

THE MESSENGER

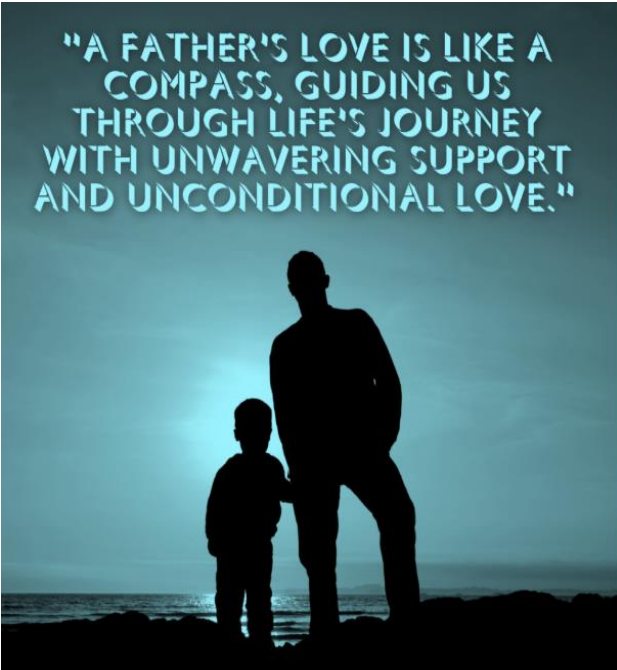
Newsletter from Westminster

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

*And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.
God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.*

1 John 14:16

"A FATHER'S LOVE IS LIKE A
COMPASS, GUIDING US
THROUGH LIFE'S JOURNEY
WITH UNWAVERING SUPPORT
AND UNCONDITIONAL LOVE."



05 - Holly Cagle
13 - Beverly H. Yarger
22 - George McClane
26 - Elliott Nations
28 - Kathy Jones

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

07 – Kathy and Bruce Jones

A BIT MORE CHURCH SPEAK

We have been looking at words that are spoken in church but that we have difficulty explaining their meaning. These short definitions are meant to help us understand and articulate words we hear but that we may not fully understand. The following is a little light reading to start off your summer!

Blasphemy - Taking the Lord's Name in Vain....Co-Opting the Name or Image of Jesus....Damaging a Church....Worshipping the Devil....Creating or Depicting Blasphemous Art.

Have you ever wondered why Jesus' name is used as an insult and a curse? Why not Buddha, Allah or Satan? Why are those names not used as curses? Only the triune God is used as mockery because our God is real and true. Our God is the One True God. Scripture says this about Jesus. Phil. 2:9-11

“Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

It is never okay to blaspheme or use the Lord's name in vain. Think about it the next time you or a friend uses the name of Jesus in a derogatory way. Think about what is really being said in the moment of anger and if there may be another way to express one's anger that does not blaspheme Jesus.

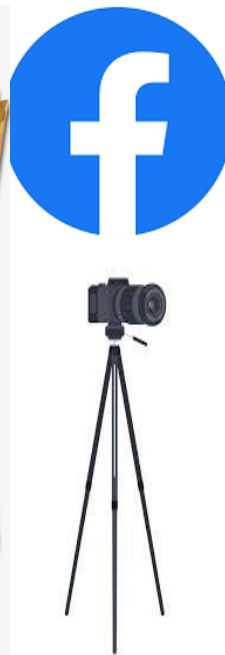
Bread - Bread has been a staple of life since ancient times and is associated with abundance. In the gospel of John, Jesus is referred to as being the bread of life because he is the ultimate source of sustenance both physically and spiritually. Just as bread sustains physical life, Jesus is the source of nourishment and sustenance for our spiritual life. During the last supper Jesus took bread and after giving thanks he broke it and said *“this is my body broken for you,”* a symbol of his sacrifice for all humanity. Jesus as bread gives a powerful representation of his role as the source of life, the sustainer of life and the salvation of people.

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Deism - Deism is a philosophical belief that believes in the existence of a supreme being while rejecting supernatural interpretations of religion. Deists rely upon reason and observation of the natural world as the primary sources of knowledge about that supreme being. Deists often believe in a benevolent, distant creator who created the universe but does not intervene in its workings. They typically reject the supernatural elements of Christianity, such as miracles, prophecies, and divine intervention. God is a being that set the universe in motion but one who doesn't personally invest in it or care for it. Reason is emphasized along with nature because God is revealed in nature not sacred texts or prophets.

