

THE MESSENGER

Newsletter from Westminster

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

"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

Philippians 4:13:



04 ~ Vanessa Dunklee
07 ~ Pastor Angela McClane
14 ~ Jeannie Lawson-Cook



02 ~ Tom & Teresa Capps

“ONLY A BRANCH”

by Freda Hanbury

*“I am the vine, ye are the branches.”**(John 15:5)*

*is only a little Branch,
A thing so fragile and weak,
But that little Branch hath a message true
To give, could it only speak.*

*“I’m only a little Branch,
I live by a life not mine,
For the sap that flows through my tendrils small
Is the life-blood of the Vine.*

*“No power indeed have I
The fruit of myself to bear,
But since I’m part of the living Vine,
Its fruitfulness I share.*

*“Dost thou ask how I abide?
How this life I can maintain?--
I am bound to the Vine by life's strong band,
And I only need remain.*

*“Where first my life was given,
In the spot where I am set,
Upborne and upheld as the days go by,
By the stem which bears me yet.*

*“I fear not the days to come,
I dwell not upon the past,
As moment by moment I draw a life,
Which for evermore shall last.*

*“I bask in the sun's bright beams,
Which with sweetness fills my fruit,
Yet I own not the clusters hanging there,
For they all come from the root.”*

*A life which is not my own,
But another's life in me:
This, this is the message the Branch
would speak,
A message to thee and me.*

*Oh, struggle not to “abide,”
Nor labor to “bring forth fruit,”
But let Jesus unite thee to Himself,
As the Vine Branch to the root.*

*So simple, so deep, so strong
That union with Him shall be:
His life shall forever replace thine own,
And His love shall flow through thee.*

*For His Spirit's fruit is love,
And love shall thy life become,
And for evermore on His heart of love
Thy spirit shall have her home.*

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Brothers and sisters, may we take the words of this poem to heart as we abide in the vine allowing the life of Jesus to nourish and hold us during this time in Lent. It isn't the branch that creates the fruit but the life that is in the branch as it is connected to the vine. As Jesus' life flows in and through us we too will bear fruit – his life in us producing an abundant crop that all who need nourishment can come and receive from us in their time of need. Abiding is our work in this, staying close to our life source that we will receive the nutrients necessary for our lives and the pruning needed that we can be strong. May God bless you as you abide in Him.

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Angie

March 29, 10:30 a.m.

*Palm
Sunday
Worship Service*

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
SEDER MEAL/SERVICE**

April 02, 6:00 p.m.

In conjunction with the UMCV we are having a seder meal here at WPCV. All are welcome. Please contact Pastor Angie or Pastor Pati if you would like to participate. A signup sheet will be circulating so that we know how much to prepare.





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.

March meetings: Saturday, March 07, at the Stover Community Center— 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Contact Holly for details—Then: Monday, March 16, At Westminster: - 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Holly Cagle. Ph. # 816-244-2543



*“Christ beside me,
Christ before me, Christ
behind me, Christ
within me, Christ
beneath me, Christ
above me.”*

– St. Patrick



Come Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us!
Community Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner
Friday, March 13—5:00 p.m.— 6:30 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church and The United Methodist Church, together are hosting at a corned beef and cabbage dinner for the community. All are welcome!

Dinner Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church
208 N. Fisher St., Versailles.
Please enter through the side door.



Donations received will benefit The Versailles Area Ministerial Alliance (VAMA)

February 22

Malachi and MaeLynn

Blankenship attended church with their grandmas Jeannie and Sylvia Lawson-Cook and participated in the Lent activity placing their leaves on the Tree of Healing.



Gathering at the United Methodist Church for games with our Methodist friends on the first Thursday of every month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. All are welcome for fun, refreshments, and time together.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

February 18 – April 5, 2026

This special offering is used for Disaster Relief, Hunger Relief, Refugee Assistance and Development Aid in more than 100 countries including the United States. You have an opportunity to give to this worthy cause.

Your Session has set a goal of \$1,400.00 this year. The church will keep 25% of the offering for use locally. Last year we used our portion for assistance to our local Lovelight Café.

There will be offering envelopes in the pews and information provided on progress of this activity.

Please consider giving generously to this worthy cause.



February 24—A Donation was presented to Ms. Willie of “The Lovelight Ministry and Coffee Shop



INFORMATION

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- ▶ **LENT:** Wednesday, February 18 – Thursday, April 2.
- ▶ **GOOD SHEPHERD NURSING HOME**—Pastor Angie will be leading Vespers, March 08 -.2:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home every 2nd Sunday of the month. All are welcome to join in this ministry.
- ▶ **ST. PATRICK'S DAY COMMUNITY DINNER** – Friday, March 13 —5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Together with The United Methodist Church, we are hosting (at our church) a corned beef and cabbage dinner for the community. Donations received can benefit the Versailles Area Ministerial Alliance (VAMA)
- ▶ **HOLY WEEK:**
 - ▶ **Palm Sunday**— March 29, 10:30 a.m.
 - ▶ **Maundy Thursday** - April 02 — 6:00 p.m. In conjunction with the UMCV we are having a Seder Meal/Service here at WPCV. All are welcome. Please contact Pastor Angie or Pastor Pati if you would like to participate. A sign-up sheet will be circulating so that we know how much to prepare.
 - ▶ **Good Friday** - April 03 - Community Service— 7:00 p.m. at the Trinity Baptist church. Located: 13537 Church Rd, Versailles.
 - ▶ **Journey to The Cross** - April 04, at the Methodist Church — 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 - ▶ **Easter Sunday Service** – April 05, 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 months of March and 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 \$ 65.00.
- ▶ **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. March meetings: **Saturday, March 07, at the Stover Community Center– 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.** See Holly for details—Then: Monday, March 16, At Westminster: -- 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. 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, March 25, 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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