

THE MESSENGER

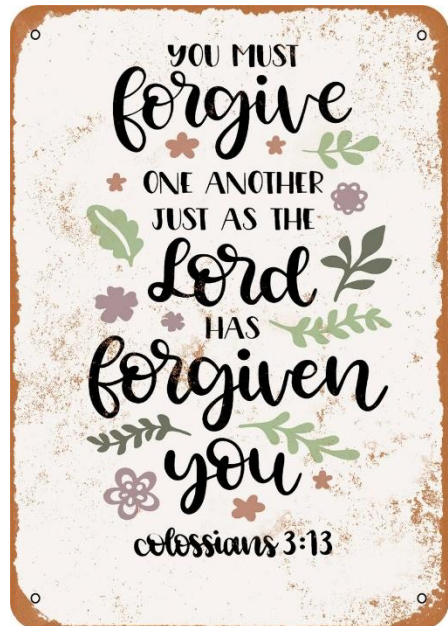
Newsletter from Westminster

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

"So don't worry, because I am with you. Don't be afraid, because I am your God. I will make you strong and will help you; I will support you with my right hand that saves you." Isaiah 41:10



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COMPASSION FATIGUE

Daily we are bombarded with news clips from all over the world including our own part of the world as well as from friends and family that are ill or have a new diagnosis and sometimes it is overwhelming. Do you ever feel as if it is too much? How can we hold in our hearts so much sorrow, pain, and suffering. We feel it in our church and community as our friends suffer from illness, deal with the struggles of bodies that are not working well anymore or grieve the loss of loved ones.

There are fires, hurricanes, floods, and tornadoes; there is the unrelenting war between Russia and the Ukraine; the constant threat of war in the Middle East all of which makes life uncertain and fraught with danger for those in the war zones or in the pathway of a natural disaster. Yet we know that in another month or two there will be another disaster.

Yes, we pray for the people and may give monetarily to help, but when there is one crisis after another plus stress in our own lives it leads to what is known as “compassion fatigue.” A letter from the Director of Communications at Renovaré reminded me that when Jesus was on earth there was constant tumult and crisis as well. May the following letter encourage you as it did me that we might do as Jesus did.

Pastor Angie

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OUR VERY OWN, MALIKI DYKE PARTICIPATED IN THE 2025 MORGAN COUNTY FAIR 4-H EXHIBITS.

Maliki shows an exploding seed ball on the left, for which he received a blue ribbon. And on the right, Maliki shows a drawstring backpack he made in sewing, he received a red ribbon.



Maliki Dyke showed his dog, Emma, and placed second in 4-H Dog Obedience, First Place in Jumps and Tunnels, and Overall Fastest Dog!

From: Brian Morykon
Director of Communications, Renovaré

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Lord,
Your world is on fire.
It rains from time to time
But still flames rise
Hotter and higher.

I sit in an air-conditioned office and type this newsletter on a large high-res screen. On my desk is a can of flavored sparkling water and a half-eaten protein bar. In the back of my mind, like a distant ambulance siren, flash images of Afghans in distress and Haitians living in a border town in 100-degree weather in TX as they have fled their own country. The tension between my reality and theirs makes it difficult to write about the spiritual life.

While major tragedies do seem to be intensifying in degree and frequency, they are as old as the world. What is new is our ability to track them in real-time from a staggering array of sources. We are always one tap away from a new first-person perspective of pain. As a result, it almost feels wrong to go about our day as normal.

Lord, teach us how to pray and how to live.

I am thankful that the Gospels are not simply a list of the sayings of Jesus. It could have been that way, a sort of Proverbs Volume 2, Jesus Edition. Instead, the Gospel writers present the words of Jesus within the life of Jesus—a flesh-and-blood life lived in a broken world during a tumultuous time.

And here is what I see in that life.

Jesus is always full of compassion but never overwhelmed by human suffering.

