer conference in Montreat, NC, for completed 8th grade through completed 12th grade.



Childcare for Nursery and Preschool Children
Available every Sunday morning from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM, for choir and other church gatherings.

Sunday School
We offer classes for two-year-olds through fifth grade.

Special Events:
Children's Sabbath November 10, 2024
One Sunday in the fall each year, we celebrate the gifts of our children and give them voice as they express their faith. At Westminster, the worship service is led by elementary-aged children and the children's choirs.

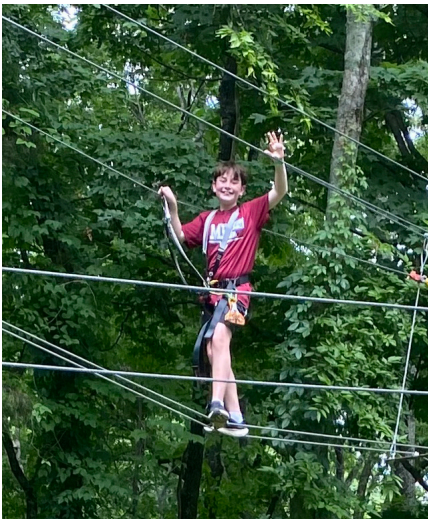
Easter Egg Hunt
April 12, 2025
Egg Hunt for young children in the afternoon after naps.

Children



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Milestones in Children's Ministry

Just as stones were used in ancient times by the side of a road showing the distance in miles to a given place, we are using milestones to mark a child's learning and growing in the Christian faith. We want to give both children and parents concrete tools as they grow and learn together in their faith journey. All of these workshops will be done with children and parents.

Kindergarten Worship Workshop – April 27, 2025

Our focus in the spring will be to help our kindergarten children be ready to be welcomed to sanctuary worship. We will celebrate our kindergartners in the worship service at 11:00 AM.

First Grade Instructed Communion – October 27, 2024

Our focus will be to learn about the sacraments of baptism and communion together. We will celebrate our first graders for learning more about the sacraments.

Second Grade Prayer Workshop – November 17, 2024

Our focus will be to explore all the different ways we can pray as individuals, as families and as a community. The children will lead a prayer during the 11:00 AM service.

Third Grade Bibles and Journey through the Bible – September 8, 2024

Each September, Westminster presents children who have just begun the third grade with a New Revised Standard Version Bible during the 8:30 AM worship service.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE is the workshop for third graders and their families to learn about their new Bibles.

Fourth Grade Mission Workshop – January 26, 2025

Our focus will be on our call to partner with others in our own community and around the world. Parents and 4th graders will talk and do service together.

Fifth Grade Sexuality Workshop – February 23, 2025

The children will learn the basics of puberty together and connect their bodies with their faith. Children have classes together and parents have classes separately to think through talking with their children and communicating their values as their children grow.

Congregational Life

Wednesday Night Dinner

5:45 PM

We gather on specific dates in the Fellowship Hall for dinner and fellowship together before evening events.

Golf Tournament

September 9, 2024

Open to all and raises money for Westminster Home Connection. Please join us.

Caroling and Dinner

December 15, 2024

Join us for caroling around the neighborhood near the church and a great dinner with fellowship and fun.

NaCoMe

April 5-6, 2025

Every spring, we gather as a church community out at NaCoMe Camp and Retreat Center.

Rise Against Hunger

Come help pack 10,000 meals for international hunger relief.

To be held again in summer 2025. Great for all ages.

Women's Retreat

Once a year, we gather as women of the church to explore our faith together.

Kickoff Sunday

August 18, 2024

New Members

If you sense God may be leading you to live out your life of discipleship with us, we invite you to attend our New Member and Inquirer Class. This class series occurs in the fall and winter, provides the opportunity to learn more about Westminster and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), meet others, and explore ways to become involved in the widearray of opportunities for growth in faith, belonging in fellowship, mission and service.

If you are already a member and want to help with this ministry of hospitality and welcome, please join us. Being an invitational, inclusive congregation is one of our core commitments.

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Congregational Life
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Congregational Life
Ashley Higgins
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New Members
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shine

As a 38-year member of Westminster and newly retired from teaching middle school math for 40 years, I wondered what I would do next. I wanted to become more active in the church. Finding my niche was easy as Westminster has many ways to share God's light and love.



