

THE MESSENGER

Newsletter from Westminster

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

Ecclesiastes 7:14 NIV

*When times are good, be happy;
but when times are bad, consider this:
God has made the one
as well as the other.*



- 05 ~ Holly Cagle
- 06 ~ Zoey Hilgar
- 13 ~ Beverly Yarger
- 22 ~ George McClane
- 23 ~ Gregory Allen
- 28 ~ Kathy Jones



- 07 ~ Kathy & Bruce Jones



THE JESSE TREE

What Advent Now?! Beginning May 31, 2026, we will start our Jesse Tree, one symbol, one story at a time until November 22, 2026, as we take a strong look at the spiritual lineage of Jesus. The Jesse Tree includes many people and bible stories through the Scripture that connect to Jesus. As our tree is decorated, we'll see how through many generations, God prepared for Jesus to be born.

A Jesse Tree is a special tree, a remembering tree, filled with biblical symbols that tell the story of God's redemptive plan for the world throughout the Old and New Testaments. It is often used during the season of Advent to help us remember many of the people throughout biblical history who helped equip the world for the coming of Jesus. We are taking a deeper dive into each of these stories from now until Advent. As we do, we will see that each person was waiting – waiting for the promised Messiah to come. Each person lived out his or her story in a particular period of time alert and holding onto God's overarching promises. As we create our Jesse Tree, their stories become part of our story as we remember each person, the promises of God, the promise of Jesus to us and the promise that is still to come, our greatest hope, the palingenesis.

Ann Voskamp writes, "The Jesse Tree is a tree with roots deep into the past, that finger right out through the stories of the Old Testament, back to the very beginning, and with branches that stretch so high and wide that you can see the whole grand panorama of God's story from the very first blink of the first star over Eden to the blinding light over Bethlehem." (2010)

The Jesse Tree tradition is rooted in Isaiah 11:1:

*A shoot will come up
from the stump of
Jesse;
from his roots
a Branch will bear fruit.
—Isaiah 11:1*

Jesse was the father of David, Israel's greatest king. And Jesus is descended from the line of David and the tribe of Judah. He is the branch God promised would grow from the stump of Jesse's family tree as well as the root that nourishes and supports the stump. Each symbol represents a story from within this family tree and a step toward the birth of Jesus and on to his return.

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The apostle Paul in Romans states of Jesus:

And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope. Romans 15:12

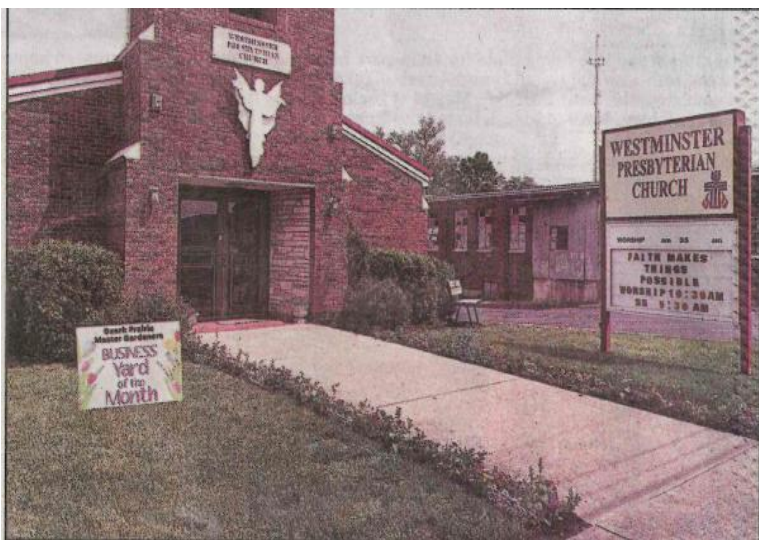
Family lineage has been important throughout history. The early Christians often referred to Jesus' family roots in their attempts to convince others that he was the Messiah. "Look," they would say, "Jesus was born of Jesse's family, of the house of David—just as the prophets foretold. He was born in Bethlehem, just as they promised, therefore he must be the Messiah!" Matthew and Luke wrote that Jesus was born into this royal family. They recorded that Jesse, David, and their children and grandchildren were ancestors of Jesus. These ancestors, plus all the holy men and women of the Old Testament who inspired them, make up the spiritual background of Jesus. We count all of them as part of Jesus' family tree.

May our journey help us to grow and learn more about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and our deepest hope, the promise of all things new.

