

# THE MESSENGER

Newsletter from Westminster

*"To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven"*

Ecclesiastes 3:1



**LENT** is 40 days long to represent the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting and praying in the desert before starting his own ministry.

**Prayer:**

Lent is a time to deepen one's relationship with God through increased prayer, reflection, and seeking God's guidance.

**Fasting:**

Fasting involves abstaining from certain foods or pleasures, often as a way to focus on spiritual needs and to show solidarity with the poor.

**Almsgiving:**

Almsgiving involves giving to those in need, whether through donations, volunteering, or acts of service, demonstrating compassion and love for others.

- 4 - Dustin Dunklee
- 6 - Dina Dunklee
- 8 - Andie Nations
- 9 - Teri Nations
- 16 - Hunter Simmons
- 22 - Jim Daniels



8 - Mary & Jim Daniels

## MORE CHURCH SPEAK

There are plenty of words we use when discussing theology that can be tricky to understand, but what about terms used to describe places in the church building such as sacristy or narthex? Does our church even have a sacristy or a narthex? One church I pastored had a sign above a room that read “Sacristy” so everyone knew where it was. The sacristy is a place to keep vestments, communion articles and other things that are used during the worship service. It is also a place where we gather to get ready for a service. Not all churches have a sacristy.

What about the design of the church building. Is the front of the church really the front of the church? Or do you enter the church through the front doors only to be in the back of the church? Then why are the church doors called the front doors? Maybe this is why the term narthex exists. You enter the front doors of the church into the “narthex” and from there proceed to the back of the sanctuary where people generally enter into the worship space. The narthex is the first space worshippers enter into when entering into the church building.

Now for a few more terms as we continue to look at biblical ideas and thoughts.

**Hark** - This is an old-fashioned word that means, “Listen up!” It is an order to pay attention and to listen carefully. Today we would not say, “Hark,” but instead would probably say, “Pay attention to this.”

**Atonement** - The atonement of Christ is the heart of Christianity. A popular definition is that *atonement* is “at-one-ment”; in other words, it is the way that we are made one with God when we used to be alienated from Him by our sins. *Atonement* was, at one time, not a theological term but simply a common term that meant “reconciliation” and could be used of the transaction between any two parties. Over time, it took on a more exclusively theological meaning. The word translated “atone” literally meant “to cover,” but in the Old Testament, it appears to have taken on the theological meaning of “to take away.” Even today, we can use the word *cover* to mean “take away”: if a person says, “Let me give you \$20 to cover the bill,” this does not mean that debt will be merely covered or hidden or “swept under the rug” but that it will be paid and the obligation removed. Even though *atonement* is not used in the New Testament, it is clear that atonement in the Old Testament is the background for the sacrifice of Christ for sinners.<sup>1</sup>

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**Theodicy** - This is an interesting word. We do it more than we talk about it. In easy terms it is the philosophical attempt to explain how God can be good and just while evil exists in the world.

**Dogma** - principles or a principle that is put forth by an authority as incontrovertibly true. Today it is seen as more absolute than something that just seems to be true. For Christians the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus is dogma. We see this as true and a nonnegotiable part of Christianity.

*Pastor Angie*

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gotquestions.org/meaning-of-atonement.html>



April 19<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join in the fun with cleaning up our church grounds, do some general maintenance and let's plant flowers!

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

The Prayers and Squares ministry aims 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. Together with the United Methodist Church, meetings will occur on the first Saturday and the third Monday of the month. 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. April Meetings: Saturday, April 5 & Monday, April 21. Something always needs to be cut, ironed, tied, labeled, sewn and organized. Please join us for this fun, creative, worthwhile mission. If you don't know how, we'll show you!  
Contact Holly Cagle if you have any questions.



March 25 -The Bible Study Group from our church and the Methodist Church out to lunch then off to see the movie “The Last Supper”



Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem, during which palm branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of



On Maundy Thursday, Christians remember the Last Supper, where Jesus instituted the Eucharist (or Communion), washed his disciples' feet, and gave them a new commandment to love one another.

