

# THE MESSENGER

Newsletter from Westminster

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

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.*

Psalms 107:1 NIV



March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
here in our Sanctuary.  
**Joint Service with the Versailles United  
Methodist Church**

As the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday awakens us to Jesus' entry into the desert preceding his death. Before Easter, however, we must prepare our hearts for his Resurrection. We begin our season of preparing our hearts for Easter by recognizing our brokenness and need for conversion, a turning of our hearts to God.

4 - Vanessa Dunklee  
7 - Pastor Angela McClane  
14 - Jeannie Lawson-Cook



2 - Tom & Teresa Capps

## MORE CHURCH SPEAK

In church we often have a tendency to use words that make sense to us because we have heard them often enough but to outsiders, they make little sense. Even reading the bulletin on Sunday which seems easy can be a strange event to someone unaccustomed to following the “Order of Service.” If we have heard the words before, sometimes we can be hard pressed to define what they mean in ordinary terms. Continuing from last month we will address six more words: Absolution; Consecrate; Dispensationalism; Expiation; Missional; Paraclete. Most of these words have volumes written about them. If you find one interesting look it up and see what else you can learn.

**Absolution** - This word has to do with the wiping away of guilt and the forgiveness of sin. Jesus through his death and resurrection took away our sin and guilt. Because of Jesus we are no longer seen as guilty because Jesus bore our punishment for sin through his suffering and death on the cross.

John 3:16, 17 - *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”*

Acts 2:38-39 *“Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.”*

1 John 1:9 *“If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

**Consecrate:** This means to make or declare something holy. Our sanctuary has been consecrated and set apart for the worship of the Lord Jesus Christ. This means that it is sacred space to be used for worship and fellowship with God. This is why we behave reverently in this space not allowing running or coarse language. Consecration involves dedication and pastors through ordination are also formally consecrated to the Lord which means they are set apart for service to God through their ministry. However, we can also consecrate ourselves to Jesus each and every day by giving ourselves over to Him upon awakening. We can thank Him for the day and offer ourselves to be used for Him throughout the day through our thoughts, words and actions.

**Dispensationalism:** God has two sets of peoples. Israel in the OT and the Church in the NT therefore God has two separate plans. One plan is for the people of Israel and the other for the Church. Dispensationalism was started by John Darby, Lewis Chafer and the Brethren in England in early 1900's and was made popular through the Scofield reference bible.

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As Presbyterians we are under covenant theology and not dispensationalism. We believe that God has one people and one plan throughout the OT and NT. The plan of salvation is continuous throughout all history since the fall. There is continuity between the Old and New Testaments and the church is heir to the promises made to Abraham.

**Expiation:** This is similar to absolution but it is the act of removing sin and its ensuing guilt. This then allows people to be forgiven and their relationship to God to be restored. It takes away sin and guilt so one can receive forgiveness from God. The death of Jesus is an act of expiation that absolved the world of sin. Expiation is a way of atoning for wrongdoing, while atonement is the broader concept of making amends. It extinguishes the guilt incurred through sin.

**Missional** - Today this word is tossed about regularly within church and is a newish word used in the last 10 years or so. When we say that we are a missional church, it means that we live, think and act in a way that says we belong to Jesus. We engage with others, build relationships, share the gospel and deeply care about God's kingdom. A missional church is one that goes out in to the world to make disciples for the sake of the gospel. Jesus had a mission therefore, the church has a mission. The basic premise is that all Christians should be involved in the Great Commission of Jesus. (Matthew 28:19-20).

Although Christians frequently say, "The church has a mission," according to missional theology a more correct statement would be "the mission has a church."

**Paraclete:** This is another name for the Holy Spirit, Counselor or Advocate. As we have been studying in Acts, the Holy Spirit was promised by Jesus and sent by God.

John 15:15-17 *"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth.*

John 14:25-26 *"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."*

John 16:7 *"But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."*

*Pastor Angie*



*Bridal Shower for Karol Knierim, February 22, 2025*



## 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. March Meetings: Sat. March 01 and Mon. March 17. 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.



Greta's Prayer Quilt is covering her with prayers!



**UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- ▶ **THE FIRST DAY OF LENT**—March 5.
- ▶ **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** – March 5th at 6:30 p.m. here in our Sanctuary —Joint Service with the Versailles United Methodist Church.
- ▶ **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**— Begins Sunday, March 9 —turn your clocks forward on Saturday, March 8, before going to sleep. Don't be late for Worship Service!
- ▶ **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 9:00 a.m. to Noon — March Meetings: Sat. March 01 and Mon. March 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, March 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.



**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. March 26<sup>th</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)



21 persons,  
average attendance for  
February



**Offerings for  
February 2025**

**Pledges: \$2860.00**

**Non-Pledges: \$920.00**

**Basket: \$94.00**



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**



Daylight Savings Time

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Saturday, March 8, before going to sleep.

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**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.

**Hours:**

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

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

**Fellowship/refreshments after Worship**

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