

# THE MESSENGER

Newsletter from Westminster

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

## Romans 15:13

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*



## Happy Birthday

05 ~ McCoy Wehmeyer  
17 ~ Ava Fisk  
17 ~ Cheryl Simmons  
26 ~ Karol Knierim Gillespie



## HAPPY Anniversary

14 ~ Angela & George McClane

## WE DON'T PLAY THE FULL SCALE

“One of the most famous composers had a rebellious son who used to come in late at night after his mother and father had gone to bed. And before going to his own room, this rebellious son would go to his father's piano and slowly, spitefully... and loudly would play a simple scale, all but the final note. He would play, "Do-Re-Mi-Fa-Sol-La-Ti..." and then he wouldn't strike that final "Do." Then leaving the scale unfinished, he would retire to his room.

Meanwhile, his father (great musician that he was) hearing the scale minus the final note... would twist and turn and writhe on his bed, his mind unable to relax because the scale was not finished.

Finally, not able to stand it any longer, the father would crawl out of bed, stumble down the stairs and strike that final note of the scale. Only then could he relax and be at peace.

Now, that's an interesting parable because it reminds me of the way we so often treat God. We play around with some of the notes of faith, but we don't play the full scale...

- We forgive, but not completely.
- We love, but not completely.
- We serve, but not completely.
- We accept Christ, but not completely.
- We live the Christian life-style but not completely.
- We commit our lives to God, but not completely.

But then, even when we treat God shabbily, in his infinite patience and amazing grace, he continues to reach out and play the last note and love us.”<sup>1</sup>

As we enter into May and the season of the church called “Ordinary Time” where might we need to complete an unfinished scale in our lives? As this is the longest liturgical season lasting from after Pentecost until Advent this time focuses upon growth in faith making it ideal for each one of us to ask the Lord, where is a scale in my life that needs completion?

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Where might your faith need shoring up and strengthening? It is love that compels us to change. Like Zacchaeus who upon an interaction with Jesus made right all the places he had wrongly taxed people, where might we need to complete an action? Maybe it's a phone call or a letter that needs sending. Or a job that needs completing, or forgiveness that needs to be given or received. Or a habit that needs to be confessed and stopped. We want to finish well and play the full scale in our lives with Jesus.

Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> James W. Moore

From: "THESE DAYS"  
*Daily Devotions for Living by Faith*  
 Wednesday, May 18, 2026

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**From Wonder to Witness**  
**Acts 2:1-21**

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## **The Sound of Bewilderment**

*And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.*

Acts 2:6

As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost, the fulfillment of Moses's dream, and the power to tell new stories, let's admit it: Pentecost was a mess! There was a chaotic cacophony; the miraculous (but probably alarming) flames appearing over people's heads; and, of course, the diversity of never-learned language that is heard as mother tongue by crowds in a new and unfamiliar place.

What is the significance of Pentecost for Christians today? We surely experience a chaotic cacophony of bewilderment in the world around us that frequently causes us to say, "Wait... what just happened?"

Perhaps our challenge is how we might make spaces (even new spaces) feel like home, bringing comfort to the bewildered crowds by speaking to them in ways they can understand.

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*Immanuel, God who is with us, lead us to places where we might be stretched by the unknown so that we might learn new languages and provide new comforts to all we meet. Amen.*