A friend asked me to join her on the Congregational Care Committee. I love getting to know our older church population. I visit them. Take Communion to them. Call them. Send cards to them. And in the last seven months, I have shared my granddaughter, Graham, with them.

It gives me joy to be able to share Graham with the older folks. They love it when she comes over. They talk with her, and she looks at them and smiles. It is just the feeling of love that you can convey to other people in just a simple way and in a meaningful way.

I want people to have a good time and they light up when Graham comes. She coos at them and smiles at them and it makes everybody feel good.

**Mary Prue Alley, Elder
Class of 2026**

Reconcile

God has blessed me with some skills and a brain that still works, and I figure I gotta use it. I use it for people that I know and care about in many ways, but I also think I have to reach out to those people who are in our city. We have thousands of immigrants who are most challenged by what I do. They are used to coming from countries where they could get healthcare no matter what their income was – even if they had no income. That’s not true here.

I worked with an 84-year-old woman who was denied TennCare not because she wasn’t eligible but because she wasn’t able to figure out a letter and tell what document was missing. The lady had all her paperwork at home, so she brought it to the office, and we had it all figured out within thirty minutes. She said “God sent you to me...”



I asked Lentz Health Center if I could begin working there as a volunteer once a week for a couple of hours. During the pandemic, I learned I could do a lot of this over the telephone. It’s all about the documents. Most people don’t know what to do with them. It’s pretty simple if you know the guidelines, but if you don’t know, it’s like a puzzle you can’t solve.

Jackie Shrago, Elder
Class of 2025

Fellowship Groups



Members of all ages are able to interact with one another as well as learn something new. Looking to hang out with a few new friends? Let's find a group that works for you.

H.O.S.T. Groups (Hearts Open to Sharing Together)

Small groups experiencing fellowship around dinner, and a short devotional or shared faith topic or study.

Contact:

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Men's Coffee

This group of men gathers for fellowship in the Westminster Café the third Thursday, 10:00 AM, September - May. Every coffee will have a discussion theme. Watch for info in the bulletin and in our email blasts.

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*Donovan Drake
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Music Box

This adult fellowship group is open to all! Programs, lunch, and fellowship are the main focus.

Contact:

*John Arnn
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Women's Covenant Group

This lively group meets the second Monday, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, September - May. We bring our own lunch for a time of

fellowship followed by a program presented by a wide variety of engaging speakers. Although our group is described as a group for "grandmother" aged women, ALL women are invited, as well as friends and guests.

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*Frances Baird
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Interest Groups



Groups of folks with similar interests get together, share skills, and grow in community and faith. We have something for everyone throughout the week at Westminster.

Adult Basketball

6:30 PM • Wednesday

Join in on the fun with weekly basketball games in the WPC gym. Must be 21 years old.

Contact:

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Book Study Group

Monthly presentation and discussion on current and classic books. This group meets the fourth Tuesday, 9:30 AM, September - May.

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Centering Prayer

11:45 AM • Monday

Weekly contemplative prayer gathering in the Chapel in the presence of God and one another.

Contact:

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Earth Care Task Force

As an Earth Care PC (U.S.A.) Congregation, this task force leads education and actions for environmental stewardship and care of the planet.

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Hiking Group

Enjoy a morning hike in one of our popular Nashville parks.

Contact:

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Jam Band Anyone?

Did you ever play an instrument or sing in a band when you were in high school or college? Or maybe you always wanted to? We have had several informal Sunday afternoon “jam sessions” with a small group at the church. We have all different experience levels, so don’t feel like you have to be a great player!

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Knitting & Crocheting

10:00 AM • Thursdays

We welcome all skill levels of knitters and crocheters! We work on service-related needs, individual projects and baptism caps.

Contact:

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Pickleball

We now have two pickleball courts painted on our gym floor. We play on Mondays and Fridays, from 5:00 to 7:30 PM. Please email Mary Prue Alley to register.

Contact:

Mary Prue Alley
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Security Team

The Volunteer Security Team is a joint, member and professionally supported group of people who help to ensure the safety of the church on occasions when we gather. Being part of this group is an easy ask: be willing to do simple tasks like watch and open doors for guests, watch our video camera displays from the church office, or sit in the back of the

Sanctuary during services. The shifts are split between 8:00 - 10:00 AM and 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Annual training on safety and first aid related issues is provided for the volunteers. All you will need to get started is a shadow shift on a Sunday to learn what to do.

