

THE MESSENGER

Newsletter from Westminster

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



HAPPY
Anniversary!

05 - Marlene Snyder
05 - Randy Washburn
11 - Jlee Clark
20 - Marina McClane
23 - Irene Neas
23 - Warren P. Chappee

03 - Adrienne & Glenn
Müller
08 - Valery & Barry
Clark
16 - Dina & Dustin
Dunklee

ADVENT

Get Ready!

Advent. It's here! A time of preparation. A time to get ready. A time of renewal and deepening in Christ. A time when the longing and hunger in our souls is palpable. A time of wonder. God knew that it would take us time to prepare and get ready for His arrival as a babe in Bethlehem so long ago. The prophets foretold, the people looked - some saw, some did not, but the longing for a Messiah was great. The longing was palpable. God knows today too. God knows that it is taking us time to get ready for His return. The prophets have foretold, we are looking - we are watching and waiting. We are actively watching and waiting for Christ's return and praying for His life within us to become strong. The longing for Christ's return is great. The longing is palpable.

This year we celebrate Advent beginning Nov. 30, the Sunday of Hope. We begin with hope because it is something we want to cultivate throughout the month. As Dr. Curt Thompson wrote "Hope is something one forms, it does not plop into our laps out of the sky." (The Deepest Place) It takes intentionality to cultivate hope in a world full of despair; peace when division and war are easily entered into; joy in the midst of suffering; and love when hate seems to be the norm. Each of these pieces of God's kingdom take intentionality as we live them out and pursue them in our daily lives. They are critical parts of God's kingdom that we help usher in. This year as we do so we will be experiencing Advent and the wonder of our coming King through the lens C.S. Lewis provides for us in his children's book, *"The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe."*

Advent a time of wonder is also often a "thin" place in our world where hope, peace, joy and love can be cultivated and experienced in likely and unlikely places alike. We can prepare our hearts through giving to charities and shelters, sharing meals and gifts for those in need, as well as in the places close to home that call for reconciliation and repentance. Take time this season to ready yourself for the coming of the King. Read through the books of Narnia paying special attention to book 2 (*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*). Watch the movie. There are several forms available to view this captivating story. Lewis, through this magical story, has created a way to capture our imagination and wonder in our great God. As we walk through the wardrobe and into Narnia may Aslan help us to know Jesus better as we prepare for his birth and his return this Christmas.

Pastor Angie



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please plan on attending.

❖ **DECEMBER 7th**
After Worship Service.



**Blue
Christmas
SERVICE**
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8th
7:00 p.m.

Joint service at the
Versailles United Methodist Church.

Sunday, December 14



**Potluck
and a visit from
Santa Claus**

**Sunday, December 14
after Worship Service.**

DON'T MISS IT!



Adopt a Family for Christmas:

Westminster Presbyterian has chosen to adopt the Hilgar Family for Christmas! A list of items that you can donate, will be available by Sunday, November 30th. A bin will be available for the donated items.



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, not just to 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 at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Text message Holly Cagle if you have any questions at Ph. # 816-244-2543.

This year the group has made 43 quilts and given 30. For a total of 85 quilts made and 67 given.



Maliki Dyke had loads of fun at the 2025 Halloween Scare on the Square

The Salvation Poem™ — written by Matt & Sherry McPherson

Jesus, You died upon a cross. And rose again to save the lost. Forgive me now of all my sin. Come be my Savior, Lord, and Friend. Change my life and make it new And help me, Lord, to live for You.

Nativity Poem



We all have heard the story, it's been told and then retold, about the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem of old. Yet every Christmastide the tale bears telling once again, as we reflect on that sweet babe, born to redeem all men.

A decree went out from Caesar, and so it came to pass, that Joseph and sweet Mary went to David to be taxed. Though Mary journeyed wearily, for she was great with child, when Joseph wept to see her pain, she looked at him and smiled: "Fear not for me, dear Husband, among women I am blessed, but now my time draws near, and we must find a place to rest."

In desperate need of shelter, they pushed on to Bethlehem, only to find the inns were full, no room was offered them. Still Joseph knocked on every door till one innkeeper said, "Seek refuge in my stable—Here's some straw to make a bed." And Mary gratefully sank down into that new-mown hay, and gave birth to the Savior that first, sacred Christmas Day.

A shining star rose in the sky above that holy place, as Mary gazed upon her child and touched His radiant face. The shepherds and the wise men came, led by that glorious star, and angels sang out praises as they journeyed from afar.

They somehow knew the child was sent to bring the world His light and their hearts were filled with wonder as they looked on Him that night.

So was our Lord and Savior born, in humble majesty, to save us from our earthly sins and seal our destiny. On this and every Christmas Day, we thank the Lord above, for sending our Redeemer to bless us with His love.

—Written by Susan Noyes Anderson on July 1, 2009.
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"Food for Morgan County"



Sisters, (from left to right) Holly Dyke-Cagle and Fara Dyke with their paintings they painted at Pet Portrait night at the Morgan County Library in September.



INFORMATION

- ▶ **ADVENT:** Sunday, November 30, 2024 — Wednesday, December 24, 2024
- ▶ **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING--** DECEMBER 7th, after Worship Service.
Please plan on attending.
- ▶ **BLUE CHRISTMAS — Joint service at the Versailles United Methodist Church.**
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8th - 7:00 p.m.
- ▶ **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM —** Sunday, December 14.
- ▶ **POTLUCK —** And a visit from Santa Claus, Sunday, December 14 after Worship Service.
- ▶ **RINGING OF THE BELLS —** Westminster will be “Ringing the Bells” for The Salvation Army at Walmart, Versailles. December 20, 2025 – 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen) Thank you!
- ▶ **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE —** 5:30 p.m.
- ▶ **FOOD DRIVE —** We are participating in “Food for Morgan County” Please donate nonperishable food items. Pick up a list at the church. Thank you.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER —** 9:00 a.m. - upstairs in the conference room unless cancelled for the week. Please ask.
- ▶ **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. December meetings: Saturday, December 06 and Monday, December 15. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Holly Cagle. Ph. # 808-244-2543
- ▶ **REFRESHMENT AND OR POTLUCK SIGN-UP LIST** for fellowship time after worship:
Please check the refreshment sign-up list on the bulletin board 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.
- ▶ **SESSION MEETING –** Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

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Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:
The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him
Immanuel. – Isaiah 7:14*

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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