Does it matter that we know these terms? Well maybe and maybe not so much, but in our pluralistic world, understanding the difference between a theistic view of the world (such as Christianity and Judaism adhere to) versus someone who is a deist versus someone who is an agnostic (there is no knowable God) helps us to understand where someone might be in their journey of faith. And yes, everyone is on a faith journey because we all believe in something.

Pastor Angie



NEW CAMERA AND FACEBOOK PRESENCE

Also stay tuned as Gregory Allen has helped move us forward with our technology in the Sanctuary. Soon we will have a regular live presence on Facebook each Sunday morning. We are looking for volunteers to learn how to run this newer system.

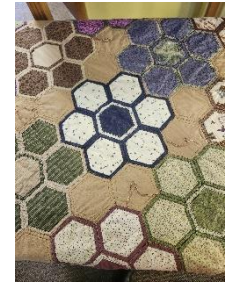
Westminster Presbyterian Church Chapter 1337— “Prayers and Squares” The Prayer Quilt Ministry.

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.

June Meetings: Saturday, June 07 & Monday, June 16. 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.

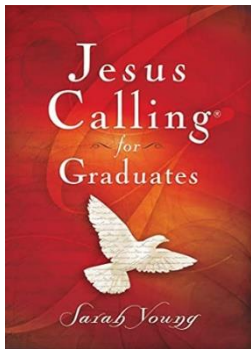


The Prayers and Squares group went to Richland, Missouri for a field trip to Sanctuary Coffee and Quilts. This quilt shop is housed in a repurposed Episcopal/Methodist church.

Pray
WITHOUT
ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



Pentecost Sunday signifies the birthday of the church, marking the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, empowering them to share the Gospel message. It represents the beginning of the church's mission to the world and the ongoing presence and work of the Holy Spirit in believers.



May 18, we honored our graduates, Jlee Clark, Elliott Nations and Gregory Allen. During Worship Service, we gifted to our 3 graduates the Book "Jesus Calling for Graduates" and a prayer quilt specially made by our Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry members.



INFORMATION

- ▶ **ATTENDANCE** -- 17 persons, average for May.
- ▶ **OFFERINGS FOR MAY**-- Pledges: \$4295.00/ Non-Pledges: \$600.00/ Basket: \$119.00.
- ▶ **PENTECOST OFFERING** -- April 21st to June 8th. We are participating in the Pentecost offering, with a goal of \$1000.00. 40% of which stays in our church.
- ▶ **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** brought in \$913.00.
- ▶ **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
- ▶ **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 here at church and fill it with change then return it 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.
- ▶ **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. June Meetings: Saturday, June 7 & Monday, June 16. 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, June 25 at 10:00 a.m. (Meetings on the 4th Wed. of the month)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO JOIN IN ON THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

June 22 - We are hosting about 10-12 teens in worship and there will be a potluck after worship. Please plan to bring a covered dish to share.

June 23 - Kathy Jones and Pastor Angie will be site leaders for 3MT. WPCV will be providing a meal for 60 on this day for the workers. This will be hosted at FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH. If you would like to help with this please see Val Clark and Kathy Jones.

June 29 at 5:00 p.m. we will be having a cookout at Flora (Marlene Synder's home). The church will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring something to share. Lawn games for fun! Bring any you have.

July 5-11 is Camp Montreat and we have two teens attending this camp. Please be praying for Jlee and Andie.

July 14-18 the Methodist church is hosting VBS from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. All are welcome to help out. If you are interested, please come to the organizational meeting June 4th at 1:00 p.m. The more the better. This year the theme is Christ in Community. Lunch will be served each day and the children will go to the pool afterwards.

July 17 at 5:30 p.m. WPCV will serve a meal at the Ministry House. More to come.

July 25 at 5:00 p.m. the Presbyterian Church and the Methodist Church will together host a friendship dinner cookout at the City Park. All are invited. There will be a friendship quilt give away and lawn games. Bring something to share.

August 13 the Methodist church will be going to Branson to see David. If you would like to go to this event, please contact Pastor Pati Roberston or Sue Akin at the church by June 9. Phone #573-378-4042

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!

Hours:

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship/refreshments after Worship

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