

# THE MESSENGER

Newsletter from Westminster

OUR MISSION IS TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE IN ALL WE DO

### **Prayer: Spirit of Gratitude**

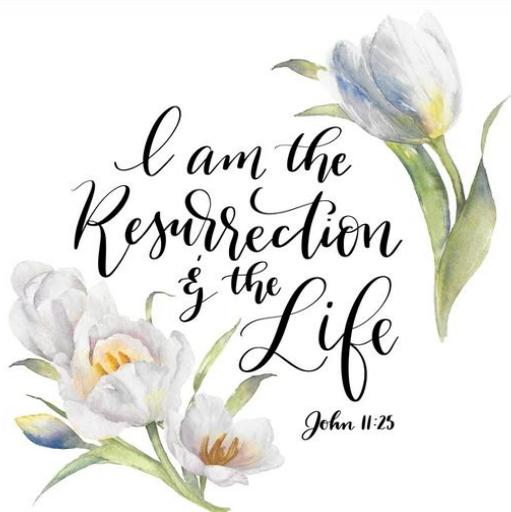
*Today is the perfect day to be grateful.*

*Your love, O God, sustains me.*

*Keep the spirit of gratitude alive within me.*

*Help me hold on to the values I cherish:*

*Strength of character, generosity, kindness, and Joy.*



- 04 ~ Dustin Dunklee
- 06 ~ Dina Dunklee
- 08 ~ Andie Nations
- 09 ~ Teri Nations
- 16 ~ Hunter Simmons

**THE OLD HAS GONE, THE NEW IS HERE!**

Finally, the chill of winter is giving way to warmer days as the first signs of spring burst upon us and the turtles begin their annual trek across the highways. All along the highway the chartreuse green - the earliest spring color - is beginning to peek out from the seemingly dead winter branches. April reminds us that God is in the business of renewal and new life. Trees bud, flowers bloom, and creation itself seems to sing of hope. This year as we prepare to celebrate Easter Sunday in just a few short days (April 5) I am grateful for the renewal.

Easter is the anchor of our faith when Jesus Christ conquered death rising from the grave in awesome power. Through the resurrection Jesus offers forgiveness and new life to all who believe in Him. Just as spring transforms the seemingly dormant earth, the resurrection contains the power to transform our hearts. As the apostle Paul writes, "*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

As we close our Lenten time and move into Eastertide; our "tree of healing" in the sanctuary is full of leaves naming areas where we need to repent, or places that need healing as well as the hope Jesus gives to each one of us. We clipped leaves to the tree stating the places in our lives that need new life and resurrection power. On Easter Sunday we will begin to add flowers of gratitude expressed to Jesus for all He has done and who He is. Each Sunday from Easter to Pentecost we will be able to share our gratitude to God as we clip colorful blossoms onto the tree which will change from a tree of healing to a tree of life.

We began Holy Week (March 29) with the celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem as we waved palm branches and sang Hosanna. On Maundy Thursday we will experience Jesus' last Passover meal shared with his disciples as we partake of the seder meal together with our Methodist brothers and sisters. Good Friday we will participate in a community service at 7 pm with Christians throughout Versailles as we gather at Trinity Baptist Church. Friday and Saturday morning we have an opportunity to enter into a contemplative Journey to the Cross at the United Methodist church across the street (April 3 from 10 am -2 pm and April 4 from 7 -11 am).

Easter Sunday we will share in a joyful and delicious breakfast together at 9:00 a.m. and then gather in the sanctuary to celebrate the risen Christ whose tomb is empty and whose victory over death has given us new life and hope.

May this April be a time of joyful new beginnings and may the risen Christ fill our hearts with resurrection power.

Pastor Angie

**MAUNDY THURSDAY  
SEDER MEAL/SERVICE**

April 02, 6:00 p.m.

In conjunction with the Versailles United Methodist Church a Seder Service and meal will be here at Westminster Presbyterian Church.



**Maundy Thursday— The Collect**

*Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

From: "THESE DAYS"  
*Daily Devotions for Living by Faith*  
Wednesday, April 01, 2026

**This Holy Week  
Isaiah 50:4-9A**

**The Tongue of a Teacher**

*The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.*

Isaiah 50:4 (NRSV)

There are a surprising number of Bible verses about our tongues. While not actually the strongest muscle in the body, the authors of James, Proverbs, and Isaiah all recognize that our tongues are powerful and that we have to use them wisely. In the next few days, Judas's tongue will be used to betray his friend. Peter's will be used to deny him. Crowds will open their mouths, saying "Hallelujah!" and "Crucify him!" Jesus will spend his last days teaching and praying, and though he cries out in despair at the end, he does not turn away. Neither does the writer of this third servant song. We have a responsibility for how we use our tongues and how we respond in times of trouble. What choices will we make?