—Anna Sheetz, Cedar Rapids, Iowa



## Westminster Presbyterian Church Chapter 1337— “Prayers and Squares” The Prayer Quilt Ministry.



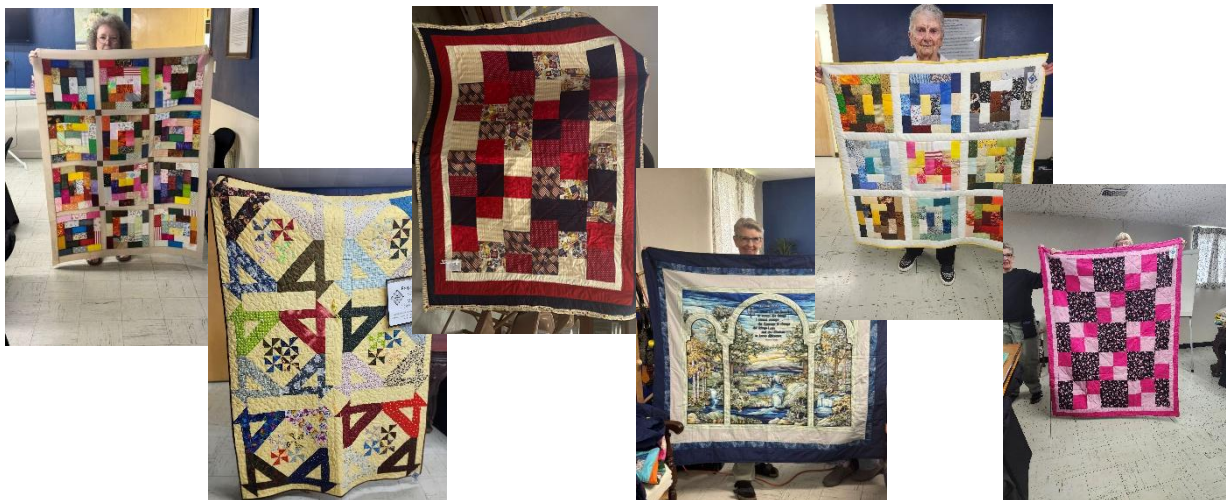
Westminster Presbyterian joined “The Prayers and Squares—The Prayer Quilt Ministry” in 2024 and became Chapter 1337. Our first meeting was held April 22, 2024 and soon after, The Versailles United Methodist Church joined us in this ministry.

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.

May meetings: Saturday, May 02 and Monday, May 18, - 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.

We last met April 16th. We worked on putting layers of quilts together with layer of batting, "sandwiching". We worked on sewing and selecting fabric for prayer quilt projects. So far this year, we've added 10 quilts and gifted 8 quilts. We've had 2 new members join recently. Everyone is welcome to join anytime. We always need extra hands doing something. What you don't know, we will teach you.



## Standing Brass Advent Wreath

In memory of Jim Daniels, we have ordered a Brass Advent Wreath and is expected to arrive the first week in May.



### **John 20:19-23 / Year A**

*Living God, you sent the Holy Spirit to breathe life into your church. Let us no longer be captives to fear, but messengers of your saving love, so that all may be reconciled in you; through Jesus Christ, our peace. Amen.*



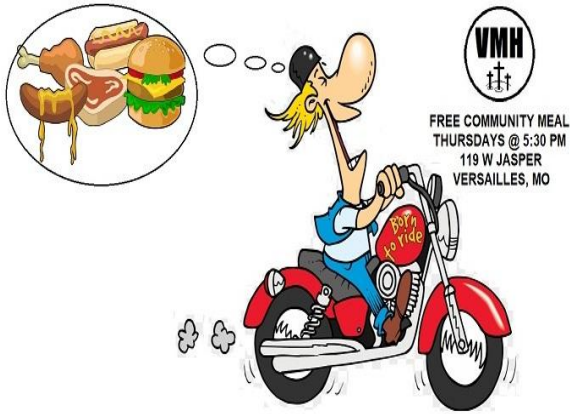
### **BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

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.

- 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

*<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*



Westminster Presbyterian hosted and served Dinner at The Ministry House to 28 persons on April 16<sup>th</sup>.



# Pentecost

## Sunday, May 24, 2026

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost  
<sup>2</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

**INFORMATION**

- ▶ **PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE FUND RAISER**— We are participating in the Baby Bottle Fundraiser taking place from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. Bottles will soon be available to fill. Return your bottle by Father’s Day. All donations will go to the Pregnancy Center. Thank you!
- ▶ **MINISTRY HOUSE**—We will provide a meal at Ministry House, Thursday, July 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.
- ▶ **PENTECOST** — Sunday, May 24, 2026— Wear something red.
- ▶ **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 \$157.00.
- ▶ **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 meet on the first Saturday and the third Monday of the month 9:00 a.m. to Noon unless rescheduled. May meetings: Saturday, May 02, and Monday, May 18. 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 May 10 - 2:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home (every 2nd Sunday of the month.) All are welcome to join in this ministry.
- ▶ **SESSION MEETING**—Wednesday, May 27, 10:00 a.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. A committee to plan this meal will be formed at a later date.

**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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