

# THE MESSENGER

Newsletter from Westminster

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

*"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work"*

Ephesians 4:16 NIV

God is love.  
Whoever lives in  
love lives in God,  
and God in them.

1 John 4:16



03 ~ Mary Vandiver  
07 ~ Valery Clark  
12 ~ Margo McClane  
13 ~ Adrienne Müller

## CHURCH SPEAK

Let's have some fun. Many of you have been in the church for years and years. We become familiar with certain ideas, words and thoughts about Christianity and the church. We call this "Church Speak." Sometimes we have heard these words so much we use them but if pressed we have difficulty clearly defining. In this article let us take a look at some of these words and put a simple definition to each one.

**Redemption:** This term is often used in conjunction with ransom, atonement, substitution, deliverance and salvation. When we say "I have been redeemed by Jesus" we mean that what Jesus did on the cross (often referred to as "his work on the cross") saved us. He exchanged his life for ours, he purchased us with the sacrifice of his life. Because Jesus has stood in our place of judgment we have forgiveness of sin. (Romans 3:24; 8:23; Eph. 1:7; 1:14; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Colossians 1:14; Hebrews 9:12) We will no longer receive the wrath of God because of what Jesus has done for us. "He paid a debt he did not owe, because we owed a debt we could not pay" as the old hymn says.

**Apologetics:** This is the intellectual discipline of defending the truth of Christianity, Jesus and the existence of God. This has gone through many challenges throughout the history of the church. For instance, during the Protestant Reformation the Englishman William Paley argued that a universe exhibiting design must have a Designer, much as a watch implies a watchmaker.<sup>1</sup>

**Hermeneutics:** How we interpret the bible. Generally, when "doing" hermeneutics one tries to understand the historical and cultural context of the text; the literary context (is this written as history or a poem); and then using one's observations of the text one makes application to today.

**Exegesis and Eisegesis:** These terms refer to the process of how one reads and interprets the Bible. With exegesis one listens to the text and lets the meaning come from the text itself using historical context as a guide to the interpretation. When reading a text, one always keeps in mind who it was written to and how the historical audience would understand and interpret the text. On the other hand, eisegesis brings a modern meaning to the text using today's English understanding without necessarily using the original context of the passage to help determine meaning. With eisegesis one brings one's own meaning to Scripture regardless of what it meant to its original author and historical audience. Exegesis takes more effort but it is worth it.

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**Hallowed:** Greatly revered and honored. It also means sacred or consecrated. We use this in the Lord's prayer when we pray "Hallowed be your name." Sacred, honored, set apart, greatly revered are You, Lord God.

**Original Sin:** Basically, all humans are born into a state of sin which is the result of Adam and Eve's fall after they disobeyed God and ate what God had forbidden. Originally, we were created blameless and without any fault, but the human nature by which each one of us is now born of from Adam requires a physician, because it is not healthy. (Mark 2:7)

May this be of help to us all as we continue to learn and grow as believers in Jesus.

*Pastor Angie*

<sup>1</sup> [britannica.com/apologetics](http://britannica.com/apologetics)<sup>1</sup>

## 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. – February Meetings: Sat. Feb. 01 and Mon. Feb. 17.

44 quilts have been made to date, and 27 have been gifted.

We have some exciting ideas to implement this year as we approach completing of our first year as a prayer quilt chapter.



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.



**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**Missions Report – prepared December, 2024**

The church is involved in world, regional and local missions. The annual **operating budget** includes support for our Presbytery (called **One Mission Giving** - \$3,600.00 in 2025). The operating budget also includes Missionary Events (\$100.00) and support for other Missions like Prayers and **Squares** (\$300.00). Most missions are funded by the congregation making donations in addition to their pledges and operating budget contributions.

In 2024 the church participated in two special offerings sponsored by the Presbyterian Church: **One Great Hour of Sharing** which is for Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of people in the world. The church gets to keep 25% of this offering. \$1,530.00 was given in 2024. \$395.00 remains for our church's use. **Pentecost** offering is for Child Advocacy in the world and our church gets to keep 40% for our use. \$600.00 was given in 2024. \$200.00 was used for a youth mission trip. \$40.00 remains for our church's use.

The church has a **Love Fund** that is administered by the Pastor. The Pastor works with the local Ministerial Alliance in coordinating use of funds for the needy. The Love Fund began the year with a balance of \$206.00 and ended the year with a balance of \$714.00. Our church supplies funds and is often reimbursed by the Ministerial Alliance.

The local missions we have assisted: **Ministerial Alliance** \$376.00. **Ministry House** quarterly meals and devotions. **Prayers and Squares** group made lap quilts for people with illnesses, supplies \$100.00. **Pregnancy Center** received donated supplies and coins. **Shop with a Cop** \$245.00. **Local school Children** proceeds from our Pancake Breakfast \$750.00. **Black Mountain Presbyterian Church Disaster** received 100 coloring books which were duplicated at a cost of \$116.00 and Hygiene Packs at a cost of \$166.00. They also received 15 \$5.00 gift cards to McDonalds for the workers there.

The Tuesday Morning bible study collected \$201.00 for the local nursing home so that the activities director could assemble shower caddies for the residents and assembled 20 kits for women victims of the hurricanes.

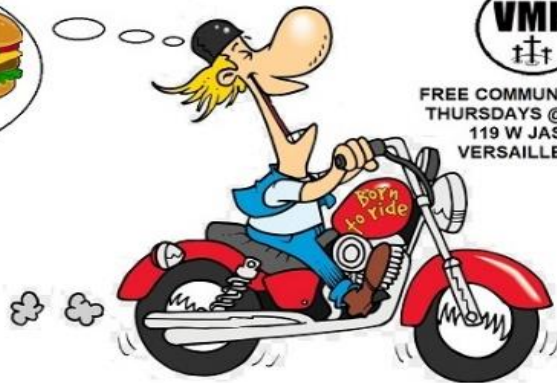
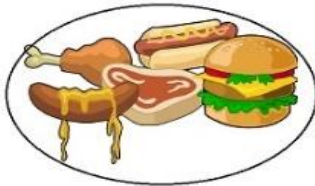
A meal was supplied for 3MT workers \$201.00 and Elder Jones and Pastor Angie both helped supervise the youth workers painting and cleaning on one day. A needy family with three small children were helped with donations and \$120.00.





Feeding  
Body + Soul

Thursday, January 16  
Westminster served dinner at  
Ministry House  
119 W. Jasper, Versailles



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

*"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.*

— Luke 6:32-36

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

▶ If you would like to give to general wildfire relief in California, a solid organization is <https://cafirefoundation.org/>. Another great organization is Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: <https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/disaster-assistance>. We know of at least one Presbyterian church that was burned to the ground and you can help them by giving financially at <https://www.palipres.org/>.

▶ **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.

▶ **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— February Meetings: Sat. Feb. 01 and Mon. Feb. 17. 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, February 26 at 10:00 a.m.  
(Meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month)

▶ **SUNDAY SCHOOL—ADULT & CHILDREN**—9:30 a.m.

### 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



**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. February 26<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Adult and children

**9:30 a.m.**

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

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

18 persons,  
average attendance for  
December



Offerings for  
December 2024  
Pledges: \$9925  
Non-Pledges: \$600.00  
Basket: \$31.00



*When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,” and to offer the sacrifice of “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,” in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.*

~Luke 2:22–24

**Hours:**

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

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

**Fellowship/refreshments after Worship**

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