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*God, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you Amen.*

—Mamie Broadhurst, Baton Rouge, Louisiana



## Westminster Presbyterian Church

### Chapter 1337— “Prayers and Squares”

### The Prayer Quilt Ministry.



Westminster Presbyterian joined “The Prayers and Squares—The Prayer Quilt Ministry” in 2024 and became Chapter 1337. Our first meeting was held April 22, 2024 and soon after, The Versailles United Methodist Church joined us in this ministry.

The purpose of the Prayers and Squares Ministry is to promote an active prayer life among the participants, as we make and give away quilts. We strive to involve as many people as possible in our prayer efforts.

Please join us for this fun, creative, worthwhile mission. All are welcome and if you do not know how to sew, we will show you! Meetings are from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, every first Saturday and every third Monday of the month unless rescheduled.

April meetings: Saturday, April 11 (rescheduled from Apr. 04), and Monday, April 20, - 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Prayers and Squares prayer quilt ministry group March meeting consisted of group members working on their various projects, assisting each other as needed, and Sew & Tell showing work on their projects.



The Stover schools Spring Jungle themed Concert, took place Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> Our very own Maliki Dyke along with his 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class sang Jungle Book and Lion King.





## Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Potluck breakfast will be at 9:00 a.m.  
followed by Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.





# ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY COMMUNITY DINNER** on Friday, March 13 —collected \$1005.00 in donations for the Versailles Area Ministerial Alliance (VAMA) to help our community.



**INFORMATION**

- ▶ **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** — We collected a total of **\$1475.00 this year**. Our goal was to collect \$1,400.00. Our church keeps 25% of the offering for use locally. Thank you all!
- ▶ **ST. PATRICK'S DAY COMMUNITY DINNER** on Friday, March 13 —collected \$1005.00 in donations for the Versailles Area Ministerial Alliance (VAMA) to help our community.
- ▶ **MAUNDY THURSDAY** – Together with the UMCV A Seder Meal/Service is scheduled for April 02 – 6:00 p.m. here at WPCV.
- ▶ **GOOD FRIDAY** - April 03 - Community Worship Service— 7:00 p.m. at the Trinity Baptist church. Located: 13537 Church Rd, Versailles.
- ▶ **JOURNEY TO THE CROSS** – Friday, April 03 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and Saturday April 04 from 7:00-11:00 a.m.
- ▶ **EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 05**—  
POTLUCK BREAKFAST-- 9:00 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 a.m.
- ▶ **MINISTRY HOUSE**—We will provide a meal at Ministry House, April 16, 5:30 p.m.
- ▶ **QUALITY INDUSTRIES**—We will sponsor the Quality Industries birthday celebrations for the month of May. If you would like to participate, see Pastor Angie.
- ▶ **LITURGISTS/LITTLE LAMB TIME SCHEDULE** — Please check the Schedule so you do not forget which Sunday you are the liturgist & Little Lamb time leader. Please sign up for available dates.
- ▶ **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**— If you see the kids, during the Offertory, with “Bounty Buckets” please give them your change. We are collecting loose change for missions in our community via the Love Fund Collected to date for 2026 \$112.00.
- ▶ **TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER** — 9:00 a.m. - upstairs in the conference room.
- ▶ **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY**— 10:30 a.m.—downstairs in Clingan Hall.
- ▶ **MEN’S WEDNESDAY MORNING COFFEE**— starting approx. 7:00 a.m. downstairs in the dining area “Hill Hall.”
- ▶ **PRAYERS AND SQUARES CHAPTER 1337**—Together with the United Methodist Church, we shall meet on the first Saturday and the third Monday of the month 9:00 a.m. to Noon unless rescheduled. April meetings: **Saturday, April 11**, and Monday, April 20. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Holly Cagle. Ph. # 816-244-2543
- ▶ **REFRESHMENT AND OR POTLUCK SIGN-UP LIST**— Please check the refreshment sign-up list in the kitchen to sign up on available dates. Please do not forget your date. Thank you!
- ▶ **SUNDAY SCHOOL—ADULT & CHILDREN**— 9:30 a.m.
- ▶ **GOOD SHEPHERD NURSING HOME**—Pastor Angie will be leading Vespers April 26, - 2:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home. All are welcome to join in this ministry.
- ▶ **SESSION MEETING**—Wednesday, April 22, 10:00 a.m.

**Hours:**

**Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.**

**Fellowship/refreshments after Worship**

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Live streaming starting at approximately 10:30 a.m.



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