Pastor Angie

YARD OF THE MONTH AWARD

Teresa Capps and Kathy Jones planted beautiful flowers in front of the church in early May and received a certificate for "Yard of the Month"



Business Yard of the Month honors for May from the Ozark Prairie Master Gardeners went to Westminster Presbyterian Church in Versailles. According to the Master Gardeners, this yard "offered bright colors of flowers along the front walkway, with neatly trimmed bushes." (submitted photo)





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.

June meetings: Saturday, June 06 and Monday, June 15, - 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Prayers and Squares prayer quilt ministry group meetings consist of group members working on their various projects, assisting each other as needed, and Sew & Tell showing work on their projects.

Prayers and Squares met May 18th at Westminster. This year, so far, we've made 12 prayer quilts and gifted 9 quilts. At the beginning of the month, those participating have learned 3 new Blocks of the Quarter quilt blocks with Pati Robertson teaching. Shirley gave the devotional and prayer. Two new members joined us and are learning to sew. We welcome anyone to join us for our meetings. You can watch and visit, learn to sew and or quilt, help cut fabric or iron fabric, just be an extra pair of hands. What you don't know, we'll teach you!



Maliki Dyke received awards on Monday, May 11th from Morgan County R-1. for Outstanding Student in Science and 95% or better in attendance. Congratulations Maliki!





GAME DAY

The first Thursday of the month at Versailles
 United Methodist church 1:00–3:00 p.m.
 All are invited.

COMMUNITY BINGO

at the
 Lovelight Café
 113 N. Monroe St.

June 19 – 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 There will be prizes and snacks.
 Come join in the fun.



Feeding
 Body & Soul



FREE COMMUNITY MEAL
 THURSDAYS @ 5:30 PM
 119 W JASPER
 VERSAILLES, MO

Versailles Ministry House is a ministry where those of us that have been blessed with a passion for Jesus Christ and motorcycles can use our passion to share in the lives of those with a similar passion. Their mission is to provide a little relief and comfort to any in the community who may be in need.

Westminster Presbyterian will provide a meal at Ministry House, Thursday, July 16, 2026 – 5:30—6:30 p.m. Contact Pastor Angie to help out.



Quality Industries is an organization here in Versailles that provides meaningful employment for individuals with disabilities. These amazing employees do piece work for several local businesses as well as providing a place to recycle cardboard and aluminum cans. There is also a thrift store full of clothing, furniture and treasures that they support close to the town center.

This year our church supported Quality Industries through the celebration of birthdays in the months of March, April and May. To the left is the picture of our May celebration with Adrienne Müller serving sugar free treats as the birthday recipients received a birthday card containing a gift card to McDonalds. If you would like to help support this organization, give them your cans and cardboard for recycling. They are located close to the church at 302 N. Monroe St. and your items can be dropped off at any time in the wire bins in front of their business.



BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER:

We are participating in the Pregnancy Center baby bottle fundraiser from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Pick up your baby bottle (should be available by Mother's Day) and fill it with change then return it to the church by Father's Day.

All donations will be given to the pregnancy center.

INFORMATION

- ▶ **GAME DAY**--The first Thursday of the month, The Versailles United Methodist church has a Game Day from 1:00–3:00 p.m. all invited.
- ▶ **COMMUNITY BINGO**—at the Lovelight Café on Monroe St. June 19 from 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. There will be prizes and snacks. Come join in the fun.
- ▶ **PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE FUND RAISER**— Fundraiser taking place from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. Bottles are available in the Narthex to be picked up and filled. Return your bottle by Father’s Day. All donations will go to the Pregnancy Center.
- ▶ **GOOD SHEPHERD NURSING HOME**— Pastor Angie will be leading Vespers June 14 - 2:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home (every 2nd Sunday of the month.) All are welcome to join in this ministry.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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 meet on the first Saturday and the third Monday of the month 9:00 a.m. to Noon unless rescheduled. June meetings: Saturday, June 06, and Monday, June 15. 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.
- ▶ **SESSION MEETING**—Wednesday, July 01, 10:00 a.m.
- ▶ **MINISTRY HOUSE**—We will provide a meal at Ministry House, Thursday, July 16, 5:30 p.m.



3MT will be in Versailles for the week of June 22-26. Westminster Presbyterian will be hosting a small group for church worship and lunch afterwards on Sunday, June 21, and providing lunch for the entire group of 60 for Monday, June 22. See Valery if you would like to help.

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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