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Keith Maddin

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Tai-Chi

Experience the benefits of Taijiquan play as you learn warm-up exercises, fundamental movements, and if you desire, the 37-posture, Yang-style “form.”

Contact:

The WPC office for dates and times.

Westminster Ladies' Bridge

Do you like to play bridge? We would love for you to join us! We play on the first Wednesday of every month in the Westminster Café from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. All are invited to bring a sack lunch and we will enjoy a little fellowship and lunch afterwards.

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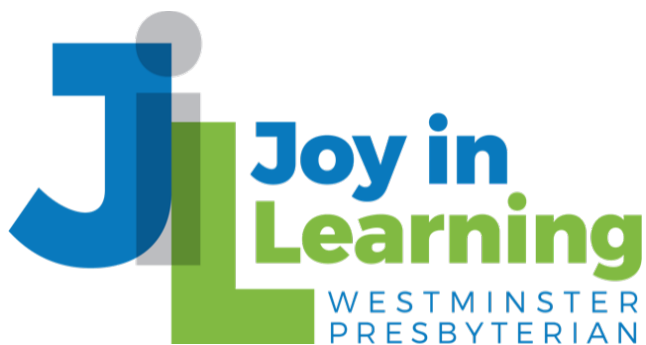
The Welcome Team

This team staffs the information desk and greets and directs folks on Sunday mornings.

Contact:

Ann Neely
ann.neely@vanderbilt.edu





Joy in Learning

Do you want to meet new folks in and outside the church? Joy in Learning is a wonderful place to do just that in small gatherings of varying interests and skill levels in short or longer periods of time.

Visit westminsterjoy.org to see where you may fit in! New classes and events are always popping up on the calendar.

Contact:
Beth Drake
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Have fun with art activities like painting, pottery, weaving, pom poms, and other crafts.



Volunteer in activities inside and outside Westminster with children of all ages!

Enjoy other classes and activities like cooking, baking, mah-jongg, chess, tai-chi, knitting, children's classes, songwriting, and memoir writing.





For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

– Matthew 18:20

The Café is open Tuesday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Enjoy a cup of cappuccino, latte, or coffee with a yummy homemade pastry! Meet a friend or work on the computer.

The Café has many activities for all ages including evening events such as Authors Roundtable and Songwriters in the Round!

Volunteers are welcome to join us to serve and bake!

For more information, contact Beth at beth@westminsterjoy.org or learn more at westminsterjoy.org.





Congregational Care Ministries

**Adjunct Meals
Team for New Baby
Families & Other
Young Families in
Times of Need**

Contact:

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Bereavement

This team offers support at times of loss, at the first-year anniversary, and at the first holidays. Grief resources, referrals, support group options, and end-of-life planning assistance is also offered.

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Caring Connections

This team cares for members undergoing rehabilitation following orthopedic surgeries and hospitalizations. Helping with transportation to appointments/PT, meal support, errands, calls and visits.

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Stephanie Boaz
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Communion@Home

On the first Sunday of each month, pairs of elders take communion to at-home members of Westminster.

Contact:

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Emily Coleman

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Families with Young Children Care

This care team supports our couples, families, and children, pregnancy through grade six and responds to needs for care in a variety of ways.

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Hospital Visitation

This team makes visits each Wednesday and Friday to members of our congregation who are hospitalized. When visitation is not possible, the team offers care for members through prayers, phone calls, texts, or cards.

Contact:

Rosemary Verrall

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Independent Living Care

This team visits members living in independent living situations in retirement centers.

Each team member visits a different person each month.

Contact:

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Medical Equipment Lending Closet

WPC maintains a supply of durable medical equipment for use by those in need. Among the items available are walkers, wheelchairs, shower seats, toilet chairs, and crutches.

Contact:

Ward DeWitt

dewittmoving@comcast.net

Memory Loss Outreach

This team has received training in understanding and supporting people and caregivers dealing with memory loss (dementia, Alzheimer's, and other forms of cognitive decline). Resources, education, and support offered.

Contact:

Rhea Bucy

rbucy@gsrm.com

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler

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nashvillewpc.org

Pastor's Aides

This group of men and women visits members who reside in assisted living facilities, nursing homes, or who are mostly homebound. Each team member visits the same assigned people monthly.