When Jesus walked on earth, tragedies and injustices were happening in places where he did not choose to take his body. Though he cared about these "pains of elsewhere" far more than any human ever could, they did not put his mind into an anxious state. He did not live with a vague sense of guilt for those he did not heal. He knew he would set all things to right, but not all at once. His work was to initiate the world's restoration; the completion—a world without pain—would come later.

So, for 36 months he did what the Father asked him to do. Then he breathed on us. Now we are Christ's body here on earth.

Following his example, we each have work the Father gives us to do. And following his example, that work is best done when we withdraw often for prayer. From that place of communion with God, some will be led to give or go to places like Haiti, some to other kinds of work. But it's in giving our attention first to the quiet voice of God that we will know rightly how to listen and respond to—and sometimes take a break from—the news of the world.



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. Since the beginning, the Quilters have made 73 quilts and have given 52.

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.

Prayers and Squares met on Monday, July 21st. We had “Sew and Tell.” Members brought some beautiful quilts and projects to show the group. Brian Jones from Morgan County Statesman (local newspaper) visited, took pictures, and spoke to the group about what we do with our Prayers and Squares Ministry. We made 3-D Pinwheel blocks as instructed by Holly. The Friendship Star Quilt top was revealed.

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





Feeding
Body & Soul

Thursday, July 17, Westminster served dinner to 45 persons at Ministry House 119 W. Jasper, Versailles
Westminster next serves October 16.



Free Community Meal,
Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.
All are welcome!

Ordination and Installation of our newly elected Officers (Elders)
Sylvia Lawson-Cook, Adrienne Müller and
returning member Mary Garrison was held July 06, 2025



INFORMATION

- ▶ **OFFERING**—July – Pledges \$7665.00, Non-Pledges \$950.00, Basket \$115.00.
- ▶ **ATTENDANCE**— Average attendance for July—21 persons.
- ▶ **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
- ▶ **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. Collected so far— \$320.00 (last count July 20)
- ▶ **TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER** — Resumes August 12—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. August meetings: Saturday, Aug. 02 & Monday, Aug. 18. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Holly Cagle.
- ▶ **REFRESHMENT SIGN-UP LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME AFTER WORSHIP:** On the first Sunday of the month there will be a potluck after church. All other Sundays there will be a light snack. 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!
- ▶ **SUNDAY SCHOOL—ADULT & CHILDREN**—9:30 a.m.
- ▶ **SESSION MEETING:** Wednesday, August 27 at 10:00 a.m. (Meetings 4th Wed. of the month)

**FACEBOOK PRESENCE**

Gregory Allen has helped move us forward with our technology in the Sanctuary with a regular live presence on Facebook each Sunday morning.
Watch online at <https://www.facebook.com/VersaillesWPC> starting 10:30 a.m.



Mark your
calendars

JOIN IN ON THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

August 17 Back to School Prayer Walk -7:30 p.m. Meet at the Elementary School.

September 21 we will be serving our neighbors after church. Please bring baked goods (cookies, cake, bread) to church and we will be giving these delicious treats out to our neighbors afterwards in neighborly appreciation.

October 12 we will hold worship in Dunham Park as we have a service for the blessing of the animals. Bring your pets to be blessed!

Did you know?

The church has processes in place to request funds for college scholarships or to assist with paying for vocational, trade school or other types of life enrichment opportunities.

In the past, a number of Scholarships were awarded to eligible church members and Life Enrichment funds were provided to all ages of members and friends for various types of trade schools.

Scholarship applications require you to be a Westminster Presbyterian member for one year, to have completed 26 college hours at an accredited college and be working toward your first associates or bachelor's degree. Transcripts of completed hours must be submitted with the application.

Life Enrichment applications require you to be planning to attend vocational or trade schools or any institution which can enrich your life.

Applications are reviewed and awarded by the Session. Scholarship funds are only issued to the college.

Application forms are available in the office.



Hours:

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship/refreshments after Worship

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