- **The Last Supper:**

This commemorates the final Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion.

- **Institution of the Eucharist:**

During the Last Supper, Jesus took bread and wine, blessed them, and gave them to his disciples, saying, "This is my body... This is my blood". This act is considered the foundation of the Christian sacrament of Communion or Holy Eucharist.

- **Foot-washing and the New Commandment:**

Jesus washed his disciples' feet, demonstrating humility and service, and then gave them a new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you".



Session Retreat lunch on March 22<sup>nd</sup>



March Birthday Celebration with 56 people at Quality Industries

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- ▶ **EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE**— Choir practice began Sunday March 30 and will take place every Sunday after Church.
- ▶ **OUR CHURCH WEBSITE** has been given a new and improved look. We are in the process of updating with current photos and information. If you have any photos or information that you would like to see on the website, please email your photos with a description or information to Evangelina: presby1902@gmail.com
- ▶ **LENT 2025**—March 5—April 17.
- ▶ **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**—March 5—April 20, 2025. Envelopes are available. Donate to help meet our goal of \$1400.00. Make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian. collected as of March 23 is \$237.90.
- ▶ **EASTER LILIES**— In Honor of or In Memory of – Order forms and envelopes are available. Cost of each Lily plant is \$15.00. Orders need to be in by Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ **PALM SUNDAY SERVICE**— April 13, 10:30 a.m.
- ▶ **MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship Service**— April 17 at 7:00 p.m. —Joint Service—Westminster Presby. will join the Versailles United Methodist Church, 210 N. Monroe, Versailles.
- ▶ **SPRING CLEANUP** (outside) — April 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Flower planting and cleanup.
- ▶ **EASTER SUNDAY**— April 20 — No Sunday School / Potluck breakfast 9:00 a.m. / Worship 10:30 a.m. / Easter Egg Hunt after Worship.
- ▶ **BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER:** The pregnancy center is having a baby bottle fundraiser from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. Pick up your baby bottle (available at Westminster in April) and fill it with change then return it to the church by Father’s Day. All donations will be given to the pregnancy center.
- ▶ **LITURGISTS/LITTLE LAMB TIME SCHEDULE** — Please check the Schedule so you don’t 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 passing of the Peace with “Bounty Buckets” please give them your change. We are collecting loose change for missions in our community. Total collected as of March 23: \$201.00.
- ▶ **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**— 7:00 a.m. — 10:00 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 — April Meetings: Saturday, April 5 & Monday, April 21. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Holly Cagle.
- ▶ **REFRESHMENT 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 don’t forget your date. Thank you!
- ▶ **SESSION MEETING:** Wednesday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m. (Meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the month)
- ▶ **SUNDAY SCHOOL—ADULT & CHILDREN**—9:30 a.m.
- ▶ **MINISTRY HOUSE**—119 W. Jasper, Versailles— Free Weekly Meal, Every Thursday 5:30-6:30 p.m.— Westminster Presbyterian will next serve the Ministry House dinner, May 22. All are welcome!

**Tuesday Morning Prayer**

9:00 a.m. – upstairs in the Conference Room



**Bible Study**

Tuesday -10:30 a.m.

Downstairs, Clingan Hall

**Session Meeting**

Wed. April 23<sup>rd</sup>

10:00 a.m.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Adult and children

9:30 a.m.



Join in on the Men's Coffee and Donuts:  
Wednesdays 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

•Join us for  
“Fellowship Time”  
refreshments after Worship  
(Downstairs in Hill Hall)



23 persons,  
average attendance for  
March



**Offerings for  
March 2025**

Pledges: \$5720.00

Non-Pledges: \$450.00

Basket: \$85.00



*Worship Service 10:30 a.m.*

**EASTER**

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST



**Easter Sunday**

Breakfast potluck at 9:00 a.m.



Easter Egg  
Hunt  
after  
Worship



**Hours:**

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

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

**Fellowship/refreshments after Worship**

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