Contact:

Jane McDow

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Prayer Blankets & Shawls

We offer care for members and friends who are hospitalized, going through rehabilitation, or other special needs through prayer blankets and prayer shawls – as needed and desired. Help with sewing a blessing onto prayer blankets is needed annually. These items are lovingly created by Westminster members.

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Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Team prays for all prayer requests received from individuals, ministry staff, and pew prayer request cards. The

team meets monthly to pray as a group and prays throughout the month as well for prayer needs received. All confidential requests are respected.

Contact:

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Special Care Ministry

In longer-term situations of significant on-going needs, special care teams are formed.

Contact:

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler

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Special Meals

This group takes meals to members during times of need. Members volunteer only when it is convenient. Recipients are so grateful and providers love helping!

Contact:

Cathey Fuqua

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Worship Flower Delivery Ministry

This team delivers the Sanctuary Chancel flowers to members of the congregation who are homebound, or in other times of need.

Contact:

Jane McDow

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Transform

In 1975, my dad died of a heart attack in my arms at the office. I was trying to process that and how my life was going to go. Then I learned in January 1976, my mother had terminal breast cancer that spread to her lungs. I lost her in October. Losing both parents under the age of 30, I asked the question 'Where is God?'... not that I was mad at God or that I didn't believe in God, I just couldn't process it all.



Fast forward to 1996. I talked with my pastor about how I was not able to process their deaths and how I was in denial. He said Baptist Hospital was looking for volunteer Chaplains, and he thought that might be good for me.

I went through the training, and I chose the oncology floor to visit. For four and a half years, I was there every Monday listening to patients – some long term, some short term. All of them had cancer. They just wanted to talk and have someone listen to them and then we would have prayer.

I felt this something inside of me change. I was looking at life and death in a different way.

I grew as a person in my Faith. The light of God opened the door for me and the transformation in me happened while talking with the patients.

Jim Barr, Elder
Class of 2026

Hands on Mission



The purpose of the Hands On Mission (HOM) Committee is to help ALL of us be the hands and feet of the church. HOM increases awareness of, and participation in, each official mission partner of the church. HOM collaborates with the *GETconnected* and Benevolence committees towards engaging church members.

Hands On Mission

In the Lenten seven-week period, we present an opportunity for EVERY member to engage in one of our missions. This opportunity allows folks to learn more about the missions Westminster participates in throughout the year. ALL OF US can find an opportunity to experience our faith through helping others.

Some of the Hands on Mission efforts shift in summer time to reflect that school is on vacation. This offers an opportunity for many teens and young adults to find new ways to participate in some of our mission efforts. We expect to offer these each year depending on the needs in our community.

If you would like to learn more about any of these missions and how you can help now or throughout the year, please contact Jackie Shrago.

Alternative Christmas Gift Market

Provides the opportunity each Advent to support specific needs of the mission partners of Westminster.

Contact:

Jonna Ashwood
jashwood@comcast.net

Better Decisions

Mentor a woman prisoner or a client of Thistle Farms for better decision-making.

Contact:

Janet Kuhn
janetkuhn@mac.com

Campus for Human Development Lunch

Join others to buy, prepare, serve a lunch of casserole and cookies four times a year at the Room In The Inn facility downtown.

Contact:

Stephanie Hardcastle
s.hardcastle@comcast.net

Cockrill Elementary School (United4Hope)

Volunteer opportunities for grades K-5: read to a classroom, volunteer in the Cougar Store, tutor once a week;

provide winter coats. Background check required.

Contact:

Jennifer Anderson
andersonjl2001@yahoo.com

Crowded Table

A table team provides practical support to foster families in Davidson county through prayer, meals, laundry and transportation.

Contact:

Mollie Brookshire
mollie.brookshire@gmail.com

Jackie Shrago
Chair, Hands on Mission Committee
jshrago@gmail.com

Donovan Drake
ddrake@nashvillewpc.org



Equal Chance for Education

ECE sponsors 500 TN students, with good grades, who are not citizens or refugees to get a college education. Volunteer to contribute or mentor a student.

Contact:
Matt Ashwood
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FaithWorks

Volunteer opportunities every April/May.

Contact:
Rachel & Robert Hosé
rachel.kurilko@gmail.com

Frontera de Cristo

Purchase coffee - Cafe Justo to support ministry through monthly orders led by Janet Kuhn.

Contact:
Ron Harris
rharris@nealharwell.com

Habitat for Humanity

Builds are periodically scheduled with work over 2-3 weekend shifts. Pre-fabrication volunteer work is also periodically scheduled.

Contact:
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Heart for Africa

Africa trips focus on four specific areas: Hunger, Orphans, Poverty, and Education.

Contact:
Lindsay Ballew
lindsayballew@yahoo.com

James Lawson High School (United4Hope)

Volunteers are needed every week. Family food for refrigerators; help with learning math, read with Hispanic students, problem-solving class.

Contact:
Jackie Shrago
jshrago@gmail.com

Joy in Learning

Joy in Learning has a place for you - sew a pillowcase, knit a blanket, serve a cup of coffee, cook a meal, lead a class or help in pottery, painting, chess or songwriting, woodworking, or help with children.

Contact:
Janet Kuhn
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Living Waters for the World

Local and international opportunities to install water systems.

Contact:
Jackie Shrago
jshrago@gmail.com

Mission Trip Travel Fund

Travel funds available for WPC members traveling to locations serving outside the US including Mexico, Mozambique and Haiti.

Contact:
Ralph Wheeler
ralph.beyond3@gmail.com

Martha O'Bryan Center

Opportunities for delivering meals, working in a food pantry, tutoring, homework help, projects with adult learners, and business support for this community center that seeks to transform poverty.

Contact:
Darlene Sinks
ddsinks12@gmail.com

Monroe Harding

Provides a continuum of services for children and youth in Tennessee's custody, as well as tutoring and mentoring to complete high school, job exposure, practice interviews/part-time work for ages 16-26.

Contact:
Jackie Shrago
jshrago@gmail.com

Hands On Mission



MyLifeSpeaks/Haiti
 MLS works for family empowerment, educational excellence, and improved public health in the village of Neply, Haiti.

Contact:
Beth Moore
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Oasis Center
 Opportunities to volunteer for this youth-serving organization.

Contact:
Beth Moore
bmoore@srvhlaw.com



Rusty Moore
rustymoore@banktitle.com

Outreach Foundation

Mozambique global partner for mission trips, birthing kits, medical supplies, worship and service work.

Contact:
Ralph Wheeler
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Nations Ministry Center

Opportunities to work with students, summer literacy program, and clerical work for ministry which helps refugee families become generationally sufficient.

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Nueva Vida
 Westminster's Matthew 25 partner in the food pantry at Glencliff Presbyterian Church.

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Preston Taylor Ministries

Opportunities to volunteer at this after school mentoring program for children.

Contact:
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Rejoice School of Ballet

Motivated by Christ's love, Rejoice empowers and celebrates diverse youth to realize their potential.

Contact:

Darlene Sinks
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Rooftop Nashville

Occasional volunteer activities available for planned events: supporting families with rent or mortgage crisis.

Contact:

Jennifer Anderson
andersonj2001@yahoo.com

Room In The Inn

Provides programs that emphasize human development and recovery through education, self-help, and work, centered in community and long-term support for those who call the streets of Nashville

home. Opportunities to volunteer with family-style meals and overnight hosts as innkeepers at Westminster November – March.

Contact:

Ralph Wheeler
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St. Luke's Community House

Volunteers needed for the food bank and mobile meals.

Contact:

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mollie.brookshire@gmail.com

Strick's Gift

Opportunities to donate or prepare donations for newborn infants at local hospitals.

Contact:

Lena Levendowski
lena@stricksgift.org

UKirk Nashville

Presbyterian Campus Ministry at Belmont and Vanderbilt.

Opportunities to pray, join worship, or share a meal.

Contact:

Janet Kuhn
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Darlene Sinks

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United4Hope James Lawson High School

We are a key partner through United4Hope and offer a large variety of tutoring opportunities for members to help this public school. Confidence-building and fun ways to commit to graduate are goals of this program.

Contact:

Jackie Shrago
jshrago@gmail.com

Westminster Disaster Assistance

Organizes groups of church members to go out into the community and beyond when disasters occur.

Contact:

Lindsay Ballew
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Westminster Home Connection

Opportunities to volunteer to repair, modify, and declutter homes for seniors and people with disabilities.

Contact:

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Westminster Session

Moderator, Donovan Drake

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Connect with Us

If you have questions about any of the opportunities listed in this brochure, please reach out to a contact person listed or a member of our Program staff. We are here to help you *GETconnected!*

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